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Banksia Park School R-7

Term 4 Newsletter

OUR 'NEW' VALUES

**Trust
Respect
Excellence**



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Department for Education and
Child Development

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Important Dates

**FINANCE MEETING—2ND
NOVEMBER (6.30PM)**

**GOVERNING COUNCIL
MEETING—2ND NOVEMBER
(7pm)**

**GROUNDS AND FACILITIES
MTG—19TH OCTOBER
(3.05PM)**

**EDUCATION AND
MARKETING MEETING—
26TH OCTOBER (4.15PM)**

**EXTERNAL REVIEW—
20TH/21ST OCTOBER**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS—26TH
OCTOBER**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD
PUPIL FREE DAY**

**ROOM 6/8 CAMP—28/10—
30/10**

**SPORTS DAY—6TH
NOVEMBER**

**WESTFIELD CHRISTMAS
PARADE—7TH NOVEMBER**

**CELEBRATION NIGHT—8TH
DECEMBER**

Welcome Back

Welcome back to another exciting, educational and jam packed term. Whilst term 4 is the shortest term, it is always the busiest term.

Term 4 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 4 newsletter for what will be happening in their classrooms this term.

Hoping you all have a great term.

Blue Building Carpets

In the recent holidays, the majority of blue building received new floor coverings. Rooms 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and the upstairs computer pod received new carpet, whilst the SAKG had new floor boards installed. Not only do these floor coverings give the school a fresh new look, they also make for better, more conducive learning environments.

First Aid for Students

On the 18th and 19th of November, our school has booked in for all students to participate in a basic First Aid course. We believe that it is important that all students have a basic awareness of First Aid, so that in the event of an emergency our students may be able to assist. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please inform your child's class teacher.

School Values

The community consultation period has concluded for the new proposed school values. The responses that we received were positive and have been embraced by the staff, students and wider school community as a whole. Keith Jarman will begin working with all classes this term unpacking the new school values; Trust, Respect and Excellence (T.R.E).

Parent Opinion Survey

We recently advertised our 2015 parent opinion survey available on Survey Monkey. If you haven't already had your say, you only have two weeks left to provide us your thoughts and opinions. Whilst we all love to hear positive comments, this is also an opportunity to let us know the things that aren't working as well. If we don't know what and where we need to improve, then the status quo will remain the same. Please follow the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KPHXRKL> and have your say!

Staffing Update

We congratulate Mr Alan Meldrum and Ms Meaghan Smythe on winning permanent positions at Banksia Park School R-7 from 2016 and beyond. Ms Smythe will be on Maternity Leave in 2016. We congratulate Alan on his permanent appointment and congratulate Meaghan on her permanent appointment as well as the upcoming arrival of her first child.

Pastoral Support Worker

We are happy to announce that our new Pastoral Support Worker, Danielle McAllister started with us this week. Danielle will be working on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's for a period of 12 hours a week this term. Once Danielle settles in, the breakfast club will once again recommence. I am sure that you will make Danielle feel very welcome. Please introduce yourself if you see her in the school.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers

Our school managed to collect nearly 10000 earn and learn stickers through the recent Woolworths promotion. We have ordered a wide range of resources which will directly benefit the students at Banksia Park School R-7. We appreciate all families efforts in collecting so many stickers and thank everyone who contributed!

Pupil Free Day

On Tuesday 3rd November, the teaching staff will be attending a Guy Claxton "Powerful Learning" Professional Development session. This session will provide a lead in to the work that we plan to undertake in 2016 to provide all students with intellectual stretch so that they reach their maximum potential in all areas of learning. OSHC will be open on this day. Please ensure that you book ASAP to ensure a space is available for your child/ren (0401718832).

Sports Day

This year our sports day will be held on 6th November. The fundraising committee will be holding a sausage sizzle as well as selling cakes and soft drinks. Both Leanne Trewartha and myself will be cooking and serving the BBQ while our team of helpful fundraising volunteers will be selling drinks, iceblocks and cakes. Please keep this date free and come along to support your child whilst they participate in sports day.

Student Attendance

Please ensure that students arrive at school before 8.47am (first bell) and that family holidays are booked during school vacation periods. At the end of last term an Attendance Brochure was sent home to all families. We encourage you to read this brochure carefully and try to ensure that all students are at school on time so that they receive their full educational entitlement.



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External Review

Next Tuesday and Wednesday our school has been selected by DECD to participate in an external review. The intent of the external review is to identify what is working well and what areas we need to further improve. On Tuesday afternoon (2.45pm—3.30pm) there will be a Governing Council parent panel meeting with the review officers and on Wednesday morning (9am—9.45am) the review officers will be meeting with another parent group. There are still a few spaces available should any parent wish to participate. If you are interested, please let Jason know ASAP.

Student Reports

At the end of this term, all students will receive their semester two report. Accompanying this year's student report will also be an attendance report for term 4 (that we are trialling) so that parents / caregivers receive a snap shot of their children's attendance history.

Transitions

This term we have scheduled four Kindergarten to Reception Transition visits (on the calendar) to allow our new students as much time as possible to become familiar with school routines. Ms Nina Towsty will be taking the Kindergarten students for their transition visits and Ms Libby Schwert will be taking the Room 11 students on the days that Ms Towsty is with the Kindergarten students. Similarly, we have two transition visits organised with Banksia Park International High School (also on the calendar) for our Year 7 students who will be entering high school in 2016.

Westfield Christmas Parade

Once again, our school will be participating in the Westfield Tea Tree Plaza Annual Community Christmas Parade on **Saturday 7 November 2015**.

What: Westfield Tea Tree Plaza Community Christmas Parade

When: Saturday 7 November, 2015

Time: Assembling: 9am, Parade: 10am

Where: Commences: Tea Tree Gully Council Depot on Tolley Road.

To continue along Tolley and Smart Road, concluding at the Westfield Tea Tree Plaza roof top carpark at approximately 11am.

Note: approximate 2km route

We are seeking as many students as possible (in school shirt) to walk the pageant route promoting Banksia Park

School R-7, handing out lollies and school brochures to the public. Not only do we aim to spread the Christmas cheer, we are hoping to recruit a few more families to enrol in 2016.

If you would like your child/ren to be involved, please complete the slip below and return to the school ASAP.

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(student name/s)
would like to participate in the 2015 Westfield Tea Tree Plaza Annual Community Christmas Parade, representing Banksia Park School R-7.

(parent signature)

2016 ENROLMENTS

As we begin to make plans for 2016 it is essential that any new students complete an enrolment form early in Term 4, 2015. We also need to know if any children (other than our 2015 Year 7 students) are planning to leave. If you are considering moving or know you are, could you please let us know ASAP so we can begin to organise classes ready for 2016. Alternatively, if you know of any families that are planning to enrol with us, please encourage them to make contact with us ASAP.

2016 AT BANKSIA PARK SCHOOL R-7

Complete the slip below (or write a letter) if there is information you would like us to take into consideration when placing your child in 2016 but remember **this is not a request for a particular teacher**.

Please return the reply slip by Friday 6th November.

2016 Attendance

My child/ren _____

WILL NOT be attending Banksia Park School R-7 in 2015.

(parent signature)

Information Sharing

As parent of _____
I feel the following information is important when placing my child in a class for 2016.

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Pastoral Care Worker



My name is Danielle, and I feel privileged to announce I'm the new Pastoral Care Worker at Banksia Park School R-7.

I've studied youth work at university, and have a range of experiences working with children and young people. I have worked in emergency care, run a recovery service at the Schoolies weekend, and run social programs through my church youth group. I have also previously worked as a piano tutor.

I'm passionate about the well-being of children and young people, and serving the community. I'm looking forward to getting to know the students, parents, and staff at Banksia Park School R-7. I will be at the school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If you have any questions or would like to chat, you can contact me by calling 8264 2114.

BANKSIA PARK CALENDAR 2015

TERM 4	Monday	Tuesday 	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Lunch Orders		Banking 	
Week 1 Mon 12/10					SAPSASA YEAR 4/5 FUN DAY
Week 2 Mon 19/10	Grounds and Facilities Mtg 3.05pm	EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW	EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW	Year 6/7 Highschool Transition 2pm	
Week 3 Mon 26/10	Ed & Marketing Meeting 4:15pm SCHOOL PHOTOS	Fundraising Meeting 3.20pm.	ROOM 6/8 CAMP ASSEMBLY RM 11	ROOM 6/8 CAMP	ROOM 6/8 CAMP
Week 4 Mon 2/11	Finance Meeting— 6.30pm Governing Council 7pm	PUPIL FREE DAY - GUY CLAXTON			WESTFIELD CHRISTMAS PARADE—SAT 7TH NOV. SPORTS DAY
Week 5 Mon 9/11	Cupcake Fundraiser	KINDY TRANSITION 9- 10.30AM	REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY		CROWS FOOTY CLINICS
Week 6 Mon 16/11		KINDY TRANSITION 8.50AM—11.30AM	FIRST AID FOR STUDENTS ASSEMBLY (PRC)	FIRST AID FOR STUDENTS	
Week 7 Mon 23/11		KINDY TRANSITION 8.50AM—1.45PM			
Week 8 Mon 30/11	Finance Meeting 6.30pm Governing Council 7pm	KINDY TRANSITION 8.50AM—3.05PM			
Week 9 Mon 7/12	CLASS VISITS	CELEBRATION NIGHT	CLASS PARTY DAY	YEAR 7 GRADUATION CEREMONY	POOL DAY