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Banksia Park School R-7

Term 3 Newsletter

OUR VALUES

Respect & Responsibility
Growth
Self Worth
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Commitment



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(7pm)**

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to another exciting, educational and jam packed term, albeit a little cold at the moment!

Term 3 is already shaping up to be very busy. Please read the enclosed information about events and happenings that are occurring this term and add any dates to the attached calendar as they arise. Remember to download our Skoolbag App (on either Android or Apple Smart Phones) so that you are kept up to date with any events that will be occurring. Our school blog (banksiar7.edublogs.org) will keep you well informed of anything that has occurred in the school, inclusive of photos.

This week teachers will be sending home a term 3 update for what will be happening in their classrooms this term.

Hoping you all have a great term. Stay Warm!

Korean Homestay Students

This Friday, Banksia Park School R-7 welcomes 9 Korean students to our school on a home school stay. The student will arrive in Adelaide on Friday morning and will be part of our school for just under 3 weeks. During this time, the Korean students will learn about the Australian Culture and school system and in turn our students will learn about Korea. Eight wonderful families within our school community have offered to host these students and play tour guide whilst the students are with us. A small welcome will be held on Friday when they arrive, but given the fact that they will have just arrived on a flight from Singapore, we will hold a whole school welcome assembly on Monday morning at 11.30am to allow them some time to settle in and catch up on some sleep. We trust that the Banksia Park School community will make our guests welcome whilst they enjoy their Australian adventure.

Gold Building Toilets

In the holidays, the male and female student toilets in Gold Building received a much needed face lift. The floor had a special coating applied and the cubicle doors and walls were painted, whilst the waterless urinals were replaced with cisterns that flush. We foresee that this will be stage one of a three stage process, with Blue Building upper and lower levels being refurbished over the next few years.

Retaining Wall

Unfortunately a delay at the powder coaters has held up the new retaining wall / fence construction between Blue and Gold Buildings. New fencing will be installed along with a cement lintel and then special weather proof boarding applied to the wall surface

and the long awaited wall will be complete. Once the wall has been finalised, new paving and bitumen will be laid around blue building and the area between Blue building and the groundsman shed. I spoke to the builder yesterday and with the delay in the fencing at the powder coaters, they anticipate that the wall will be complete in approximately six weeks.

Gold Building Kitchen

In the holidays, Rob Rozee and myself installed a new kitchen in Gold Building which was kindly donated by the Bills family. This kitchen (once the electrics and plumbing is completed) will allow the Gold Building students a room where they can prepare food and provide a usable space where our wonderful volunteers can prepare fruit for the Gold Building classes. On behalf of the school community, we sincerely thank the Bills family on this wonderful donation – THANKYOU!

Staffing Update

Last term we farewelled our Aboriginal Community Education Officer Nikki Fejo. Nikki worked with staff, parents and students for the first 6 months of 2015. This term Nikki is on her final practicum and will be a qualified teacher in term 4. We thank Nikki for her efforts and wish her well for the future.

This term, we welcome Keith Jarman as our well-being teacher. Initially, Keith will work with us one day a week on a Thursday for the remainder of 2015. Keith comes to us with many years experience as a primary school counsellor. Keith's role will be to facilitate the SRC, review the school values with community consultation, provide a counselling service to students and parents, provide information and referral services to students and families, review our school preventative programmes so that we embrace one programme from R-7 and to work alongside teachers to ensure a smooth and seamless roll out. I am confident that our school community will make Keith feel very welcome during his time with us at Banksia Park School R-7.

Pastoral Support Worker

At this stage, we still have not been able to find a replacement Pastoral Support Worker. We will endeavour to continue working closely with Schools Ministry Group to find the right person for the role. Stay tuned for more information as it arises.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers

Our school is collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. Feel free to send any stickers in to the school with your child and help us earn some great rewards!

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Fruit Trees / Fruit Forest

This week, it is expected that the school will receive our delivery of bare root fruit trees as stage one of the establishment of our very own fruit forest. In time, the students will be able to care for the trees and enjoy the fruits. This fruit forest will work in conjunction with our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen, school garden and chickens as we work toward being a eco-friendly sustainable school.

Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews

In week 5 this term, we will be holding parent / teacher interviews. Online Booking information will come home shortly and families will be able to book interview times to discuss student learning with the class teachers. Each class teacher has been and is in the process of finalising individual reading and numeracy goals for each student in the school. We are using these interviews as an opportunity to share the goals set (based on PAT ACER data) to provide direction so that class teachers and families can work closely together to ensure that all students are making positive growth in their learning. Interviews will be 10 minutes in duration and will be held in the school gym. More information about how to book interview times and the interview code will be provided in the next few days – stay tuned!

Levelled Readers

At the end of last term, Junior Primary staff and SSOs gave the schools levelled readers a major clean up / stock take. A number of outdated / damaged books were disposed of and an inventory compiled to determine where the gaps / shortfalls were. Over \$3000 worth of updated, current, levelled readers have been ordered and should arrive this week ready for the students to take home and start reading.

Natural Maths Parent Workshop

Later this term on Wednesday 2nd September, our school has been very fortunate to be able to book Ann Baker to run a parent workshop on Natural Maths strategies. As part of our Numeracy focus, we have been slowly rolling out Natural Maths as a key focus

area at Banksia Park School R-7. We strongly encourage you to keep this date available so that you can attend the free session and best support your children at home by understanding and embracing the Natural Maths strategies being taught at school. Ann will show parents some different maths strategies as well as play some simple and fun maths games that can easily be played at home, using mathematical language and concepts. For more information about Ann Baker, Natural Maths is available on her website: <http://naturalmaths.com.au/Home>

Movie Night Fundraiser

On Friday of week two (31/7/15), the school will be holding a movie night (Paper Planes) in the school gym on the big screen. Families will be able to pre-order a \$5 snack pack (healthy and not so healthy options available) to enjoy while watching the free movie. This will be one of our schools fundraising activities for 2015, so we encourage you to come along, bring a bean bag or sleeping bag and enjoy the movie! Hope to see you there and please ensure that you complete and return the order form which went home earlier this week to secure your snack pack on the night.

Site Improvement Plan

As part of our Site Improvement Plan, this term teaching staff will be looking at the current Site Improvement Plan and identifying areas that we have progressed well in (in terms 1 and 2) and what areas we need to further focus on for the remainder of the year. We will also be giving the SIP a narrower focus with specific action plans for our three priority areas so that we can really delve down deeper and make a big impact on student learning from R-7.

Pupil Free Day / School Closure

In week 8 of this term, we have a Pupil free day on the Thursday (10/9/15) and a school closure on the Friday (11/9/15). The school closure allows families to attend the Royal Adelaide Show without interrupting student learning and the Pupil Free Day will allow our staff to work with both Ridgehaven and Redwood Park Schools as we unpack the new Digital Technologies curriculum.