



We had a wonderful Easter celebration on the last day of term.
Happy Easter everyone...

Welcome back

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and that students are ready to begin the new term enthusiastically. We have a very busy Term 2 ahead of us...

This term we have many exciting things planned including our Mother's Day BBQ breakfast, Kinder School Tour, Dance Sports for Stage 3, NAPLAN for students in Year 3 and 5, Healthy Lifestyles Challenge, Athletics Carnival, Book Week and NAIDOC Week.

What an action packed term ahead!

Staff Development Day

At our Staff Development Day this week, staff participated in Professional Learning on the Literacy and Numeracy Progressions and the Science curriculum. We also participated in a presentation of 'Learning to Thrive By Going Open' focusing on Inquiry Based Learning.

Staff had Cooperative Planning Days at the end of last term with their stage teams, leading to explicit teaching and learning programs and quality education for our students. Thank you to staff that spent many hours at school and at home preparing for the term ahead.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2019

A reminder that students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy from 14 – 21 May 2019. If you wish to discuss any matters relating to NAPLAN testing, please see Mrs Holmes.

NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement against the national minimum standard later in the year.

Canteen News

- ✓ We are pleased to announce an update to our canteen menu.
- ✓ We will be moving forward with online ordering for the canteen this term.
- ✓ Register for flexischools by visiting <http://www.flexischools.com.au/>
- ✓ The canteen will be open everyday at lunch time for snacks only.
- ✓ Please note the canteen **will not** be open before school or at recess.

Anzac Day Ceremony

What a wonderful commemoration for our Anzac Day Service at the end of last term. Thank you to our school community who joined us for the ceremony. Thank you to Stage 3 led by Miss Gable and Mr Illich for the hard work in coordinating this very special commemoration. Students remembered those who have served and died in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice continue to have meaning for all of us today.

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

Diary Dates

April 2019

Monday 29

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30

Students return

May 2019

Monday 6

School Banking

Wednesday 8

Stewart House Mufti Day



Friday 10

8.00am

Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast



Tuesday 14

7.00pm P&C Meeting

Tuesday 14 – Tuesday 21 May

NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5 students



Tuesday 28

Athletics Carnival at Booralee Park

Thursday 30

Kindergarten 2020 School Tour

June 2019

Monday 10

Long Weekend Public Holiday

Thursday 13

Symbio Wildlife Park Excursion for Stage 1 - Years 1 & 2

Thursday 20

Healthy Lifestyle Walkathon

Botany Public School P&C News

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14 May in the Library. Please join us to discuss upcoming events and school programs.

Mothers Day

On Friday 10 May we will be holding our annual Mothers Day BBQ Breakfast at school from 8.00am.

Please join us to celebrate this special day and share breakfast with your child.

Volunteers are always needed. Can you help?

Friday 10 May – Volunteers required for the Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast from 7.30am to help organise the BBQ.

PSSA Years 3-6 Winter Sport

Students participating in PSSA Sport depart school at approximately 12.30pm Friday. Please make sure students wear full uniform including a school hat and bring a drink bottle.

Week	Sport	Venue
Round 1 24/5/19	Soccer	Heffron Park (Pool end)
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court
Round 2 31/5/19	Soccer	Coral Sea Park
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court

Week 11 Award Winners

*Achievement
Award*



KM	Christopher	Foti
KP	Mason	Georgie
KR	Grace	Hunter
1/2D	Taya	Mia
1/2L	London	Henry
1/2R	Aurelle	Emily
1/2S	Ivy	Nino
3/4B	Sefton	Liam J
3/4S	Tarquin	Jiya
4/5D	Abilene	Nolan
5/6G	Jack T	Brandan
5/6I	Abigail	Gavriolo

Student Absences

- The Department of Education deems that all students must attend school every day.
- Families are also advised that holidays should be taken during school holiday periods.
- If your child is absent from school please notify the school in writing by either sending an email to the school email or sending a note to the class teacher explaining the absence.
- **If your child is sick for one day, you DO NOT need to ring the school but can send a note to school with your child on the following day.**
- If absences are not explained, a letter will be sent home from the class teacher asking parents to explain.
- Absences are recorded in the class roll and this roll is admissible as evidence in a court of law.
- Partial absences are also recorded in the roll, where a child arrives late to school or leaves school early.
- If a student is late to school, a parent should escort them to the office so they can give the reason for the late arrival.
- Sleeping in, bad traffic and general lateness are not justifiable reasons for being late to school and these absences are marked as unjustified.
- Students, who are constantly late to school, miss the morning lesson introduction leading to gaps in learning.
- Please endeavour to maximize your child's attendance at school to ensure that they have the best start possible, every day!

Value of week 1
Excellence

Value of week 2
Fairness

Newsletter Online

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.



Thank you to our wonderful P&C who worked tirelessly to make our Easter raffle a huge success.

The P&C raised \$4261 from the raffle. Thank you to the school community for your Easter egg donations and for purchasing raffle tickets.



School Buildings and Grounds

This is a reminder for all parents that you are to leave the school grounds as soon as reasonably possible after school each day. *After School Care* use the school grounds each afternoon and we need to ensure that all students are accounted for.

Please do not use the play equipment or other areas of the school grounds after school.

Parents are also reminded not to enter the classrooms before or after school without the invitation of a teacher.

This is common courtesy as classrooms contain personal belongings.

Thank you for your understanding and adhering to these important directions.

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an OC - Opportunity Class in 2020

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 31 July 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2020, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **Tuesday 30 April 2019** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. The application website opens on **Tuesday 30 April 2019** and closes on **Friday 17 May 2019**.

- No late applications will be accepted and there are no paper application forms.
- If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library.
- If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **30 April 2019**.
- You must submit only ONE application for each student.
- Please see Mrs Holmes or Mr Illich if you have any questions regarding the OC applications.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2019



Thank you to our community for joining us for our Anzac Day Service last term.

Thank you to Glenn Mackenzie for speaking to our students about the Anzac spirit.



SCHOOL UPGRADE

During the school holidays there was a lot of work taking place around the school.

Air conditioning units have now been installed in all areas of the school. In coming weeks new enclosures will be installed around the air conditioning units.

The new rubber softfall has been installed under the play equipment and the new tossball towers were also installed. I am sure that our parents will be very pleased that the bark chips have been removed!



EASTER HAT PARADE 2019



What a fabulous afternoon!
Thank you to everyone for
such a wonderful community
spirit.





BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parents & Citizens Association

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Mother's Day Breakfast

8am - Friday 10th May 2019

The P&C are holding a Mother's Day Breakfast, to celebrate all the women - Mums, Grandmothers, Step Mums, Aunts, Carers, Neighbours, and anyone else who support, encourage and care for the children of Botany Public School. Come along and celebrate Mother's Day with your children by joining us for a community breakfast. Everyone is invited.

There will be a bacon and egg roll and instant coffee/tea/juice meal deal for \$5. No café coffee will be available this year, but we will have instant coffee and tea available.

All breakfasts need to be pre-ordered on the form below, **nothing can be purchased on the day**. Please return the form below with correct cash only payment by Wednesday, the 8th of May.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Order	Quantity
\$5 meal deal= Bacon and Egg Roll + tea/coffee/juice	
\$5 vegetarian option = 2 Eggs in a Roll + tea/coffee/juice	

Please return to school by Wednesday, the 8th of May. The P&C can **only accept correct cash payments**. Breakfasts need to be pre-ordered and paid for before the day.

I can help on the day → Name: _____
(Men only, please)

School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

We treat
each other
with
respect

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We
prioritise
the wellbeing
of all students
and staff

**Unsafe
behaviour**
is not acceptable
in our schools

We work
together
with the
school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
a part

We work
in partnership
to promote
student
learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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School Community Charter

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“Blue for Stew” Mufti Day and Cake Bake Sale

Stewart House Donation Drive 2019

The SRC at Botany Public School have organised a ‘**Wear Blue for Stew Day**’ to help raise funds for Stewart House.

All students are asked to wear blue mufti clothes on Wednesday 8th May and return a \$2 coin donation in the envelope to support Stewart House.

All entries have a chance to win a \$4,000 FAMILY HOLIDAY to a destination of your choice!

Please complete details on the envelope and return with your \$2 coin on Wednesday 8 May.

The SRC will also be holding a Cake Bake Sale.

**All students are asked to bring \$1 or \$2 to buy a cake!
SRC students are kindly asked to bring cakes on the day to sell to other students at recess.**

Each year 1,800 public school children in need visit Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12 day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the children's stay are met from charitable donations. Stewart House relies on donations to ensure they can continue to provide these important services to children.





2019 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

K-9 students – start reading now!

OPENS MONDAY 4 MARCH 2019

CLOSES FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 2019

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(online student reading records must be complete)

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



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