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# Banksia Park School R-7

# Newsletter

## OUR VALUES

**Trust  
Respect  
Excellence**



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## Important Dates

**Governing Council 30th  
October & 4th December**

**Celebration Night—23rd  
November**

**Sports Day —10th November**

**Year 7 Graduation— 6th  
December**

**Volunteer Morning Tea—1st  
December**

## WOOD FIRE PIZZA OVEN

In the holidays, we had installed a new Wood Fire Pizza Oven to be used in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. It has been housed in its own custom made enclosure, to ensure that our students are kept safe whilst its in use as well as protect it from vandalism. We are very excited about having this South Australian made Pizza oven installed and ready to use in our school. It has already been 'fired' and is ready to use this term with the students.



## WELCOME TO TERM 4

Welcome back Term 4. 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. Being the last term of the year, its going to be fast paced and action packed!

I would like to take this opportunity to inform our school community about our recently advertised permanent jobs for 2018.

- ◆ Amy Schiener was one of the successful applicants and already works here at Banksia Park School R-7 so there will be continuity of learning.
- ◆ Claire Adams was the second successful applicant in the process. Claire is very excited about taking up a permanent position at our school.
- ◆ Deanna Belperio, who also already works here at Banksia Park School R-7 has also won a permanent Junior Primary position here for 2018 and beyond.

Both Claire and Amy will be based in Blue Building teaching within Years 3-7 and Deanna will teach in Gold Building R-2. We congratulate Amy, Claire and Deanna on their permanent appointment to Banksia Park School R-7.

Our school is continuing to grow, we will start 2018 at this stage, with 294 students and rising. It is highly likely that we will be starting a 12th class, which will be based in Blue Building as our year 3-7 numbers continue to soar. We will also be starting with nearly 40 Reception students. As we begin the early stages of determining class structures, we ask that you let us know ASAP whether your children are leaving Banksia Park School R-7 at the end of the year (excluding the Year 7 students who we are already aware are leaving) so that we can determine structures. Unlike last year, we aim to be able to inform students of what class they will be in and who their teacher will be on Monday of week 9.

Attached to this newsletter is the Term 4 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

## COMMUNICATION

This week you would have received a Term 4 overview from your children's class teacher and the specialist teachers. 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".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

## PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The 2017 parent opinion survey will soon be available on Survey Monkey. We encourage as many families as possible to spend the 5-10 minutes to complete the survey. We want to hear your thoughts and opinions. Whilst we all love to hear positive comments, this is also an opportunity to let us know the things that aren't working as well. If we don't know what and where we need to improve, then the status quo will remain the same. A message on skoolbag and the link will be sent out soon when it is available.



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## VANDALISM

We continue to experience a moderate level of vandalism, but of late it seems to have become a bit more apparent, especially in the South Yard. We find it extremely disheartening to see all of our hard work that we have created for our students, your children to use only to have it deliberately damaged by vandals. We ask all members of the wider community to keep an eye on the school after hours. If you see someone acting suspiciously or vandalising something, we ask that you call the police on 131444 immediately.

## Fundraising Money—2017

This year the fundraising committee have worked very hard to raise money for the school, which has directly benefited (or will benefit) your children. However, the only items that we have purchased to date (was a student loan to purchase the remaining items of a SAPSASA uniform) which has since been repaid by the Enterprise Day. Items that the fundraising committee have purchased this year are:

- Student loan to purchase new SAPSASA tops



We are seeking your ideas and input into what we can spend several thousand dollars on (this year or early next year) which will benefit the whole school. Please email your suggestions to Jason.sheehy809@schools.sa.edu.au or dl.1015\_info@schools.sa.edu.au ASAP and let us know your thoughts!

## CELEBRATION NIGHT

As stated previously, we are breaking with tradition and have brought Celebration Night forward as a trial for 2017. Given that our school is growing in size, the original plan was to relocate the event to the Banksia Park International High School which we were led to believe has the ability to hold a greater number of guests. After looking at their Gym we don't believe that we will be any better off by the time we have a stage put in. Therefore, we have decided to host it here at Banksia Park School R-7 with some additional modifications. Given the lack of space, our students will not be in the Gym on the evening, but instead will be waiting in Blue Building with their teachers and will enter the Gym when their class is required on stage. This will allow sufficient seating for our guests on the night within the whole gym. Students will get to see a matinee version of the celebrations during the school day, in which any members of the school community would be able to attend if they are unable to make the evening event. Whilst we realise that this is not the most ideal situation, we believe that it is the best that we can arrange, whilst still allowing teachers the use of technology (audio and visual equipment in the gym) as opposed to hosting outside where we run the risk of inclement weather. As stated, this is a trial for 2017 and we will be seeking feedback from the school community after the event to see what changes we can make for 2018.

## STUDENT REPORTS

At the end of this term, all students will receive their semester two report. Accompanying this year's student report will also be an attendance report so that parents / caregivers receive a snap shot of their children's attendance history.

## ASSEMBLIES

Please remember that student assemblies will be held on Wednesday mornings (Weeks 2, 4, 5 and 8 this term). Assemblies 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. Each class takes it in turn to host and run an assembly. This term assemblies will be run by:

- Week 2—Room 7**
- Week 4 — Room 6**
- Week 5 – Premiers Reading Challenge**
- Week 6 - NO ASSEMBLY**
- Week 8 – Room 4**

## SPORTS DAY

This year our sports day will be held on Friday 10th November. We have organised for the Tea Tree Gully Lions Club to provide a sausage sizzle lunch

as well as a coffee van to provide our guests with refreshments on the day. The school will also be selling cakes and soft drinks. A letter went home early this week seeking volunteers to bake goods for sports day as well as help sell items. If you are able to assist, please return the form that was sent home. We encourage you to keep this date free and come along to support your child (ren).

## STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

We still warmly welcome any volunteers (parents, grandparents, friends or associates of your family) who would like to either work with students in the garden on a variety of gardening tasks and activities or in the Kitchen on either a Thursday or a Friday. Volunteers get to work alongside the students preparing, following recipes and cooking fresh produce from the school garden before getting to sit down and enjoy what they have made at the shared table. If you are interested in volunteering in either the Kitchen or the Garden, please email [Jackie.knox657@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Jackie.knox657@schools.sa.edu.au) to register your interest. All volunteers will need to have a Criminal History Screening (that the school pays) and also needs to attend a short induction / Responding to Abuse and Neglect training before any volunteers are able to work with students.

## 2018 AT BANKSIA PARK SCHOOL R-7

Complete the slip below (or write a letter) if there is information you would like us to take into consideration when placing your child in 2018 but remember **this is not a request for a particular teacher**. We will make the assumption, that unless we hear from you stating otherwise, your child/ren will be attending Banksia in 2018.

Please return the reply slip by Wednesday 15th November. Requests after this date will be looked at, but will more than likely be unmatched as placement exercise will have already started.

## 2018 Attendance

My child/ren

\_\_\_\_\_

**WILL NOT** be attending Banksia Park School R-7 in 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_

(parent signature)

## Information Sharing

As parent of \_\_\_\_\_  
I feel the following information is important when placing my child in a class for 2018.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# BANKSIA PARK CALENDAR 2017

TERM 4	Monday 	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 	Friday
	Lunch Orders		Banking		
Week 1 Mon 16/10					SAPSASA Come and Try Day— Years 4/5
Week 2 Mon 23/10			Yr 7 Transition Day (PCWs—@ Banksia R-7)  Whole school assembly	BPIHS Transition Visit for Year 6/7 students	
Week 3 Mon 30/10	Finance Meeting 6.30pm Governing Council Meeting 7pm			Butterfly Garden Working Bee 3.30pm—5pm	
Week 4 Mon 6/11			Whole school assembly		Sports Day
Week 5 Mon 13/11		Kindy Transition 1 9am—10.30am	Premiers Reading Challenge Assembly		
Week 6 Mon 20/11		Kindy Transition 2 8.50am—11.30am	NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK	Celebration Night	
Week 7 Mon 27/11		Kindy Transition 3 8.50am—1.35pm	Wonggayerlo—Footprints in the sand performance		Volunteer Morning Tea
Week 8 Mon 4/12	Finance Meeting 6.30pm Governing Council 7pm	Kindy Transition 4 9am—10.30am	Whole school assembly Year 7 Graduation @ TTG Golf Club		Hot Potato Day Fundraiser
Week 9 Mon 11/12	Class Visits—R-7 New Students Transition visits Year 7 @ BPIHS—all day		Year 7 Farewell Assesmbly Class Parties Day	Class Moving Day	Pool Day

**BANKSIA PARK SCHOOL SAKG (GARDEN) CLASS ROSTER Term 4 2017**

Week/Date	Time	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<b>GARDEN</b>	<b>GARDEN</b>
<b>1</b>	No Kitchen/Garden		
<b>2</b>	9.35-10.20	Room 12	Room 13
	10.20 -11.05	Room 11	Room 14
<b>3</b>	9.35-10.20	Room 2	Room 5
	10.20 -11.05	Room 3	Room 4
<b>4</b>	9.35-10.20	Room 6	Sports
	10.20 -11.05	Room 7	Day
<b>5</b>	9.35-10.20	Room 8	Room 12
	10.20 -11.05	Room 11	Room 13
<b>6</b>	9.35-10.20	Room 4	Room 14
	10.20 -11.05	Room 3	Room 2
<b>7</b>	9.35-10.20	No Garden sessions	
	10.20 -11.05		
<b>8</b>	9.35-10.20	No Garden Sessions	
	10.20 -11.05		
<b>9</b>	No Kitchen/Garden		

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		<b>KITCHEN</b>	<b>KITCHEN</b>
<b>1</b>	No Kitchen/Garden		
<b>2</b>	11.25-12.50	Room 12	Room 13
	1.35-2.55	Room 11	Room 14
<b>3</b>	11.25-12.50	Room 3	Room 5
	1.35-2.55	Room 2	Room 4
<b>4</b>	11.25-12.50	Room 6	SPORTS
	1.35-2.55	Room 7	DAY
<b>5</b>	11.25-12.50	Room 8	Room 12
	1.35-2.55	Room 11	Room 13
<b>6</b>	11.25-12.50	Room 4	Room 14
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	1.35-2.55	Room 12	Room 8
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<b>9</b>	No Kitchen/Garden		

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# Wonggayerlo

## *Footprints in the sand*

**A story about ways of understanding  
our relationship to the natural world**

**Where Science meets Culture**

**A journey of two peoples  
across the generations**

**A journey of sharing**

**Join acclaimed performers Karl Telfer and Michael Mills  
in this unique performance as they travel amongst shared  
footprints along the coastal sands of Adelaide.**

This is an outstanding incursion experience for R-7 students that will bring together Aboriginal understanding and western science knowledge of our marine and coastal life. Primary School children will get an amazing insight into Aboriginal cultural science and western science knowledge of our marine and coastal life. We have invited Tea Tree Gully Primary School to attend this performance with us here at Banksia Park School R-7. The cost for each student will be \$6 each.

Please complete the reply slip with the money anytime up until the day of the performance. (Wednesday 29th November at 11.30am) to ensure that your child/ren can participate.

✂ \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child / children

- \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

to attend the Wonggayerlo - Footprints in the Sand. I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for the performance.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_