CALENDAR

TERM 2  2015
Week 2  April

Monday 27th  Homework Club 3-4pm
Tuesday 28th  Dance Fever Athletics Program Continues
Wednesday 29th  Playgroup 9.30am -11.30am
              Yr3-6 Cross Country

Week 3  May

Monday 4th  Homework Club 3-4pm
Tuesday 5th  Dance Fever Athletics Program Continues
Wednesday 6th  Playgroup 9.30am -11.30am
Thursday 7th  Mother’s Day Stall

Week 4  May

Monday 11th  Homework Club 3-4pm
              Stewart House bags Due
Tuesday 12th  Dance Fever Athletics Program Continues
              NAPLAN
Wednesday 13th  Playgroup 9.30am -11.30am
              NAPLAN
Thursday 14th  NAPLAN

Week 5  May

Monday 18th  Homework Club 3-4pm
              P&C Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 19th  Dance Fever Athletics Program Continues
Wednesday 20th  Playgroup 9.30am -11.30am

Reminders:
- Cross Country Note due by Wednesday morning
- School Requirements are to be paid so that your child can participate in Dance Fever Athletics program

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Athletics
Finally, the sunshine allowed us to enjoy the athletics workshops outdoors. Another reminder: **Payment for this is included in the school requirements.** Please contact the Office to organise a payment plan if you have not as yet paid your School Requirements in full.

Homework Club
A reminder that the Homework Club started again this week and will continue each Monday afternoon (3 – 4pm) up until week 9 (15th June). Permission notes from the office.

Mother’s Day
A reminder that the Mother’s Day Stall will be open next Thursday 7th May. More information in the newsletter.

Cross Country (Primary)
The proposed Cross Country will go ahead tomorrow morning **provided Gosling Park is open.** Students are reminded to be at school by 9.00am with their hat and sunscreen. Students who suffer from asthma are asked to carry their own puffer.

Opportunity Class
Applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 are to be completed online. You can pick up an information booklet from the office or visit the website [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). The online applications close on the 15th May.
I am pleased to say the school Facebook Page has been positively received. This is an avenue to communicate and celebrate student achievement through photographs of excursions, award ceremonies and student work in the classroom. Once logged into Facebook, search for Banksia Road PS 2015 and press like to view the latest photographs from our swimming carnival.

We will keep the school app for communicating information for specific Year groups (ie; Athletics Carnival postponed) and uploading the school newsletter... Instructions for downloading the app are as follows:

**THE APP IS FREE!**

The instructions are:

**Step 1:** Go to the app store or play store

**Step 2:** Search for Banksia Road Public School

**Step 3:** Open and install the App

Username: community
Password: banksiardps

Hamish Woudsma
Principal

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**P & C NEWS**

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL – Thursday 7th May**

This year, Mother’s Day is on the 10th May and that’s only 12 days away!

We know that children love being able to shop for their mum and buy her something special that they have picked out themselves, that’s why next Thursday the P & C will be holding a Mother’s Day stall at school.

Gifts will be priced between $2 and $8. Please remember to send money with your child on this day. All money raised from the stall is going towards buying more iPads for the school to help our children in their learning.

**HELPERS WANTED**

We are always on the lookout for more helpers, so if you would like to help out at the Mother’s Day stall next Thursday, your time would be really valued and appreciated.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please leave your name and phone number at the school office and Mary from the P & C will contact you. Thank you.

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**BANKSIA BOUNCERS UPDATE**

Rehearsals for Banksia Bouncers will resume on Wednesday afternoons from 3.15-4.30 this week. Later in the term rehearsals will be moved to Monday afternoons and families will be notified in advance of this change. All performers should bring their jogging shoes in their school bags for rehearsals.

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**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**
Welcome to BRPS community hub a place to connect, share and learn. This term, we are running and partnering on a variety of programs with a focus on education, wellbeing and health. Have a look at the hub agenda in Term 2:

Bellydance Classes on Mondays

Banksia Rd Public School Community Hub has partnered with Greenacre Neighbourhood Centre and the Benevolent Society to bring you bellydance classes on Mondays. The 1 hour classes will begin on Monday 4 May at 11am in the school hall. Please bring a gold coin donation. Free childcare is provided.

Get ready for Spring!

Come and join our weekly health and fitness classes with Pilates, Tai chi, Strength and Cardiovascular Training.

When: Every Wednesday
22 April to 10 June 2015
Time: 1.45pm – 2.45pm
Where: Banksia Rd Public School - School Hall,
65 Banksia Rd, Greenacre
Cost: Free
Who: All women – mothers, sisters, aunties, grandmothers, friends
Trainer: Robyn Suttor of Family Fit

Email or phone AnneMaree for more information or just meet us in the school hall every Wednesday.

Cooking Classes

Banksia Rd Public School Community Hub would like to thank:

“Darwich Meat (Greenacre) “
….for their donations of fresh halal meat to the Cooking class.
Cup Cake Decorating Workshop

Learn cupcake decorating skills

Join TAFE Trainer, Di Whittaker, at this great 3.5 hour workshop – suitable for anyone who wants to improve their cupcake decorating skills.

You will learn a number of easy and beautiful ways to decorate your cupcakes.

All ingredients provided – you don’t have to bring anything!

Where: Banksia Rd Public School
65 Banksia Rd, Greenacre

When: Monday, 11 May 2015
10.30am to 2.00pm

Cost: Free

If you would like to attend, please contact Anne Maree O’Neill on 0434 031 205 or Marina Boutros on 0422 122 410
E: Annemaree.O’Neill@benevolent.org.au