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# Banksia Park School R-7

# Newsletter

OUR VALUES

**Trust  
Respect  
Excellence**



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## Important Dates

**Governing Council 7th  
August & 18th September**  
**NAPLAN Online —WEEK 5**  
**Dads Day / Father's Day  
Stall—31st August**  
**Pupil Free Day—1st  
September**  
**School Closure—4th  
September**

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs have been booked in for Week 8 of this term (Tuesday 12th September). Closer to the day, students will bring home their photo envelopes which will need to be returned, regardless of whether families wish to purchase photos. All students will be photographed as their photos are required for school purposes.

## SOUP AND DAMPER DAY

On Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th of September, we will be having two Soup and Damper Days. Students with their class teachers will be involved in making a vegetable soup with fresh produce from the garden and damper, that with the assistance of the groundsman Rob (and any interested parent volunteers) will be cooked in a camp fire.

## WELCOME TO TERM 3

Welcome back 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 welcome two new staff members to our school.

- ◆ Rebecca Marshall. Rebecca has recently won a permanent teaching position at Banksia Park School R-7 and comes with outstanding references. We are extremely fortunate to have Rebecca starting with us this term and will be working in the SAKG as well as supporting all classroom teachers around student assessments, before commencing her Junior Primary position in 2018.
- ◆ Carla Todd—SSO—Working Friday's. Some of you may be familiar with Carla who is also a regular relief teacher here at Banksia.

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. I would like to inform the school community that Mr Chris Baxter, Mr Mick O'Brien and Mrs Helen Arvins will all be retiring at the end of this year. I would like to thank all three teachers for their contributions to the education and care of students at Banksia Park School R-7 for many years. They will certainly leave a large void that we are in the process of attempting to fill.

Attached to this newsletter is the 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 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. Each class takes it in turn to host and run an assembly. This term assemblies will be run by:

*Week 2—Room 11  
Week 4 — Room 8  
Week 6 – Room 5  
Week 8 – Room 3  
Week 10 – Room 2*

## COMMUNICATION

This week you would have received a Term 3 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 download this onto your smartphone. If you do not have a smartphone, 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).
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## BOOKWEEK / BEDTIME STORIES

Week 5 this term will see the start of our book week at Banksia Park School. We will be hosting the school book fair where students will have the opportunity to purchase a book or two. On Monday 21st of August, R-2 students are invited to come back to the school library at night, dressed in their PJs, to have three stories read to them by staff members and enjoy a hot chocolate. On Wednesday 23rd August, the annual book week parade will be held where students can dress up as their favourite book week character. Bookweek is always a fun week, where we encourage all students to foster a lifelong love of reading.

## 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. All classes will have a garden session every fortnight and cooking will be after recess on both days (4 classes). 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.  
(timetables are attached)

## INDONESIAN TEACHERS

Our school has been chosen to host six Indonesian teachers for a period of nine days in early September. During the program, the Indonesian teachers will work shadow our teachers. We believe that this is a fantastic opportunity to share about our school, expose our students to the Indonesian culture and for our quality teachers to share their practise.

## JAPANESE STUDENTS VISIT

Banksia Park International High School are bringing one of their visiting International Short Term groups from Japan to our school for an afternoon visit on Thursday 3 August at 1:45 to 3:00pm. We will have 31 Japanese students, 2 Japanese teachers and one BPIHS teacher. The Japanese students will interact with some of our primary students doing activities, ie origami, games, etc. Once again we are fortunate to be able to be included in this cultural learning experience.

## CELEBRATION NIGHT

This year, we are breaking with tradition and have brought Celebration Night forward as a trial for 2017. After a discussion with staff and in an effort to support staff wellbeing and workload, we have brought forward Celebration night to reduce some of the congestion of the last few weeks of Term 4. Given that our school is growing in size, we have also booked the High School gym which has the ability to hold a greater number of guests. Students will have one practise at the high school in readiness for the night. There is a chance though that the high school gym may be under renovation works at that time of the year as part of their STEM grant, in which case the Celebration Night will be held at our school for parents / guests only. Given the lack of space, our 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. As our school continues to grow in number, we need to ensure that we are best supporting and catering for our staff and school community and feel that this is the best possible solution as a trial for 2017.

## HAT POLICY

In accordance with the Sunsmart policy, students are expected to wear hats whilst outside during Terms 3 and 4. Please support your children in ensuring that they bring their hat to school each day as students who do not have a hat, are required to sit under the COLA during play times.

## NAPLAN ONLINE

Our school has once again been selected to partake in another NAPLAN online trial for our years 3, 5 and 7 students in week 5 of this

term. Whilst we don't believe that the results will be provided to the students or their families, the assessment will be good practise for the students in becoming familiar with the online platform. The trial is to determine whether our schools infrastructure can support NAPLAN online. If you do not want your children to participate in the trial, please contact Jason so that your child can be exempted. We strongly 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 as it is more about determining whether our ICT will support NAPLAN online.

## DAD'S DAY

On Thursday 31st August our school will be hosting a Dad's Day. We are inviting all Dads, Grandpas 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. More information will be sent home closer to the date, but in the mean time we ask that Dad's keep this date in mind.

## BIKE RACKS

Next Tuesday, we are trailing the relocation of the bike racks up to the front of blue building (effectively on the left hand side as you walk out the glass vestibule from the front office). The current bike area remains a supervision issue, at the start of the school day and at the end of the day, whereas by moving the racks, we hope to reduce the number of issues. We suggest that students who ride to school bring a bike lock for the security of their bike effective as of next Tuesday.

## PAT TESTING

PAT Testing will occur in Week 7 this term. Students will sit the Numeracy, Reading and Spelling assessments and we will then look at the data and determine whether students have made the required amount of growth and what intervention is required

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent / Teacher interviews will be held in Week 9 this term. We strongly encourage all parents / caregivers to take advantage of these interviews as class teachers will be sharing the students Literacy and Numeracy goals developed from the PAT testing so that you as parents / caregivers are aware of what the students next steps are and how you can support them at home. More information and booking codes will be sent home later this term.

# BANKSIA PARK CALENDAR 2017

TERM 3	Monday 	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 	Friday
	Lunch Orders		Banking		
Week 1 Mon 24/7	Pupil Free Day				
Week 2 Mon 31/7	Fundraising Meeting	Years 4-7 MDI Survey	Years 4-7 MDI Survey SAPSASA Girls Football	Years 4-7 MDI Survey	Years 4-7 MDI Survey
Week 3 Mon 7/8	Finance Meeting 6.30pm Governing Council Meeting 7pm				
Week 4 Mon 14/8	Science Week	Science Week	Science Week	Science Week	Science Week
Week 5 Mon 21/8	NAPLAN ONLINE Bedtime Stories Bookweek	NAPLAN ONLINE	NAPLAN ONLINE Bookweek Parade	NAPLAN ONLINE	Bookweek
Week 6 Mon 28/8			SAPSASA Tennis	Dad's Day Father's Day Stall	Pupil Free Day
Week 7 Mon 4/9	School Closure	Literacy and Numeracy Week	PAT Testing Week Literacy and Numeracy Week	Literacy and Numeracy Week	PRC Finishes Literacy and Numeracy Week
Week 8 Mon 11/9		School Photos Soup and Damper Day 1	SAPSASA Boys Football	Soup and Damper Day 2	
Week 9 Mon 18/9	Finance Meeting 6.30pm Governing Council 7pm	Parent Teacher Interviews	Enterprise Day Parent Teacher Interviews	Parent Teacher Interviews	Junior Primary Sleepover
Week 10 Mon 25/9					

## 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