



## Our Year 5 buddies warmly welcoming Kindy 2020



### School Planning for 2020

I am very proud of everything we have achieved at our school so far this year, with the hard work of our whole school community with staff, students and parents working to make our school the very best learning environment for our students.

Planning for the 2020 school year is also well under way with all staff involved in this important process. Please be assured that teachers spend a great deal of time when deciding where to place students for the following year. At this stage it is too early to determine our class structures but have approximately 295 students enrolled.

Looking forward to 2020, we will be continuing with our wonderful educational and extra-curricular programs to ensure that our students are equipped with the educational skills to be future focused learners. Thank you to everyone, for your hard work in making our school such a great place to learn and grow.

### Have you enrolled your child for 2020?

- Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2020 and will be ready to start school? Are you a new family moving in to the area?
- We encourage all families with children starting school next year to contact the office as soon as possible to complete the enrolment paperwork.

### Will your child be returning to school after 29 January 2020?

- Occasionally families return for the new school year after the official start date, particularly if you have travelled overseas.
- In order for us to hold a place for your child at our school next year, we need confirmation in writing of your return date and contact details whilst you are away. Thank you for this information.
- Please inform the office in writing if your child will not be returning in 2020.

### Student Leadership Candidates

Congratulations to all the candidates who nominated to stand for leadership positions for 2020. Students reflected on their leadership capabilities in order to nominate for the positions. The enthusiastic response clearly shows the diligent and responsible nature of our students.

All students will be presenting speeches about their reflections on our school and how they could contribute to its future and how they, as leaders, hope to make a positive difference. The voting will be extremely difficult as all candidates would undoubtedly make inspirational leaders. In the next few weeks we will also be holding the nominations and voting for our 2020 sporting house captains. All 2020 leadership positions will be announced during our Presentation Day Ceremony on Wednesday 11 December from 9.15am.

### Kindergarten Transition Days

Our Kindergarten Transition Sessions were very well attended by our new Kindergarten students and their parents. We look forward to our new families joining us in 2020.

### School eNews App

All parents need to ensure that they have access to communication from the school. If you have not downloaded the School eNews on your device please do so immediately! The School eNews app is available in the App Store: <http://ios.schoolenews.com.au> This app will give you access to our newsletter and notes in your pocket! Download the app and then search for Botany Public School.

### Grandparents and Friends Morning

Grandparents and Friends visited our school for a concert and morning tea last week. We had a wonderful morning with our special grandparents with every child taking part in the concert. Thank you to all of our Grandparents for attending. A special thank you to those who traveled from interstate and long distances to be part of this celebration.

### Community Thank You Breakfast

We warmly welcome parents and grandparents from our community who have been involved at our school in any capacity this year, to attend the annual 'School Community - Thank You Morning Tea' to be held on Wednesday 4 December from 10am in the school library. We would love to see you all there to thank you for being part of our wonderful community...

Have a great week... *Kate Holmes* - Principal

## Diary Dates

### November 2019

#### Monday 25

School Banking



### December 2019

#### Tuesday 3 December

7pm - P&C Meeting

#### Wednesday 4

10.00am We will hold our

Thank You Morning Tea for our Parents and community volunteers.



#### Wednesday 11

Presentation Day

#### Thursday 12

Pink Stumps Mufti Day  
SRC and P&C Fundraising Event

#### Monday 16

10am - Year 6 Bowling Fun Day  
5.00pm – 7.30pm Year 6 Farewell  
for students in Year 5 and Year 6  
in the School Hall

#### Wednesday 18

Last day of school

*Happy Holidays!*



### January 2020

#### Monday 27

Australia Day Public holiday

#### Tuesday 28

Staff Development day

#### Wednesday 29

Students Years 1 – 6 begin school

## Botany Public School P&C News

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 December at 7pm in the library. Please join us to discuss upcoming events. Please see the back of this newsletter for more P&C news.



The P&C team ☺

## PSSA Years 3-6 Summer Sport

Students participating in PSSA Sport depart school at approximately 9.15am Friday. Please make sure students wear full uniform including a school hat and bring a drink bottle.

Week	Sport	Venue
Round 14 29/11/2019	Softball/ T ball	Booralee Park
	League Tag	Heffron Park

This is the last week of PSSA for the year.

### Week 5 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*



KM	Archie	Nicolas
KP	Holly	Khloe
KR	Alice	Hunter
1/2D	Owen	Adian R
1/2L	Keaton	Speed
1/2R	Bronte	Jagger
1/2S	Ava	Jayden B
3/4B	Jessica	Chloe G
3/4S	Oliver	Kailea
4/5D	Nolan	Orlando
5/6G	Jahrone	Logan
5/6I	Penny	Toni

### Week 6 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*

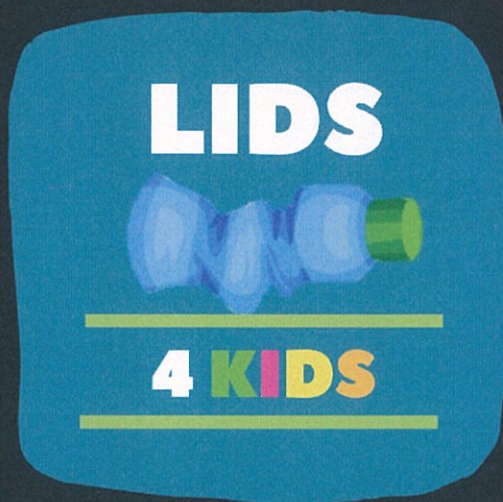


KM	Eva	Christopher
KP	Rose	Tane
KR	Maya	Harley
1/2D	Isaac	Sam
1/2L	Aleksandar	Eloise
1/2R	Lois	Neil
1/2S	Aidan O	Freya
3/4B	Nilan	Taliyah
3/4S	Tarquin	Mia-Rose
4/5D	Jack M	Millaine
5/6G	Jade	Winston
5/6I	Mabel	Giselle

**Value of week 7**  
**Integrity**

**Value of week 8**  
**Understanding**





# GIVE US YOUR LIDS

The lids from milk, water and soft drink bottles can be recycled and turned into prosthetic arms and limbs for kids in need.

Just drop your clean, eligible lids in the box!







**PARENT HELPER**

*Thank You  
Morning Tea*

The staff and students of Botany Public School invite you to  
our Parent Helper Thank you Morning Tea

**WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019  
FROM 10 AM**

**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US ON THIS SPECIAL  
OCCASION.**

# *Botany Public School*



## *Grandparents Day!*



Wednesday 20 November, 2019





*Grandparents hold a special place in all of our hearts.  
Thank you for being there for us!*



*From all of us at Botany Public School,  
thank you for joining us!*



# This is Australia! Some feedback from our community 😊

Dear Kate

Please pass on our thanks and congratulations to all the staff for the wonderful concert last night. Every year it's a highlight of the year and last night's performances were fantastic. It's such an enjoyable night for the whole community.

My five favourite things:

- \* starting the concert with the national anthem being sung in Dharawal was just the best. I was so proud to see my son up there for that- but even if he hadn't been in that item, it would still have been my favourite. Thank you so much to the teachers who taught them - it's a wonderful opportunity for the students to be able to learn language and I am so proud to be part of a school community that values Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and culture so highly.
- \* performances were choreographed so every student had a chance to be in the front at some point- well done! Every child had a chance to feel important and every parent had a proud moment.
- \* the staff were so calm throughout the whole thing! I couldn't believe how relaxed and happy everyone appeared! So impressive in such a potentially chaotic situation.
- \* it was really nice to see all the teachers come out to see their kids perform in the mixed-group numbers. Moments like that show how much they really care for their students.
- \* love the whole school finale every year. Great way for the kids to feel and show they belong together. I know how much work goes into nights like that. I hope you know how much it's valued and appreciated by parents and children. Thanks again

Hi Ms Holmes

I hope you aren't too exhausted this morning!

Could you please pass on a big thank you and an even bigger congratulations to all the staff? Our entire family has been eagerly awaiting the Botany concert all year and last night didn't disappoint. Seeing children who wouldn't normally be a 'stage kid' be so excited and proud makes my heart swell. Our child is one of those kids. He doesn't normally have a huge amount of confidence but seeing him transform into a little dance superstar is just awesome. You and your staff are amazing! Congratulations again

To Ms Holmes and all the wonderful staff at Botany Public School,  
I would like to take the time to thank you for all the dedication and hard work that you all put into our school. Every event organised this year was fantastic. Many parents have commented on how lucky we are to have this amazing school at our doorstep. Last night's concert was absolutely amazing. Watching the joy on the children's faces as they performed in front of their loved ones was just beautiful.

I just wanted to share with you my experience of a wonderful evening. These girls were given the stage to make wonderful lasting memories and as you can see by their faces and the past students that joined, they are in such awe of their time here at Botany Public and you have been such an integral part of that. Thank you for giving our kids the environment that they love so dearly and will miss terribly.

Dear Mrs Holmes,

A huge thank you to you and your wonderful staff. The concert was phenomenal. I've never seen so many children feeling safe and comfortable in their own skin, happy to perform! Every time I get to see the BPS children perform the national anthem in BOTH languages, I get goose bumps. It's super important to our family that our children understand and respect our indigenous people. Thank you again, we really appreciate the efforts the entire staff body go to in order to deliver such an amazing school community.



# *BPS P&C* *News*

## **LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER? HERE ARE SOME FUN VOLUNTEER OPTIONS:**

**\*MONDAY MORNING  
BANKING:  
THIS IS EVERY MONDAY SO  
ANY HELP IS APPRECIATED.  
PLEASE CONTACT SHANNON  
RAWNSLEY, IN PERSON OR  
BY EMAIL:  
INFO@SHANNONLISEPHOTO  
GRAPHY.COM.AU**

**\*12 DEC @ 2-3PM CAKE  
STALL FOR PINK STUMPS  
DAY**

**CONTACT THE P&C BY EMAILING  
BOTANYPUBLICPANDC@GMAIL  
.COM  
OR ON FB  
BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL  
P&C**

## **Garden Working Bee**

The next working be will be on 7th Dec @1:30pm. Come get your hands in the soil and have a relaxing time making our school grounds beautiful. Kids are welcome! Tools are supplied! Any amount of time is appreciated.

## **Mums' Wellness Dinner**

**10 Dec @ 7pm.**

This terms wellness dinner will be hosted at Waterworks Hotel, Botany. Enjoy a glass of bubbly on arrival! Be sure to RSVP on the 'BPS Mum's Wellness Dinner' Fb page.

## **Pink Stumps Day**

12 Dec the P&C will be hosting a mufti day and cake stall for Pink Stumps Day! Parents and carers are able to come and watch the student vs staff cricket game @ 2pm. We will be selling cupcakes from 2:30-3pm.

## **P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting is wk 8 and we will be going over fundraising ideas for next year. Please email all fundraising ideas you may want to bring forth at the meeting to our P&C email.