

Important Dates / Notes

**** The phone number printed in the newsletter a few weeks ago for parents to SMS in children's absences is not available to be used for direct texting of student absences after all. In the event your child will be absent or late for school, for any reason, we would appreciate if you could ring the front office on 8264 2114 so we can correctly record your child's absence as required by DECS.**

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Thank you to the following students:

Week 3

Cottenham Rd

Ashleigh, Keelan, Aela

Elizabeth St

Cooper, Georgie, Elle

Week 4

Cottenham Rd

Megan, Rachael, Crystal

Elizabeth St

Ebony, Dexter, Ryan

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We are very excited to welcome 7 Korean students to our school in weeks 2, 3 & 4. These Year 5 & 6 students will participate in all lessons and activities at our school over the 3 weeks, with the aim to develop their English speaking skills further. It will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn from other cultures and to further develop a richer understanding of global relationships, particularly with our Asian neighbours.



I would like to sincerely thank our 7 volunteer families (Jaspers, Miles, Cranage, Fisher, Clarke, Abbott & Bou) for their willingness to host a student for this time. I am sure you and your family will enjoy this exciting time with your Korean student and develop enriching relationships which will span the globe. We look forward to hearing about your experience.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Last week we had 4 new students join our school. We welcome Holly, Aiden & Riley, our new receptions in Room 11 and Brooklyn in Room 8. We hope you and your families enjoy being a part of our school and community.



*** 2011 PARENT OPINION SURVEY***

On Monday, 100 families in our school were sent out this years parent opinion survey. It is extremely important that we receive as many responses as possible so that our future plans can be reflective of everyone's voice. The survey is conducted online, but paper copies are available at the front desk if you prefer.

COMPLETE YOUR SURVEY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

This year we are again providing an incentive for families to complete their survey. Once you have completed your survey – fill in the 'Lucky Draw' coupon sent out with the letter and return it to the front office to enter. One lucky ticket will be drawn from the box on Friday 9th Sept (last day to do the survey) and will win a **\$50 meal voucher for the Tea Tree Gully Hotel**. If you did not receive an invitation to complete a survey and would like to offer your feedback, please ask for a paper copy at the front office.

STAFFING NEWS TERM 3

This term we also have a few new staff faces around the school. We warmly welcome Lee Schiller in Room 8, who is replacing Christeen Tobin while she is on LSL for term 3, and Shaun Clifton in Room 6, who is replacing Monika Kohlhausen while she is also on LSL. I am sure you will both enjoy working at our school.



SHAUN CLIFTON



LEE SCHILLER



CATHRIN SCHERER

Thanks to Tracey Croucher for writing a great submission. We are very fortunate to have Cathrin Scherer, a German Language Assistant at our school for the next two terms. Cathrin will work across the school with all classes and will be a great asset to the learning opportunities for our students. Welcome Cathrin!

Regards, Jan Carey



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL?

Our next VOLUNTEER TRAINING WORKSHOP

The S.A. Dept of Education and Children's Services requires all volunteers to undertake a school based training program.

Our next volunteer training session for our community is:

Fri 26th August 9.00– 10.00am

Please inform the school if you wish to participate in this



SCHOOL CLOSURE

ADVANCED NOTICE

Our school will be closed on

Friday 9th Sept

For

Royal Adelaide Show day



2011 Coles Sports vouchers

Coles is again running a Sports Voucher Program for schools.

What to do: When purchasing your items at the check-out at Coles—**request the school sports vouchers** (you may have to ask for them directly).

Bring the vouchers to school and place them in the big cardboard box in the Gold building foyer.

Every voucher is equal to 1 point.

Schools redeem the vouchers for sports equipment.

Last year our school collected **32508** points and was able to purchase a large range of sports equipment such as balls, goals and a table tennis table.

Help us to raise as much equipment as we can for a new gymnasium.



Woolworths 'Earn & learn' Program

From July 18th to September 18th 2011, Woolworths will give you one Woolworths Earn & Learn point for every \$10 you spend in store.

Points will automatically appear on your shopping docket, which you simply bring to school. Schools can then collect and upload their points.

When the 9-week program ends, schools redeem points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more.

Bring your dockets in to the front office at school for our collection towards this program.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

Did you know.... This now includes school uniforms purchased from 1st July 2011

The Australian Government is helping with the cost of educating your kids. The Education Tax Refund provides up to 50% back on a range of educational expenses. Now school approved uniforms purchased from 1st July 2011 are included.

Items of clothing include hats, footwear and sports uniforms, approved by your child's school as its uniform may be claimed in next years refund.

To check your eligibility and see what may be claimed, visit the website australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund and remember to keep all of your receipts for tax time.

TERM 3 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: **Mon 15th Aug at 9.30am**
&
Fri 16th Sept at 9.30am

at: **Banksia Park School R-7**
Bookings are essential
Ph: 8264 2114

David's section 'Bullying'

I trust all families had a safe and enjoyable two week break. My family and I spent a few days on the Yorke Peninsula catching up with friends, enjoying the nice weather that was put on in the second week of the holidays.

My first news article this term will focus on the topic of bullying. Last term I wrote about cyberbullying, however, I believe it is important to visit the other forms of bullying. Most of us at some stage of our lives has been a victim or witnessed the bullying of others and the impact it has on victims.

The stats – Did you know?

Who/when/where/what

- Between 1 in 5 and 1 in 7 students report being bullied once a week or more.
 - Generally verbal bullying such as name calling is the most common form of bullying.
 - Students are more likely to experience bullying from individuals than groups.
- (Data from Bullying. No Way! Website)

What is bullying?

Bullying is the deliberate and repeated actions or behaviour towards others, which involves the misuse of power. It can take many forms, including:-

- **physical bullying:** being hit, tripped, kicked, pinched etc
- **verbal bullying:** being called names, teased, put down etc
- **psychological bullying:** being threatened, stalked, gestures etc
- **social bullying:** being ignored, having rumours spread about you, excluding someone etc.
- **sexual bullying:** unwanted touching or brushing against someone, picking on someone because of their sexual orientation etc.

How do can you recognise/know your child is being bullied?

Often children who are being bullied will not tell anyone. This is because they may feel nothing will be done or it will make matters worst. Signs your child may be being bullied include:-

- a refusal to go to school
- tearfulness or depression
- unexplained bruising, scratching
- damaged possessions

What can parents do?

If your child tells you they have been bullied, stay calm and listen to their story. Tell them that telling you was the first step in stopping the bullying.

Find out:

- what happened
- who was involved
- where it happened
- did anyone else see it

Make notes of what was told to you and arrange a time to talk to the school, usually in the first instance your child's classroom teacher. The school will begin a process of investigating the reported bullying.

I encourage all parents to take some time to view the many websites out there regarding bullying. A recommended one is www.bullyingnoway.com.au , which has many useful resources and strategies.

Regards,

David

SAPSASA GIRLS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our 18 x yr 6 & 7 girls who played with increasing confidence and terrific team spirit on Thursday at the SAPSASA Football event. It was very pleasing to see the effort and continued determination by all participants in all 4 games. We placed 3rd overall in the small schools competition— so well done girls!



We would also like to thank the parents who came out to support us for the whole day or part of.

CHANGES TO OUR HAT POLICY

On advice from the Sunsmart / Cancer Council Association, schools have now been advised to allow a 'NO Hat' rule during the winter months. This limited time provides children with an opportunity to be exposed to the necessary Vitamin D required for healthy bones and skin.

Our school policy now allows children not to wear a hat when outside from 1st May until 31st August each year.



DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

It is an offence for a dog to be on the school premises or school grounds unless special permission has been given by the principal. The only exception to this is Guide Dogs. Further information is available in the Parent Information Booklet or online www.banksiar7.sa.edu.au

This policy has been put in place by DECS for the safe guard of students.

If you are walking your dog/s to or from school please drop off or get your child to meet you outside of the school grounds.



Book Week 2011



Book Week this year will take place officially during Week 5 of Term 3. (Mon 22nd Aug-Fri 26th Aug) We actually start our **Book Week** activities from the 1st week of term with literacy units based on the short-listed books submitted to the Children's Book Council of Australia.



The theme for this year is 'One World, Many Stories' which is why we are planning 'Passport Visits' to various classrooms representing the various continents.

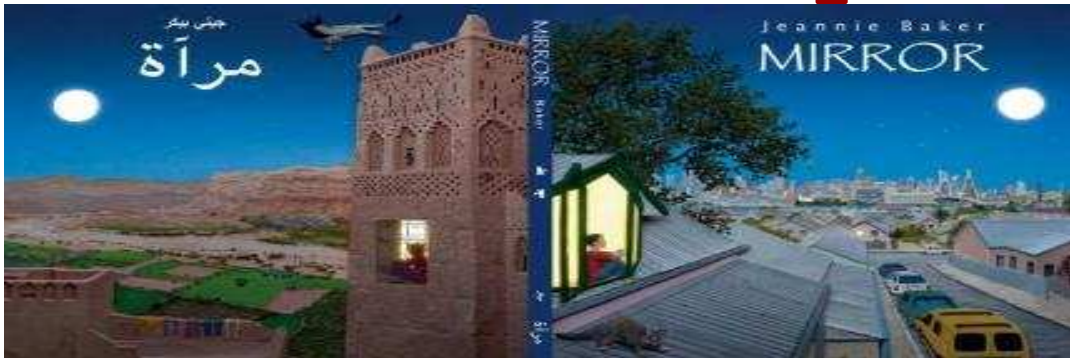
Other activities that are planned at this stage include

- the Book Fair which is our major fund raiser for the library
- an SRC organised Book Week parade
- Bedtime Stories in the school library for Gold Building students
- a variety of classroom activities associated with the short-listed books nominated by the Children's Book Council of Australia.
- John Martin, visiting cartoonist, will run hands-on sessions with all students at school
- Jeannie Baker collage competition
- Continents and Countries Investigation using 'Inspiration'

(The Scholastic Book Fair will commence on Wednesday 17th August and continue into **Book Week** the following week) Book Week roughly coincides with the official wind-up date for the **Premier's READING Challenge**. Last year 93% of our students completed the challenge so with 7 weeks to go it is an opportune time to check the progress of your child. See back page for a list of completed PRC students.

Chris Baxter

Book Week Competition



Create your own A4 collage

Jeannie Baker is famous for her brilliant picture books based on her amazing and thought provoking collage work.

This year her book, '**Mirror**' has been short-listed by the Children's Book Council of Australia.

For our Book Week Library Competition this year, students are challenged to create their own collage, based on a Jeannie Baker book or on the Book Week theme of '**One World, Many Stories**'.

The idea of a collage is to create a scene on an A4 sized card or board using a variety of materials/fabrics etc. To quote Jeannie herself...

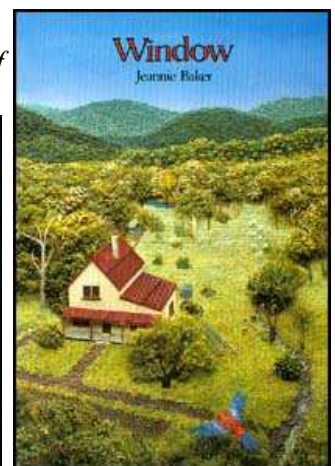
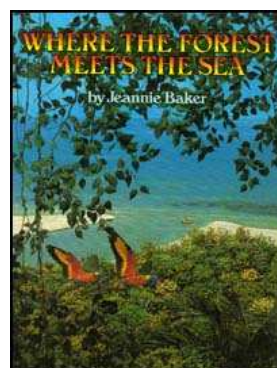
'The pictures started as drawings. Using these drawings as a guide, collages were made. The collages were constructed layer by layer on a wooden baseboard using a combination of natural and artificial materials such as sand, earth, clay, paints, vegetation, paper, fabric, wool, tin and plastic.'

Jeannie's website below explains her techniques.

http://www.jeanniebaker.com/technique_index.htm

Student collages will be displayed in the library for viewing and judging. A prize will be given to The best Junior Primary, Middle Primary and Upper Primary entries.

Entries to be submitted by Book Week (Week 5)





Room 3

Urrbrae House Excursion



On Wednesday the 29th of June we went to Urrbrae House. When we were there we had new names. My name was Eleanor. The students did writing in ink and we sang God Save Queen Victoria. My favourite part was the game train signal . By Charlize.

At Urrbrae House my new name was Constance and I was a guest. We played a game where you hit the ball with a mallet to get it through arches and a game called charades. On my turn I had to mimic making a cup of tea. It was great fun. By Caitlin.

I was Eliza and I was a servant and I did cooking. My favourite thing was the washing and I also played Signal. It is like musical chairs and miss Lilly got to do all the cleaning. We also had a walk around the garden and we served the other groups. It was really fun. By Kasey.

My name was Birdie at Urrbrae house and I was in the Student's group. One of my favourite things we did was doing the ink pen writing. I also liked playing with the old games and my favourite game was the stick and loop. We played Train Signal which I won. I liked eating the scones, lemons and lemon juice. I had a good day. By Elise.

At the Urrbrae House we had new names. My name was Daisy. We had groups. The groups were students, servants and guests. The students did writing in ink. The servants did cooking, washing and polishing boots. The guests played some games and also the groups walked in the garden. By Melody.



I was a guest at Urrbrae House and my name was Blanche. We played croquet and charades. We had to dress up and we each got a fan and gloves. For morning tea we had cucumber sandwiches, lemon water and sponge cake. By Jessica.

My name was Benjamin and I was a guest. We played croquet and Jack and I won. Then we played an acting out game. Then we had some morning tea. Then we went through the kitchen. Last we played Signal Train. Then we left. By Deklan

My name was Flossie. I was one of the servants. I put on an apron and a maid's hat. I mixed the butter with Helen and I made scones with her. By Tori.

My name was Clyde and I was a student. We sang God bless the Queen and wrote in ink pen. We went to a room with a huge eight ball table and we had some play time with old toys my favourite toy was a hoop and a stick. By Liam

I was a servant. We got to wear an apron and a maid's hat. Everyone had a different name. My name was Martha. I liked it when we got make bread and then thump it on the table and then punch it as hard as we could. That was my favourite thing at the Urrbrae House. By Madi.


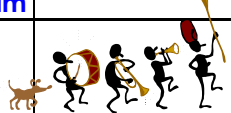

My name was Helen and I was a servant. We had to cook, we had to get eggs, we did the washing and we had to beat a blanket with a stick. The servants could not speak unless people asked them something. By Ashlee Bell.



My group was the servants. We got to do lots of jobs like polishing shoes, grating soap, serving Mr and Mrs Waite, making butter and hunting for eggs. We also got to look around the house. By Dylan



BANKSIA PARK CALENDAR 2011

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 8th August	Gov Council Mtg			ASSEMBLY 10.20	
Week 4 15th August			BOOK FAIR Begins 17-22nd	Special Korean assembly 10.20am	→
Week 5 22nd August	BOOK WEEK BEGINS Bedtime Stories				 Book Week Parade
Week 6 29th August				ASSEMBLY 10.20	
Week 7 5th Sept			TRI SKILLS		 SCHOOL CLOSURE
Week 8 12th Sept	Gov Council Mtg		TRI SKILLS		
Week 9 19th Sept			TRI SKILLS	ASSEMBLY 10.20	
Week 10 26th Sept			TRI SKILLS		★ 2.05pm DISMISSAL

PREMIERS' READING Challenge 2011

Record of Students who have completed 2011 P.R.C.

Room 2	Room 3	Room 6	Room 8	Room 10	Room 11	Room 12	Room 13
Megan Madison Justin Ruby Annalise Rachael James Brodie Dylan Aela Cody Brett Jordan Dylan Renee Emily	Sophie Dylan Deklan Mitchell Hayden Elise Brodi Melody Fraser Josh Hayley Charlize Daniel Jessica Jackson Ashlee Ashleigh Ethan Kane Alex Kaleisha Harshini Caitlin Jack Owen Liam	Isaac Ryan Georgie Jessica Luke Jessica Dexter	Brylee Aimee Kosta Abby Calvin Nikolah Jason Deyha Louis Noah Renae Caitlin Cameron Connor	Whole class Activity (in progress)	Whole class Activity (in progress)	Maddi Georgia Ellis Alanna Byron Mikaila Caitlin	Sarah Alyssa Lily Jessica Sam Mijan Madeline Luke Amy Holly Riley Elijah Jessica Alex