

BANKSIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



Thursday 7 December 2017

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It is hard to believe that we have nearly completed another wonderful year at Banksia Park Primary School. I wish to thank everyone for their great work during 2017. This has been an exceptionally busy year with many exciting events both sporting and cultural. Educationally the school has excelled in many areas and we should be proud of everything that has been achieved.

The Parents and Citizens Association has worked tremendously hard with President Giorgia Kloosterman, Vice President Tami Bird, Secretary Amy Kacmarczyk and Samantha Williams, Treasurer Amanda Bell and their Committee who organised many events that contributed to the overall life of the school. Ongoing services such as the Uniform Shop (Kelly Tasker) and the Canteen are also a result of their great work. Our appreciation also to Amanda Rudd for her hard work organising the Book Club and Renae Plumridge for the School Banking. I also thank the Band Committee under the leadership of Tami Bird. The P&C's work benefits the school in both financial donations and the social interactions including the Quiz Night and Student Discos coordinated by Maria Wilson. In 2017 the P&C donated monies to complete the Fitness Track around the oval. On behalf of the School Community I sincerely thank the P&C for their wonderful efforts.

Our Parent Representatives on our newly formed School Board of Tami Bird, Sharne Elsbury, Melissa Hewitt, Ian Holbrook, Giorgia Kloosterman and Anneke Wiesner have again given generously of their time to support the school together with the staff representatives. They play an integral part in setting our strategic directions and reviewing our progress.

The parent population deserves our thanks as you have supported the many P&C activities, helped in classrooms, in the canteen, gone on excursions, coached sporting teams and the list goes on. Parental involvement has been an important feature of our School and we look forward to your continuing support.

The teaching staff have again been fantastic and have played a pivotal role in the school. The main part of their job is teaching but they also undertake many other duties to ensure the efficient running of the school. I would like to acknowledge the great work done by: Ann Andrews, David Brown, Grace Burnside, Teresa Cinanni, Rose Clancy, Liz Cummins, Annette De Hoog, Jane Di Sabato, Janet Edmondson, Helen Goddard, Lynnette Graham, Cassandra Greewell, Simon Griffiths, Terrena Hall, Liz Hogben, Karen Ingram, Fiona Jackson-Betham, Kathee Kirk, Ingrid McNally, Sandra Salisbury and Joseph Smith.

COMING EVENTS

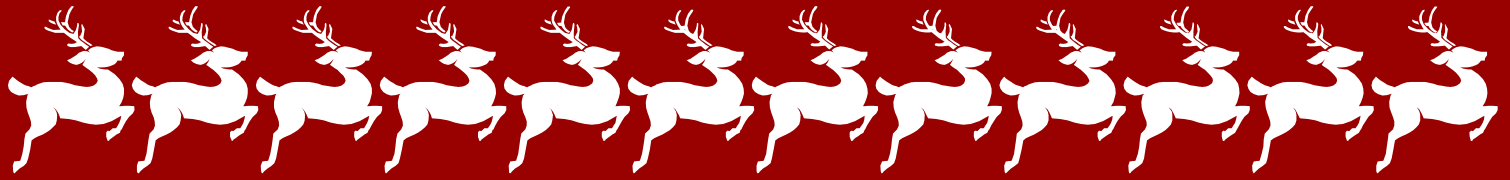


Friday 8 December
Monday 11 December
Tuesday 12 December
Thursday 14 December

Mufti Day
Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
Reports sent home
Graduation Assembly
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Wednesday 31 January 2018 - Start of the New School Year



The non teaching staff perform many tasks outside their expected range of duties to ensure the success of the school. I would like to acknowledge the great work of Elynne Hah, Leanne Hair, Christine Koza, Kerry Morgan, Kerryl McShane, Susan Pettet, Linda White and Leonie Zagari. Thanks also to Aggie Hanrahan (Library Officer); Virginia Rowles, Lima Williamson, Jill Barrett (cleaners) and Saul Hernandez (gardener).

I would also like to recognise the efforts of the School Executive Team. My special thanks to our Managers Corporate Services, Carol Towie and Peta Zarins, to Melissa Hewitt for her support in the office and Deputy Principal Tony Carvajal. This team has worked tirelessly to ensure the ongoing smooth running of our school.

At the end of this year Leanne Hair will retire. Our appreciation for her great work as an Education Assistant since coming to Banksia Park in 1997. She has worked with many students (and parents and teachers) over the years and made a lasting impression on their lives. On behalf of the school our thanks and very best wishes for her future.

We also farewell Grace Burnside, Lynnette Graham, Cassandra Greenwell, Terrena Hall and Kerryl McShane. Thank you for your wonderful contributions to our school and best wishes for your future.

Once again our students have been great and they have worked hard throughout the year. Good luck to those families leaving Banksia Park and attending new schools in 2018. To everyone else, we will see you back next year.

To everyone who has helped this year a huge thank you from the Whole School Community. My personal appreciation for the many hours of effort that have been given so freely to ensure that Banksia Primary School is indeed a school of excellence.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Martin Humphreys
Principal

FAREWELL TO YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Next week our Year Sixes have their Graduation Ceremony on Thursday 14 December commencing at 9.00am. They have been a great bunch of students and we wish them well for their future.

Our departing Year 6 students are: Christina Barnes, Thomas Bird, Harrison Bond, Berhan Candemir, Larissa Cook, Nick Cronje, Ethan Donald, Kyle Dunlop, Paige Endicott, Madison Frost, Zac Gleeson, Acacia Graham, Charlotte Grootveld, Amelia Harris, Chloe Harrison, Jack Hewitt, Sam Holbrook, Samantha Kay, Ryan Kloosterman, Audrey Koelher, Yusay Li, Danni Lin, Riley Lings, Tristan Long, Dee-Ya Low, Lucy Mancuso, Ben Mansell, Zac Marchesani, Toby Marshall, Lauren Norman, Max Olney, Tessa Paton, Edward Russell, Luke Simeon, Mitchell Sinclair, Mollie Stiles, Jessica Taylor, Emily Thompson, Bella Tilbury, Kaylee Urich, Matthew Vermeulen, Ryan Walker, Kate Wallington, Ryan Wiesner and Zachary Williams.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES



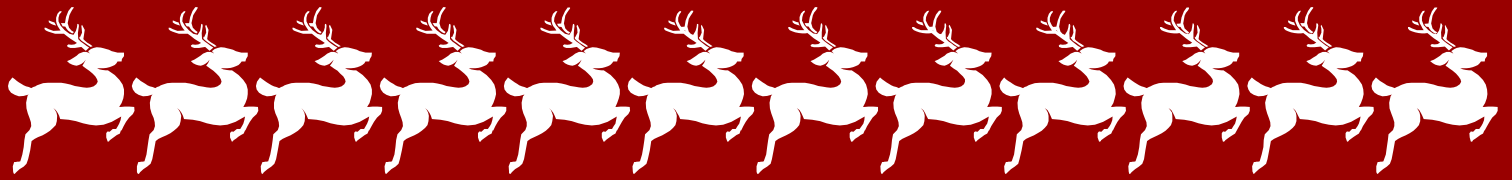
Congratulations to the following students who received Honour Certificates on Thursday 30 November: Arlo Barrett, Savannah Bell, Andrew Blair, Ethan Chin, Kyle Dunlop, Sophie Evans, Joseph Harrison, Sean Harrower, Jack Hewitt, Ryan Hewitt, Logan Hill, Sophie Kaczmarczyk, Matthew Kain, Hunar Kaur, Zac Marchesani, Jack Mansell, Hamish Moore, Chloe Palmer, Cooper Plumridge, Kayla Pretorius, Hannah Rankin, Jared Raj, Eliza Sullivan, Kaylee Urich, Yencyn Wan and Jencie Wan.

2018 SCHOOL YEAR

There are still many unknowns regarding the school and class organisation for 2018. As new enrolments are processed at the beginning of next year we will finalise the organisation of the school. As in previous years class lists will be on the class windows the afternoon before school begins, Tuesday 30 January 2018. The 2018 school year begins on Wednesday 31 January 2018. Please note Kindy has a phase in period (see the Handbook). ALL other years start on Day 1 full time. The School Office will close at noon on Friday 15 December 2017 and reopen on Wednesday 24 January 2018 (please note that Friday 26 January 2018 is a Public Holiday).

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of Year Reports will be sent home next Tuesday 12 December. It is important that parents read the information on the reverse of the cover page of the reports to get a full explanation.



2018 TERM DATES

Term 1:	Wednesday 31 January 2018	-	Friday 13 April 2018
Term 2:	Tuesday 1 May 2018	-	Friday 29 June 2018
Term 3:	Tuesday 17 July 2018	-	Friday 21 September 2018
Term 4:	Tuesday 9 October 2018	-	Thursday 13 December 2018

PERSONAL USE ITEMS

Please remember that if you ordered your Personal Use Items from Ziggies they will be available for collection from Wednesday 27 December 2017 from Ziggies Educational Supplies, Unit 1 180 Bannister Road Canning Vale. It is advised not to leave it to the last week if possible as it may be very busy.

SCHOOL SECURITY

If you see anything suspicious around the school during the holidays please ring the Police 131 444 or Education Security on 9264 4771.

ONE NIGHT ONLY CONCERT

On Monday 4 December all band students performed a variety of songs at the annual One Night Only Concert. The Year 4 Band students played "Wolfy's Rockin", "All Aboard", "Midnight Mission" and "Holiday Sampler". The Senior Band played "Ghost Busters", "You are the Music in Me", "Rock on Merry Gents" and "Mission Impossible". Both bands then joined together and played "Jingle Bells", "Born to be wild", "Doin' Ode to Joy" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". We had several soloists and duets who performed wonderful pieces. We all enjoyed ourselves and had a great night.



The graduating Year Sixes received trophies for participating in the band. The bands did an amazing job performing in front of all the people in the audience. We would like to thank the Band Committee for organising the event. We would also like to say a big thanks to our Band Director Mrs Annette De Hoog for conducting us throughout the year.

By Dee-Ya and Lucy

JAPANESE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to Sensei Terrena Hall who won the Japanese Language Teacher of the Year Award for 2017.

Her nomination for the Japanese Teacher of the Year award was based on exemplary classroom teaching practice and innovative programming plus the promotion and improvement of Japanese language education in WA. But more specifically it was awarded for her work via the JLTAWA and DoE Languages networks, in particular with mentoring and facilitating teacher professional development, including the new WA Curriculum, as well as creating Japanese events, such as the interschool calligraphy contests.

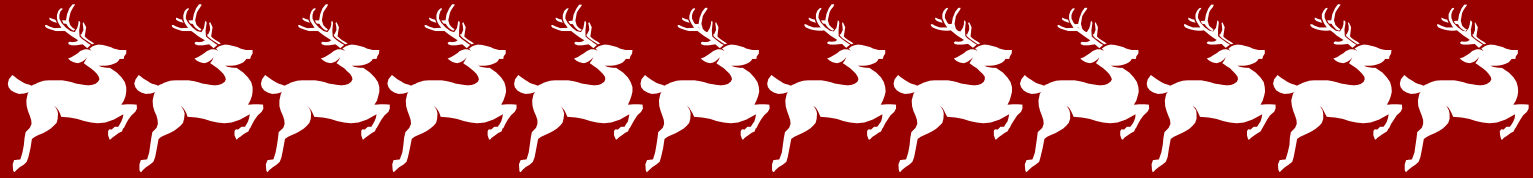


THANKYOU!

Many thanks to the Gleeson family who have kindly donated a play picnic table to the Kindy/Pre-Primary rooms for outside play.

 Seasons
Greetings

and Happy Holidays to everyone
from all the staff at Banksia Park
Primary School



P&C NEWS

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mitchell Nel and Jazmin Walsh who represented WA at the Pacific School Games held in Adelaide this week. They both set new Personal Bests in the pool and did us proud! Both Mitchell and Jazmin were given \$250 towards their trip by the BPPS P&C as part of our Sports Scholarship Program. If your child is selected in a State or National sports event you are able to apply for the scholarship by emailing the P&C.

Christmas Markets

A big thank you to Melissa Rowles and all the amazing volunteers who helped run our very first Christmas Markets! It was so wonderful to see so many familiar faces at the market who came down to buy their Christmas gifts and support our school - it was a huge success! Through the gold coin donations, sausage sizzle and stall fees we raised over \$1,700!

Bunning Sausage Sizzle

Yet another successful Bunnings Sausage Sizzle! Another great big thank you to all the volunteers who came down to help cook up a storm and to those who came to buy a sausage or two. We raised over \$800!

Notice of P&C Annual General Meeting

The P&C will hold the AGM on **Monday 12 February 2018** at 7:30pm in the Staff Room. All positions become vacant. Positions will be formally advertised in the first Newsletter for 2018. There are many varied roles within the P&C and any contribution that you can make is greatly appreciated. Banksia Park staff and students benefit from your contribution, no matter how small. A position description booklet will be sent home with students for anyone who might be interested in holding a position next year.

Notice of Band Committee Annual General Meeting

The Band Committee will hold the AGM on **Wednesday 7 February 2018** at 7:00pm in the Staff Room. We encourage parents of band members to fill positions on the Committee.

Family Picnic on the Green

On **Friday 23 February 2018** the P&C will hold a family picnic on the School Oval as a welcome to all the new families joining us and as a welcome back to all those who were with us this year. Join us with your picnic rug on the oval where the kids can have a play and the grown-ups can get to know each other. More details will come out in the first Newsletter of 2018 but put a note in the calendar now and join us for a lovely evening. This will be an alcohol-free event run by the P&C. If there are any **Kindy or Pre-Primary parents** who would like to assist with this event, please contact Nicole McMahon on 0422 230 444.

Parent Direct Catalogues

If you'd like to order for Christmas go to www.parentdirect.com.au ensuring you list Banksia Park as your school. Up to 25% is given back to the school as vouchers for the teachers to use on supplies.

Thank You and Merry Christmas from BPPS P&C

Thank you to each and every one of our many volunteers and to those who have supported all of our fundraising efforts this year. As you know, none of it could happen without you! It has been a huge year with a lot of fun events and we were able to raise over \$20,000 for the school, most of which has already been used on the final part of the Fitness Track on the school oval. What can we do next year?? Email us your ideas!

