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Banksia Park School R-7

Newsletter

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Important Dates

**Governing Council 15th
May & 26th June**

NAPLAN—WEEK 2

**Mums Day / Mothers Day
Stall—12th May**

Disco—2/6/17

**Pizza / Footy Colours
Day—7th July**

Pupil Free Day—9th June

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

After several meetings with Academy Photographers, we have booked the Photographers to return to Banksia to photograph the students on 12th September. A new package is being developed specifically for our school based on the feedback provided by some families when feedback was being sought late last year.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

A reminder that next Friday (12th May), we will be holding our annual Mothers Day stall which allows the students the opportunity to purchase mum or a special lady in their lives a small gift. Students will be able to view items on the Thursday and make purchases on the Friday. Gifts range in price from 50 cents up to \$12.

WELCOME TO TERM 2

Welcome back Term 2. I hope that you all had a happy, safe and relaxing holiday period and that you are refreshed and rejuvenated for a fun packed and educational term.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new staff at the school.

- ◆ Chloe Parkyn (Aboriginal Community Education Officer—ACEO). Chloe will be working with us on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons this term.
- ◆ Laura Rumsby—SSO
- ◆ Kate White—SSO (backfilling Nadya Bolderoff who is on leave for the first 7 weeks of Term 2)

I am sure that the school community will make our new staff feel very welcome. Feel free to introduce yourself and have a chat!

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students and families to the Banksia Park School R-7 community. At this stage, we currently have 276 students enrolled R-7. We look forward to working with all students and their families this term and the coming years ahead.

Please find a Term 2 calendar of events which you may like to add to as the term progresses. Additional events / information will be sent out via the Skoolbag App and the School Blog.

Regards

Jason Sheehy

ASSEMBLIES

Please remember that student assemblies will be held on Wednesday mornings (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 of each school term). Assemblies will start at 9am and will conclude at 9.30am. We encourage and welcome any parents or family members to stay for the assembly when possible to support your children and get a snapshot of some of the things that have been happening around the school. Assemblies this year will continue to focus on the Building Learning Power, but will be run in entirety by the classes.

COMMUNICATION

This week you will receive a Term 2 overview from your children's class teacher. This will outline their rules, expectations and organisational matters so that as parents / caregivers you are aware and can assist your children in being organised.

Once again, we will continue using Skoolbag as our main tool of communication. PLEASE make sure that you down load this onto your

smartphone. If you do not have a smart phone, please notify the front office so that hard copies of information can be sent home to you, so that you are receiving all school communication.

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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POLICE VISITS

Over the coming weeks (see attached calendar), Keith Jarman (Counsellor) has organised some police visits to talk to the students. The sessions will focus around students Keeping Safe (000), Cyberbullying and Stranger Danger.





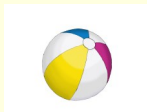
School Closure / Pupil Free Days for 2017

9th June—Pupil Free Day

24th July—Pupil Free Day

1st September—Pupil Free
Day

4th September—School
Closure



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN (SAKG)

Our SAKG continues to encompass all classes, R-7 on a rotational basis. Thursday's and Fridays are both garden and kitchen days. Gardening will be in the morning on both days (4 classes a week) and cooking will be after recess on both days (4 classes). This model allows the students to be involved in the garden in the morning and then using the produce in the kitchen later in the day. We are **actively seeking volunteers** who may like to spend some time in either the kitchen or the garden (or both) on either day. Garden lessons will be run and facilitated by Angela Woodcock and the kitchen will continue to be run by Jackie Knox (Deputy Principal) and Krys Pitt (SSO). If you would like to lend a hand, or know someone who may, we would love to hear from you.

CELEBRATION NIGHT 2017

We wish to give families as much notice as possible by informing them that we have brought our annual celebration night forward this year to Thursday 23rd November (Week 6, Term 4), 2017. After many discussions, the staff felt that the last few weeks of term 4 are extremely hectic, and to better balance the demands of the job, voted to bring it forward in an effort to spread out some of the 'busyness' of term 4. We are also looking at venues to hold the event as our gymnasium is not large enough to cater for the growing school population.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2017

This year the fundraising committee have decided to hold the following events as a fundraiser for the school. The committee has tried to spread activities and events across the course of the year so that we are not continually asking families to put their hands in their pockets.

Term 2

Mum's Day Raffle
Mother's Day Stall
Student Disco
Pizza / Footy Colours Day

Term 3

Father's Day Raffle
Father's Day Stall
Sausage Sizzle / Dress up Day

Term 4

Sports Day
Movie Night / Hot Potatoes
Christmas Raffle

The fundraising committee is also 'toying' with the idea of holding a 'Colour Run'. Held in a similar fashion to the walkathon, students once they pass a check point will be covered in a different coloured dye (Please note that the dye we are looking to use is completely harmless to children and safe to use.

We are also seeking ideas from the school community about what we can put this money toward. If you have any suggestions, please email Jason.sheehy809@schools.sa.edu.au. We look forward to hearing your idea which the whole school can benefit from.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM FACT SHEET

Accompanying this newsletter is an ACARA fact sheet intended to inform parents about what children are learning at school. Whilst the fact sheets target specific year levels, we do not have sufficient copies to provide all families with a copy of each year level, but have attempted to provide you with some information that is relevant to at least one of your children. Spare copies are available in the front office if you would like to come in and collect the ones relevant to your

children's year levels.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

The Life Education van will be at our school in week 10 of this term. Teachers have chosen units of work that reflect their Australian Curriculum achievement standard for their year level. There is a cost associated with the van, which at this stage stands at \$9 per student. We are currently looking into ways to reduce the cost for parents. More information will be sent home later this term.

HAT POLICY

In accordance with the Sunsmart policy, students are not expected to wear hats whilst outside during Term 2. Hats however are required to be worn in Terms 1, 3 and 4. In the event of warm days, we still encourage students to wear a hat, or for extended periods of time outside. Sunscreen is available in all classrooms throughout the school.

NAPLAN ONLINE CANCELLED

You may have heard through the media that no schools will be participating in NAPLAN online now, and therefore our school will revert back to using the paper format. NAPLAN will therefore take place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with a catch up day planned for the Friday. Should you not want your child to participate, please come into the administration office and complete a parent withdrawal form which allows you to withdrawal your child / children from any or all of the aspects of the assessment. NAPLAN assessments are for students in years 3, 5 and 7 only and assess aspects such as Reading Comprehension, Numeracy, Writing and Conventions of Language. We encourage all students to have a go at these assessments and can not reiterate enough that they are nothing for students (or parents) to be anxious about.

MUMS DAY

Next Friday (12th May—NOT 6TH MAY as advertised on the note sent home), our school will be hosting a Mum's Day. We are inviting all Mums, Grandmas or any other significant person in the students lives to celebrate this special occasion. Guests are invited to their child's classroom at 12pm. Just prior to 1pm, guests will make their way to the gym where refreshments will be available. There will also be a sausage sizzle available for lunch for \$2 each. At 1.45pm, the raffles will be drawn and mums can remain in the gym for a horticulturist talk from Stratco about planting and potting some colour for the home gardens. For catering purposes, please let us know if you are attending and how many guests. We also require the Raffle Books to be returned to school ASAP. Hope to see you there!

BANKSIA PARK CALENDAR 2017

TERM 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		 Lunch Orders		 Banking	
Week 1 Mon 1/5					Police Visits for Gold Building 9-11am
Week 2 Mon 8/5	Year 6/7 Police Visits		Assembly 9am		Mum's Day Mother's Day Stall
Week 3 Mon 15/5	SAPSASA Soccer—Boys/ Girls Governing Council 7pm				Police Visits for Rms 2, 3, 4,5 and 6 9-11am
Week 4 Mon 22/5			Commonwealth Bank Smart Start Program Assembly 9am		Commonwealth Bank Smart Start Program
Week 5 Mon 29/5					Disco
Week 6 Mon 5/6			Assembly 9am Room 2—Museum Excursion		Pupil Free Day with TTG PS
Week 7 Mon 12/6	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday				
Week 8 Mon 19/6			SAPSASA Netball Assembly 9am		
Week 9 Mon 26/6	Governing Council 7pm			Room 3 Zoo Snooze	Room 3 Zoo Snooze
Week 10 Mon 3/7	Life Ed Van	Life Ed Van	Student Reports Sent Home Assembly 9am Life Ed Van	Life Ed Van	Pizza / Footy Colours Day

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO DOT FOR 2017:

10th November—Sports Day

23rd November—Celebration Night (Thursday week 6)

15th December—Pool Day

6th December—Year 7 Graduation