



Week 7 & 8 Term 1 2019



## Happy School Days



### Learning Conferences

This week we will be holding Learning Conferences for our families. Parents and their children are invited to visit the class teacher to discuss Learning Goals for the semester. Please complete the Learning Conference Background Information sheet and bring it to school with your child as part of this process. (It is located at the back of this newsletter.) Please make sure that you have scheduled your Learning Conference timeslot. We look forward to sharing the educational journey with you and your child.

### Caring Staff

Thank you to the staff at our school for always caring for our students; when they come to the office on a message or when they are unwell; when they can't find someone to play with or when there's conflict between students; and especially in classrooms each and every day. What a fabulous team of staff we have. Please take the time to acknowledge the work they do – school leaders, teachers, administrative and support staff. What an amazing team!

### Contact Number Update

During the past few weeks we have tried, without success, to contact some parents and emergency contacts. Please take the time to update your mobile phone contacts and your child's emergency contact people. Drop into the office to update your contact numbers or email the school. It is distressing for your children if we are unable to contact you when they are sick. Thank you for your attention to this procedure.

### NAPLAN Information

The National Assessment Program (Literacy and Numeracy) will be conducted for all students in Years 3 and 5 in Week 3 Term 2 on the 14, 15 and 16 May 2019. On Tuesday 19 March at 6.30pm (immediately preceding the P&C Meeting) we will be sharing information about NAPLAN including what the assessment looks like and how we prepare our students for the assessment. The information presented will be useful for all interested parents. We especially encourage parents of our students in years 3 & 5 to attend the meeting.

### Leadership Assembly – Harmony Day

On Thursday 21 March, we will be holding our School Leadership Assembly at 9.00am in the hall on Harmony Day. At this special assembly, Matt Thistlethwaite MP will join us, as we present our student leaders with certificates and badges. Our student leaders play an important role in our school as they help to lead our school community.

### Bully No Way

The SRC has decided that this year, we will have a specific focus on 'Bullying - No Way' on Thursday 14 March. Students will be given a wristband to reinforce 'Taking a Stand Together' against bullying. The SRC will be discussing 'Anti Bullying' ideas with their classmates in an aim that we can continue to have a school that is proactive and clearly does not accept bullying. As well as this, over the next few weeks, all of our students will be participating in lessons that discuss the issue of 'bullying' as part of our Bounce Back Program.

Some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and do happen sometimes. Our teaching staff ensure that Restorative Practices are used to resolve these issues and restore friendships. At our school, we do not accept 'bullying' in any form.

### How do I communicate with my child's teacher?

- For minor issues, directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information by speaking with them or emailing the school email, which will then be forwarded to the teachers' email.
- Please do not email the teacher directly as this is a break in protocol. Teachers' emails are private. Thank you for understating and adhering to this protocol.
- Please do not enter a classroom without the presence of a teacher.
- Please do not speak to your child's teacher at morning lines as this is the start of the school day and teachers are already engaging with their students
- For more serious concerns, please contact the school office via the school email or phone call. The appropriate staff member will speak with you as soon as possible.
- All of the teaching staff at our school have a full time teaching load, so will only be able to call you, in most cases, during their recess or lunch breaks. Please be assured that ALL staff take your concerns seriously and will communicate with you to discuss your issues as soon as possible after the event.

**Your co-operation is sought and appreciated in maintaining a safe and happy school, for together we make a great school, even better.**

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

## Diary Dates

### March 2019

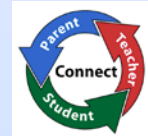
#### Monday 11

School Banking

#### Monday 11 – Thursday 14

### Home Learning Conferences...

Students, Parents and Teachers meet to discuss student learning goals.



#### Thursday 14

### National Day against Bullying

The National Day of Action against Bullying is a day for schools, students and the community to say Bullying. No Way!

#### Tuesday 19

6.30pm **NAPLAN Information Evening**, for parents. Please join us in the Library...

#### 7.00pm P&C Meeting

#### Thursday 21

### Harmony Day

9.00am - Student Leadership Assembly with Matt Thistlethwaite MP attending to present awards to SRC and school leaders. Parents invited to attend.

#### Thursday 28

### Cross Country Carnival at school

#### Friday 29

8.30am-9.15am - Clothing Pool Sale

### April 2019

#### Thursday 4

Easter Egg Mufti Day – Students wear plain clothes in return for an Easter egg to be donated to our P&C Easter Raffle.

#### Thursday 11

### Anzac Day Service

#### Friday 12

1.30pm Easter Hat Parade

#### Monday 8 – Friday 12

### Wellbeing Week

#### Friday 12 April

### Last day of Term 1

#### Monday 29

Staff Development Day

#### Tuesday 30

Students return

## Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 1 March, Botany Public School took part in the annual Clean up Australia Day. Students donned their gloves and participated in cleaning up our school as well as our wider community.



Thank you Ms Schwartz for organising the day as well as activities to help our students understand the impact that pollution can have on our environment.

## PSSA Years 3-6 Summer Sport

Students participating in PSSA Sport depart school at approximately 9.30am Friday. Please make sure students wear full uniform including a school hat and bring a drink bottle.

Week	Sport	Venue
Round 4 15/3/2019	Softball/ T ball	Booralee Park
	League Tag	Heffron Park
Round 5 22/3/2019	Softball/ T ball	Booralee Park
	League Tag	Heffron Park

### Week 5 2019 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*



KM	Rachel	Aangelyca
KP	Harley H	Mason
KR	Valentine	Harley J
1/2D	Harry P	Rowan
1/2L	Lily Grace	Md Tahjibul
1/2R	Nia	Aurelle
1/2S	Jayden J	Ruby
3/4B	Patrick	Amelia
3/4S	Nhellejye	Kayley T
4/5D	Taylor	Megan
5/6G	Winston	Tiana
5/6I	Mitchell	Kyra

### Week 6 2019 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*



KM	Pascale	Micah
KP	Ethan	Rose
KR	Maya	Valentine
1/2D	Sienna D	Taya
1/2L	Lazar	William C
1/2R	Zoe	Isaac T
1/2S	Jayden B-R	Aidan O
3/4B	Caitlin	Jannah
3/4S	Kyan	Nevaeh
4/5D	Lewis	Jake D
5/6G	Jade	Ryan
5/6I	Taj	Giselle

**Value of week 7  
Integrity**

**Value of week 8  
Understanding**

## High School Applications for year 6 Students – Year 7 2020

Information for students in Year 6 this year who will be starting High School in 2020 will be sent home today. Paperwork will have the students local High School printed on the application form. For most families, our local High School is South Sydney High School which provides comprehensive educational programs for students. If students wish to apply for a High School that is outside their local area, they will need to complete the necessary paperwork as part of the process for enrolling in these schools. Please speak to Mrs Holmes or Mr Illich if you need help or advice regarding this process.

### Office News

School fees are due now. All families are asked to make a payment by Friday 22 March. Thank you to all the families who have paid their voluntary contribution and school fees.

### Sending money to school

There is a money letterbox outside the office in the school foyer and all payments and notes can be placed here before school. Payment envelopes are available to allow office staff to quickly record details for our students.

**A reminder: A permission note must be completed for every student in the family for all activities.**

**Please note the office does not carry change, can you please provide the correct money with your orders.**

**Caps can be purchased from the office at \$12.50.**

### Absences Notes

Absence notes should be given to each child's teacher on the day they return to school. Explanations should be clearly outlined so the reason for the absence can be accurately recorded.

If you are intending to take leave for more than three days, and you know in advance, it is important that this be discussed with the school as an application for leave may be required. If your child is absent for longer than three days it is important that you contact the school to let them know the reason for the absence.

### Arrival and Departure Procedures

**Student ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE times will be recorded from the ADMINISTRATION OFFICE if they arrive after the 9am bell or if leaving school earlier than 3pm.** Please note the importance of prompt arrival to school each and every day. Prime learning time is in the morning, occasionally students are late for any manner of reasons and that is unavoidable. Once the bell has gone, students are required to attend the office for a late note.

Regular records of lateness and early leaving are deemed unexplained and unacceptable. These cases are monitored by regional staff - Home School Liaison Officer.

Likewise, school finishes at 3pm. All students are to be picked up at that time. No student is to wait outside the gate unsupervised waiting for a parent or carer to pick them up. Before and After School Care is available on our school site.

Thank you to every parent and carer – your support of our school is very much appreciated.

As the newsletter is available "online", you are encouraged to use this facility if you have internet access at work or at home. You may either view or download the newsletter from the website or have the newsletter emailed to you each fortnight. To receive the newsletter by email you will need to go to the school's website and click on "Newsletters". On this page you can subscribe to receive the newsletter "online".

### Newsletter App

You can now also get the school newsletter via your SMARTPHONE. This app is for parents, carers, students and teachers. The School ENews app is now available in the App Store ready for download! Visit: <http://ios.schoolenews.com.au> The School ENews app allows parents, students and teachers to easily stay up to date on school information. By downloading this app you will have access to our newsletter and notices in your pocket! Download the app and then search for our school inside the app.

### Uniform Pool

The next clothing pool will be held on Friday 29 March from 8.30am-9.15am, in the canteen area.

### Parent Online Payment System (POP)

A button to access this online payment system titled '\$ Make a Payment' will be visible on the utility bar on the front page of our school's website at <http://www.botany-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

By selecting this link, parents and carers will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page, from which they can make online payments.

Please note: As a Westpac-hosted solution cardholder and account details will be held securely, helping to protect the school and its customers from fraudulent transactions as well as assisting in meeting the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) compliance requirements.

**Please note, once your payment is made online, we still require signed permission notes for all excursions and sports for each child participating in the activity to be sent to the office. Please also ensure you enter your child's name and not your own.**

# Easter Celebrations

## Thursday 4 April – Easter Mufti Day

Students can wear mufti clothes in return for donating an Easter egg that will be used as part of a raffle that will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade...

## Friday 12 April – Easter Hat Parade

1.30pm Parents and friends are welcome to be part of the audience as the students take part in the parade.

## Our P&C Easter Raffle

The P & C will be holding a raffle at the Easter Hat Parade with lots of fabulous prizes to win!

Tickets will be sent home by the P&C in the coming weeks.

Please sell as many tickets as you can. Extra books can be collected from the office.

Don't forget to return your raffle tickets before the day.

Please ensure you place money and tickets in separate envelopes to school related expenses.

The P&C will need volunteers to help prepare the prizes and raffle tickets on the morning of the parade.

Good luck!



## Botany Public School Change of Dates Term 4 2019 - Staff Development Days

At the end of the each school year, there are two Staff Development Days designated after students have begun their Christmas school holidays.

This year, the students finish on Wednesday 18 December 2019. Staff would then normally attend meetings on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 December.

After discussing this situation with staff and seeking clarification from the Department of Education, our school will be completing these two days of Professional Learning during the school year, allowing staff to finish teaching on Wednesday 18 December.

As part of this process, staff will attend Twilight Professional Learning on a number of days after school. On Wednesday 3 April, 8 May, 12 June and 14 August staff will undertake Professional Learning around our Strategic School Plan and Milestones, Child Protection, CPR and Anaphylaxis training.

I am proud of the staff at Botany Public School, who continue to demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning.



**Week 7 Thursday 14th March**

## At Botany Public School...

Students will be completing activities in class to discuss what bullying means and what the qualities are of a good friend.

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm.

All student will receive a wrist band to promote NO BULLYING!  
An information card will also be sent home exploring the elements of 'bullying' and steps to take when it occurs.



**Week 8 Thursday 21st March**

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians.

## Everyone Belongs!

Students will be completing in class activities about Harmony Day. They will be educated on the importance of this day and why we celebrate it.

The students will also be creating a whole school star design in the office foyer that will explore their understandings of what Harmony Day means to them.

**Students are to wear full school uniform to school for both events.**



## Botany's 2019 Zone Swimming Team

This year saw our most success at a zone swimming carnival in recent years. Botany has 5 students who have advanced to the Sydney East regional carnival.

While we had great success in the pool, all students were exceptional while cheering and supporting each other from the stands. Our school community is extremely proud of all students' efforts on the day.

The following students have advanced to the Sydney East carnival:

- Aidan Robbie- **1<sup>st</sup>** place 8 years boys 50m Freestyle
- Bronte Boorer- **2<sup>nd</sup>** place 8 years girls 50m Freestyle
- Madelyn James- **1<sup>st</sup>** place in Junior girls 200m Individual Medley, **1<sup>st</sup>** place 10 years girls 50m freestyle, **2<sup>nd</sup>** place junior girls 50m Backstroke, **3<sup>rd</sup>** place junior girls 50m Breaststroke and Butterfly
- Olivia Potter- **1<sup>st</sup>** place junior girls 50m Butterfly
- Junior girls 4x50m relay- **1<sup>st</sup>** place. Olivia Potter, Mabel Mrakovcic, Bronte Boorer and Madelyn James

Congratulations to all students that competed and a huge thank you to the parents and carers who helped in the stands. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

# PSSA

PSSA has kicked off this year with a bang, with the introduction of League Tag. In the first two weeks of competition the junior's won both of their games, defeating South Coogee and Malabar. Some standouts in the first two weeks have been Nilan and Kayles scoring doubles, Soni chasing a player down and saving a try, as well as Patrick taking an intercept and running half the field to score.

The seniors defeated South Coogee and were narrowly defeated by Malabar in the first two weeks of the competition. Stirling was our lead try scorer in the first week with two tries in his debut game. Against Malabar, Arlo took an intercept and Brandan used his impressive footwork and swivelled his hips to break through the line and score.

***Students who play League Tag are to wear their jersey to school UNDERNEATH their school shirt on Fridays to ensure sun safety for students.***



In matches against Matraville, Banksmeadow and Gardeners Road the junior T-Ball team have had three close matches recording a win a draw and a loss. Learning how to hold a glove, throwing off the correct leg and striking a ball from a tee are skills that are evolving. Olivia's batting and Kailea's fielding have been highlights.

The senior team has had two close losses and a big win in their latest match. Penny has emerged as a very able pitcher who consistently hits the strike zone and Millie has displayed outstanding glove work and is a tremendous catcher. Each week the team is growing in their understandings of the fundamentals of the game.

# What is new with the P&C?

## Looking to Volunteer?

Great! We already have quite a few days to choose from!

- Monday morning banking - this is every Monday so any help is appreciated! Please contact Shannon Rawnsley in person or by email: [info@shannonelisephotography.com.au](mailto:info@shannonelisephotography.com.au)
- Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall **23/3** - please get in contact with Paul Miranda, Donna Lees or email: [botanypublicpnc@gmail.com](mailto:botanypublicpnc@gmail.com)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Stall 29/3. Volunteers needed on **28/3, @2:15pm** for sorting. Also, **29/3, @8-9:10am** for the sale itself. Please contact Donna Lees.

## ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL:

The P&C will be holding the Election Day BBQ & Cake stall on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March** from 8:00am-2pm so we will need volunteers **starting at 7:00am**. If you could spare an hour or two and/or donate a cake it would be greatly appreciated! Please get in contact with Paul Miranda or Donna Lees if you would like to volunteer!

## 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORM STALL:

The P&C will be having our next uniform sale on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 8:30-9:15am. This year Jackets will be **\$5** and all other items will be **\$2**. Cash only. Feel free to donate any items to the office before the day. See Donna Lees to volunteer.

## HOW TO CONTACT THE P&C:

If you have any questions for the P&C or would like more information about the P&C please email:

[botanypublicpnc@gmail.com](mailto:botanypublicpnc@gmail.com).

We also have a FB page:

Botany Public School P&C



# BOTANY SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

## 2019

Excursions are a valuable experience, providing the opportunity to expand and enhance children's knowledge, explore different environments and engage in meaningful ways with school curriculum requirements. Excursions provide an opportunity for students to further develop their social skills, independence and relationships. Excursions reflect the children's developmental stage and interests.

**Who:** Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

**Where:** Calmsley Hill Farm

**Date:** 10/9/2019

**Cost:** \$45

**Payment Date:** 2/9/2019

**Clothing:** Full School Uniform



**Who:** Stage 1 - Year 1 & Year 2

**Where:** Symbio Wildlife Park

**Date:** 13/6/2019

**Cost:** \$45

**Payment Date:** 3/6/2019

**Clothing:** Full School uniform



**Who:** Stage 2 - Year 3 & Year 4

**Where:** Berry Sports & Recreation camp

**Date:** 16/9/2019 – 18/9/2019

**Cost:** \$340

**Payment Date:** Deposit due 3/6/2019

**Full payment due 26/8/2019**

**Clothing:** Casual Clothes



**Who:** Stage 3 - Year 5 & Year 6

**Where:** Great Aussie Bush Camp

**Date:** 11/11/2019 – 13/11/2019

**Cost:** \$330

**Payment Date:** Deposit due 1/6/2019

**Full payment due 18/10/2019**

**Clothing:** Casual Clothes





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# Student Learning Goals

To be shared at the Learning Conferences

Student Name

Class

Please bring your Student Learning Goals to the Learning Conference which you will attend with your child.

Some goals I would like to set for my child's learning this year in **literacy** ...

Some goals I would like to set for my child's learning this year in **numeracy** ...

Some goals I would like to set for my child's learning this year in **wellbeing** ...