

Banksia Park School R-7

Newsletter

OUR VALUES

- Respect & Responsibility
- Growth
- Self Worth
- Communication
- Commitment
- Creativity

Date 10/2/12

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

7pm

MONDAY 5TH MARCH
(NOTE NEW DATE)



PUPIL FREE DAY
Fri 2nd March

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Thank you to the following students:

Week 3

Cottenham Rd

Brylee, Dexter, Liam

Elizabeth St

Charlotte, Caitlin, Alicia

Week 4

Cottenham Rd

Ryan F, Kasey, James

Elizabeth St

Owen, Fraser, Jessica

A GREAT START FOR OUR NEW STUDENTS...

A warm welcome to: Ashton N, Ethan, William, Brianna, Kelsey, Michaela, Alexis, Connor, Parker, Mayson, Devon, Eryn, Zachary, Brodie, Ashton P, Miah, Will, Ellie Daniel & Scarlett.



SCHOOL COMMITTEES

Each year the school relies on the support and dedication of parents in our school to keep programs and events running smoothly. A flier of all our 2012 committees is included, eg:

Fundraising, Marketing, Education, Sports, Governing Council, OSHC, Dress Code, Facilities/ Grounds committees.

Please return the slip to the school if you are interested in any of these committees and can offer some time in our school. Every hand helps!

NEWSLETTERS & ASSEMBLIES

Newsletters are sent home each fortnight (weeks 2,4,6,8,10). Please check your youngest child's bag on these weeks. The school newsletter can also be viewed online on our school website.

www.banksiar7.sa.edu.au

Our Assemblies for 2012 will be held on Thursdays in week 3,6 & 9 at 10.20am in the Gym. This year, the Banksia Park Kindergarten students will also be joining us for assemblies. All school and Kindy parents are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

SWIMMING R-5

An early notice... Children in years R-5 will be swimming in week 7, Tues 13th March to Fri 16th. A notice will be sent home shortly outlining times and requirements. This year, swimming has been included in all student's school fee charges so no extra cost will be required.



2012 PUPIL FREE DAYS

This year, all SA schools have been provided with an additional 2 Pupil Free Days to support teachers with the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum. Our staff, with endorsement of the Governing Council, have selected our first Pupil Free Day for week 5 of this term; **Friday 2nd March.**

On this day, our staff will explore the Science learning area of the Australian Curriculum with support from our Regional Science Consultant. Teachers will spend time developing learning experiences for students that engage them with higher order thinking strategies and collaborative methods in a Science topic.

This professional learning and the implementation of the Australian Curriculum will be a major focus for our school during 2012. We will share more information about this in future newsletters.

Regards, Jan Carey

You are invited to our...

2012

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 16th FEB

Gold Building: 6.00-6.30pm

Blue Building: 6.30-7.00pm

All parents and families welcome!

Sausage Sizzle available from 6.30pm



David's section

"Starting School"



Welcome to the 2012 school year. I trust all families had a relaxing and safe break.

It is hard to believe that another school year is upon us. At the end of last year, I wrote regarding Year 7 students starting secondary school and how it was an exciting, but scary, new adventure in their life. I would like to start this year by talking about what it is like for children starting school for the very first time.

School can be seen as a scary and daunting task for young children. To start with, there are all these other children who they have never seen, let alone met before. There are numerous buildings and rooms to remember. In my section this week, I will share some tips that will assist in making a child's start to school a successful and memorable experience.

Getting ready for School

Having your child prepared for school will help with the new challenges they are about to face. You can help your child in many ways, such as:-

- Show your child where the school is in relation to home. Walk there a few times if possible, even if you intend to drive to school.
- Read a story about a children starting school, or talk about when you started school (make sure it is a positive story!).
- Make sure your child is aware of good manners, such as saying 'thank you' and 'please'
- Get your child to have a 'transition' period to school, where he/she can get to know the site

This is positive "self-talk" (the chatter inside of our heads). You can invite high self-esteem into your life.

Once school starts

- Don't be late picking your child up. A few minutes can seem a long time to a young child, especially if he/she is not feeling sure of himself.
- Young children can often be hungry after school. Take a piece of fruit with you which they can eat on the way home.
- Keep to routines that allow time for rest and free play. Don't plan too many after school activities or have too many things to do on the way home, eg shopping.
- Talk to other parents and share your experiences, ideas and feelings.

Starting school can be stressful

You may notice in the first few days or weeks of starting school that your child is getting tummy aches, headaches or is very teary. They may also tell you they don't want to school. This behaviour is perfectly normal.

If this is happening, ask them what is making them feel upset. Tell your child that they can manage go to school and that you are always there to help them. Ask them what things could help them with going to school.

It is important to remember that at the end of the day, any new life experience, such as starting school, is a big step. Initially, it may be a challenge. It is important, therefore, that each success your child makes is be celebrated, no matter how big or small.

Regards,

David

PETS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

It is an offence for dogs to be on school premises or school grounds without special permission of the school principal. Guide dogs are the only exception. This year, our school is developing a 'Pets' policy to set procedures around the safety and OHSW requirements of other animals / pets being brought on to school grounds. We will keep you informed of this work as it develops.

NUT FREE ZONE ...

For the care and safety of students with severe nut allergies at this school parents are asked **not** to send food that contain nuts (especially peanuts) or nut products. Your help in this matter is much appreciated.



FUNDRAISING 2012

The fundraising committee has a number of exciting fundraising activities already planned for 2012..

- 21st Feb = Pancake Day
- Spring Bulbs—order forms sent home last week, Due back by 1st March
- Athlete's foot promotion—if you buy a pair of shoes from the Athletes foot at Modbury, and mention our school, they will donate a % of the sales
- Entertainment Books—these popular books are fantastic value at just \$65 each. If you would like a copy please let the front office know.

This year we are fundraising for another portable stage set to give our R-7 classes more performance space in our school events and assemblies.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING WORKSHOPS

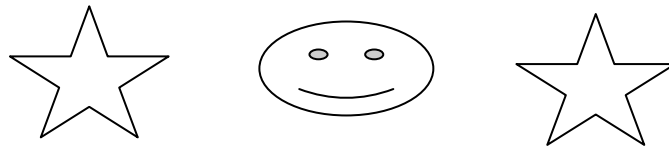
*Are you a volunteer in our school?
Do you want to find out about becoming a volunteer?*

Banksia Park R-7 School will be offering all new volunteers a choice of 2 training sessions this term:

**On: Fri 24th Feb 9.00– 10.30am, or
Fri 23rd March 9.00– 10.30am**

Please inform the school if you wish to participate in either session Ph 8264 2114

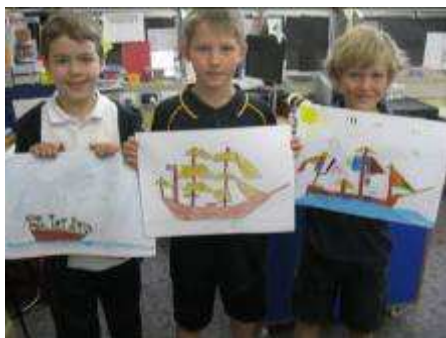
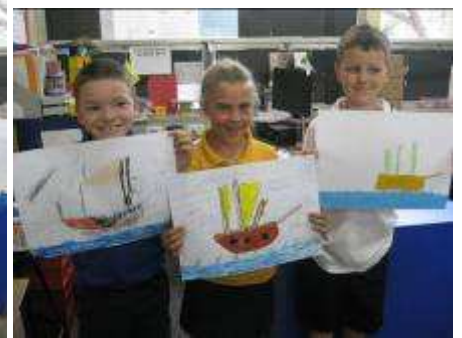
We have enjoyed returning to school and meeting our friends again. We have discussed our class rules and consequences so that we can ensure a safe and happy year ahead of us.



ROOM 13
students welcome everyone
back to school for a great 2012.

We have been discussing Australia Day and looked at pictures of the sailing ships that arrived in 1788.

Do you like the drawings that we have done?
We are proud of them because they are not so easy to draw!



BANKSIA PARK CALENDAR 2012

TERM 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 Mon 13th			ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT 6pm	ASSEMBLY 10.20AM	
Week 4 Mon 20th	POLICE BAND 10AM		PRINCIPALS TOUR 9.30AM		VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Week 5 Mon 27th		SUNNY SAFE PROGRAM R-3			PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 6 Mon 5th	AGM Mtg 7pm			ASSEMBLY 10.20AM	
Week 7 Mon 12th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	SWIMMING R-5	SWIMMING R-5	SWIMMING R-5	SWIMMING R-5
Week 8 Mon 19th		PRINCIPALS TOUR 9.30AM	HARMONY DAY		VOLUNTEER TRAINING 9.30AM
Week 9 Mon 26th			YEAR 6/7 AQUATICS	ASSEMBLY 10.20AM SPASASA ATHLETICS	
Week 10 Mon 2nd				End of term dismissal 2.05pm	EASTER FRIDAY

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Do You Want to Learn an Instrument???** Banksia Park Concert Bands Inc. **Junior Band Program**= 6-14years of age **Beat Bugs** – Come and Learn an Instrument. Small Group Instrumental Instruction Included. Monday 4:30-5:30pm School Terms. **Dawn To Dusk** – Already Learning an Instrument... Come and join our fun and friendly band! Monday 6:00 – 7:30pm School Terms. We perform at local events such as TTG Remembrance Day and TTG Christmas Pageant. Reasonable Annual Fees. Instrument Hire Available Also Available: For more details phone Hannah: 0429019417
- **WORLD TAEKWONDO:** Self defence martial arts at Modbury, Scout Hall (Crn McIntyre Road & Wright Rd). Mon & Wed nights. Specialised kids classes 6pm. Adults 6.30pm. Ph 0412909500, 0400224887 or visit www.worldtaekwondo.com.au or email info@worldtaekwondo.com.au
- **Grasshopper Soccer Team:** Term 1 program starts Sat 11th Feb & Sun 12th Feb at St Pauls College. Non-competitive soccer program and is designed for children aged 2-12. To enrol or for further information visit our website www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au.
- **Cricket Australia:** The MILO in2CRICKET program is dedicated to helping kids learn how to play cricket! For more information, to register or to find out your nearest location visit www.in2CRICKET.com.au. Modbury starts 11th Feb, Golden Grove starts 10th Feb so be quick!

PARENT MORNING TEA

WHEN: Thursday 17th February from 9am (before assembly)

WHERE: Staff room (downstairs in Blue Building)

WHO: All parents are welcome and younger children are provided for with toys and snacks