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Weekly Newsletter

Welcome Back

Term 2 Week 6

It was lovely to welcome all of our children back last Monday and to see their bright, happy faces. At the moment we are busy ensuring the children are settled and engaged in learning. After such a long absence we are also checking in on their well-being. All classes are focusing on assessment as we will be delivering a modified form of report in week ten. These reports will cover the level of engagement and achievement through both remote learning and class lessons.

Uniform

As the weather has become cooler may I remind you of our School Uniform Policy. The unisex Winter uniform consists of the long-sleeved school shirt, track pants and jacket- all of which may be purchased from Saouma's School Uniform and Fashion Wear shop in Punchbowl. We ask that children do not wear skivvies or leggings but be assured all the rooms are air-conditioned for warmth. Children may wear black sports shoes or black school shoes from Monday to Friday.

We do still have the following second-hand items for sale for \$5 each: 3 size 8 jackets, 6 size 10 jackets, 1 size 14 long sleeved top, 2 size 16 jackets, 2 school bags, 8 small hats, 3 medium hats and 2 large hats. Please contact the Office if you're interested. [For more information on school uniforms please see our school website.](#)

Library

We are starting to get back to normal routines which includes the borrowing of library books. Mrs Floyd is following DoE processes to ensure books are dealt with according to best practice of infection control.

This week the children have been involved in Virtual Storytime which has seen the children engaging in online story time of *Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas*.



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Enrolment

We are now accepting enrolments for 2021, particularly Kindergarten, as we hope to start up Ready, Set, Go next term, depending on DoE directives. Enrolments may now be done online.

Please access via the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/enrol-k12.pdf>

As you are probably aware due to the new Enrolment Policy, our school has an enrolment cap which means it can not enrol out of area enrolments unless the Intake Enrolment Panel deems that applications are eligible under a set criterion. To be eligible for non-local placement one or more of the following criteria must be addressed: Medical reasons, disability, siblings and/or compassionate reasons. A specific form detailing these requirements is available from the front office.

Some great news from the P&C executive

Some of you may remember at the last P&C meeting earlier this year, the executive discussed the possibility of installing a **Water Refill Station** for the kids at school. We are happy to announce that after some research and planning, the P&C has been able to get this project up and running. This is especially important for the kids now since all the bubblers at school are out of action (courtesy of COVID).

Attached is a picture of the model we are planning to install. The unit will have our school logo on it.

It is a Water refill station (NOT bubbler) with two refill points (1 on either side of the tower) and it includes a cooling system so the kids will have chilled water, which will be nice on warmer days.



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The cost is:

- cost of the water refill unit - \$2620
- cost of chiller unit - \$1563
- installation - \$2100

=total cost of project = \$6976.20 (inc GST)

The P&C will be fully funding this project.

It's a big investment, but we think it's a worthy one, and reasonable considering what is being provided to the kids.

In order to go ahead as soon as possible, we need the approval of our **P&C financial members**.

Unfortunately, due to the current climate we are unable to conduct an in-person P&C meeting, however we have organised to conduct a virtual vote.

The purposes of this is to adhere to P&C voting rules, that any motion put forward is documented and minuted by our P&C executive, and voted for fairly and transparently by members.

If you are a **financial member** of the P&C (you paid the \$2 membership fee in term one), and would like to take part in this vote or to object to this project proposal, please send an email to the P&C President at: linayassine88@hotmail.com

If you have any questions or comments, please also forward to: linayassine88@hotmail.com





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Welcome Back to School

[Click here to see more photos on our school website.](#)





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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID-19 testing clinic

COVID-19 drive-through testing clinic

Now open to the community

Bankstown, Dunc Gray Velodrome

27 Carysfield Road, Bass Hill
Tuesday 26 May to Saturday 30 May and
Tuesday 2 June to Saturday 6 June
9.30am to 4pm

www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/covid19



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID-19 testing clinic

- Please drive slowly through the testing site and take direction from staff and signage
- For everyone's safety, please remain in your vehicle unless advised otherwise
- Please turn off your vehicle and put your hand brake on at each check point
- Please have your Medicare card and driver's licence ready at the registration checkpoint
- Staff will direct you to each check point. Please follow their direction
- You will be required to self-isolate until your results are available.

Emergency care

If it's an emergency and you have a serious health problem including difficulty with breathing, please call Triple Zero (000) and let them know you are waiting on testing results for coronavirus (COVID-19).

Bookings Essential -
limited to 25 households
per feasting



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SYRIAN FAMILY FEASTING @ HOME

BRINGING THE DIVERSE CULTURES OF OUR COMMUNITY TO YOUR HOME



Learn more about a culture in your community! We are running the Syrian Family Feasting in Refugee Week to highlight the cultures, contributions, skills and assets of our diverse migrant/refugee communities.

Step 1: Once you have successfully registered, we will deliver the food cultural box to your home (dates confirmed when you register)

Step 2: Prepare the meals with the ingredients and recipes we have provided (within 3 days of receiving box). You will get a video link for one of the meals

Step 3: We would love your feedback. Return the survey with enclosed reply paid envelope to receive your special gift

Step 4: Share the love! Recreate the meal to share with neighbours or friends. Share photos & our experience on social media

For families with children 5-12 years old in Canterbury-Bankstown

Expressions of interest & registrations are now open and close Monday 8 June 2020. Please call business hours only (9am - 5pm)

For Registrations & Enquiries
Call Faten our FF @ Home coordinator on : 0406 592 402
Office Ph: 1300 CMINDS(264 637)
E:faten@communityminds.org.au



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Bankstown and Surrounds

Fortnightly Community Update

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This fortnightly publication is produced by the Bankstown Communities for Children Facilitating Partner to help distribute information about community initiatives, training, grants, and needs. If you would like to be added to or removed from the distribution list, or have a community announcement that you would like to publicise, please email jackie.davis@thesmithfamily.com.au.

Could you use a lift in your COVID world?

I'm throwing a bet out there that you can't view this [KARI Singers](#) beautiful iso version of "[Don't Dream It's Over](#)" without smiling!! I'm serious! Try it! It features Bankstown locals Blake and Sarah, too! There is HEAPS going on to recognise this important time, so go to [Reconciliation Week](#) for videos, movies, dance, arts, history, speeches and more.

- **Seeking young people** keen on experimenting with anything creative – photography, illustration, graphic design, film making, script writing, electronic music...or something else! If this sounds like you and you would like FREE creative support and access to resources, then check out [Table of Plenty Youth Arts Studio](#) provided through [Lost in Books](#). It's online during COVID, but once 'the air has cleared' the free-flowing open arts studio will be open. **Details:** *Thursday fortnightly. Learn more [here](#). Scroll to bottom and register [here](#).*
- **A Syrian Family Feasting event in your home!** And the chef is...you! During COVID, Bankstown's Community Minds' family feasting events are online and in local homes. Families interested in a cultural and culinary experience and an interest in food and cultures different to their own are encouraged to [register](#) by **Monday 8 June!** Only 25 spaces available! All food preparation ingredients delivered free of charge to your door, and you'll have access to an online food prep demo by Syrian chef Talal from the Syrian Kitchen. **Details:** *It's all part of Refugee Week, 16-20 June. See attached flyer or call Faten on 0406 592 402.*
- **Emergency relief available to those in Australia who are not** citizens or permanent residents AND not eligible for State or Territory funds for temporary visa holders, AND have no income, savings or access to other support. This relief is available through the Australian Red Cross. **Details:** *All details [here](#).*
- **Canterbury Bankstown residents in need of energy and water support** are encouraged to attend a FREE online info session to learn about rebates available, how to get the best energy contract, how the Energy and Water Ombudsman can help you, and more. This opportunity is thanks to Greenacre Area Community Centre. **Details:** *1-2 pm, Tuesday 9 June. See attached for important details. Contact [Renee](#) to register.*
- **COVID testing has come to Bankstown and Fairfield:** Tuesday – Saturday, 26 - 30 May and 2 – 6 June, 9:30am – 4:30pm. Arabic and Vietnamese speaking staff will be on site, with an Assyrian speaking nurse at the Fairfield site. **Details:** *Dunc Gray Velodrome, 27 Carysfield Road, Bass Hill and Fairfield Showground, 443 Smithfield Road, Prariewood. Flyers attached.*
- **South Sudanese and other Africans** who would like to feel better equipped to provide family or friends with emotional support can attend an Accidental Counsellor course via this [Zoom link](#) this Friday, 29 May, 11am – 1pm. **Details:** *Register [here](#). This training is provided in partnership with [STARTTS](#).*
- **A FREE interactive women's health program in Urdu** is being provided through Multicultural Health's BCE program in partnership with [MECA](#). This monthly program is live-streamed via MECA's Facebook Page and via Zoom. The next session is 2 – 3pm on 5 June and focusses on nutrition. **Details:** *Email [MECA](#) for info.*
- **FREE job seeking course for migrants who are qualified professional migrants:** If this sounds like you and you have functional English and have completed the Adult Migrant English Program, then you qualify! TAFE's Skillmax online course aims to provide you with the necessary skills and knowledge to access the Australian Job Market. **Details:** *See attached flyer, or contact [TAFE](#) on 9942 3768.*
- **The Smith Family is seeking volunteer Learning Club Tutors in Auburn:** Do you like the idea of supporting students to achieve their learning potential? Can you spare 1-2 hours per week, with training, resources and support available? **Details:** *See role description attached or contact [Anne Semonte](#).*