



Edition 3
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DATES TO REMEMBER

November

5th Scitech Maths
Family Night

7th Assembly
Yongka 4

11th Open Board
Meeting

December

3rd Arts Evening

5th Assembly
Yongka 1

11th Book Awards
PP-Yr5

18th Water Fun Day
Last Day of Term

Welcome back to Term 4! It was wonderful to see all our students return last Tuesday, refreshed and ready for a busy and exciting end to the year. On the Monday before students returned, our staff spent the day analysing data and refining our new Business Plan. This important document outlines our strategic priorities and goals for the coming years. Once staff have had an opportunity to provide final feedback at our next staff meeting, the draft will be presented to the School Board in Week 5. Following Board endorsement, we'll publish the final plan ready for implementation in 2026.

We are also inviting all members of our school community to an Open Board Meeting on Tuesday 11 November. This is a great opportunity to see how a Board meeting operates, learn more about its role in school governance, and perhaps consider joining in the future.

It has already been a very full and productive start to the term as we prepare for 2026 (hard to believe we're already planning that far ahead!). Over the past few weeks, we've hosted a three-day audit, a National Quality Standard Review for our Early Years program, and a visit from Kristy from the Office of Early Childhood, who toured our kindy classrooms in preparation for next year. Each of these processes provided valuable feedback and commendations, which we'll incorporate into our new Business Plan to strengthen our programs even further. Staffing has also been a key focus this term. We've been conducting several selection processes, including for the Manager of Corporate Services (MCS) position. After nearly 27 years of dedicated service to Banksia Grove Primary School—and even more across other schools—Mrs Veronica Essex will be retiring in 2026. Veronica's contribution has been extraordinary, and while we'll be very sad to see her go, we wish her the very best in this well-deserved next chapter of life. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Sam Poole as our incoming MCS and look forward to the expertise and enthusiasm she will bring to the role.

We are also finalising appointments for a Kindergarten teacher to work alongside Mrs McCreery next year, as well as new Education Assistants. Mr Mulcahy will share more updates with families once these positions are confirmed.

Finally, as I prepare to take leave, today marks my last day for the term. Mr Mulcahy will be leading the school with the support of Mrs Abbott and Mr Hallworth. It has been an absolutely fantastic year, and I couldn't be prouder of our students—their growth, hard work, and resilience have been inspiring.

I wish everyone a wonderful remainder of Term 4, a joyful Christmas break, and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2026.

Warm regards,
Bec Routledge

