Interschool Athletics Carnival
Earlier today and on Tuesday morning our students competed in the SCISA Interschool Athletics Carnival against six other schools – Bullcreek, Oberthur, Parkwood, Riverton, Rossmoyne and Shelley. The children competed to the best of their ability and displayed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported our athletes. The results will be in our next Newsletter.

Year 4 PEAC
The results of the Year 4 PEAC testing have been received. Letters were sent home with the children late last week.

World Teachers Day - 26 October 2018
Tomorrow is World Teachers Day in Australia. We are fortunate to have a great staff at Banksia Park PS so why not say a simple ‘Thank You’.

Christmas Activities
Classes may begin some Christmas Activities in the coming weeks. If you do not wish your child to participate please notify the class teacher.

Snakes, Reptiles and Bees
With the warm days arriving please be aware that snakes and reptiles are coming out of hibernation and bees are becoming active. Students have been told to report any sightings to a staff member and leave it alone. We ask that parents reinforce this message with their children.

School Special Group Photos
You can now view and order any special photos by visiting the website www.kapture.com.au/event.asp You will need to enter our school code under the Sports & Event tab to access the gallery.

Parking on Grassed Areas
Do NOT park on the grass area off Beasley Road. Vehicles parked here have broken sprinklers and the mowing contractor has warned that cars may be damaged and the grass not mowed if parents continue to park there. Also these cars have to cross the footpath and this is a safety issue for pedestrians.

Students not returning in 2019
To assist with our planning for 2019 please complete the slip below if you know your child will not be returning to Banksia Park Primary School in 2019. Please return to the office as soon as possible.

Students NOT Returning in 2019
My child .................................................................in Year ...............will not be returning to Banksia Park Primary School in 2019.
He/she will be attending....................................................

Parent Signature................................................................
Year 3 Band Information Night
The Band Committee will be holding an Information Evening on Wednesday 14 November 2018 in the School Library at 7:00pm for all Year 3 parents whose children may be interested in joining the School Band in 2019. We hope to see a lot of new families for the Year 4 Band next year.

Year 6 Band Bash
The Year 6 Band Bash was held at our school on Wednesday 17 October. It was a fun afternoon with the bands providing some great entertainment. The three Year 6 Bands from Banksia Park Primary, Rostrata Primary and Winthrop Primary all performed two pieces on their own and then combined into a mass band and played three pieces, In the Midnight Hour, George of the Jungle and Pirates of the Caribbean. With almost 90 students involved they produced a huge sound and it was a great experience for them all. The afternoon ended with a delicious afternoon tea. Thank you so much to all band members families (including the year 4s and year 5s as well as the 6s) for supplying a plate of food. Congratulations to our Year 6 band who, as always, played extremely well.

Annette De Hoog  Band Director

Year 4 Band Workshop
On Sunday 21 October the Junior Band had an Instrumental Workshop. There were four ensembles. They were the trumpets and trombones, flutes, saxophones and clarinets and percussion. Each ensemble had three 45 minute sessions. At the end of the day there was a concert. Each ensemble played a few tunes. Then the whole band came together and played three pieces. They were Latin Magic, Shine and Gallant march. Thank you to all of the tutors, Mrs De Hoog, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Harris. Thanks also to those who came to the concert.

By Liam Zagari and Lucas Wallington

Coles Sport for Schools 2018
During the Sports for Schools program, our families collected Coles Sports for Schools vouchers for our school from Coles stores. Our school exchanged those vouchers towards sporting equipment to encourage all kids to get healthy and active at school. The photo shows some of the equipment, basketball shirts, netball bibs and footballs purchased. A big thank you to all the parents and those who organised the Program.
Helping children with the ups and downs of friendships.

It is not always easy for children to know how to manage friendships. Problems with friends can affect how children feel about themselves and their enthusiasm for activities that involve others. Parents and carers can help children learn the kinds of friendship skills they will need as they grow and develop. Learning how to make and keep friends involves a number of skills. Children learn more and more complex social skills from those around them as they develop.

Core friendship skills for children

- **Cooperation:**
  How to share, how to take turns, how to work together towards a common goal.

- **Communication:**
  Using words to explain what you want and listening to others respectfully.
  Paying attention to body language (e.g., making eye contact and smiling).

- **Understanding and managing feelings:**
  Being able to express feelings in ways that help others understand you.
  Recognising and responding to others’ feelings.

- **Accepting and including others:**
  Recognising others’ needs for respect and friendship

For more helpful discussions and resources visit the KidsMatter website.

Swimming WA State Junior Short Course Championships

Jazmin Walsh competed at the Swimming WA State Junior Short Course Championships over the weekend of 22 September 2018. She achieved 10 Personal Bests, was in the top 7 of 7 races, came home with a Gold Medal in the 200 metre butterfly and set a new UWA/West Coast Club record. It was a great result for all of her hard work and dedication which includes having to train some mornings at 5:30am.

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs

For students entering Year 7 in 2020

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs provide challenging and highly motivating learning opportunities for children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent.

Programs are available at 20 select public secondary schools, including a fully selective academic school and an arts college. Once accepted, your child will be guaranteed a place at the school.

If you believe Gifted and Talented Programs are suitable for your child, you can apply at [www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented](http://www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented). Applications are now open online and close on Sunday 10 February 2019.

Visit the Gifted and Talented Programs website to find out more information, including the dates of upcoming parent information sessions.
Canteen Updates
Calling all volunteers! There aren’t many names on the roster!
Volunteer schedule:
- Week 4 – Area 10
- Week 5 – Area 11
- Week 6 – Area 13
Shifts are: 9am-11am and 11am-12:30pm

Please note that Tuna and Chicken Sushi will be available on Wednesdays this term. If you would like to make a special order (salmon, combo or vegetable) please contact Tanya on Monday to place the order.

ONLINE ORDERING IS NOW AVAILABLE!!! Please go to www.quickcliq.com.au, register your child and then you will be able to submit your lunch orders online!

Car Park Space in Staff Carpark
Congratulations to the Wilson family who have a car bay for Term 4.

Uniform Shop
Calling for volunteers for the Uniform Shop for next year! We need a team of two or three people who could help once a week to keep our Uniform Shop ticking along. Times are flexible and it’s a great way to meet other parents. Please contact Selena at selena.watson@hotmail.com if you can help...or just drop in to the Uniform Shop! We’re open Tuesdays from 8.35 to 9.15am.

P&C Rock Star Disco
Book your tickets for the next Disco on Friday 2 November. The theme is Rockstars (and dressing up is actively encouraged!). Tickets can be purchased now online at: https://www.trybooking.com/YSWS or by returning the form to the Front Office. DJ Chris will be back plus lots of prizes, a sausage sizzle, glow stick and lolly table. K to Yr 2 – 5:30-7pm, Yr 3 to Yr 6 7:15-8:45pm. See you on the dance floor!
Please remember that this Disco is a P&C event and is organised and supervised by the P&C.

Quiz Night – Saturday 27 October
Not long to go now!! Have you got your tickets?? Get those tables together! Tickets are $20 per person, tables of 8 or 10. There are only 2 tables left!! You can drop off your order form to the box in the office or purchase them via www.quickcliq.com.au, register your child and then click on the event page. The theme this year is any Sport/Sports Team.

Annual Quiz Night – Donations!
Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Quiz Night. We have some amazing prizes to go on the night!!!

Kids Artwork for Silent Auction!
With the help of Mrs Jackson-Betham, each class did some amazing artwork that is being auctioned off! It is just beautiful! The winners will be announced at the Quiz Night. A keepsake that you and your child can cherish for a lifetime. Use this link, Register and Happy Bidding!! https://www.32auctions.com/bppsclassart

Christmas Markets
It’s getting close now! On Friday 30 November the school will be hosting Christmas Markets again! If you are interested in booking a stall please contact musolissa@gmail.com