

## Important Dates

**15th April**  
**End of Term 1**  
**2.05pm**  
**Dismissal**



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## Crossing Monitors Term 2



Thank you to the following students:

### Week 1

#### Cottenham Rd

Sharni, Liam Y, Jordan

#### Elizabeth St

Austin, Corey, Emily

### Week 2

#### Cottenham Rd

James, Madison B, Angus

#### Elizabeth St

Issac, Luke F, Tom G

## A SUCCESSFUL TERM 1

What a fantastic Term 1 we have had with many exciting activities and lots of hard work by students, staff and parents. Some of the highlights this term for me have been:

- Our acquaintance evening and barbeque—it is great to have such high level community attendance
- The successful start to our new communication strategies through SMS and email
- The fantastic swimming sessions with our R-5 students at Waterworld
- Our whole school Harmony day and picnic lunch
- The exciting use of our new gymnasium in school activities and the extra sports equipment we have now gained from the Coles dockets
- Our school focus on comprehension and reading achievement, the progress has been superb...keep up the great work everyone!

I would like to thank parents and staff who have helped out in our school over the past term. Have a wonderful two weeks holiday and Easter break.

Regards, Jan Carey

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

I find it hard to believe that my first term at Banksia Park School is almost over!!

My first term has been thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding.

Some of the highlights include:

- Teaching students who are highly engaged and enjoy school
- Working with a highly dedicated and skilled group of staff.
- Witnessing the time and effort volunteers put into the school

From next term I will be putting an article in the newsletter fortnightly. These articles will be on a variety of different topics.

I wish all families a safe and happy Easter and hope that you all have an enjoyable holiday break.

Regards,

David Pitt



## NAPLAN INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS

We will be presenting an information session for all parents regarding the 2011 National Assessment Plan for Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)

on: **Wed 4th May, 7.00pm**  
**in the staff room**

at: **Banksia Park School R-7**

Please phone the school to book a place - **All welcome**

Ph: 8264 2114

## TERM 2 PRINCIPAL'S TOURS

Banksia Park School R-7 invites parents of **babies, toddlers and preschoolers**

interested in enrolling their children at Banksia Park R-7 School to attend our next Principal's Tour

on: **Fri 6th May, 9.30am**  
**or Mon 27th June at 9.30am**

at: **Banksia Park School R-7**

Bookings are essential  
Ph: 8264 2114



# COLES SPORTS VOUCHERS

Last year our school collected the Coles Sports Vouchers. We had people from within the community handing in their vouchers, as well as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends and staff. Our total was 32508 vouchers.

We have received our order now, with the table tennis table delivered this morning. Mr Baxter has taken a photo so you can see all the sports items we have ordered.

These are the items we exchanged our tokens for:

- Bucket of foam trainer tee balls
- table tennis table
- Table tennis kit
- Basketball kit
- Cur balance beam
- Netball kit
- Leg race band set
- Bucket of rubber chickens
- Egg and spoon set
- Volleyball kit
- Table top scoreboard
- Soccer ball kit
- Training arches
- Catchtail ball set
- Catch cone set



Well done and a big thank you from all the students at Banksia Park.

## WINTER AILMENTS



It seems we have struck the winter bugs earlier than usual this year. Many students are coming to the First Aid Room showing signs of the usual winter ailments. School staff monitoring the First Aid Room are trained in dealing with minor physical injuries but have no expertise in diagnosing illnesses. When students present with symptoms the most logical action is to contact a parent/caregiver or someone on the student's emergency contact list to take the child and make the appropriate decisions on their welfare.

We value the positive relationship we have with our families and, with the best interest and welfare of the child as a primary concern, we appreciate a prompt response and up to date information regarding emergency contacts.

Also in the event of illness could you please keep your child home from school until they are well again so we can limit the spread of illnesses. Children who have had vomiting/diarrhoea in the last 24 hours should not be sent to school the following day.

Should your child be unwell and needing to stay at home please contact the office **before 9.15am**, if possible, so we can correctly record your child's absence. We now have a system in place where we SMS a parent/caregiver or phone, every morning, in regards to unnotified absences with the parents who have requested so. If you would like to be contacted via SMS and haven't already notified us of your interest, please don't hesitate to contact the office so you can be put on the list.

### Uniform Shop News

At the beginning of the year we changed the hours the uniform shop is open. Please note it is only on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm and not Wednesdays any more. Should you require uniforms and cannot make it on a Friday, office staff would be happy to help you at any time.



## SAPSASA Athletics

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, 2011, a squad of 23 students from Banksia Park Primary went to Bulkana Oval to compete in the Tea Tree Gully District SAPSASA Athletics Carnival.

The events were discus, shot put, long jump, high jump, 100m sprint, 200m sprint and 800m.

On the day the Banksia Park squad tried their very best and we are all very proud of them. We would like to say a special congratulation to Ashleigh who has been given the opportunity to compete at SANTOS stadium to represent the Tea Tree Gully district in the 4x100m and Jami who also was given the opportunity to compete at SANTOS in Discus. Also well done to Allen for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in High Jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Long Jump and Ashleigh for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in Long Jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 200m final.

We would like to thank all the parents and teachers who made this day possible.

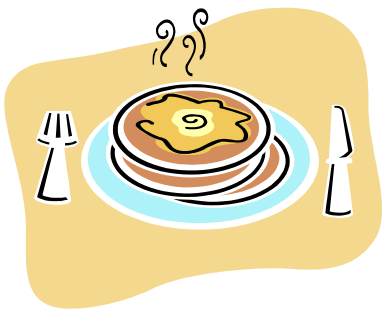
By Ashleigh Edwards and Emily Joham  
Room 2

Also, congratulations to Ashleigh for making the Tea Tree Gully District Netball Team 2011. Ashleigh made the final 20 players from a squad of 70 girls. Ashleigh will participate in the district carnival from May 30<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Well done Ashleigh!!!



# PANCAKE DAY



The Gold Building/Junior Primary students and staff would like to thank the pancake day helpers for making the day a huge success once again!

It was exciting to see the new kitchen in the gymnasium being used for the first time.

Without the wonderful volunteers we have at Banksia Park we wouldn't be able to have fundraising days like this. Your contribution is very much appreciated!

This year we raised \$308 which was used to buy new sandpit toys for the R-4 classes.

A big thanks to: Dorothy, Angela, Debi, Jane, Karen, Szuzanna, Nick, Simon, Shirley, Charmain and Heather.

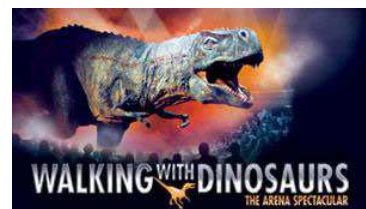


# BANKSIA PARK CALENDAR

TERM 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 2nd May			LIFE ED VAN NAPLAN info session 7pm	LIFE ED VAN	LIFE ED VAN Principals Tour 9.30am
Week 2 9th May		NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	
Week 3 16th May				Yr 6/7 Aquatics	
Week 4 23rd May	Gov Council				
Week 5 30th May					PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 6 6th June	★				
Week 7 13th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY				Christian Options
Week 8 20th June					Christian Options
Week 9 27th June	Principals Tour 9.30am		Excursion Rms 10,11,12,13	Rooms 6,10,11 Tree Planting	Christian Options
Week 10 4th July					END OF TERM 2.05pm

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**GREAT SCHOOL HOLIDAY FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT!!** **Walking With Dinosaurs** – The Arena Spectacular. DON'T pay \$99 for tickets, Stage Door Promotions Special= \$40/ticket. Wednesday 27th April @ 7pm, Thursday 28th April @ 3pm or 7pm, or Friday April 29th @ 7pm. Bookings must be made online at: [www.stagedoorpromotions.com](http://www.stagedoorpromotions.com)  
Call Damien on 0415 239 042 for further information or email [stagedoorpromotions@bigpond.com](mailto:stagedoorpromotions@bigpond.com)



## Vacation Care

Vac care is next week. We still have vacancies if you need to book your child in. We have lots of things on offer: Paper bag art, cooking day, Easter craft, an excursion to the Crows and learn to play golf. To book call Tammy on 0401718832.