



## Banksia Montessori School Newsletter



## Term 1 2021

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Welcome Picnic

The first social event for the year will be the annual Welcome Picnic. The Picnic being held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February will be organised by the School Council and is to welcome all new families attending Banksia.

We have larger number than usual, of new families joining us this year. It will be great to see lots of new faces. We look forward to meeting everyone.

#### Harmony Day

Each year Banksia Montessori School celebrates Harmony Day. On this day each family brings a share plate of food representing their culture.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January

- Busy Bee  
8:30am – approx. 12:30pm

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

- School starts for Term 1 (existing students only – new students start on allocated date in email letter)

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

- 1st Library day for the term  
(Encourage your child to remember their library bag)
- Parent Term Meeting  
7:00pm
- Council Meeting approx.  
8:00pm

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February

- Welcome Picnic  
(time yet to be confirmed)

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

- Parent Information  
Evening TBA



Tables are set up for the celebration, each representing various countries.

Children and adults are encouraged to wear their national costume/dress. We celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia and our small community and learn about one another's foods and traditions.

## CORONAVIRUS

All families are kindly asked to follow the recommendations for WA in relation to COVID health and safety.

## CHANGES AT BANKSIA

The Terms and Conditions in Banksia's Application and Enrolment forms have changed. Please see clause 10 for the update.

## REMINDERS

### Busy Bee

The Term 1 Busy Bee will be held on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January** at 8:30am. If you cannot make it please contact the school on 9275 5997 or email [info@banksia.wa.edu.au](mailto:info@banksia.wa.edu.au) to arrange an alternative task. Remember, if you are an option 2 parent, attendance at busy bees is mandatory.

### Term 1 Dates

Existing Banksia students start Term 1 on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021**. New Banksia Students start Term 1 on the date provided on the Start Date Letter, received via email. All students finish Term 1 on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021**.

### Term 1 Theme

The theme for this term is **Farming**. Encourage your child to bring in a book, farm animal figurines, something from their own home garden, a photo of farming equipment or practices. Be creative!

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING TOYS FOR NEWS DAY. The item your child shares MUST be educational.**

### Consumable Supplies

Families with SURNAMES from **A-O** are asked to please bring the supplies listed below (for each of their children) on the first week back of term:

- 4 x toilet rolls

## DATES TO REMEMBER cont.

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March

- Term 2 Invoices sent

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

- **Harmony Day** – Children dress in national costume. Parents bring share plate representing their culture

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

- **Council Meeting** 7:30pm

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

- **Reptile incursion** TBC

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

- Term 2 Invoices due

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

- Return library books

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

- **Easter Egg Hunt**
- Last day Term 1 (Pre-kindy and Kindy children depart at 12pm. Pre-Primary depart at 1pm)



Families with SURNAMENES from P-Z will be asked to bring their child's supplies in Week 5. If you prefer to pay a monetary contribution for these supplies, please see the office.

## UNIFORMS

Please ensure your child is wearing the Banksia uniform to school. Banksia does have a uniform and all students are expected to adhere to the uniform dress code.

A Banksia printed top must be worn with navy blue bottoms (skirt, shorts or pants). Jackets and jumpers MUST be those of the Banksia uniform. Please do not send your child in various coloured attire from home. Tees, polos, jackets and jumpers can be purchased from the Administration Office. The bottoms can be sourced from either Big W, Best and Less, Kmart or Target.

## COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first **Parent Term Meeting** for the term will be held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** (week 2) at **7:00pm**.

The first **Council Meeting** for the term will be held on the same night, **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** directly after the Parent Term Meeting (approximately 8:00pm)

All Option 2 parents are expected to attend the Parent Term Meetings. These meetings keep you informed of all that is happening within your child's school as well as providing you with an opportunity to have a voice in decision making.

## LOCKDOWN AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURE PRACTICE

Each term the staff and students practise either a Lockdown Procedure or a Fire and Emergency Evacuation Procedure. The last Lockdown Procedure was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. The next Fire Emergency Procedure will take place this term on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.

## FEE PAYMENT POLICY

Invoices are issued in week 7 of a 10-week term. Payment is due in week 9 of a 10-week term – ten business days after the issue date.

**If you are unable to pay your invoice by the due date, you must contact the Finance Officer to arrange a payment plan. A payment plan must be set up PRIOR to the due date to avoid the 10% penalty fee.**

Christine is available Thursday and Friday 8am – 4pm on 9275 5997 or [finance@banksia.wa.edu.au](mailto:finance@banksia.wa.edu.au)

**It is the parent's responsibility to check spam/junk mail if they have not received their invoice and to contact Christine (the School Finance Officer) to inquire about it.**



## Birthdays in Term 1



Over the break, the following children celebrated a birthday;

**Anna Huynh and Julian Chen**

This coming term, the following children will be celebrating a birthday;

**Melody, Freya, Ingrid and Elizabeth**

**Parents:** Please read the Birthday Procedure (posted outside the classroom) if you are planning on bringing cupcakes to celebrate your child's birthday.



## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

This term we welcome  
**9 new families to Banksia Montessori School**

Please make all our newest students and their families feel welcome by greeting them with a warm smile and offers of assistance in any queries about our school.

**Anna (Parents – Anh and Daniel)**

**Elizabeth (Parents - Olivia and Tim)**

**Harrison (Parents – Lisa and Raymond)**

**Julian (Parents – Jo and Adrian)**

**Laila (Parents – Thuc and Michael)**

**Michael (Parents – Sonia and David)**

**Rafa (Parents – Woomi and Ricardo)**

**Seth (Parents - Chantelle and Michael)**

**Sophia (Parents - Anjum and Kamran)**