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Week 1 Term 3

I hope everyone had a relaxing break over the school holidays. Last term the Directors Position for Banksia Park was advertised and the current Director (Elspeth) felt it was time for a move. The new Director for 2022 was decided. The staff are very pleased as the successful applicant is known to the site and has many excellent skills to bring to the team. Attached to this email is a letter from our Education Director informing the community of the result.

Our work on numeracy has continued, it has been a focus for our kindy Improvement Plan (Quality area 1 with the National Quality Standards). One of our goals was to share some ways that families can promote numeracy. Attached to this newsletter are a number of suggestions for families from Professor Jo Boaler, these suggestions were taken from The Numeracy Handbook that the staff use in our planning cycle. We also got a chance to speak with many of our families in our interviews about their children's numeracy progress and our aims for the children. If you didn't have an interview and still wish to, these can be organised at a time that is suits for staff and families.

This term we will be investigating "Growing Things" Check out the floor book for further information! Last term we explored the book Potato People. We made our own potato people and planted potatoes in our garden. This term we are looking at the little Red Hen.



Facility Improvements.

This is going to be a busy time for construction at the kindergarten. We will be getting a new fence along the oval and front of the Kindy. We also will be getting our new swings (We are very keen for this!!!) We are having a tree removed from the back of the Kindy and getting a new mat for our group time. We are hoping that these improvements occur with minimum disruption and all progress smoothly!

Governing council

Governing council meeting week 2 Thursday 29/07/2021 at 12.15pm. Crèche available. All Welcome!

Bush Kindy and Assemblies

We will continue with our Bush Kindy program in Term 3 in week 4, 6, and 8. The dates are Thursday 12/08/2021, 26/08/2021 and 09/09/2021. We will have permission notes out for families at the start of term. On these weeks we will also attend Assemblies on Wednesdays at Banksia Primary.



Lunches.

Just a little reminder to keep our lunchboxes healthy, please avoid sending food that is high in sugar or fat such as biscuits, chips and cakes. Many things such as muesli bars and fruit straps contain high sugar even though families might think they are a healthy option.

New Bank Details.

Fee notices will be going out early this term. Please note that we have changed our bank account and we will have a new BSB and account number. These will be on the new invoices.

Closure Day.

The staff will be having training and development to further develop our site improvement plans and working on developing literacy capabilities, Tuesday 24/08/2021. This is still subject to approval by Governing council.

Date/ Day	Event	Time	Place
Thursday 29/08/2021	Gov council	12:15	Kindy
Wednesday 11/08/2021	Assembly	9:00	At BPPS
Thursday 12/08/2021	Bush Kindy	9-12	Anstey Hill
Tuesday 24/08/2021	Closure day		