

Bankstown North Public School

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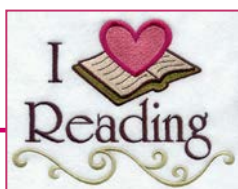
Wednesday 20 March 2019

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 8

Wednesday 20 March	Harmony Day Celebrations
Thursday 21 March	Assembly with Senior Constable Smith
Friday 22 March	PSSA – Round 5

Week 9

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

Week 10

Monday-Friday	Breakfast Club from 8.30am
Monday 1 April	Mothers Group 9-11am
Monday 1 April	Gymnastics instead of 12/4
Tuesday 2 April	Mothers Group 9-11am
Tuesday 2 April	Stage 2 Excursion – Powerhouse Museum

Week 11

Monday-Friday	Breakfast Club from 8.30am
Monday 8 April	Mothers Group 9-11am
Tuesday 9 April	Mothers Group 9-11am
Wednesday 10 April	Math Day
Thursday 11 April	Easter Hat Parade & Raffle
Friday 12 April	ANZAC Day Assembly
Friday 12 April	Last day of Term 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

- Kevin D - 1Red
- Wemi A - 1Red
- Amar E - 1Red
- Ernest V - 1Red
- Nicholas L - 3/4Yellow
- Ali M - 5/6Red

Congratulations. These awards will be presented at the K-6 Assembly to be held on **Thursday 21 March**. Parents are welcome to attend.

2019 P&C Committee

Thank you to those parents and caregivers who attended our P&C AGM. I am pleased to announce that the following parents and caregivers were elected to fill the 2019 committee positions.

President:	Mrs Nurisen Hashmi
Vice President:	To be voted on next meeting
Treasurer:	Ms Lisa Lofthouse
Secretary:	Mrs Chirihane Haddara

On behalf of all our school community, I would also like to thank our 2018 P&C hard-working committee members.

Parent and Caregiver Homework Workshop

Each term in 2019, staff at Bankstown North Public School will be running valuable parent workshops with a particular curriculum focus.

The workshop being presented for Term 1 will focus on *Homework* and will be held on **Wednesday 27 March (Week 9)** in the school hall, commencing at 3.15pm and concluding at 4.20pm.

The workshop will be presented in a fun, secure and professionally run environment and will provide you with easy and time-efficient strategies to assist your child with their learning at home. All parents attending our

Homework Workshop will go into the draw to win 2 x \$50 voucher to spend at Bankstown Sport's Club!

Outstanding Monies Owing

Reminder invoices are being sent home to parents and caregivers in the coming weeks who still have outstanding monies owing, in particular textbook fees. Please ensure you pay the amount indicated on your invoice ASAP, remembering to see our school office staff if you wish to discuss a payment plan. Your immediate attention with this matter is appreciated. Thank you to those parents and caregivers who have already paid

Procedures For Contacting Teachers

Please do not use Classdojo for contacting teachers. If you need to contact teachers via email, the correct procedure is to use the schools email address: **bankstownn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au**. Alternatively, you can contact our school office and make an appointment. Your co-operation with this matter is appreciated.

Pop Up Uniform Shop

Yeronga Uniforms will be holding a pop-up shop on:
**Thursday 28 March in the school hall
from 8.30am – 10.30am.**

This is a great chance to buy winter school uniforms. Please put this date in your diary.

Tell Them From Me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for students in Years 4-6 to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours before 12 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students in years 4-6 today. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 29 March 2019**.

Copies of the form in other languages and FAQs are available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

2019 NAPLAN Tests

This year, NAPLAN is changing. We are moving away from the traditional pen and paper version onto the new online mode. NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and a faster turnaround of information, as well as being more engaging for our students. Year 5 students will complete all assessments online, while the year 3 students will still do their writing assessment using pen and paper with all the other assessments being done online.

There has been a significant amount of planning, development, research and trialling to ensure that the NAPLAN online will provide more accurate information about your child.

The dates for this year's NAPLAN are as follows:

- **Writing** : 14-16 May
- **Reading** : 14-24 May
- **Language Conventions** : 14-24 May
- **Numeracy** : 14-24 May

Exact dates will be given to you in the near future.

NAPLAN Information Session

Sir Joseph Banks High School are running a parent information session for parents/caregivers of students in years 3 and 5. This meeting will be presented by their Numeracy and Literacy Coordinators. The details are as follows:

When: Wednesday 10 April 2019
Time: 9.30 – 11.00am
(light refreshments will be served)
Where: Sir Joseph Banks High School Learning Hub
Who: All parents and caregivers are welcome

During this meeting, all parents will receive an information folder with information about NAPLAN Assessment Program as well as sample tests for children to practise at home.

Easter Basket Raffle

Bankstown North Public School P&C are holding an Easter Basket Raffle to raise monies for the school. The raffle will be drawn on our Easter Hat Parade day on

Thursday 11 April 2019 at morning assembly. All donated gifts 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 (P&C President) on 0403 595 925. Our students enjoy this day immensely so PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY to this fantastic fundraiser. Many thanks for your support!

Kiss And Drop

Thank you to those families who have registered for Kiss and Drop. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IS SECURELY ATTACHED TO YOUR PASSENGER SIDE SUNVISOR WITH ELASTIC BANDS AND IS CLEARLY DISPLAYED WHEN ENTERING THE KISS AND DROP ZONE!!!! By doing so, you make it easier for the teacher on duty to identify you on approach and call out your number on the microphone. Parents and caregivers who do not display their number delay the Kiss and Drop zone line and cause unnecessary congestion.

If you have two, or more cars please ensure you visit our school office and request additional laminated numbers for each car.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Friday 17 May 2019 (Term 2 Week 3) commencing at 9.15am in our school staffroom. All parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend!

Kindergarten Helpful Hint

Parents with a child in Kindergarten – it is advisable to pack a spare change of underwear in your child's school bag. Kindergarten children often become so engrossed in their play or activities and sometimes forget to stop for a toilet break. Others just don't make it in time.

Although we have a very small supply of underwear, it is much better for your child if they have their own to change into. If your child has an accident at school and comes home in school underwear or clothes we ask that these are washed and returned to school at your earliest convenience.

Useful Facts

Facts About Fiction

If you've forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what's left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. Here are some fact sheets to print out.

Find our more:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf>

Amazing Art

Autumn's the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.

Find out more: <http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/>

Assembly

Our next whole school formal assembly will be held on **Thursday 21 March** in our school hall at 2.00 – 3.00pm.

Thank you for your continued support

Jon Godwin
Principal

Responsible Pet Care

Last week Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students had the pleasure of attending the Responsible Pet Care incursion.

Children learnt about how to approach dogs on a leash and how to react around a dangerous dog.

Some lucky students were given the opportunity to pat the presenter's dog. Children had a wonderful time learning about being responsible with pets and how to care for them.





Congratulations to the following winners of the Anti-Bullying poster competition!

Early Stage 1

K Red combined

Emaan A - K/10Orange

Stage 1

Emily N - 1/2Green

Maria I - 2Red

Stage 2

Mariam B - 3/4Red

Thuy V - 3/4Yellow

Stage 3

Cehade E - 5/6Red

Ella-Jade S - 5/6Red

YERONGA UNIFORM POP UP STORE

Thursday 28 March

School Hall

from 8.30 – 10.30am

A chance to buy your winter uniforms

PSSA Results

Round 3 – 9 March

Sport	Vs School	Score	Won/Loss	Player of the Match
Girls Cricket – Junior	Birrong PS	62-64	Loss	Thu Vu
Girls Cricket – Senior	Birrong PS	95-123	Loss	Eva Vlaoska
AFL - Junior	Greenacre PS	13-7	Win	Amara Mikati
AFL - Senior	Greenacre PS	0-27	Loss	Wissam Awad
Boys Cricket – Junior	Chester Hill PS	72-106	Loss	Abdul Hadi
Boys Cricket – Senior	Chester Hill PS	32-32	Tie	Zak Rizki

CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY



Bankstown North Public School participated in Clean Up Australia Day on Wednesday 6 March to clean up our school grounds.

In class we learnt how littering not only looks disgusting, it also affects our environment by spreading germs and destroying our wildlife. The whole school, from Kindergarten to Year 6, went out into the playground, armed with protective gloves and garbage bags, to clean up our school grounds. The students worked really hard, collecting rubbish from all corners of the school and filling their garbage bags.

Our school grounds ended up extremely clean and litter free. Let's remember what we have learnt and keep our grounds as clean as they were on Clean Up Day!



You are invited to come and celebrate Easter with
Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2

EASTER HAT PARADE

**Thursday 11 April 2019
from 12.30pm**

Our Easter Hat Parade will take place behind the
Kindergarten block or in the case of inclement
weather, in the school hall.

The children will decorate their Easter hats in class
time so come along and see their fantastic effort!



CANTEEN EASTER SPECIAL

Happy Easter



Thursday 4 April

Sausage Sizzle
with frozen juice cup

\$6.00

Please order at the school canteen by Wednesday 3 April
to ensure you don't miss out!

The P&C EASTER BASKET RAFFLE

will be drawn on
Thursday 11 April
at morning assembly.

P&C would like your help in donations to make our Easter Baskets. We would like to try something different this year with our baskets - instead of all chocolates we would like to put in a variety of things such as:

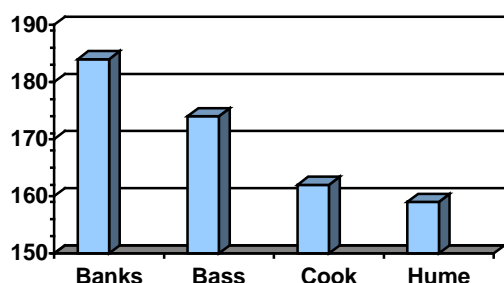


DIY art set; Gift vouchers - movies/Smiggles/Officeworks/EB games etc; Small Lego box; Story books; Playing cards; Games; Colouring book; Chocolates; Stationery

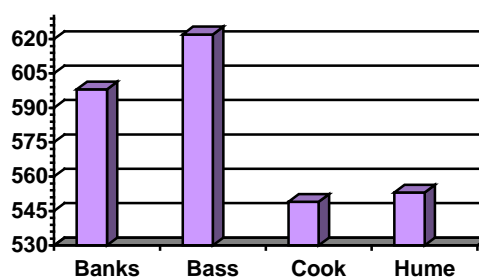
Please ensure any donations are new and in their original box.

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

Fortnightly Points Tally



Overall 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.

Term 1 Week 6

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| • Yousef B | K/1Orange | • Khlaled A | 5/6Blue |
| • Zahra U | 2Red | • Abdullah A | 5/6Red |

Term 1, Week 7

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| • Khalifa A | KRed | • Aameena A | 5/6Yellow |
| | | • Zac R | 5/6Yellow |

Kinder Red Class Chatter

So far this year in K Red, we have been very busy getting to know each other, settling into our new school and learning how to read and write.



In week 3 we started gymnastics, where we learnt to sit in a tuck shape and make all different shapes with our body.

We jumped on the small trampoline, we worked on our balance and we rolled on soft mats.

It was a lot of fun!



We had the chance to have a pet care incursion come to our school. We learnt the right way to pat a stranger's dog and how to behave around them.



We walked around and picked up all the rubbish we could find and filled up our bin bags.



We helped to clean up our school playground for Clean Up Australia Day.



It was great working altogether!