

Welcome to the Banksia Class!



In Term 1 our class began with 8 Receptions, 9 Year ones and 7 Year twos; making a total of 24 students who started the school year in 2018.

Class Routines

Before school: It is the student's responsibility to unpack their bags, swap their readers, put their lunches in the fridge and place any notes for the teacher in the basket located on my desk. Parents may also wish to read with their child and practise sight words before school starts.

Crunch and Sip (Healthy Snack): At 10:00 am the children stop to snack on **fresh fruit** or **vegetables**. Children are encouraged to 'sip' plenty of water throughout the day, with drink bottles kept on their desks.

Library Day: Is Monday. The children can place their books in the returns tub located in the classroom. The Student Librarians from the Waratah and Eucalyptus rooms will take them to the library for returning throughout the week.

Homework: the children are expected to read or be read to each night at home. There are also sight words to practise reading and writing. Children in years 1 and 2 may also have a list of spelling words to practise.

A Typical Day...

9:00	Bell rings, children come to the floor
9:05	Fitness
9:15	Roll call. Parents are asked to leave by 9:15
9:20	Maths Block starts
10:00	Crunch and Sip
10:10	Spelling Groups
10:35	Reading Groups
11:00	Recess
11:20	Writing
12:15	Scheduled subjects

From 12:15 onwards, we complete a range of scheduled tasks for Art, Science, HASS (Geography and History), Health and PE, Technologies, etc.

Scheduled Subjects

Throughout the week, we have dedicated times for Science, HASS and The Arts. In addition to this, Dr Robyn Gibbes takes the children for Resource-Based learning on Mondays. Shawnee Mephram takes the children for Japanese and Digital Technologies twice a week on Thursdays and Fridays.

Behaviour and Rewards

To emphasise the importance of our values and class rules, we have a number of incentives which reward positive behaviour.

Behaviour Chart and Owl Pop Sticks: All students begin the day on 'Ready to Learn' in the middle of the line. They can move up the line (towards 'Super Student') or down the line (towards 'Parent Contact') throughout the day. Any students who remain on 'Ready to Learn' or higher, receive a pop stick for their *Owl's Bag* at the end of the day. When a child has 10 sticks, they can choose a prize.

Student of the Week: Students who display a particular character strength may be picked to be 'student of the week' at Monday's assembly. This student has the honour of being the helper for the class that week. They are in charge of calling the roll in the morning, completing errands, leading the line when we are moving through the school.



Kimochis

Kimochis (KEE-MOH-CHEES) is a programme used in class to teach emotional regulation and communication skills. These skills are introduced through the characters Bug, Lovey Dove, Cloud, Cat and Huggtopus. The children have 3 short Kimochis lessons after lunch each week.