



Edition 1  
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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### FEB

12th Eat, Meet & Greet  
Parent information  
Sessions  
3:40-5:20pm

28th Assembly Waalitj 4  
9am

#### MAR

3rd Public Holiday  
Labour Day

Welcome back parents and carers. I know it was a really long holiday, and I am sure you are all happy that school is back! We have had a fabulous start to the year. I have loved seeing the smiling faces of all the returning students. Our new students, including our beautiful Kindy students have all settled in really well in such a short period of time. Many staff were super excited that ALL of their students have been at school this week.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Ebony Wernicke in the front office who has joined our team, Cleonie Whyte in year 1, Lachlan Lukas in year 4 and welcome back to Rachel Hunt in year 2 and Kelsie Whiffen. We are so glad to have you all at Banksia Grove.

On our pupil free days all the staff were at school doing a lot of learning themselves for the up coming year. We learnt about:

1. Development Learning Disorder - this affects many more students than we were aware of and now we know about even more strategies that will help students who find learning difficult.
2. Using a stored response for behaviours we would like to see being done differently. These are particularly effective in de-escalating or avoiding an escalation.
3. Place Value - our up coming maths unit, and
4. the importance of continuing with our morning routines and procedures we have made attached to our PBS expectations.

We had a great two days, but it was tiring as we all kicked our brains back into gear.

For the safety of our students can you please remind your children of two important safety rules.

1. Walk bikes and scooters when entering and leaving school grounds. I would hate to see anyone get hurt, especially a small toddler or baby in a pram.
2. There is no playing on our equipment before school. All staff are busy in their rooms and there is no duty of care from staff, but we have duty of care. Students without parents are supervised in the library while those with parents are outside their child's room. It is very difficult for us to know if children who are playing have a parent or not, hence the rule.

Our first P&C meeting is on **Monday 17th February** at 3:15 outside the pre-primary classrooms. We are all about fundraising for new equipment. We have been able to refurbish the library and add new equipment to our playgrounds in the past few years. Much of the school budget is spent on staffing in order to provide smaller class sizes and have extra Education Assistants to enable small group work. The role of the P&C is vital to have those extra's in our school. We are still in need of refrigerated air-conditioning in parts of the school as well as a big fan in the Undercover Area so please consider coming along. This term we have our colour fun run to organise - many hands make light work!

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday.



| CLASS MEETING TIMES                                                                                                |  |
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| 3.40pm: Kindy and Year 6<br>(Nyingarn 1 & 2 and Waalitj 3 & 4)                                                     |  |
| 4.05pm: Pre-Primary and Year 5<br>(Koomal 1 & 2 and Kwenda 1 & 2)                                                  |  |
| 4.30pm: Year 1 and 2<br>(Yongka 1, 2, 3 & 4)                                                                       |  |
| 4.55pm: Year 3 and 4<br>(Maali 1, 2, 3, 4 & Waalitj 1)                                                             |  |
| If there is a clash of times and you can't be in two places at once, please call in and see the teacher you missed |  |