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Banksia Park School R-7

Newsletter

OUR VALUES

**Trust
Respect
Excellence**



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CANTEEN

Next Tuesday (Week 2 —
7/2/17) will be our first
canteen day. 'Cheeky
Monkey Catering' will
continue to be our canteen
provider on a Tuesday. All
food is prepared fresh on site
and complies with the DECD
Right Bite Healthy Eating
Policy. Please see attached
the 2018 canteen order form.

REVERSE INTERVIEWS

Information went home
yesterday about Reverse
Interviews. Please ensure that
you use the online system to
reserve a spot for each child
you have to share this important
information with your child's
class teacher.
www.schoolinterviews.com.au
and booking code **9br9q**.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN (SAKG)

This year, the SAKG will
encompass all classes, R-7 on a
rotational basis. Thursday will be
garden days led by Michelle
Bailey and Thursdays and
Fridays will be both kitchen
days led by Jackie Knox and
Krys Pitt. Gardening will be on
Thursday mornings (4 classes a
week) and cooking will be after
recess on both days (4 classes).
We are actively seeking
volunteers who may like to
spend some time in either the
kitchen or the garden (or both)
on either day. If you would like
to lend a hand, or know
someone who may, we would
love to hear from you!

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school and the 2018 school
year! I hope that you all had a happy, safe
and relaxing holiday period and that you are
refreshed and rejuvenated for a fun packed
and educational school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to
welcome some of our new or returning staff
members.

- In Room 2 we welcome Mr Brad Martin (Brad). Brad is currently teaching one of the three Years 6/7 classes.
- In Room 3 we welcome Mr Carl Johnson. Carl will be teaching at Year 6/7 class for 2018.
- In Room 4 we welcome Ms Bettina Paukner. (Ms Bettina) Bettina will be teaching the remaining Year 6/7 class.
- Room 5 welcomes Ms Claire Adams joining us as a Year 5/6 teacher.
- In Room 14, Ms Bec Marshall will be teaching the Reception students.
- Ms Melanie Waugh won the Student Wellbeing Coordinator role 0.4 days a week (12pm daily, excluding Mondays) and will teach Physical Education across the school.

There have also been a few role changes and I am happy to announce;

- Mrs Emma Stewart will be teaching AUSLAN (Australian Sign Language) and Health Monday—Wednesday in Room 10.
- Ms Rebecca Chittleborough will be teaching Science and Health in 2018.
- Mrs Meaghan Smythe will be providing classroom teacher release so teachers can gather student assessment data on Thursday and Friday until week 5, when she leaves to take Maternity Leave in readiness of the arrival of her second child.
- Ms Julie Anderson returns after taking 2017 off and will provide classroom support and intervention for identified students.

We also welcome new SSOs to our school.

- Ms Alysha Wedding who will be providing classroom support and specific targeted intervention for identified students.
- Michelle Bailey will be overseeing the Garden side of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, commencing in week 3 of this term.
- Ms Nat Greig will be working Tuesday-Friday in classrooms for targeted support for identified students.

I am sure that the school community will make our new staff feel very welcome. Feel free to

introduce yourself and have a chat!

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our many new students and families to the Banksia Park School R-7 community. At last count, we just under 300 students enrolled R-7. We look forward to working with all students and their families this year and for the coming years ahead.

Please find a Term 1 calendar of events which you may like to add to as the term progresses. Additional events / information will be sent out via the Skoolbag App, Class Dojo and the School Blog.

ASSEMBLIES

As indicated in the letter to families sent out in early January, please make note that the 2018 student assemblies will be held on Wednesday mornings (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 of each school term). Assemblies will start at 9am and will conclude at 9.30am. We encourage and welcome any parents or family members to stay for the assembly when possible to support your children and get a snapshot of some of the things that have been happening around the school. Assemblies this year will continue to focus on the Building Learning Power, but will be run between school leadership and the weekly nominated classes.

COMMUNICATION

This week you will receive a Term 1 overview from your children's class teacher. This would have outlined their rules, expectations and organisational matters so that as parents / caregivers you are aware and can assist your children in being organised.

Once again, we will continue using Skoolbag as our main tool of communication. PLEASE make sure that you down load this onto your smartphone. If you do not have a smart phone, please notify the front office so that hard copies of information can be sent home to you, so that you are receiving all school communication.

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".



CELEBRATION NIGHT

After careful consideration and discussion as a staff, we have decided that whilst the 2017 Celebration Night was a resounding success, we are going to move it back to later in term 4, as feedback from the community was that they missed the Christmas Carols. The 2018 Celebration Night date is 11th December.

Melanie Waugh Student Wellbeing Coordinator

12:30pm-3pm Tuesday-Friday

Our school focus is to equip our young children and our young people to become a **community of life long learners** so they can achieve their full potential in becoming contributing, confident and successful citizens.

The foundation of achieving our positive school environment is through teaching, supporting and role modelling the school values:

Trust. Respect and Excellence.

During Term 1, I would like to continue to support classroom teachers and all students to feel valued, safe and secure through raising awareness and teaching the understanding of Children's Rights and Responsibilities.

Students will gain an understanding that they are a large part of the school community and they have the responsibility to uphold high expectations of themselves. This includes expectations of appropriate behaviour (respectful, positive and inclusive) and expectations of applying themselves to achieve their best educational learning.

All parents/caregiver/s are welcome to contact me or drop by my office if they would like to discuss any matters of concern.
melanie.waugh373@schools.sa.edu.au

8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

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You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

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3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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FACILITIES

Starting next week, we have several facility upgrades occurring this term.

Bitumin / Paving Upgrades

- ◆ The footpaths between Blue Building and the Oval (private road way) will start being resurfaced next Monday, with temporary fencing being erected this week. This will take several weeks. Once this area has been completed, the company will move up to Gold Building, where the area out the front of Gold Building (Cottenham Road side) will be resurfaced and then moving to the carpark side of Gold Building. This will mean that only one side of the building will be accessed at a time as the other side will be closed for construction. We acknowledge that this will be a little more difficult, but appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Upper Level Student Toilets and Staff Toilet Upgrades

- ◆ During the term 1 / 2 holidays, the Upper Blue level toilets and the staff toilets in both blue and gold buildings will be upgraded, similar to the other toilets within the school which have already been refurbished.

Painting Upgrades

- ◆ Both Blue and Gold Buildings will receive an external repaint (gutters / fascia's / doors and posts) to freshen up the look of the buildings.

Carpet Upgrades

- ◆ The final stages of carpeting upgrade will occur in the Term 1 / 2 holidays as well as the replacement of the black edge stripping across the school.

Lighting Upgrades

- ◆ Early this year, we will be having a number of our internal fluorescent lights swapped over with more energy efficient LED lights.

This will predominantly occur in Gold Building.

AUSLAN

We are extremely excited to be trialling Auslan this year, as our second language. Ms Emma Stewart has been training in Auslan herself throughout the holidays (through courses and purchased resources) and we congratulate and thank her for her efforts to date. Given that it's a new subject for us, Ms Stewart will be targeting all lessons at the Foundation—Year 2 level, as like anything new, we have to start simple. We have had several information sessions and discussions with Deaf Can: Do and had our first Professional Development session as a staff this week. We are also aiming to connect with the local deaf community through some hands on craft and activity sessions. If you are or know of any deaf person, who is conversant in sign language (Auslan) and would like to volunteer in the classrooms, we would love to hear from them / you.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY 2018

We are very excited to be participating in the Children's University again this year and in 2018, are opening it up to all students in Years 2-7. In essence, Children's University allows students to volunteer their time (before school, after school, lunch times, weekends and school holidays) to try something different, whether it be sports, activity groups, or educational settings such as libraries or Zoos. At the completion of their hours, students graduate from Bonython Hall at Adelaide University, in their full gown and mortar board. It is a user pay system and all students in Years 2-7 are eligible to partake if they pay the \$27.50 per student, or \$16.50 if you hold an approved school card. See our school website (www.banksiar7.sa.edu.au) for more detailed information. Permission forms will be sent home to all students in the near future who wish to participate.

WAKAKIRRI 2018

This year, thanks to several staff willing to volunteer their time, we have decided to participate in Wakakirri. Wakakirri is Australia's Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools. Schools across Australia create story dances that reflect students thoughts, ideas and aspirations. They are performed in professional theatres (Adelaide Entertainment Centre). A Wakakirri Story Dance is a 3-7 minute performance by a group of R-7 students who theatrically tell a story using a combination of dancing, creative movement and acting to pre-recorded music. Schools can tell any story and use any combination of dance, acting, music, sets, props and costumes.

There will a small cost to students who wish to participate, but we are aiming to offer some sort of subsidy to reduce the cost. If you would also like to be involved (as an adult) either in choreography, assistance, props, costumes or ideas, we would love to hear from you. Please email Jason.sheehy809@schools.sa.edu.au to register your interest as without sufficient parent helpers, we may not be able to proceed.

BANKSIA PARK CALENDAR 2018

TERM 1	Monday	 Tuesday	Wednesday	 Thursday	Friday
		Lunch Orders		Banking	
Week 1 Mon 29/1					
Week 2 Mon 5/2			Reverse Interviews Assembly 9am		
Week 3 Mon 12/2		Pancake Day			
Week 4 Mon 19/2			Assembly 9am		
Week 5 Mon 26/2	Governing Council / AGM 7pm				Clean Up Australia Day
Week 6 Mon 5/3			Assembly 9am		
Week 7 Mon 12/3	Adelaide Cup	Proposed Pupil Free Day	Years 6/7 Aquatics R-5 Swimming	R-5 Swimming	R-5 Swimming
Week 8 Mon 19/3	R-5 Swimming	R-5 Swimming	Harmony Day Assembly 9am	Naplan Online Practice	
Week 9 Mon 26/3	Governing Council / Finance				Good Friday
Week 10 Mon 2/4	Easter Monday	Parent Teacher Interviews	Parent Teacher Interviews Assembly 9am	Parent Teacher Interviews	
Week 11 Mon 9/4					Early Dismissal 2.05pm