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Banksia Park School R-7

Newsletter

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Important Dates

**Governing Council 29th
October & 3rd December**

**Celebration Night—11th
December**

Sports Day —9th November

**Year 7 Graduation— 5th
December**

**Volunteer Morning Tea—30th
November**

Pool Day—14th December

KINDY NEWS

A Reconciliation Action Plan is a formal statement of commitment to reconciliation. The Kindy have followed key steps in developing our RAP including establishing a working group with a diverse range of staff and community members, writing a Vision for Reconciliation, completing a reflection survey and completing 39 RAP actions. The completed RAP is on the Banksia Park Kindy website if you would like to read more about it. We are excited to be able to share more details about our up and coming launch of our Reconciliation Action Plan. Please save the date of Tuesday 13th November from 3.30pm – 5.30pm at the Kindy. We will have a few special guests, Uncle Ivan doing a Welcome to Country and Uncle Eddie performing some songs and dance. Zoe Bonney from the local area will also be here to sell her Aboriginal jewelry and artwork. There will be a celebration cake and coffee to share.

WELCOME TO TERM 4

Welcome to Term 4. We hope that you all had a happy, safe and relaxing holiday period with your children and that you are refreshed and rejuvenated for a fun packed and educational last term. Being the last term of the year, its going to be fast paced and action packed.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform our school community about some recent HR appointments.

- ◆ Mr Steve Lamb was the successful applicant of our recently advertised permanent position here at Banksia Park School R-7 for 2019.
- ◆ We welcome Mr Chris Johns to our ancillary team. Chris will be based in Room 13 for the remainder of the year.
- ◆ Mrs Carla Todd will be replacing Ms Deanna Belperio for the last 4 weeks of this term as Deanna is taking leave to prepare for her upcoming wedding.
- ◆ We welcome Mr William O'Donnell as our ICT technician. William replaces Mark Williams who won more hours at his other site.

We congratulate Steve, Chris and William on their appointment to Banksia Park School R-7.

Our school continues to grow. We welcome 12 new students to our school this term and will start 2019 at this stage with around 290 students and still rising. We will also be starting with nearly 40 Reception students. As we begin the early stages of determining class structures, we ask that you let us know ASAP whether your children are leaving Banksia Park School R-7 at the end of the year (excluding the Year 7 students who we are already aware are leaving) so that we can determine structures. We aim to be able to inform students of what class they will be in and who their teacher will be on Monday of week 9.

Attached to this newsletter is the Term 4 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 and the School Blog.

CLASS FLYERS

This week you would have received a Term 4 overview from your children's class teacher and the specialist teachers. This will outline 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. We cant reiterate enough for families to make sure that

you down load Skoolbag 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".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:

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

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
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).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The 2018 parent opinion survey will soon be available on Survey Monkey. We encourage as many families as possible to spend the 5-10 minutes to complete the survey. We want to hear 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. A message on skoolbag and the link will be sent out soon when it is available.

AUSLAN

Thanks to the families who completed the recent Auslan survey. 84% of families wish to see Auslan continue in 2019 and beyond, so we look forward to continuing Auslan next year.



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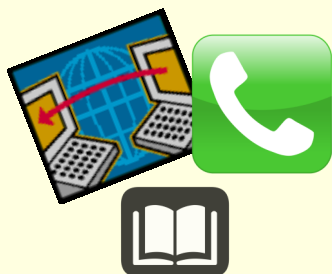
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VANDALISM

We continue to experience a moderate level of vandalism, but of late it seems to have become a bit more apparent, especially in the South Yard. We find it extremely disheartening to see all of our hard work that we have created for our students, your children to use only to have it deliberately damaged by vandals. The new cubby house, garden and boat recently were hit by vandals in the school holidays. We ask all members of the wider community to keep an eye on the school after hours. If you see someone acting suspiciously or vandalising something, we ask that you call the police on 131444 immediately.

COMMUNICATION

Last term, there were a few communication issues between the school and the home—information going out late etc, which we again, apologise for. At staff meeting this week, we discussed ways in which we can improve our communications. On the back of this newsletter is a term 4 calendar of significant events, that as things arise we ask that you add dates to. All teachers will send home some form of communication each week; whether it be via a letter in a communication book, skoolbag, the blog, class dojo, a group email or even via the school facebook page. Alternatively, we ask that you as families keep a look out for the weekly communication from your children's class teacher(s).



CELEBRATION NIGHT

Last year we trialled bringing Celebration Night forward, this year we have put it back to Week 9. Given that our school is growing in size, we need to determine how this event can be best managed. Previously we have had all guests, staff and students in the Gym, last year, we grew beyond that and students waited in their classrooms before and after their performance. We have formed a staff committee how to best run the evening, but are also toying with the notion of an outside event on the oval, but this is heavily dictated by the weather. At this stage (given that we cant find another larger venue) our students will not be in the Gym again on the evening (unless of course we opt for the oval idea) but instead will be waiting in Blue Building with their teachers and will enter the Gym when their class is required on stage. This will allow sufficient seating for our guests on the night within the whole gym. Students will get to see a matinee version of the celebrations during the school day, in which any members of the school community would be able to attend if they are unable to make the evening event. Whilst we realise that this is not the most ideal situation, we believe that it is the best that we can arrange. If you would like to provide any input into the Celebration Night, feel free to send Jason.sheehy809@schools.sa.edu.au an email and provide some ideas or suggestions.

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

ASSEMBLIES

Please remember that student assemblies will be held on Wednesday mornings (Weeks 2, 4, 6 and 9 this term). Assemblies 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. Each class takes it in turn to host and run an assembly. This term assemblies will be run by:

- Week 2—Room 2**
- Week 4 — Room 6**
- Week 6 - Premier's Reading Challenge**
- Week 9— Year 7 Farewell**

SPORTS DAY

This year our sports day will be held on Friday 9th November. We have organised for the Tea Tree Gully Lions Club to provide a sausage sizzle lunch as well as a coffee van to provide our guests with refreshments on the day. The school will also be selling cakes and soft drinks. A letter is

attached to this newsletter seeking volunteers to bake goods for sports day as well as help sell items. If you are able to assist, please return the form that was sent home. We encourage you to keep this date free and come along to support your child(ren).

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

We still warmly welcome any volunteers (parents, grandparents, friends or associates of your family) who would like to either work with students in the garden on a variety of gardening tasks and activities or in the Kitchen on either a Thursday or a Friday. Volunteers get to work alongside the students preparing, following recipes and cooking fresh produce from the school garden before getting to sit down and enjoy what they have made at the shared table. If you are interested in volunteering in either the Kitchen or the Garden (or both), please email Jackie.knox657@schools.sa.edu.au to register your interest. All volunteers will need to have a Criminal History Screening (that the school pays) and also partake in a short induction as well as some online Responding to Abuse and Neglect training before any volunteers are able to work with students.

2019 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 2019 but remember **this is not a request for a particular teacher. We will make the assumption, that unless we hear from you stating otherwise, your child/ren will be attending Banksia in 2019.**

Please return the reply slip by Wednesday 14th November. Requests after this date will be looked at, but will more than likely be unmatched as placement exercise will have already started.

2019 Attendance

My child/ren _____

WILL NOT be attending Banksia Park School R-7 in 2017.

(parent signature)

Information Sharing

As parent of _____
I feel the following information is important when placing my child in a class for 2019.

BANKSIA PARK CALENDAR 2018

TERM 4	Monday 	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 	Friday
		Lunch Orders		Banking	
Week 1 Mon 15/10				Active 8	SAPSASA Come and Try Day— Years 4/5
Week 2 Mon 22/10		New Reception Student Transition— 9am—10.30am		Active 8	
Week 3 Mon 29/10	Finance Meeting 6.30pm Governing Council Meeting 7pm	New Reception Student Transition— 8.45am—11.30am	Year 6/7 Camp	Year 6/7 Camp	Year 6/7 Camp
Week 4 Mon 5/11		New Reception Student Transition 8.45am—1.35pm			Sports Day
Week 5 Mon 12/11		New Reception Student Transition (full day)			Banksia Cup
Week 6 Mon 19/11	Pupil Free Day	R-3 Safety with Dogs Presentation			
Week 7 Mon 26/11	Finance Meeting 6.30pm Governing Council 7pm				Volunteer Morning Tea
Week 8 Mon 3/12			Year 7 Graduation		
Week 9 Mon 10/12	Class Visits—R-7 New Students Transition visits Year 7 @ BPIHS—all day	Celebration Night	Year 7 Farewell Assembly Class Parties Day	Class Moving Day	Pool Day

BANKSIA PARK SCHOOL SAKG CLASS ROSTER

Term 4 2018



Week	Time	Thursday	Time	Thursday	Friday
		GARDEN		KITCHEN	KITCHEN
1	9.35-10.20	Rm 6	11.25-12.50	Rm 6	No Kitchen
	10.20-11.05	Rm 7	1.35-2.55	Rm 7	No Kitchen
	11.25-12.05				
	12.05-12.45				
2	9.35-10.20	Rm 3	11.25-12.50	Rm 3	Rm 11
	10.20-11.05	Rm 11	1.35-2.55	Rm 2	Rm 12
	11.25-12.05	Rm 12			
	12.05-12.45	Rm 2			
3	9.35-10.20	Rm 8	11.25-12.50	Rm 8	Rm 13
	10.20-11.05	Rm 14	1.35-2.55	Rm 9	Rm 14
	11.25-12.05	Rm 13			
	12.05-12.45	Rm 9			
4	9.35-10.20	Rm 4	11.25-12.50	Rm 4	SPORTS
	10.20-11.05	Rm 5	1.35-2.55	Rm 5	DAY
	11.25-12.05				
	12.05-12.45				
5	9.35-10.20	Rm 6	11.25-12.50	Rm 6	Rm 8
	10.20-11.05	Rm 9	1.35-2.55	Rm 7	Rm 9
	11.25-12.05	Rm 8			
	12.05-12.45	Rm 7			
6	9.35-10.20	Rm 11	11.25-12.50	Rm 11	Rm 13
	10.20-11.05	Rm 13	1.35-2.55	Rm 12	Rm 14
	11.25-12.05	Rm 14			
	12.05-12.45	Rm 12			
7	9.35-10.20	Rm 3	11.25-12.50	Rm 2	No Kitchen Volunteer Morning Tea
	10.20-11.05	Rm 2	1.35-2.55	Rm 3	
	11.25-12.05				
	12.05-12.45				
8			No Kitchen /Garden		
9			No Kitchen/Garden		



Sports Day Cake Stall

At our Sports Day on Friday 9th Nov 2018, we will be selling cakes, slices and assorted drinks.

Are you able to help by providing, on Friday 9th November small cakes, muffins or slices which will be sold on the day. Please include a list of ingredients used in the products and attach to the plate.

We also need volunteers to help sell the cakes and drinks.

If you have half an hour to spare on the day, we would love some helpers to fill a roster.

Please return to the Office ASAP.

Thank you
Fundraising Committee

Parent name: _____

Contact number _____

I can donate a cake / slice

YES/NO Friday 9th November Sports Day

YES / NO I am able to help on the day

Preferred time is: _____