

Bankstown North Public School

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Issue 3 Term 1 – Week 6

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Are you reading with your child
every night?

If not, why not??

It's important!

Please contact your child's class
teacher if you need assistance with
reading strategies.



Week 6

Monday-Friday	Breakfast Club from 8.30am
Monday 4 March	Mothers Group 9-11am
Tuesday 5 March	Mothers Group 9-11am
Wednesday 6 March	Clean Up Schools Day
Friday 8 March	PSSA – Round 3

Week 7

Monday-Friday	Breakfast Club from 8.30am
Monday 11 March	Mothers Group 9-11am
Tuesday 12 March	Mothers Group 9-11am
Friday 15 March	P&C Meeting – AGM 9.15am
Friday 15 March	National Day Against Bullying
Friday 15 March	PSSA – Round 4

Week 8

Monday-Friday	Breakfast Club from 8.30am
Monday 18 March	Mothers Group 9-11am
Tuesday 19 March	Mothers Group 9-11am
Wednesday 20 March	Harmony Day Celebrations
Friday 22 March	PSSA – Round 5

Week 9

Monday-Friday	Breakfast Club from 8.30am
Monday 25 March	Mothers Group 9-11am
Tuesday 26 March	Mothers Group 9-11am
Wednesday 27 March	Parent Workshop 3.15pm
Friday 29 March	PSSA – Round 6

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week's **Principal Award** recipients are:

- **Amara M** - 5/6Red
- **Ella-Jade S** - 5/6Red
- **Amani H** - 5/6Red

Congratulations. These awards will be presented at the K-6 Assembly to be held on **Thursday 7 March**. Parents are welcome to attend.

We are now at the mid point of term and our school routines are well underway. We have had many extra-curricular programs begin with dance, choir and drama groups being formed as well as PSSA sport. We also held a successful swimming carnival last Friday. There's a lot to be part of at Bankstown North Public School.

Our Kindergarten students are settling into their classes with their teachers. It is wonderful to enter the rooms and see them engaged in learning. Parents, we know it is a special time in their lives as they progress to "Big School" and we ask that you support our teachers by standing back as the children line up and progress towards their classes. This is an important part of their learning, to be able to move from the comfort of home and their family members, into the safety of the school classroom with their peers and their teacher. If you wish to speak to their teacher, please make an appointment through the office.

Harmony Day

Our school will celebrate Harmony Day on **Wednesday 20 March 2019**. Harmony Day began in 1999, coinciding with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and each year, it is marked by people coming together and participating in local activities. The continuing message of Harmony Day is "Everyone Belongs".

It is traditionally celebrated on March 21 every year with schools across Australia organising events that celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australians. It is intended to show cohesion and inclusion in Australia and promote tolerant and culturally diverse society. It is about community participation,

inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It's a day where activities and celebrations help students to understand how Australians of different backgrounds live together.

It provides a great opportunity for all students to learn that not only do they share common ground with other cultures, but also that our differences make Australia a special place to live. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Australians are encouraged to wear orange clothing and/or the distinctive orange ribbon to show their support for cultural diversity and inclusive Australia.

Harmony Day celebrations will begin at 12.20pm with in-class activities, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch that our P&C is organising. Parents are invited to have lunch with students as well as stay on for our special assembly. Please note the Canteen will be closed but snacks are being sold by P&C.

Due to the number of students with known food allergies enrolled at the school, please do not share food with other students. Your cooperation with this important safety matter is appreciated.

Teaching Your Children Not To Retaliate
An important reminder to all our parents and caregivers to NOT teach your children to retaliate *verbally* or *physically* when confronted by a situation at school. When this occurs, the situation has the possibility to escalate.

It has been brought to my attention that some of our children are taught to 'stand up' for themselves by retaliating with violence. If your child is in a situation, whereby they are verbally teased, tormented, pushed, shoved, kicked and/or punched by another student, they are *not to reciprocate with the same act of violence*. Instead, children need to be taught to deal with the matter appropriately by:

- ✓ Telling the classroom teacher
- ✓ Telling the teacher on playground duty, or
- ✓ Coming to see the Principal

By doing so, I can assure you that the matter will be thoroughly investigated and dealt with. Under no circumstances is your child permitted to react to any situation using VIOLENCE. Once this occurs, your child will be dealt with in the same manner as the child/children who committed the violent offence in the first instance. This could result in a 'Formal Caution' and/or 'Suspension' from school.

Our school will be celebrating the 'National Day Against Bullying and Violence' next Friday 15 March, 2019. This day is about making our children fully aware that our society does not tolerate acts of bullying or violence of any kind. It is also about recognising the need to teach

our children that verbal or physical aggression is not appropriate. Senior Constable Phillip Smith (Bankstown Police) will also be talking to all our students K-6 about bullying and violence at the whole school assembly on Thursday 21 March.

Our school expectations are:

- We Make Good Choices
- We Are Safe
- We Are Learners

We expect all of our students to abide by our school expectations and there is also playground and classroom signage to remind them. Your cooperation with this important wellbeing matter is appreciated.

Teacher Appointments
If you have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher by making an appointment through the office to see her/him. All messages to students should go through the office.

Speaking with the teacher in the morning, as the class is moving into the classroom, is not an appropriate time. The teacher's responsibility is the welfare of all students and if they are distracted speaking with a parent, students cannot be properly supervised.

Hume Highway Safety
It has been brought to my attention that parents are not guiding their children safely across the busy Hume Highway in the afternoons.

Parents are not following road safety rules, crossing after lights have turned red and encouraging their children to do the same. Some children are also running ahead whilst their parents chat to each other and amble across whilst ignoring their children.

This is a major concern.

Please do the following:

- Always check that the traffic has stopped before you start to cross.
- Please hold your child's hand – particularly younger children
- Please stay off your mobile phone so that you can supervise your children and teach them correct safety procedures by example.
- Always cross between the studs or over the zebra markings.
- Do not cross at the side of the crossing or on the zigzag lines, as it can be dangerous
- You must not loiter on zebra, pelican, toucan or puffin crossings.

P&C AGM

Our next P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) followed by a P&C meeting is on **Friday 15 March 2019 at 9.30am** in the staffroom. It is important that as many parents and caregivers attend this meeting so that we have a good representation of our school community present. As it will be an AGM, we will be filling the following positions:

- ✓ P&C President
- ✓ Vice-President
- ✓ Secretary
- ✓ Treasurer

If you are interested in taking up one of these positions, I encourage you to come along and express an interest.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2019

An invitation to register for the 2019 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) are being sent home with this weeks newsletter. The challenge opened this week and closes on Friday 30 August (Term 3, Week 6).

There are different requirements depending on the year of the student. It's an excellent way to encourage students to read widely for leisure and to help them improve their literacy skills. We hope all students at Bankstown North Public School will participate in the challenge this year. For further information please see our teacher librarian, Ms Beeche.

Bullying Program

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is a positive day of action for Australian teachers, students and school communities to take a stand together and say 'Bullying. No Way!'

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is on Friday 15 March. Due to PSSA and the K-2 Gymnastics program, Bankstown North will be recognising this most important of days on **Thursday 21 March**. On the day, children will receive a presentation from their Stage Leaders in regards to what bullying is, how to respond appropriately to bullying and how we can assist those who are being bullied.

Senior Constable Phillip Smith, Bankstown Police Station's Schools Liaison Officer, will also be making a presentation to the whole school in regards to bullying in society at the K-6 Assembly.

Kiss And Drop

Thank you to those parents and caregivers for complying with the Kiss and Drop Zone procedures. However, please be considerate of others by making sure you **DO NOT ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 3.00pm!** Arriving early, only adds to the congestion on the Hume Highway as traffic builds up turning from the Hume highway into Beresford Road. **Please do not push in** as this is very unfair and only causes angst amongst other drivers.

Police regularly patrol our school zone so please do the right thing.

Exemption From School

Parents and caregivers are reminded it is a Department of Education requirement that you ***must complete an exemption from school application and discuss the nature of the intended leave with the school principal prior to making travel arrangements.*** Exemption forms are available through our school office. Students on leave from school will be ***marked as absent for the period of leave and this will be recorded on their school reports and pupil record cards.***

It is therefore important that parents and caregivers who choose to take annual leave outside of the school holiday periods are aware that it is detrimental to your child's education, and prolonged continuous absences may be seen as *educational neglect* by the DoE Child Wellbeing Unit. Continued leave may result in an interview with parents. It is expected that ALL school aged children be at school every day that the school is open. Your cooperation with this matter is appreciated.

Health Care Plans

Please ensure that, if your child has a medical condition, our school office staff is made aware. There are many students, particularly Kindergartens, with known medical conditions eg: asthma, anaphylaxis and allergies, who have not provided a Health Care Plan for their child.

It is a DoE mandatory requirement that Health Care Plans are in place for any child with a known medical condition. The information required by the school is obtainable from your child's doctor. The doctor will need to complete a section of the Health Care Plan indicating what health care procedures our staff would need to follow in the event of an emergency. Your cooperation with this matter is your priority.

Easter Egg Raffle

Bankstown North Public School P&C are holding an Easter Egg Raffle to raise monies for the school. The raffle will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade on **Thursday 11 April 2019**. All donations will be packaged and wrapped as prizes.

If you are able to assist our P&C with the raffle (ie: making up baskets) please contact Mrs Nurisen Hashmi on 0403 595 925. Our students enjoy this day immensely so PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY to this fantastic fundraiser. Many thanks for your support!

Whole School Assembly

Our next whole school formal assembly is this **Thursday 7 March 2019 commencing at 2.00pm**. Your attendance at our assemblies is always welcome!

Jon Godwin - Principa



SCHOOL RULES

1. Be Responsible
2. Be Considerate
3. Be Honest

SRC Members

Well done to the following students who have been selected to represent the students of Bankstown North Public School on this year's Student Representative Council. These students will be officially inducted into the SRC at the whole school assembly this week.

1/2Green	<i>Noah E</i>	<i>Aylin K</i>
2Blue	<i>Zain M</i>	<i>Laurel S</i>
2Red	<i>Yaman K</i>	<i>Maryam Z</i>
3/4Blue	<i>Haysam H</i>	<i>Ayah K</i>
3/4Red	<i>Arseni N</i>	<i>Mariam B</i>
3/4Yellow	<i>Owai M</i>	<i>Ali R</i>
5/6Blue	<i>Hiba A</i>	<i>Shyanne T</i>
5/6Red	<i>Amara M</i>	<i>Jewel D</i>
5/6Yellow	<i>Zak M</i>	<i>Serene N</i>

Mrs Kerrie Hatfield and Mrs Anastasia Avgoustis are the teachers responsible for organising our SRC this year. Please see them if you require additional information.

Selective High School Test

For those children in Year 6 who will attend high school in 2020 and have registered to sit the Selective High School Test, this will take place on Thursday 14 March. You should have already received a letter to your home address confirming all the details.

Parents should drop students off at the test centre by 9.00am and return promptly at 1.30pm to pick them up. Do not arrive before 8.30am as there is no supervision available. Parents must collect students at 1.30pm.



Parent Invite

Bankstown North Public School would like to invite parents to celebrate Harmony Day on

Wednesday 20 March

Celebrations will begin at 12:20pm with in-class activities and will be followed by a sausage sizzle lunch (& snacks) that our P&C is organising. Parents are invited to have lunch with students. Please make sure lunch forms and money are returned by the due date. Canteen will not be open on the day.

There will be a special assembly after lunch where classes will be showcasing special items. All parents and carers are welcome to stay for the assembly.

If you have a special skill or would like to demonstrate something from your culture in front of a class on the day, please return your forms as soon as possible.

Students can come to school wearing orange or traditional costume from their country.

Please note, scripture classes will be cancelled for the day.

Our different cultures make Bankstown North Public School a great learning environment creating greater respect for cultural and religious diversity.

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

The message of Harmony Day is **'everyone belongs'.**

The day aims to appreciate different cultures through different arts to foster the sense of belonging.

Hope you can join us

Harmony Day Committee

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival was held on Friday 1 March at Max Parker Leisure and Aquatic Centre, Revesby. We had a fantastic day filled with lots of activities. Confident swimmers participated in races at the carnival and showed great effort. For those children not confident in swimming the required 50m distance, several novelty events were put in place to allow for all of our students to take part in the water based activities.

There were some great achievements in the different styles of races and we would like to congratulate those who participated. Thank you to our Stage 3 teachers Mr Formica, Mr Leedow and Mrs Avgoustis for running a successful carnival.



Fun
in the
Sun





Take a look at some of the fun
the children had on the day



Thanks to
our
supporters

PSSA Results

Round 1 – 22 February 2019				
Sport	Vs School	Score	Won/ Loss	Player of the Match
Girls Cricket – Junior	Berala PS	57-49	L	Amara E
Girls Cricket – Senior	Berala PS	62-56	W	Teya A
AFL – Junior	Birrong PS	31-8	W	Chehade E
AFL – Senior	Birrong PS	58-0	W	Tala A
Boys Cricket – Junior	Georges Hall PS	54-46	W	Owais M
Boys Cricket – Senior	Georges Hall PS	39-40	L	David L

High School Open Days

Bass High School	Tuesday 12 March	6.00-7.30pm	Arundle Rd, Bass Hill
Sir Joseph Banks High School	Wednesday 13 March	6.00-8.00pm	Turvey St, Revesby
Punchbowl Boys High School	Thursday 14 March	4.30-6.00pm	Kelly St, Punchbowl

When the Expression of Interest forms for high school 2020 are handed out, the Department of Education allows only a VERY short time for it to be returned. That means you should start exploring possible high schools now. We also suggest that Year 5 students attends these open days

Technology Update at Bankstown North Public School

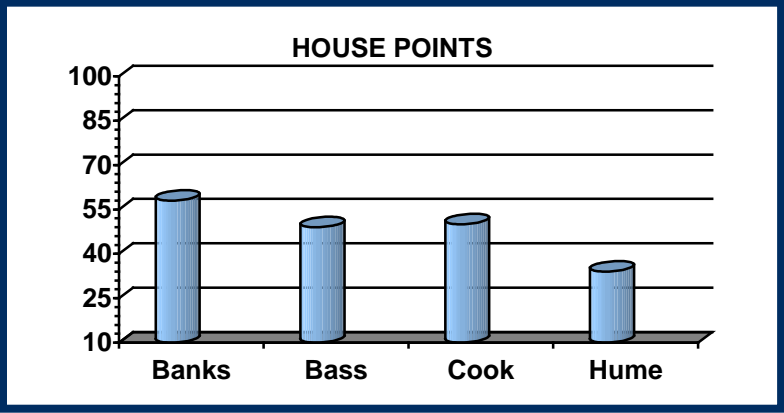


At Bankstown North Public School, we are extremely fortunate that all students in years 3-6 have access to their own individual chromebook device! We are also pleased to announce that from this year, Stage 1 students will also now have access to a chromebook.

As a school, we strongly believe that technology plays an important role in supporting students to access information and complement the great learning that is already taking place in our classrooms.

We also had eight interactive panels installed last week into classrooms, with another four planned.

This will further support our teachers design lessons that are interactive, engaging and inspiring!



House Points Tally



Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL)

At Bankstown North Public School, we **choose** to be **safe learners**

Bankstown North Public School has undertaken the Positive Behaviour for Learning program as the major focus of the school's Wellbeing component.

As part of the program the children are rewarded for Making Good Choices, Being Safe and Being Learners by receiving a 'Crikey' – a yellow slip of paper that the child receives from teachers when they are seen to be following our school expectations.

The children then place these into a barrel and enter the weekly 'Crikey Raffle'. The more 'Crikeys' a child receives in a week; the greater chance they have of winning the raffle.

The 'Crikey' Raffle takes place at the Friday morning assembly with winners winning a \$2 canteen voucher and a letter home from Mr Godwin.

Our winners are:

Term 1, Week 2

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| • Shakir A | 3/4Red | • Kevin N | 5/6Blue |
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Term 1, Week 3

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| • Omar J | 1Red | • Ayah K | 3/4Blue |
| • Muhammad A | 2Blue | • Romano A | 5/6Yellow |

Term 1, Week 4

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| • Emily N | 1/2Green | • Mohammed Z | 3/4Yellow |
| • Katherine B | 1/2Green | • Yassin A | 5/6Yellow |

District Swimming Carnival

The sun shone and the water glistened as a squad of 18 of our students qualified to swim at the District Swimming Carnival held at Birrong Leisure Centre on Monday 4th March.

Congratulations to **Jake** who came first in the 10 years boys 50m freestyle final, and **Arseni** who came 8th in the same event. Also, **Khoa** came 4th in the 9 year boys 50m freestyle final.

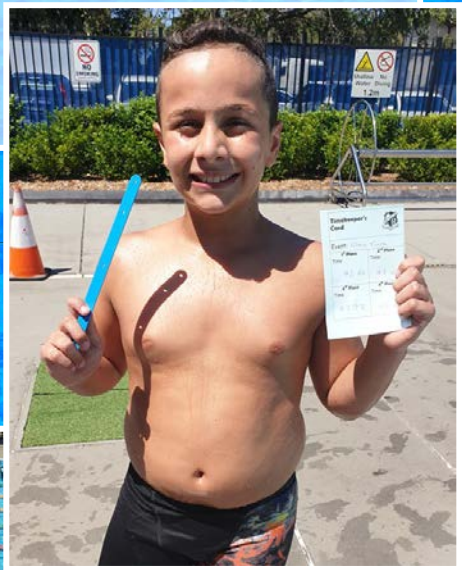
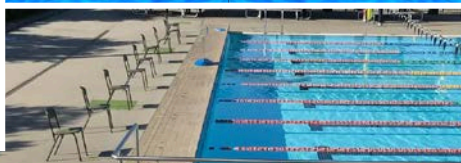
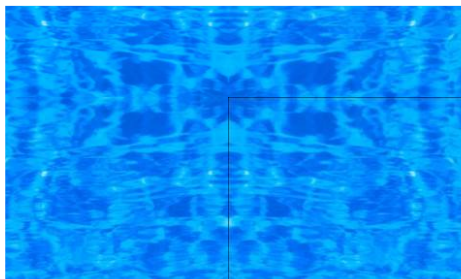
Thank you to all the students for their efforts and fantastic behaviour on the day; and thanks for the support from parents who came to cheer the squad as they competed.

Jake S	Lucille K	Ayana E	Ayah E
Maria J	Suzanne A	Hiba A	Yusef E
Khoa H	Mikail K	Adam I	Adam M
Arseni N	Khoder J	Yassin F	Chehade E
	Abdullah A	Noah E	

Congratulations to Jake who'll be representing our school at the next level – Sydney South West School Sport Association Swimming Championships next Tuesday 12 March.

Good luck Jake!

Mrs Morgan and Mr Jordan





Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Easter Eggstravaganza!

The P & C Committee is having its annual Easter raffle on

Thursday 11 April 2019

As you all know, the P & C needs the parents' support so that we can finance additional resources for the children.

The P & C is collecting donations of chocolate eggs and baskets to be used in the raffle. Any donations will be appreciated.

If you won a basket last year and you do not need it anymore, could you please bring it back to school so that we can reuse it for this year.

The collecting of eggs will start on

Thursday 7 March – Monday 8 April

Please bring to a P&C Member at Breakfast Club outside the hall

from 8:30 am every morning.

The raffle cost is 20c per ticket or
6 tickets for \$1.

Additional ticket sheets can be picked up from the office.

The raffle will be drawn on

Thursday 11 April

Make sure you fill in all details on both front and back of raffle ticket sheet. Please cut up sheet before putting tickets into envelope.

Please contact the P&C committee if you are able to help with the wrapping of baskets.



Thank you,
P & C Committee





Bankstown North P & C is holding their annual Easter raffle draw on Thursday 11th April but would like to change things up a bit this year.

Instead of all chocolate eggs in the baskets what else would you like to see in there?

Please fill out below what items you would like us to add in the baskets and return to the school office.

Some suggestions we have had were stationary items.



5 / 6 Red Class Chatter

This term, 5/6Red has been looking at Vincent Van Gogh's artwork and in particular, his sunflower artwork. First we drew our sunflowers and coloured them using wax paints. We then ripped the edges and used a blue wash to make our artwork look older. Finally we added a layer of glue to give them a glossy look. We hope you enjoy.

