



# BANKSIA PARK SCHOOL R-7

Learning for Life - Pathways to Excellence

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome to the 2020 school year.

First of all, I would like to say I am looking forward to becoming a member of the Banksia Park Community and have been made extremely welcome by staff and by the families that I have had the opportunity of meeting in the lead up to school commencing. I am looking forward to working closely with the School Community to further promote the learning and wellbeing of our students.

Feedback from staff has indicated that last year was an extremely positive and productive year, with many extra curricula activities offered to the students and wider school community. 2020 is already shaping up to be a productive, educational and fun packed year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jackie Knox for her work as Principal last year.

I would like to welcome Amanda Prime who is joining us this year as our Year 5/6 teacher and am confident that she will be as warmly welcomed as I have been.

Our staff remains largely unchanged and we welcome back:

## Specialist Teachers

- Mrs Emma Stewart – R-7 AUSLAN (Mon / Tues) Rm 14
- Mr Christian Hodgson – R-7 Science (Mon – Thurs) Rm15
- Ms Melanie Waugh – Student Wellbeing Coordinator / Physical Education (Year 4-7) – Tues – Friday - Gym / Rm 4
- Ms Meaghan Smythe – Health / PE – R-4 (Monday and Friday) – Rm 9

## Classroom Teachers

- Reception / Year 1 – Rm 10– Ms Tiarne Dalby
- Reception / Year 1 – Rm 11 - Mrs Nina Towsty (M-W) / Melissa Votino (Thur – Fri)
- Year 1/2 – Rm 13 – Ms Deanna Belperio
- Year 2– Rm 12 – Mrs Bronwyn Adams
- Year 3/4 – Rm 8 – Ms Claire Adams
- Year 3 / 4 – Rm 7 – Mr Steve Lamb
- Year 5 – Rm 6 – Mrs Amy Schiener
- Year 5/6 – Rm 5 – Mrs Amanda Prime
- Year 6/7 – Rm 2– Mr Ben Bamford
- Year6/ 7 – Rm 3 – Mr Nathan Chapman

Jackie Knox will remain the Deputy Principal and the coordinator and facilitator of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) as well as managing intervention and students with disabilities.

## Ancillary Staff

- Mrs Jeanette Collins – Finance and Administration
- Ms Sarah Miles – Administration
- Ms Julie Anderson – Classroom / Student Support
- Mrs Krys Pitt – Intervention Support and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden
- Mrs Karen Cranage – Classroom and Library support
- Mrs Nadya Bolderoff – Classroom / Student Support
- Mrs Michelle Bailley - Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden
- Ms Sharyn Taylor - Classroom / Student Support
- Ms Alysha Wedding – Classroom / Student Support
- Ms Laura Rumsby – Classroom / Student Support
- Ms Laura Bennington – Classroom / Student Support
- Ms Chloe Parkyn – Aboriginal and Community Education Officer (ACEO) – Terms 2 and 4
- Mr Rob Rozee – Grounds person
- Mr William O’Donnell – ICT Manager
- Nathan McDuff – Pastoral Care Worker (PCW)
- Mr Mark Jones – Director - Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)
- Mrs Gaynor Perrett – Assistant Director - Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

As a reminder to all families, the first bell of the day will ring at 8.47am and the second bell will ring at 8.50am when face to face teaching starts. Recess is at 11.05am until 11.25am. Students will go to lunch at 12.55pm and return from lunch at 1.35pm. The school day ends at 3.05pm. The yard is supervised in the morning from 8.30am onwards. We ask that students are not on the school grounds prior to this time unless they are accompanied by an adult as there is no duty of care prior to this time.

It is important that students attend school every day and that they arrive on time. Please inform the school if your child is absent, ideally on the day or the next school day. Exemption forms need to be completed for planned extended absence over 5 days. Family holidays should try to be planned in holiday time to ensure that student learning is optimised throughout the school year.

Assemblies remain on Wednesday mornings starting at 9am. We welcome parents, family and friends to come along and gain a better insight into the happenings of the school. Assemblies will continue to focus upon our whole school focus of Building Learning Power. Our first assembly will be held in Week 2 on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9am. More information will be sent home at the start of the year.

The Materials and Services charge for 2020 remains at \$260 per student. Excursions or incursions will be capped at no more than \$70 per child throughout the year. Families experiencing financial difficulties can enter a payment agreement to pay off any excursions, camps or incursions so that no student is disadvantaged or excluded. Classes participating in any major camps costing more than the agreed amount above, will have limited excursions or incursions throughout the year to counter balance this cost. A terms notice will be given for any camps to ensure families have the maximum amount of time to save or pay off these events. 2020 sees the bi-annual Year 6/7 Camp and I will be meeting with the class teachers involved to explore options that will focus upon further developing student’s resilience, problem solving and team building skills.

2020 will see the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden continue, ensuring access to all 11 classes on a rotational basis. Each class will be seeking parent volunteers to assist. If you have the time, enjoy cooking and or gardening, then please let your child's class teacher know. Remember though, that all volunteers need to have completed the full volunteer process before any volunteer work can commence. Please speak to Sarah Miles in the Front Office for details. The SAKG will commence in week 3 of Term 1. A roster will be sent home in week 1 so that you are aware when your children will be in the kitchen or the garden throughout term 1 so that you can assist if possible.

The Fountas and Pinnell reading program will continue this year for all students who have exceeded level 30 running records. All students in R-7 will have reading assessments (Running Records and Fountas and Pinnell) so that we can better cater for your children. Regardless of their reading ability, students will be assessed and provided with strategies appropriate to their reading level so that they can continue to be successful. I encourage all students to read each night in order to build upon and consolidate teaching that has occurred during the school day.

All classroom teachers will be responsible for teaching the Child Protection Curriculum within the classroom. Speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries about this.

All our correspondence between the school and families, is generally done via the school blog ([banksiar7.edublogs.org](http://banksiar7.edublogs.org)) or via Skoolbag on your smart phone. Families MUST down load this free 'app' to ensure that you are kept well informed of any information from the school. You can subscribe to get notifications from your child's classes only, or if you do not subscribe to a particular class, you will receive all notifications. Please use the map and the instructions for Skoolbag to ensure that you are well informed from the onset.

A separate (paper) newsletter and term calendar will be sent home at the start of the school year to provide families with as much information as possible for term 1. We encourage families to add to this calendar as the term progresses. All teachers will send home a class newsletter letter in week 1, explaining structures and routines specific for each class.

Regards

Renee Miller

Principal



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