It is hard to believe that we have nearly completed another wonderful year at Banksia Park Primary School. I wish to thank everyone for their great work during 2018. This has been an exceptionally busy year with many exciting events both sporting and cultural. Educationally the school has excelled in many areas and we should be proud of everything that has been achieved.

The Parents and Citizens Association has worked tremendously hard with President Giorgia Kloosterman, Vice President David Albanis, Secretary George Kloosterman, Treasurer Gisele Hernandez and their Committee who organised many events that contributed to the overall life of the school. Ongoing services such as the Uniform Shop (Selena Watson) and the Canteen (Tanya Fraser) are also a result of their great work. Our appreciation also to Amanda Rudd for her hard work organising the Book Club and Renae Plumber for the School Banking. I also thank the Band Committee under the leadership of Sarah Harrison. The P&C's work benefits the school in both financial donations and the social interactions including the Quiz Night and Student Discos coordinated by Maria Wilson and Helen Harley. On behalf of the School Community I sincerely thank the P&C for their wonderful efforts.

Our Parent Representatives on our School Board of Tami Bird, Sharne Elsbury, Peter Hammer, Ian Holbrook, Giorgia Kloosterman and Chris Lock have again given generously of their time to support the school together with the staff representatives. They play an integral part in setting our strategic directions and reviewing our progress.

The parent population deserves our thanks as you have supported the many P&C activities, helped in classrooms, in the canteen, gone on excursions, coached sporting teams and the list goes on. Parental involvement has been an important feature of our School and we look forward to your continuing support.

The teaching staff have again been fantastic and have played a pivotal role in the school. The main part of their job is teaching but they also undertake many other duties to ensure the efficient running of the school. I would like to acknowledge the great work done by: Ann Andrews, Rachel Batten, Taryanne Baynes, David Brown, Teresa Cinanni, Rose Clancy, Liz Cummins, Desiree Heald, Annette De Hoog, Jane Di Sabato, Helen Goddard, Simon Griffiths, Liz Hogben, Karen Ingram, Fiona Jackson-Betham, Kathee Kirk, Ingrid McNally, Sandy Marwick, Sandra Salisbury and Joseph Smith.

The non teaching staff perform many tasks outside their expected range of duties to ensure the success of the
school and I would like to acknowledge the great work of Elynne Hah, Leanne Hair, Christine Koza, Kerry Morgan, Susan Pettet, Ashley Paik, Linda White and Leonie Zagari. Thanks also to Aggie Hanrahan (Library Officer); Louise Lathbury (School Chaplain), Virginia Rowles, Lima Williamson, Jill Barrett (Cleaners) and Andy Gould and Saul Hernandez (Gardeners). Also Valerie Cousins (School Psychologist) and Kristen Cousins (School Nurse).

I would also like to recognise the efforts of the School Executive Team. My special thanks to our Manager Corporate Services, Peta Zarins; School Officer Melissa Hewitt and Deputy Principal Tony Carvajal. This team has worked tirelessly to ensure the ongoing smooth running of our school.

Farewell to Tayarne Baynes. Thank you for your contributions to our school and best wishes for your future.

Once again our students have been great and they have worked hard throughout the year. Good luck to those families leaving Banksia Park and attending new schools in 2019. To everyone else, we will see you back next year.

To everyone who has helped this year a huge thank you from the Whole School Community. My personal appreciation for the many hours of effort that have been given so freely to ensure that Banksia Primary School is indeed a school of excellence.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Martin Humphreys
Principal

FAREWELL TO YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Next week our Year Sixes have their Graduation Ceremony on Thursday 13 December commencing at 9.00am. They have been a great bunch of students and we wish them well for their future.

Our departing Year 6 students are: Maddison Banks, Jasmin Blackburn, Jack Boardman, Bridget Bohmke, Charlie Breheney, Luis Calderon, Cameron Clark, Jake Clark, Lucas Cook, Sage Elliott, Jed Endicott, Lucy Fuller, Logan Grida, Madi Harkins, Logan Hill, Abbey Holmes, Sienna Howard, Naomi Lam, Jacky Loo, Catherine Majer, Kathleen McCoy, Stephanie Moon, Ethan Ng, Brandon Ottey, Ethan Paget, Ruby Philbin, Kayla Pretorius, James Revill, Lachlan Rudd, Beau Samers, Denis Simonji, Calan Skipworth, Charlotte Slater-Gauci, Eliza Sullivan, Ollie Tasker, Ashton Urich, Annika Vermeulen, Jazmin Walsh, Nicholas Watt, Emily Whitelaw and Jordan Whitford.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students who received Honour Certificates on Thursday 29 November:


Logan Hill, Catherine Majer and Ethan Paget will receive a PEAC Honour Certificate at the Graduation Assembly.

2019 SCHOOL YEAR

There are still many unknowns regarding the school and class organisation for 2019. As new enrolments are processed at the beginning of next year we will finalise the organisation of the school. As in previous years class lists will be on the class windows the afternoon before school begins, Friday 1 February 2019. The 2019 school year begins on Monday 4 February 2019. Please note Kindy has a phase in period (see the Handbook). ALL other years start on Day 1 full time. The School Office will close at noon on Friday 14 December 2018 and reopen on Tuesday 29 January 2019.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of Year Reports will be sent home next Tuesday 11 December. An electronic version will also be available on Connect. It is important that parents read the information page of the reports to get a full explanation.

2019 TERM DATES

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PERSONAL USE ITEMS
Please remember that if you ordered your Personal Use Items from Ziggies they will be available for collection from Thursday 20 December 2018 from Ziggies Educational Supplies, Unit 1 180 Bannister Road Canning Vale. It is advised not to leave it to the last week if possible as it may be very busy.

SCHOOL SECURITY
If you see anything suspicious around the school during the holidays please ring the Police 131 444 or Education Security on 1800 177 777.

SCHOOL DENTIST
In a Dental Emergency please contact the following clinics Monday to Friday excluding Public Holidays:
Caralee DTC: 8am to 4pm Ph: 9337 6818 : 14 December to 21 December and 29 January to 1 February
For After hours Emergencies please phone 1800 098 818 - 6:30pm to 8am or your private dental practitioner.
The clinics will re-open on Monday 4 February at 8:15 am.

ONE NIGHT ONLY CONCERT
On Monday 2 December, the Junior and Senior Bands performed a concert called the One Night Only, from 7pm to 8:30pm. The Junior Band played some wonderful songs, including “THE SPOOK”, The Enchanted Wizard and Rock and Roll Part 2. Then we had some wonderful solo performances by Stephanie Moon, Eliza Sullivan, Naomi Lam and James Revill. After that, the Senior Band performed some wonderful music, including Funkytown, Bryce Canyon Overture, In the Midnight Hour and Feliz Navidad. We then had three other solos by Lucy Fuller, Emily Whitehall and Annika Vermeulen. We had a surprise trio by Naomi, Charlie and Charlotte playing “Cake by the Ocean”. Both bands then combined to perform Smoke on the Water followed by an array of Christmas Carols, including Jingle Bells, Santa Claus is coming to Town and to finish it off, We Wish You A Merry Christmas. It was a wonderful night and we are sure everyone enjoyed it.
By James and Naomi

UKULELE CHRISTMAS CONCERT
There were more musical events with the Ukulele and Choir performances.
Thanks to Ms Meredith Higgins and Mrs Marwick and all the Parents who attended.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROLS

BOYS AND GIRLS FUTSAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
On Tuesday 27 and Friday 30 November, four different teams competed in the Interschool Futsal Competition from Banksia Park. Two teams went to the Tuesday competition and two teams went to the Friday competition. On Tuesday the Girls team came 5th and the Boy’s team came 4th out of 5 teams. The boys won one game against Coolbellup 7-1. Both teams competed very well against the tough northern teams. On Friday the Boy’s team came 3rd and the Girl’s team came 4th. There were six teams in that competition. The boys won three and lost 2. The Girls team won 2 lost 2 and drew one. It was a very fun day and we would like to say a big thankyou to Mr C, Mr Long and Miss Baton for coaching the girls and boys teams.
By Cameron and Charlotte.

Seasons Greetings
and Happy Holidays to everyone from all at Banksia Park Primary School
Christmas Markets
A big THANK YOU to Maria Wilson, Melissa Rowles and all the amazing volunteers who helped run our second Christmas Markets! It was so wonderful to see so many familiar faces at the market who came down to buy their Christmas gifts and support our school - it was a huge success! Through the sausage sizzle and stall fees we raised over $1,500!

Notice of P&C Annual General Meeting
The P&C will hold their AGM on Monday 18 February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. All positions become vacant. Positions will be formally advertised in the first Newsletter for 2019. There are many varied roles within the P&C and any contribution that you can make is greatly appreciated. Banksia Park students benefit from your contribution, no matter how small. A position description booklet will be coming home for anyone who might be interested in holding a position next year.

Notice of Band Committee Annual General Meeting
The Band Committee will hold their AGM on Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 7.00pm in the staff room. We encourage parents of band members to fill positions on the Committee.

Family Picnic on the Green
On Friday 8 March 2019 the P&C will hold a family picnic on the school oval as a welcome to all the new families joining us and as a welcome back to all those who were with us this year. Join us with your picnic rug on the oval where the kids can have a play and the grown-ups can get to know each other. More details will come out in the first Newsletter of 2019 but put a note in the calendar now and join us for a lovely evening. This will be an alcohol-free event run by the P&C. If there are any parents (especially Kindy or Pre-Primary parents!!) who would like to assist with this event, please contact banksiaparkpandc@gmail.com

Uniform Shop Opening Hours 2019
Next year our uniform shop opening hours will be changing to Wednesday 8.45am to 9.15am during the school term. Feel free to pop by and say hi, and pick up any uniform items you may need! If you can't make it during this time, you can still drop your orders off to the School Office (with correct $) and your items will be delivered to the classroom. A huge thank you to Selena Watson who has been running the Uniform Shop this year and a very big welcome to Sara Palmer who is taking over the role as Uniform Shop Coordinator for 2019!

Thank You and a Merry Christmas From BPPS P&C
Thank you to each and every one of our many volunteers and to those who have supported all of our fundraising efforts this year. As you know, none of it could happen without you! It has been a huge year with a lot of fun events and we were able to raise over $20,000 for the school. Amongst other things we were able to donate 10 iPads and a new iPad trolley. What can we do next year?? Email us your ideas (address at top)!

Microbat Nesting Boxes
Our special thanks to the Rotary Club of Attadale for installing two Microbat roosting boxes on our School grounds. There is much information about these native bats at www.microbatmates.com These bats eat lots of mosquitoes and midges and hopefully we will have some move into these boxes in the near future. Keep your eyes open for them!!