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### CALENDAR

#### TERM 1 2015

**Week 9**  
Tuesday 24th  
Harmony Day

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March/April

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#### TERM 2 2015

**Week 1**  
April

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**Reminders:**

- School Photos Thursday 26th March
- Note and money for Good As Gold Excursion Due Friday 27th March
- K-2 Easter Hat Parade Tuesday 31st March

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### PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

#### WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

I would like to thank the greater school community for supporting this worthwhile cause and of course, Mr Harris. We raised over $700 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

#### HARMONY DAY – 15th Anniversary

What a fabulous day we had today. A huge thank you to all our parents who contributed such amazing food to the feast. Students participated in a range of activities that were designed to build on our sense of pride and union. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – it is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. This day embraced the great sense of community and harmony that is Banksia Road! A special thank you must go to Miss Williams and Mrs Zubairi who were the driving force behind this successful day.
This Thursday we will be having our school photos for 2015. Every child will have both a class and individual photo taken. Parents may also request a family photo. Photo orders are by means of filling in an order envelope (family photo envelopes can be collected at the office) and placing the correct money in the envelope. These orders must be left in the school office by Thursday morning. Please note the school office does not handle any of the money associated with photos.

We remind parents that children must be in full Summer school uniform, including black leather shoes and white socks. It is preferred that the girls wear the school dress.

**PLEASE HELP WITH OUR CAKE STALL –**

**On Election Day**

We are asking for parents to bake cakes which our parent volunteers will sell this Saturday 28th March. Please bring cakes to the Community Hub this Friday 27th. All money raised will go towards ICT resources to support student learning at the school.

**STAFF PARKING**

Our Community Hub Coordinator, Mrs. Marina Boutros works very hard to involve parents and community members in events such as, International Women’s Day and various adult workshops. Please remember that the school car park is for staff parking only.

**HOMEWORK CLUB**

Last Monday was the final Homework Club for this Term. It will start up again in Week 2 next term on the 27th April. I would like to thank the teachers for volunteering their time to support this worthwhile initiative.

Hamish Woudsma
Principal

**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:*

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING THIS WEDNESDAY**

The Uniform Shop will be opening this Wednesday morning for any parents wishing to purchase new uniforms for school Photo Day this Thursday. The Uniform shop is coordinated by P&C Volunteers and will be open for a short while between 8:45am until 9:10am. If you require to purchase uniforms for your child please do so during that time.

**VANUATU APPEAL**

Thank you to the parents and students who donated to The Vanuatu Appeal in 6H. Your donations have been sent to Vanuatu to help in this time of need.

**PSSA Round 6, 27th MARCH 2015**

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Come along and familiarise yourself with BRPS community hub a place to connect, share and learn. This year, we are running a variety of programs that you can benefit from. Have a look at what’s happening at the hub now:

**Homework Club**

We are happy to see so many students attend the Homework Club with many returning each week. The club now has 70 registered students and still growing. We would like to thank the participating parents who dedicate their time during the sessions and assist wherever they can. We encourage more parents to attend and help out if possible or simply observe and learn some tutoring tips from the teachers and become familiar with the school curriculum. The last session of the Homework Club for Term 1, was held on Monday 23 March. The Homework Club will resume in Term 2.

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**Family Mental Health Support Service presents:**

**Kids Create!**

[Art Therapy Group]

**Who:** Children aged 8-12 years  
**When:** Every Monday 3.30 – 4:30pm.  
**Where:** Suite 101, Ground Floor  
41-45 Rickard Road, Bankstown

**Aims of the art therapy group are:**

> Encourage self-expression of thoughts and feelings in a safe environment  
> Relax and de-stress  
> Encourage you to be creative and self-confident  
> Solve problems by looking with a different perspective  
> Improve emotional wellbeing while socialising with others

Please call a Family Support worker on 8700 1430 to register as spaces are limited!
Don’t miss out on this great program: Register now for “Building Bullying Shields”
Call Marina now on 0422 122 410. Limited Spaces- so, be quick

Has your child experienced some kind of Bullying?
Want to learn how you can help them?
Then come to Building Bullying Shields
A free, three-week course that gives parents an insight into bullying behaviour and provides skills to build resilience in their children. The course helps parents work with their children to improve their own protective strategies and responses to bullying behaviour.

18th March 9.30am - 11.30am
25th March 9.30am - 11.30am

1st April 9.30am - 11.30am
Address – Banksia Road Public, in the Community Hub
65 Banksia Road, Greenacre

Community Hub Contact – Marina 0422 122 410
Creating Links Contact – Ibrahim 0406 386 932

Childcare Provided

COOKING CLASS
Banksia Rd Public School Community Hub would like to thank Darwich Meat (Greenacre) for their donations of fresh halal meat to the Cooking Classes!

Free Cooking Class
Classes are held on Mondays in the Community Hub Room at BRPS. Classes Start 12:30pm and finish at 2:30pm.
On Monday 23 March, Nisreen, Zehra and Fadia volunteered their time in cooking 3 lovely dishes for Harmony Day (Tuesday 24 March). We hope you enjoyed the multicultural food (Palestinian, Indian and Lebanese) cooked by these lovely ladies and shared on Harmony Day! The Cooking Classes will resume in Term 2 - Starting date TBA. There will be an excursion for the cooking class participants and their pre-school children. Watch this space for further details in Term 2.
Enquiries: Marina 0422 122 410
Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7-13 above a healthy weight and their families.

At Go4Fun kids and parents learn about healthy eating and physical activity using fun, upbeat activities and games.

Go4Fun also helps build self-esteem and confidence in an encouraging and supportive environment.

Go4Fun runs after school during the school term for 10 weeks.

WHAT HAPPENS AT GO4FUN?

PARENTS & KIDS TOGETHER: NUTRITION & MIND THEORY SESSION

PARENTS DO: NUTRITION & FAMILY LIFESTYLE CHAT SESSIONS

KIDS DO: FUN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & GAMES SESSIONS

WHO SHOULD KIDS DO GO4FUN?

The program aims to improve the health of the child through the development of healthy lifestyle behaviours, as well as educating and positively affecting the child’s attitude to food and physical activity.

The program includes nutritional information on food serving sizes and labeling, teaching and advising on healthy eating and physical activity, and fun games and activities.

WHAT IS ABOVE HEALTHY WEIGHT?

Approximately 1 in 4 (25%) of children in NSW are overweight or obese. Kids who could be above a healthy weight include those that:

- Wear clothes sizes for an older age group
- Spend over two hours watching television (or using a computer) per day
- Are physically active for less than one hour per day
- Eat unbalanced meals, large portion sizes or more than one unhealthy snack per day.

WHERE?

Held in sports and community centres, as well as schools in most council areas of NSW.

WHEN?

Run after school in school term 10 weeks, usually starting at 4:00 pm, 4:30 pm or 5:00 pm.

COST?

FREE. Kids get a free t-shirt, swimming bag, bouncy ball, water bottle and info folder.

REGISTER ON 1800 780 900 OR www.go4fun.com.au

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Health NSW South Western Sydney Local Health District

Why Should Kids Do Go4Fun?

- Build self-esteem and confidence
- Improve sporting skills and fitness
- Build teamwork and communication skills
- Balance diet and exercise to improve mental and physical health
- A healthier child

Benefits of Go4Fun?

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How Does Go4Fun Work?

Research has shown that Go4Fun can help children reach a healthier weight by increasing their physical activity, improving fitness, and teaching healthy habits.

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Banksia Rd. Public School Canteen

"Easter Special"

Tuesday, 31st of March (Lunch only)

"Sausage Sizzle"
with juice, mini easter eggs and jelly

$5.50

Please complete the slip below and return to the school canteen
By Monday 30th of March to ensure you don’t miss out

NAME:
CLASS:

JUICE:

Sauce: Barbecue [ ] Tomato [ ]

Please advise of any allergies which relate to the special.