**Banksia Bulletin**

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Caring, creative, challenging and achieving

**CALENDAR**

**TERM 4 2015**

**Week 3**  
October  

- **Wednesday 20th**  
  Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am  
- **Friday 23rd**  
  PSSA Summer Round 11  
  Bunnies Program Week 2  

**Week 4**  
October  

- **Monday 26th**  
  Homework Club 3-4pm  
- **Wednesday 28th**  
  Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am  
- **Thursday 29th**  
  Cinderella and Rockerfella  
  School Musical Performance  
  Matinee 1.30pm and Evening 6pm  
- **Friday 30th**  
  PSSA Summer Round 12  
  Bunnies Program Week 3  

**Week 5**  
November  

- **Monday 2nd**  
  Homework Club 3-4pm  
- **Wednesday 4th**  
  Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am  
- **Friday 30th**  
  PSSA Summer Round 13  
  Bunnies Program Week 4  

**Week 6**  
November  

- **Monday 9th**  
  Homework Club 3-4pm  
- **Wednesday 11th**  
  Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am  
- **Friday 13th**  
  PSSA Summer Semi Finals  
  Bunnies Program Week 5  

**Notes Home:**  
Karate For Kids!

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**THANKS MRS ELAKHRAS**

It is with great pleasure to announce that Kylie Elakhras is a finalist in the Volunteer of the Year NSW Award. Kylie volunteers tirelessly at many of our local schools through her work as an Islamic Scripture coordinator and teacher. She runs the Uniform shop and has held various positions on the P & C at several schools. She volunteers her time at fundraising functions, whilst encouraging and supporting others. Everything Kylie does is not for recognition but for the sole reason of making a difference to the lives of others. Congratulations and thank you from the staff and community of Banksia Road.

**SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2016– INFORM THE OFFICE**

If you know anyone who is planning to enrol at Banksia Road in 2016, please remind them to inform the office as we are beginning to formulate class structures for 2016. Similarly, if you are planning to leave Banksia Road, please also inform the office.

**SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL - 2017**


**SURVEYS**

Our school is participating in the ‘Partners in Learning’ survey. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. The survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete and is completely confidential and online. We value your feedback and your responses will help us make practical improvements.

All you have to do is Google- “Tell Them From Me” and then put the username and password into each section. You now have an extra week, the survey closes Friday 23rd October.

**username:** parent16827  
**password:** Ban4217
PARENT WORKSHOPS

Yesterday we had 11 parents attend. We received some valuable feedback about our student welfare policy which will inform future decisions. Thank you.

These workshops are held in the library from 9:30 till 10am. We will be serving barista coffee and light refreshments. Please join us. Below is an itinerary for the term:

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<td>Reading Mr Craft, Mrs Jackson and Miss Marangos</td>
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<td>Mathletics / Reading Eggs Mrs Christodoulos</td>
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<td>FoR (Focus on Reading) &amp; L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) Ms Lin and Ms Colb</td>
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<td>TEN (Targeted Early Numeracy) Mrs Capra</td>
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Hamish Woudsma
Principal

MERIT AWARD AWARDEES 16th OCTOBER 2015

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Gold Awards:
Taj and Shadi 3G, Ayesha 4/5/6A

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Silver Awards:
Elias 2F, Taisir and Zakia 3G, Christian 4/5/6A and Amy 5P.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Awards:
Sara KM, Jad, Aisha and Lamees 1E, Zakaria 2C, Taymah, Rawan, Ahmead and Iesha 3G, Ahmad 3N and Yianni 4P

PSSA ROUND 11- 23rd October 2015

All students involved please be advised that if you are paying weekly payment is due Thursday morning before 9.30am

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Musical tickets available for purchase via school office, only Matinee tickets left!
PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is held in the School Hall at 9.30-11.30 every Wednesday morning for all preschoolers. Everybody is welcome to attend. Come and bring your children and share in the fun.

Morning tea break is proudly sponsored by:

ABOU SALIM Fruit Shop

CRAFT @ HOME

Join us in Playgroup with your little ones to take part in the Craft @ Home workshops this Wednesday October 2015 at 9:30am. These workshops are fun and interactive. Come along to share and learn ideas about activities that can be done in the home, using a variety of recyclable materials. Please contact Marina on 0422 122 410 for further details and to register your interest.

Banksia STAR Program

Do you have a child starting school next year? Banksia Road PS is extending its playgroup to cater for children starting school next year. School readiness will be the focus in a fun and safe environment. A healthy morning tea of fruit will be served free of charge.

If you know of other families who this would benefit then invite them to come along.

When: Every Wednesday 9.30-11.30
Where: Banksia Road PS School Hall

Welcome back to Banksia Rd Public School Community Hub. We will be running your favourite programs again and we have introduced some new ones in Term 4. Come along to connect, share and learn in a fun and friendly environment.

Community Kitchen: “Clever Cookie”

Banksia Rd Public School Community hub would like to thank the following for their generous contributions:

- Darwich Meats Greenacre
- Mountaha’s Helping Hand
- Ethnic Communities Council
- Arab Council

Come along to the cooking classes next Monday at 12pm in the school hub room/kitchen. The cooking classes “Clever Cookie” are being filmed to create an educational DVD. We will also be talking about environmental factors such as biodiversity and recycling. There will be field trips and other exciting activities added to the Community Kitchen program “Clever Cookie“. Enquiries: Marina 0422 122 410

The “Clever Cookie” program is taking its participants to see Sue Dahman: author of Tayta’s Lebanese Kitchen. Bookings are essential. Be quick as places are limited! Call Marina on 0422 122 410 to book a place. Come and hear Sue talk as she takes you on a Lebanese food adventure. Sue will be demonstrating traditional family favourites from her cookbook. Food tasting will be available.

When: Wednesday, 21 October 2015 at 10am
Where: Greenacre Library

THE HOMEWORK CLUB

The Homework Club is on Mondays from 3pm-4pm. We look forward to your attendance. Parents are encouraged to stay with their children to help or observe and pick up tutoring tips.

Parents, please collect your children and sign off at the school Library. It helps to be on time 😊. If you are running late, you will need to call Marina on 0422 122 410 and go to the front office to pick up your children. So, it will be easier if you can, please, come to the library on time at 4pm.

Parents, if you are interested in tutoring and feel you can help with English and Maths, please call Marina on 0422 122 410 to register your interest.
Tuning in to Kids

Fun and interactive parenting program that helps teach parents how to emotional coach their kids so they are able to solve their own problems.

This program involves group demonstrations, role plays and take home strategies that are both easy and wonderful to use.

Banksia Road Public School Hub
65 Banksia Road Greenacre

Facilitator: Melissa Daher
12.30pm—2.30pm
21/10 till 25/11 - 6 sessions

Childcare available - Bookings essential
Generalist Counsellor — Melissa Daher 8713 7700

Financial Wellbeing for Your Future

Health and wellbeing has been a paramount concern for families. Maybe it’s time to consider your financial wellbeing? This session to discuss how to secure your financial future by focusing on alternatives to saving. There will be three session which is:

- My saving plan
- Where will I put my saving?
- Where are my alternatives to saving?

Presented by: Creating Links Financial Wellbeing Unit

Date: Tuesday 27th Oct 2015 from 9:30—11:30am
Date: Tuesday 3rd Nov 2015 from 9:30—11:30am
Date: Tuesday 10th Nov 2015 from 9:30—11:30am

Address: Banksia Road Public School
65 Banksia Rd, Greenacre, Community Hub Room
Cost: FREE

Contact: Marina on 0422 122 410 or Ms: Yuvida Peou on 8713 7700
“Halloween Special”  
Friday 30th of October (Lunch only)  
TRICK OR TREAT  
“Chicken Kebab with flavoured juice, corn and garlic bread with Free Zombie chews (fruit flavor)”  
$6.00  

Please complete the slip below and return to the school canteen by Thursday 29th of October to ensure you don’t miss out.

NAME:  
CLASS:  
JUICE:  

Please advise of any allergies which relate to the special.