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Banksia Park School R-7

Term 2 Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to another exciting, educational and jam packed term. Term 2 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. You should have received a class newsletter last week regarding what will be happening in each classroom this term. If you did not receive one, please see your child's teacher.

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Hoping you all have a great term.

Gold Building Carpets

This year we have budgeted for the final stage of carpeting to occur in Gold Building classrooms. Not only do these floor coverings give the school a fresh new look, they also make for better, more conducive learning environments. We are hoping that the new carpets will be installed in the next school holidays (pending Governing Council approving the 2016 school budget)

NAPLaN

Tomorrow marks the start of NAPLaN for the years 3, 5 and 7 students. Students will sit assessments in Numeracy, Writing, Reading and Language and Conventions. All students in the above mentioned year levels will participate in the assessments unless they have been withdrawn by the parents / caregivers. Please come to the front office ASAP to complete a student withdrawal form.

New Students

We would like to welcome our seven new students and their families to the Banksia Park School R-7 community. We are sure that you will enjoy your time at Banksia Park School and find it a very rewarding and educational experience.

Nature Play

In the holidays, the Nature Play work in the South Yard started. So far we have had the boat placed in the school yard, a cubby house installed, a clothes line installed (to support a climbing plant as a natural shade structure), the posts put in for a second natural shade structure, a quarry made (just needs to be covered in soil) and a dry river creek bed dug out and filled with stone. We are extremely grateful to Geoff Pascoe (and Jack) for the work they have provided to date with the bobcat and to Holcim Quarry

for the donations of stone and Garden Grove for their delivery. The next large work that we are now organising is the installation of irrigation. Whilst this will be an ongoing process for a while, it is making progress in the right direction. We are still seeking someone who may be able to assist with any of the following;

- Bridge to be built over the dry creek bed
- Old ruin created (someone who knows how to lay bricks)
- Planting of gardens (once irrigation has been completed)
- Jetty to be erected near the boat.

The school has most resources (or can purchase them), we are just seeking someone to actually create the above mentioned structures. If you are able to donate your time, or even complete the work for us at a very cheap price (and you have an ABN), then please get in contact with us.

Staffing Update

We welcome Chloe Copp as our new ACEO (Aboriginal Community Education Officer). Chloe will work with us this term and again in term 4 this year. Chloe will be onsite on both Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons. I am sure that our school community will make Chloe welcome!

Pupil Free Day

On Tuesday 14th June, the teaching staff will be attending an Ann Baker 'Natural Maths' professional development day with Surrey Downs Primary School staff. More information will be sent home at a later date, but if you require care for your children on this day, please let Mark in OSHC know. Please ensure that you book ASAP to ensure a space is available for your child/ren (0401718832).

Student Attendance

Please ensure that students arrive at school before 8.47am (first bell) and that family holidays are booked during school vacation periods. We have an attendance brochure available for families that require some additional information. If you would like a copy of the brochure, request one at the school office. 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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Important Dates

**FINANCE MEETING—16th
May (6.15PM) / 27th June
(6.30pm)**

**GOVERNING COUNCIL
MEETING—16th May / 27th
June (7pm)**

**OSHC Meeting—11th May
(6.30PM)**

NAPLaN—10TH—12th May

**Queen's Birthday Public
Holiday — 13/6**

**Ann Baker—Pupil Free
Day—14/6**

**SPORTS DAY—6TH
NOVEMBER**

**Room 3 Zoo Snooze
16-17 May**



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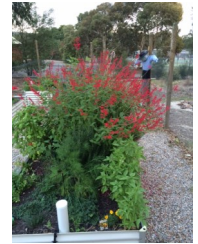
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Student Reports

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 semester 1 so that parents / caregivers receive a snap shot of their children's attendance history.



Mum's Day / Mothers Day

On Friday, our school hosted a very successful Mother's Day stall. The fundraising committee carefully selected gifts that they thought the students may like to purchase their mums or another special female in their lives. In the afternoon, we held our first, very successful Mums Day. Classrooms were open between 12pm—1pm and then there were a number of displays in the gym, not to mention a yummy lunch of soup and bread. In the afternoon, Ian from the Red Cross gave the mums a presentation on 'First Aid in the home'. We hope that all the mums / special, ladies who were able to attend enjoyed the day.

We also assembled a 'green house' in the school holidays, which will allow us to grow seedlings for the gardens as well as provide a warmer environment for those plants which do not like the cold weather. We look forward to putting this greenhouse to full use when we purchase some shelving which will allow us to make best use of the space available.

We were also fortunate enough to receive some donations of banana palms which have been planted in the school yard. In time, these will fruit and provide the school with some bananas for the students to eat.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

We still warmly welcome any volunteers who wish to lend a hand in either the kitchen or the garden in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden sessions. Accompanying this newsletter is a roster of when classes are in the kitchen or the garden. All volunteers require a criminal history screening as well as participated in a school run induction. If you would like to lend a hand in either the kitchen or the garden, please contact Jackie Knox and **l e t h e r k n o w**. (Jackie.knox657@schools.sa.edu.au)
At the end of last term, we took possession of our first Aquaponics Setup to show the students an alternative way of growing vegetables and edible fish at the same time. We currently have one system operating with vegetables growing in the clay media above and Silver Perch growing below. The Silver Perch provide the plants with all the nutrients they require (through the fish 'waste products') and the plants purify the water so that the fish have clean water to live in. The whole system is not only sustainable, but healthy as well.

Whole School Assemblies

A reminder that our whole school assemblies will continue to be held on the even weeks (weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10) on Wednesday mornings between 9am—9.30am. We extend a warm welcome to any family members that wish to come along to the assembly and learn about our next Learning Muscle—this week being 'Questioning'.

SIP—2016

Teaching staff have been working together on the 2016 Site Improvement Plan. The Plan this year will differ a bit from previous years, where we have opted to select fewer points and execute them well, rather than have a number of challenges occurring at once and not completing them to as higher standard as anticipated. The SIP will be presented to Governing Council in week 3 of this term, and if accepted, will be published for the whole school to peruse and provide input.

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Walk-a-thon



On Thursday 7th April, our school held a very successful and fun walk-a-thon. All students participated in this event and nearly all students raised some much needed funds for the school—to go toward a new swing for the playground, Nature Play areas and a second basketball court.



We congratulate the whole school community for getting behind this event and raising nearly \$9000. We congratulate all students who participated and their families who supported them in raising money for the school. Top effort!!



BANKSIA PARK SCHOOL R-7 SAKG TERM 2 2016

WEEK & DATE	TIME	EVERY THURSDAY GARDEN LESSON & PERSONNEL Krys 2. Class teacher + Volunteers	TIME	EVERY FRIDAY KITCHEN LESSON & PERSONNEL Jackie 2. Krys 3. Class teacher + Volunteers
1	No lessons - Prepare both areas for term, restock pantry & garden needs			
2 Blue Building			9:35 – 11:05	Rm 6
	1.40 – 2.20	Rm 2	11.25 – 12.45	Rm 8
	2.20 – 3.00	Rm 3	1.35 – 2.55	Rm 7
3 Blue Building	1.40 – 2.20	Rm 6	11.25 – 12.45	Rm 2
	2.20 – 3.00	Rm 7	1.35 – 2.55	Rm 3
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5 Blue Building	1.40 – 2.20	Rm 8	11.25 – 12.45	Rm 2
	2.20 – 3.00	Rm 6	1.35 – 2.55	Rm 3
6 Gold Building	1.40 – 2.20	Rm 11	11.25 – 12.45	Rm 13
	2.20 – 3.00	Rm 12	1.35 – 2.55	Rm 14
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10	No lessons – clean up both areas – wash and wipe down kitchen utensils, appliances, workbenches, tidy garden and ensure care plan for holidays.			

BANKSIA PARK CALENDAR 2016

TERM 2	Monday	Tuesday 	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Lunch Orders			Banking 	
Week 1 Mon 2/5					Mother's Day Stall Mum's Day
Week 2 Mon 9/5		NAPLaN	NAPLaN	NAPLaN	
Week 3 Mon 16/5	Finance Meeting 6.15pm Governing Council 7pm Fundraising Meeting	SAPSASA Soccer			
Week 4 Mon 23/5					
Week 5 Mon 30/5					
Week 6 Mon 6/6					
Week 7 Mon 13/6	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Ann Baker Pupil Free Day	SAPSASA Netball	Rm 3 Zoo Snooze	Rm 3 Zoo Snooze
Week 8 Mon 20/6					
Week 9 Mon 27/6	Finance Meeting- 6.30pm Governing Council -7pm		SAPSASA Boys Football		
Week 10 Mon 4/7					