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Banksia Park School R-7

Newsletter

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PUPIL FREE DAY / SCHOOL CLOSURE

Pupil Free Day—Friday 31st
August

School Closure—Monday 3rd
September

Please ensure that you have care for your children on the Pupil Free Day via OSHC (0401718832) or alternative means.

JAPANESE STUDENTS VISIT

On Tuesday 7th August from 11.30am till 12.45pm, 31 Japanese students will be visiting our school and interacting with our three year 6/7 classes doing activities, ie origami, games, etc. We look forward to and value this cultural exchange amongst all students.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

After two years of trialling a photography company, and seeking parent feedback, we have decided to return our business to MSP Photographers (the company we used in 2015 and prior) due to parent satisfaction. This year, school photographs will be conducted on Tuesday 25th September. (week 10)

SAKG

Volunteers are always required for both kitchen and garden lessons. See attached roster and let us know if you are able to help on a particular day(s). Volunteers need to have completed the relevant paperwork.

WELCOME TO TERM 3

Welcome back to Term 3. 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 inform of some staffing changes;

- ◆ Nathan Chapman has now taken full responsibility of Room 3, as Ms Jenna Longstaff has had to take leave until the end of the year due to medical reasons.
- ◆ Ms Krys Pitt has been made permanent as an SSO here at Banksia as a Department for Education Initiative converting long serving SSOs to permanent.
- ◆ We farewell Mr Mark Williams as our ICT Leader. Mark has been successful in winning a full time permanent position at the other school in which he works. We wish Mark well and thank him for his ongoing help and support over the years.
- ◆ We welcome Ms Nicole Woodhead to Room 6 for this term (Tuesday's) who will be releasing Ms Amy Scheiner so that she can work with staff as a Literacy Coach. (see later in the newsletter)
- ◆ Lastly, we wish to inform the school community that Ms Tracey Croucher will be leaving us at the end of the year as her family will be relocating to Canberra. Tracey will leave behind some very large shoes to fill and will be sadly missed.

Please find a Term 3 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 / Class Dojo and the School Blog.

ASSEMBLIES

We continue to host whole school assemblies 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 in then gym. 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 continue to focus on Building Learning Power with the introduction of learning muscles.

COMMUNICATION

This week you will receive a Term 3 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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HATS

This term, in accordance with the Cancer Councils Sun Smart Policy, students are ARE required to wear a hat. As stated in the last newsletter, we requested that parents / caregivers take the opportunity to replace any hats with cuts or holes in them, as this term these hats will not be allowed to be worn (a number of students have deliberately cut their hats reducing their effectiveness of protecting them from the sun. We have allowed week 1 to be a 'reminder week' but come Monday of week 2, students who do not have a hat will need to sit under the COLA at recess and lunch times.



A FOND FAREWELL

As most of you would be well aware, at the end of last term, long serving teacher of Banksia Park School R-7, Mr Chris Baxter sadly passed away as the result of another stroke. Chris was a much loved and respected teacher and educator at Banksia Park, and was our longest serving teacher; 17 years. Chris' loved life and had a passion for the Library and Health / PE. As a tribute to Mr Baxter, the school is currently organising a memorial fundraiser (Pikelets Day) with proceeds going to a tribute to the great man himself (park bench or water feature or reading chair in the library) and remaining proceeds going to the Stroke Foundation in his honour. We are aiming to have this unveiled during the Bookweek assembly with members of his family present. If families wish to make additional monetary donations toward the memorial chair / water feature, they will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged on a separate plaque near the memorial. He will be fondly remembered and sadly missed.....



DONUT DAY

On Friday 3rd August (next Friday) the SRC have organised a Showdown Donut Day. Students will be able to select from either a large Crows or Port Donut. Drinks (softdrinks or fruitboxes) will also be available for purchase on the day. An order form was sent home yesterday, with order and payment required by no later than 9am on Wednesday 1st August.

OT STUDENTS—SENSORY SUITE / CRASH N TUMBLE ROOM

Last term we welcomed two Occupational Therapy Masters students from the University of South Australia (Jordan and Kim) who are creating a Sensory Suite and a Crash n Tumble Room to allow opportunities for sensory regulation for all children. In the holidays, they were informed that they were successful in obtaining a \$10k grant from Variety the Children's Charity to help furnish the rooms. We are extremely fortunate to have the expertise and enthusiasm of Jordan and Kim as they work towards finalising these rooms for the students to use. There will be an official opening of the rooms for the school community to peruse on Thursday 9th August from 3.05pm—4pm, of which we warmly welcome any interested members of the school community to come along and have a look.

LITERACY COACH

This term we are releasing Amy Scheiner to work with a range of teachers in the areas of Literacy, with monies received from the Literacy and Numeracy First Funding to provide targeted support based on targeted student achievement in 2017. The funding targets students who did not make DECD benchmarks, are not maintaining sustained growth between year levels or are in the higher bands (academically succeeding) to ensure they remain on their successful learning path. Luckily for us, the majority of our identified students are in the higher bands, so Amy's focus will be ensuring that high standards are maintained in Years 2-5 by working alongside classroom teachers to ensure consistency and continuity in teaching and learning.

BOOKWEEK—WEEK 5

This year the 2018 Bookweek Theme is 'Find Your Treasure'; an exciting invitation with a world full of possibilities. One of the greatest joys of reading, for kids and adults alike, is the opportunity to escape into another world where you can find your treasure... something tangible or it may be simply the joy of reading! Delve in to decide where book week will take your family: will you find your treasure in the past, a fantasy land or perhaps even another universe?

Activities for the week include the BookFair from Tuesday 21st August (after school) until Friday 24th August, Bedtime Stories (where Junior Primary students come to the library and three members of staff read a story across three rotations whilst the students enjoy a warm milo in their Pyjamas. The week finishes with a Bookweek parade where students and staff alike dress up in their favourite character—which will be held on Friday 24th August.

WAKAKIRRI

This year is our inaugural year of participating in Wakakiri. Schools create a Story Dance to perform in professional theatres for audiences of family and friends. They are also attended by members of the National Panel in search of our Story of the Year. The Wakakiri program has been proven to develop creative thinking, self-confidence, teamwork, and life skills. Ultimately, our goal is to teach students about themselves and others via the creation and sharing of stories. A Wakakiri Story Dance is a 3-7 minute student performance utilising a combination of dancing, creative movement and/or acting to pre-recorded music. Schools can tell any story with any combination of dance, creative movement, acting, pre-recorded music, sets, and costumes. The possibilities are endless. Performing in Wakakiri is an experience students never forget. A unique sense of camaraderie develops among the students, as participants spend Show Day rehearsing and engaging with other schools. That night, they walk the red carpet with our panel representatives and perform live on stage. Each production is filmed for our weekly online publication, Waka TV, for broadcast in the Peoples Choice and Story of the Year Awards. Given that this is our first year of involvement, students from Rooms 5, 6 and 7 who wanted to be involved have been selected to participate in the event. The 'big night' is Thursday 16th August at 6pm. Special thanks to teachers Claire Adams and Amy Scheiner who have volunteered their time; before and after school, within school hours and even during the school holidays. We look forward to this exciting event and hopefully many more years of involvement.

PAT TESTING

Later this term, all students in years 1-7 will be involved in the PAT testing; Reading, Numeracy and Spelling. All schools are required to collect these assessments so that the DFE can ascertain how our students are tracking. We at school value this data as not only does it help guide our intervention and support, but it also provides teachers with direction for their teaching about areas that the students still require further support with, or alternatively, areas that our students (and staff) are excelling in.

CHOIR

This years choir as part of the Festival of Music will be held at the Festival Theatre on Saturday September 22nd. Our students, under the watchful eye and guidance of teacher, Tracey Croucher have been practising during their lunch time and a lesson after lunch each Wednesday, in preparation for the big night! We look forward to seeing the students 'shine' on stage!

BANKSIA PARK CALENDAR 2018

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		 Lunch Orders		 Banking	
Week 1 Mon 23/7		Rm 13/14 TTG Museum Visit Gymnastics Clinic	Rm 11/12 TTG Museum Visit Gymnastics Clinic	Room 6/7 ABC Excursion	Rms 5,6 and 7 Tree Planting Day
Week 2 Mon 30/7		Gymnastics Clinic	Assembly 9am Girls SAPSASA Football	Gymnastics Clinic	SRC Showdown Donut Day Fundraiser
Week 3 Mon 6/8	Finance Meeting—6.30pm GC Meeting— 7pm	Year 6/7 Japanese Student Visit Soup and Damper Day— R-4 Gymnastics Clinic	Gymnastics Clinic	Soup and Damper Day — 4-7 Crash n Tumble / Sensory Room Opening	
Week 4 Mon 13/8	Science Week		Pikelet Day Assembly 9am	SAPSASA Netball (Boys and Girls) Wakakirri	
Week 5 Mon 20/8	Bookweek	Book Fair Starts Gymnastics Clinic	Gymnastics Clinic Bedtime Stories		Bookweek Parade - Assembly (Memorial Unveiling)
Week 6 Mon 27/8			Assembly 9am	Dad's Day Father's Day Stall	Partnership Pupil Free Day
Week 7 Mon 3/9	SCHOOL CLOSURE	PAT Testing Literacy and Numeracy Week			
Week 8 Mon 10/9			Assembly 9am		
Week 9 Mon 17/9	Finance Meeting— 6.30pm Gov Council 7pm Parent Teacher Interviews	Rec—Yr 4 Cricket Clinic			Festival of Music— Choir (Saturday Night—22/9) Disco
Week 10 Mon 24/9		School Photo Day	Assembly 9am		

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO DOT FOR 2018:

5th November—Children's University Graduation

9th November—Sports Day

5th December—Year 7 Graduation

11th December—Celebration Night

14th December—Pool Day