

Important Dates

Wed 6th April 9am
Parent Morning Tea

Sat 9th April 9am-12pm
Community Garden

15th April
End of Term 1
2.05pm
Dismissal



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Thank you to the following students:

Week 10

Cottenham Rd

Justin, Leah, Angus

Elizabeth St

Nathan, Dylan G, Aaron

Week 11

Cottenham Rd

Jake R, Nicholas, Cody

Elizabeth St

Brandon, Lachie, Scarlett

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

We would like to warmly welcome two new students to our school. Cameron (in room 2) and Brodie (in room 11). We hope you and your families enjoy being part of our fantastic school.



(Absent Cameron)

NAPLAN testing

The National Assessment Program—Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in years 3,5 and 7. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

The 2011 NAPLAN testing for students in years 3,5 and 7 will occur at our school. The dates are as follows:

- Tues 10th May = Language Conventions and Writing
- Wed 11th May = Reading
- Thurs 12th May = Numeracy

More information about the NAPLAN test will be offered for all parents in the following ways:

- a parent morning tea about NAPLAN is being offered on Wed 13th April at 9am (being held in the staff room)
- A parent information brochure will shortly be sent home to families with children in years 3,5 and 7

Parents who wish to withdraw their child from sitting the tests are asked to contact the school to confirm this with me.

SITE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2011

From analysis of our school data and in consultation with staff and Governing Council, our 2011 school improvement priorities have been agreed in the aim to achieve our school goals:

Our community of learners will strive to become contributing, confident, successful citizens equipped for lifelong learning.

Our implementation strategies include:

- teachers becoming familiar and using the new Australian Curriculum (more information to be provided to parents about this soon)
- All teachers becoming familiar and using the Teaching for Effective Learning Framework (more info about this provided to parents too)
- Continued focus on improving reading comprehension skills R-7
- Analysing and improving our school data in ongoing ways
- Improving our computer and internet access across the school
- Preparing all students to become familiar with the NAPLAN test format and questioning styles
- Improving our communication and partnerships with our parent community

Information about how we are progressing with achieving these goals will be shared throughout the year. Any feedback

TERM 2 PRINCIPAL'S TOUR

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

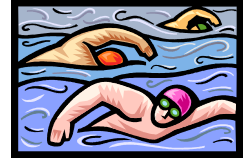


SAPSASA Swimming Recount

On Monday 7th of March it was the local SAPSASA Swimming carnival. Madison Bielby represented Banksia Park in this carnival.

Madison competed in three events 50m freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke. She placed sixth in freestyle, fifth in breaststroke and fourth in backstroke

Madison Said "I really enjoyed the day although the butterflies came a few times. I was proud of my effort."



SWIMMING WEEK

Week 7 of this term was Banksia Park's swimming week. We were so lucky with the weather!! It was really nice to be back at Waterworld, Ridgehaven, which is a lot closer to the school. The new pool looked fantastic and the students were so well behaved. It made it another successful swimming week for both students and staff. Well done R-5's!!!





This year Banksia Park celebrated our unity for Harmony Day on the 21st March with a whole school picnic. Students and staff chose a colour to wear to promote diversity within the community and getting along with others.



ROOM 3

Help
Australians
Remember in Harmony together
Make a better world
Of
Nations
Your kindness will always be with
us

Differences don't count, just look
in your hearts
And remember
You + Me = **US**

Owen Jolly

Help
Australians
Remember
More about new friend ship and
Old friend ship, when
Nations work together
You can value all

Differences
Always remember
You + me = **US**

Jessica Shannon

BANKSIA PARK CALENDAR

TERM 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10 4th April				SAPSASA Athletics Carnival	Sat 9th Community Garden
Week 11 11th April				Assembly-Port Power 10.20am	END OF TERM 2.05pm

TERM 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 2nd May	LIFE ED VAN	LIFE ED VAN	LIFE ED VAN	LIFE ED VAN	LIFE ED VAN
Week 2 9th May		NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	
Week 3 16th May				Yr 6/7 Aquatics	

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Anglicare SA** is in urgent need of foster carers to provide homes for children in your area. Foster Carers can be single, couples, people at home, working full-time, part-time or studying. Free training and ongoing professional support (including 24hr assistance) is provided. Find out more at one of our upcoming information sessions– Tuesday April 5th Holly Cross Church 91-93 Elizabeth Way Elizabeth 6.30-8.30pm. For more information call Linda on 81313456 or visit www.anglicare-sa.org.au/foster-care
- **Star Kidz Performing Arts Club:** Dancing and acting lessons for children aged 3-17, Wednesday afternoons in Modbury. \$85 per term, 2 concerts per year. For fitness, confidence and fun! Non-competitive. Call Jo 0420 427 702. www.starkidz.com
- **Sports Fusion Coaching Clinics:** One clinic only-Wed-Fri 27-29th April. Choose from football, netball, basketball, soccer and combo. Phone 1300 134 154 or www.acnsports.com.au
- **RIDGEHAVEN FOOTBALL CLUB:** Players needed. Boys and girls from year 2-7. No skill required, just come and have fun playing football with modified rules ~ no tackling/ bumping for years 2/3. Cheap fees, qualified coaches, EVERYBODY PLAYS!! Training every Thursday @ Ridgehaven P.S. 3.30-4.30pm. Saturday morning games. First aider at all training sessions. Focus on participation. Phone Moana 0457797054.
- **NEDS Rugby:** North Eastern Districts Rugby is looking for under 10's and 12's for their team this season. If you are interested or want to find out more please call Chris 0438600764
- **Modbury Tennis Club:** are seeking new members to play during the upcoming winter season. They have a great facility of 8 courts located at Ashley Ave, Ridgehaven and offer a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Accommodating age groups from 6yrs-17yrs and accept all skill levels from beginner to experienced competition players. Game times are Friday nights 6.30pm and Saturday mornings at 9am, both 2 hours of play. Winter competition commences May 6/7th and concludes September 3rd. Cost \$100 for season. For more details or enquiries please contact Bruce Tonkin on 0432846071 or email tonklaw@hotmail.com
- **Totally Cheer!!:** Jump into cheerleading, Australia's fastest growing sport. For boys and girls 5-13years (no experience necessary). First lesson free, bookings essential 0408847759 Saturday afternoons at Parafield Gardens and Golden Grove.
- **Girls and Women's Football:** U13 and U16 Girls Football Competition. For more information please call Emma 84406923, Joe 0401907955 or Julie 0417841965