

A message from your Learning Place Leader, James!

What a great term!

It has been an enormous pleasure being the Lead Teacher of Banksia this term. Following on from the wonderful work that Lorcan has been doing, I have really enjoyed getting to know students and staff alike.

There is a unique sense of camaraderie in this learning place and I have loved seeing how learners mix, socialise, learn and play together.

Lessons are fun, engaging, interactive and put students front and centre.

We navigated the challenge of swimming and we were all thrilled to see our young people take so much joy from the experience. I send my heartfelt thanks to all the amazing staff in Banksia. They work tirelessly to help your children in everything that they do.

Next term will be another busy period as we prepare for summer and the joys of the festive season.

I wish you all a very relaxing holiday.

James Rigby

Things to remember:

SeeSaw and Compass are the best ways to communicate with building staff.

School starts at 9 and finishes at 3. If drop offs and pickups are outside of these times, you may be required to wait, as this is learning time for our students, and staff will attend when they can.

Please label all student items, including shoes and clothing.

3A Banksia

Term 3 Reflection

What a great term we have had! 3A went swimming this term and everyone who joined really enjoyed themselves. We learned how to listen to the instructors, different strokes we can use in the water, have fun with our classmates, and even practice water safety. Everyone was so well behaved at the pool and on the bus, even when we got a little bit "lost" on the way back due to our navigator tricking us.

This term we have been focusing on being kind to the environment. This has included having classroom jobs such as completing the schedule, taking down and putting up chairs, wiping tables at the end of the day, and vacuuming the corridor.

We completed both maths and literacy assessments this term and everyone participated, some even with enthusiasm. In literacy, the most impressive was the kookaburra collages everyone made, some of which are included here. We learned from the story Kookoo Kookaburra that kindness is like a boomerang. The more kindness you put out into the world, the more will come back to you. It has been a great way to reinforce our school values of being kind.

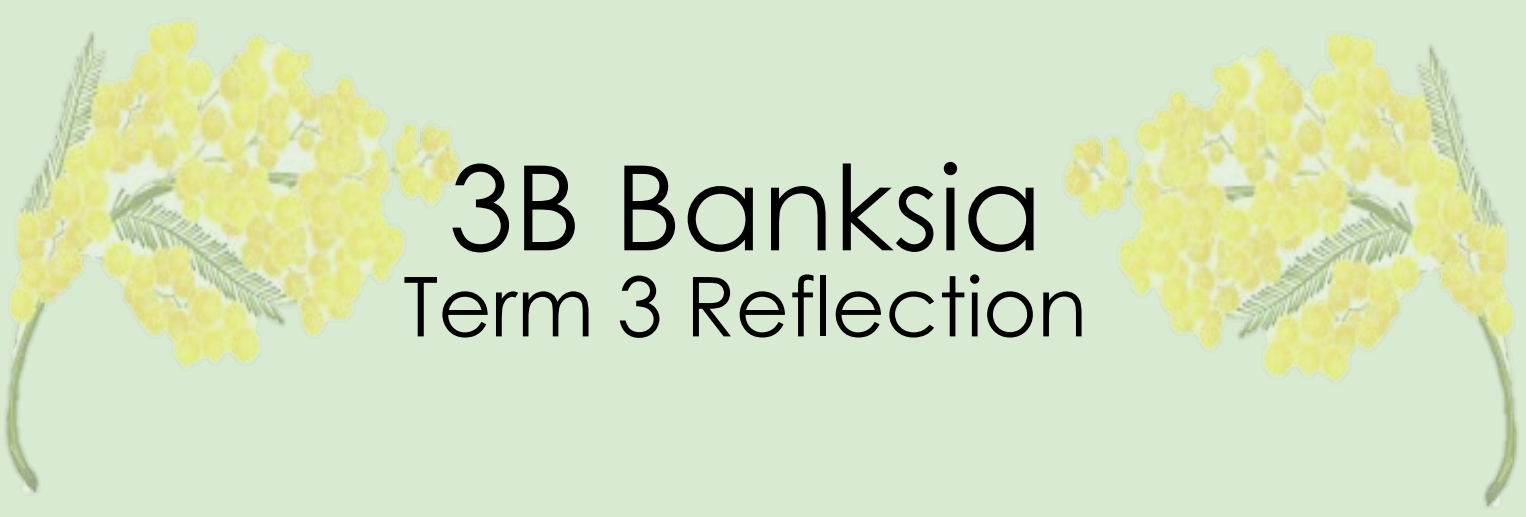
Our OT Taylah has started taking us to the heavy room where students can try fun things like going on the treadmill, do yoga, strengthen our arms with the battle ropes and even boxing! Students also can also practice following a schedule and using a timer.

This term we also got a new ES. His name is Reuel, but he goes by Ru. Please introduce yourself if you get a chance.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun term break, and we can't wait to see you all in Term 4!



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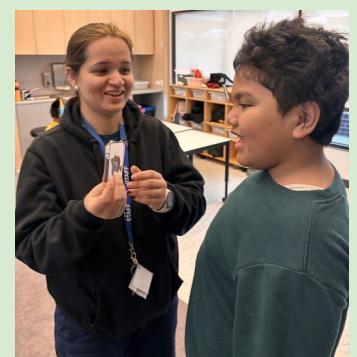
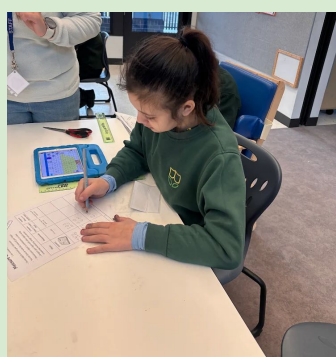
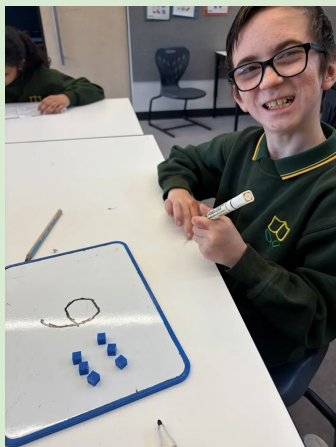
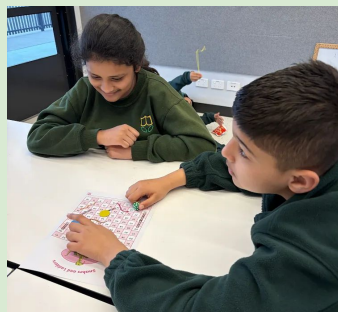
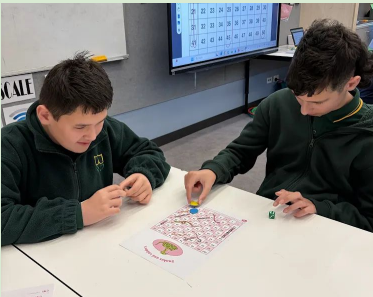


3B Banksia

Term 3 Reflection

3B have had an engaged Term Three with many learning opportunities! Friendships have been growing as students work collaboratively on a range of tasks.

During Term Three we have enhanced our number, addition and subtraction skills, while introducing the topics of measurement and statistics in Maths, explored characters and plots from our texts in English, investigated and examined technology from the past and modern day in Integrated and tried out the sports of Rugby, Basketball and AFL in Physical Education! This term also seen our excursion to the swimming pool which saw water confidence levels rise among the members of our group. Well done 3B!



3C Banksia

Term 3 Reflection

What a busy and exciting term we have had in 3C! Students have worked hard, tried new things and enjoyed lots of hands-on learning experiences throughout the term.

In **Mathematics**, we have been busy exploring Number, Measurement and Statistics. Students have enjoyed hands-on activities where they weighed and compared objects, measured length and height, and collected information using tally charts and pictograms. It has been fantastic to see students developing their mathematical skills through practical and engaging activities.

In **Reading and Writing**, we have continued to build our phonics knowledge to help us read and spell new words. Students have particularly enjoyed playing our new favourite phonics games, including *Hot Seat*, *Celebrity Sounds* and *Sound/Picture Hunt*. We have also explored some wonderful books, including *Edward the Emu* and *If I Were Prime Minister*, responding to the stories through a range of reading, speaking and writing activities.

Our **Integrated Studies** topic this term has been *Technology Time Warp*. Students have enjoyed comparing old and new technology and learning about how technology has changed and shaped our lives over time. One of the biggest highlights has been exploring old pieces of technology, including typewriters, Walkmans, cassette tapes and record players. Students were fascinated to see how people communicated, listened to music and completed everyday tasks before the technology we use today!

Students have also enjoyed a range of **sporting opportunities** this term, including Swimming and visits from Rugby and AFL coaches. These experiences have provided students with opportunities to develop their skills, confidence and teamwork while having lots of fun.



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3D Banksia

Term 3 Reflection

3d have had a busy, engaging and rewarding Term 3, It has been fantastic to see students growing in confidence, developing their skills and embracing new challenges. Friendships have continued to flourish as students work collaboratively, support one another and share their ideas across a wide range of learning tasks.

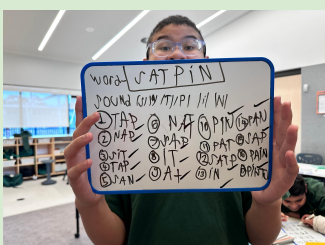
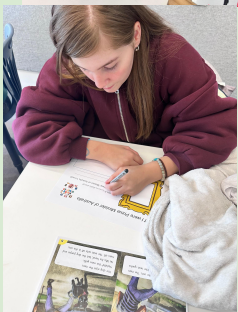
In English, students have been expanding their phonic knowledge by reading phonic books and playing phonic games. They have also explored books, including Edward the Emu, Perfect Leaf and If I were the Prime Minister, responding to the stories through a range of reading and writing activities.

In Mathematics, we have continued to strengthen our number skills, with a particular focus on addition and subtraction. We have also introduced the topics of measurement and statistics providing students opportunities to explore these concepts in practical and meaningful ways.

Our Integrated Studies learning has taken us on a journey through technology, as we investigated and examined technologies from the past and compared them with those we use in the modern world. Students have enjoyed discovering how technology has changed over time and considering how these developments have influenced the way we live, communicate and work.

In Physical Education, 3D Students have developed their fundamental movement skills while learning new rules, practising teamwork and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship during Rugby, Basketball and AFL sport activities.

One of the highlights of the term was our excursion to the swimming pool. Students showed great enthusiasm and courage as they participated in a range of swimming and water-based activities



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3E Banksia

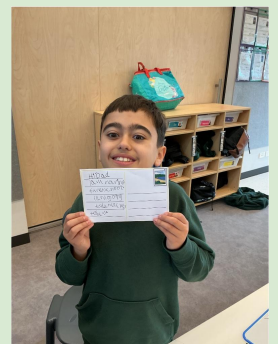
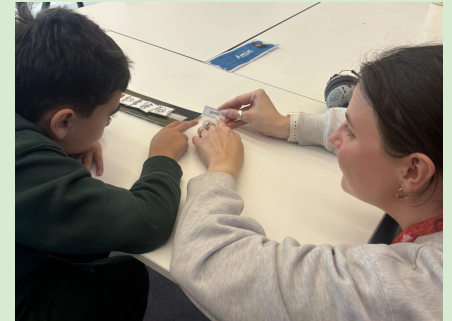
Term 3 Reflection

We have had an exciting and busy term full of learning and new experiences. A highlight of the term was our swimming excursion, where students built their confidence in the water while having lots of fun with their peers.

In our Technology Timewarp unit, we explored how communication, housing, toys, and transport have changed over time. In English, students enjoyed reading informative texts and developing their phonics skills. In Mathematics, we focused on addition, subtraction, measurement, and statistics through a variety of hands-on activities.

In Physical Education, we worked with a rugby coach to develop teamwork and movement skills. Students also began using the Heavy Work Room, engaging in activities that support regulation, strength, and wellbeing.

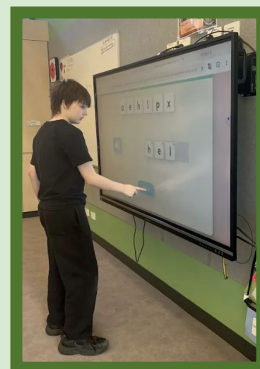
Throughout the term, students consistently demonstrated our school values by showing respect and care for themselves, others, and the environment. We are incredibly proud of their learning, growth, and teamwork, and we are so excited to see what our final term together will bring! 😊



3G Banksia

Term 3 Reflection

It has been a busy and exciting term in 3G! 📖 In English, we have been enjoying a range of informative stories, including *Edward the Emu* and *Kooka Kookaburra*. We have been learning to identify important features of stories, such as the setting, characters and key events, and developing our understanding of what we read. We have also been working hard on phonics, building our knowledge of letters and sounds and beginning to use this knowledge to read simple words. In Maths, we have been learning about number, sharing and grouping, measurement and have also been exploring data by collecting and sorting information in simple ways. We were very lucky to go swimming this term, where we had lots of fun practising our swimming skills, building confidence in the water and enjoying time together! 🏊🏊 Every Tuesday, we have also been making great use of the Heavy Room with Nat, our OT, where we have been getting active, strengthening our muscles and developing our gross motor skills through lots of fun movement activities. In our Integrated Unit, we have been travelling through time to explore how technology has changed the way we communicate, travel and live. It has been wonderful to see everyone working hard, having fun and growing in confidence throughout the term!



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3H Banksia

Term 3 Reflection



It has been another busy and rewarding Term in 3H! Our students have embraced a wide range of learning experiences, activities and challenges, showing enthusiasm, curiosity and a growing confidence in all that they do.

We have had a fantastic Term in P.E., including a visit from a rugby coach, where students developed their skills, built confidence and had lots of fun. We also enjoyed a swimming excursion, giving students the opportunity to practise their swimming skills and water confidence.

In English, we have been strengthening our phonics knowledge and reading fluency. We explored the mentor texts *Edward the Emu* and *If I Were Prime Minister*, developing our comprehension, sequencing and recall skills. In Maths, we explored Measurement, Number and Statistics through a range of practical and engaging activities.

Our Integrated Unit, *Technology Time Warp*, took us on a journey through the past and present of technology. We explored different types of technology, including household technology, entertainment, transport and homes, while discovering how technology has changed over time.

Throughout the Term, students have consistently demonstrated our three school values by working and playing together and looking out for one another. We are so proud of their achievements, growth and the wonderful way they support each other. We are excited for all that Term 4 will bring! 😊



Allied Health

Term 3 Reflection

Students from Banksia Learning Place have been enthusiastically engaging with our new Heavy Work Room at EHSS which features a range of equipment and activities including a treadmill, rowing machine, exercise bike, boxing station, agility activities, and more. Through structured exercise circuits, students have been developing their understanding of physical fitness, movement, and self-regulation while building strength, coordination, and confidence.

A key focus has been learning how to independently rotate through exercise stations and create their own Heavy Work Room schedules. Students have shown great responsibility and teamwork as they plan, organise, and participate in circuits that meet their individual goals and interests. It has been wonderful to see their engagement, motivation, and growing independence in this exciting new learning space.



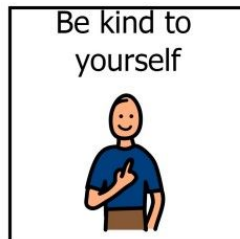
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At Endeavour Hills Specialist School, we pride ourselves on our school values;

Being Kind to Yourself



Being Kind to Others



Being Kind to the Environment



Our students receive 'green chronicles' for displaying our school values.

Parents will receive an email, via compass, notifying you that your child has received a green chronicle and why. Please celebrate chronicles with your child.



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