



# The Botany Buzz...



Week 3 & 4 Term 3 2019

## What a great start to Term 3...



### Education Week 2019

In Week 3 of this term we will celebrate Education Week with our community. The theme is: **'Every Student, Every Voice.'** We are proud to showcase our students, our teachers and our school. **Please join us on Thursday 8 August for our 'Open Morning'.**

**9.15 – 9.45am Open Classrooms**

Please visit your child in their classroom as they participate in Numeracy Activities.

**10.00 – 10.45am Morning Tea for visitors**

Parents and Friends are welcome to join us in the Library for morning tea and a friendly chat.

### Showcase 2019

Showcase is a regional evening concert to showcase the performing talents of students in local schools. This year, our school has had two dance groups performing at the concert after an audition process. Our Senior Group and Junior Group will both perform. The standard of these groups is amazing and we are very proud our students will perform on Tuesday 20 August.

All students in the dance groups need to be at Souths Juniors by 6.30pm to meet Miss Doherty, Ms Rogers, and Mr Illich. Good luck!

### Scope

This week saw the start of the ScopeIT coding program which is running through all of Term 3 for K-6 students. Please see the Scopelit page in this newsletter for more insight into the program. The teachers and students are really enjoying this new experience.

### Debating

On Tuesday, our debating team made it through to the Sydney Regional debating quarter finals. Well done Giselle, Millie, Penny and Tilly on this excellent achievement.

### Parent Communication

There are times when parents would like to speak to the class teacher regarding their child. Please contact the school office by email regarding this, so that teachers are able to ring and make an appointment for a mutually suitable time. Teachers are often involved in meetings before and after school and need time to prepare for a parent meeting in advance. **No parents should be in a classroom without a teacher present. No parents should directly email a teacher. These matters are made clear in our Parent Code of Conduct. Thank you for adhering to these principles.**

### Teachers Leave

Mrs Holmes is on unexpected leave caring for her elderly parents. Ms Moore will be the relieving Principal while Mrs Holmes is on leave.

*Have a great week... Botany Public School Staff*

## Diary Dates

### August 2019

Monday 5

School Banking

Monday 5 – 9

*NSW Education Week*



Thursday 8

**9.15am – 10.45am Education Week Open Morning**

Monday 19

**Showcase Rehearsal Day**

Tuesday 20

*Showcase...*

**Evening Performance at South Juniors**

Wednesday 28 August

*Interrelate Program*

6pm – 8pm for parents and students in Stage 2 and 3



Friday 30 August

*Fathers' Day BBQ Breakfast*



### September 2019

Tuesday 10

*Kindergarten Farm Excursion*

Wednesday 11

**DanceSport Gala**

Thursday 12

9.30am Kindergarten Open Morning

Monday 16-18

**Stage 2 Berry Camp**

Tuesday 24

**Art Show**



## ESPSSA Zone Athletics Carnival 2019

Congratulations to all of the students who have been selected to represent the school at the Zone Athletics Carnival.

The carnival will be held over 2 days this year, on Friday 9 August and Friday 16 August.

Please remember to return notes and money as soon as possible.

## Botany Public School P&C News

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 August in our school library. Please join us to discuss upcoming events.

For more P&C news please see the back of this newsletter.

The P&C team 😊

## 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 10 23/8/19	Soccer	Coral Sea Park
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court
Round 11 30/8/19	Soccer	Heffron (Pool end)
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court

### Week 1 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*



KM	Christopher	Foti
KP	Emily P	Oliver J
KR	Isla C	Arthur
1/2D	Will P	Isabelle
1/2L	Sonali	Luca
1/2R	Claire	Nia
1/2S	Scarlett	Jayden
3/4B	Nilan	Finn
3/4S	Kayley	Tyla
4/5D	Mikaela	Jett
5/6G	Elliott	Meika
5/6I	Harry L	Penny

### Week 2 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*



KM	Pascale	Selena N
KP	Ethan	Harrison
KR	Maya	Hunter
1/2D	Isaac S	Samir
1/2L	Gabriella	Lily-Grace
1/2R	Jensen	Alberta
1/2S	Selena B	Charlie
3/4B	Amelia B	Chloe G
3/4S	Daniel B	Kayles
4/5D	Millaine	Nolan
5/6G	Murtaza	Soleil
5/6I	Te Heria	Abigail

**Value of week 3  
Respect**

**Value of week 4  
Caring**

## NCCD - Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Under the Australian Education Act all schools are required to participate in the annual Nationally Consistent Collection of Data. Through this collection, data is collected about the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable adjustments they are provided with.

The national data collection counts students who have been identified by the school learning and support team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA).

Our school is currently collecting this data for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data. Some students at our school have Personal Learning and Support Plans so that we are able to provide them with the best possible support, will be included in this data collection.

Please contact Mr Holmes or Ms Moore our LST Coordinator if you require further information regarding this process.

## Kindergarten Enrolments 2020

Botany Public School has continued to grow in size over the last few years as the name of our wonderful school grows in the community. At present we have 12 classes in our 12 classrooms which means that our school is at capacity.

At this stage, we will only be able to guarantee enrolment of Kindergarten children in 2020 if they live in the Botany Public School catchment area. We will also prioritise siblings of students enrolled in and attending the school. Please contact the school to confirm your details if you have a child beginning school in 2020.

If you live outside the catchment area, then it will be difficult to place your child at Botany Public School in 2020. We encourage all parents in this position to visit their local school principal. For your local public school, please go to the following link and enter your residential address:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>

For those of you whose children will be attending Botany Public School in 2020, we will have an Open Morning on Thursday 12 September and two Transition Days on Thursday 14 November and Thursday 21 November, 2019.

The first day of school will be Monday 3 February 2020. Prior to this day, on Wednesday 29 January, Thursday 30 and Friday 31 January 2020, we will set aside time to meet with your child to complete the Best Start Assessment in Literacy and Numeracy.

Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss this matter further.

## Education Week Open Day

This week on Thursday 8 August 2019, we will be holding our Education Week Open Morning.

The Open Day will begin at 9.15am with classroom visits.

Following this there will be morning tea for parents in the Library.

Please save this date in your diary!



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Botany Public School  
End of Year Concert**

**Venue: Souths Juniors**

**Date: Thursday 7 November 2019**

**Time: 6.00pm**

**More details available closer to the date.**

### **School Hats – price increase**

**We have received a new batch of school hats from our supplier.**

**Please note they are still the same but the supplier has had a price increase.**

**All hats are now \$14.**

**Thank you for your understanding.**



The NSW Premier's Spelling Bee for 2019 is fast approaching!

Botany Public School's finalist names are due in Week 3, Term 3. Students are encouraged to practise spelling the words out loud and at home using the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee word list.

Our school competition will be held in the first two weeks of Term 3, with finalists being selected before the end of week 3.

The NSW Premier's Spelling Bee list words can be located from the following website, using the password **pizza** to access the lists.

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-spelling-bee>

Note: years 3 and 4 use the 'junior' word list and years 5 and 6 use the 'senior' word list.

Good luck to all of the Botany students in this year's Spelling Bee!

Miss Gable  
Spelling Bee Coordinator

### Public Speaking – Term 3

Public speaking helps to develop a clear, confident speaking voice that is an essential life skill that fosters self-esteem and personal confidence.

In Term 3 students will be participating in our schools Public Speaking Competition. Students will have the opportunity to prepare their speeches at home and present their speech to the class in Week 6.

Students should start to think about a topic that they feel very passionate about so that they can speak with sincerity. They should also choose a topic that would be of interest to the rest of the audience.

All students are encouraged to choose topics such with a global perspective. The BTN, National Geographic and SBS websites are great resources to start with. If you have any questions please see your child's class teacher or Mr Ribar.

Good Luck everyone!

Mr Ribar  
Public Speaking Coordinator

## Book Club LOOP

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

or  

Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.  
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.





### Book Club is easy.....

- Your child will receive a Book Club Brochure from their class teacher.
- At home you and your child can choose books you wish to buy
  - You order and pay online

**NO CASH NO CHEQUES**

- The books will be delivered to your child in their class – please note the closing date and books will not arrive until at least 1 week after this date.
- Book club is run by the P&C any questions about

Book Club please email

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

**Orders for this issue need to be completed online**

Please remember we only accept LOOP online orders,

# Colour Explosion

## Fundraiser

Botany Public School's first ever Colour Explosion happened at the end of Term 2. All of the students had an amazing time and managed to raise just over a whopping \$15,000, with \$10,000 of that coming directly to the school to go towards our new mini soccer pitch!

The remainder of the money goes to the Australian Fundraising organisation which provided us with the coloured chalk, the online donating platform, as well as the prizes that students will receive. Without this organisation we would not have been able to hold such an amazing and colourful event!



A huge THANK YOU needs to go out to our school community for the donations we received for our Colour Explosion. The prizes are on their way and teachers will distribute them as soon as possible.

# *Congratulations to the Botany Stage 3 Debating Team!*



On Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of July, the Stage 3 Debating Team hosted Arncliffe Public School for the Quarter-Finals of the 2019 Sydney Primary Schools Debating Competition.

Giselle, Millie, Penny and Tilly were outstanding in their preparations and presentation, resulting in another win for the Botany 'A' Team. They are now headed to the Semi-Finals in Term 3 (Date TBC).

Well done Giselle, Millie, Penny and Tilly! Good luck in the next round!



# When kids ask "the" questions... Interrelate has the answers!

**Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.**

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

## *Session 1: Where did I come from?*

1-hour session: Years 3-6

## *Session 2: Preparing for puberty*

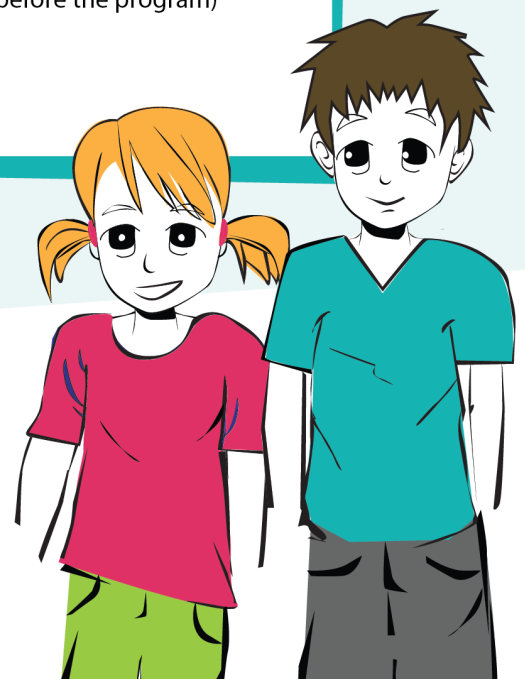
1-hour session: Years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

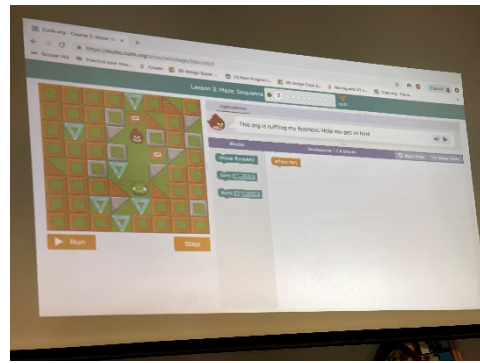
**Date: Wednesday 28th August 2019**

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.

Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.



# Term 3 Scope IT coding program begins!



This week saw the start of the Scope IT coding program which is running through all of Term 3 for K-6 students.

The Scope IT program is designed to extend the students understanding and use of digital technology by learning:

- How to build basic apps, websites and other computer programs
- Safe use of the internet and how the internet works
- Logical thinking, problem solving techniques and creative design using technology
- 3D printing, robotics and electronics

We look forward to seeing how this program progresses over the term!





# Botany Public School



Established 1848



## You are invited to be part of our “ Historical Pathway ”

You are invited to participate in this unique opportunity to have your name as a permanent part of our school.

We are extending our Historical Pathway and would like you to be part of it. For examples, take the path to the Kindy Rooms.



### Option 1 -

Single name or message paver

Cost: \$35

### Option 2 -

Family double paver

Cost: \$65



### Option 3 -

Hand drawn paver

Cost: \$40

To order a paver please contact the school office to collect an order form. Ph:9316 8889

## Offer closes 30 August, 2019



BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS THEIR MAJOR FUNDRAISER

# MOONLIGHT CINEMA

## 'THE GREATEST SHOWMAN'

*sing-along*



**\$10 / Child**  
**\$15 / Adult**  
**\$45 / Family**

*(see ticket website for  
more details)*

**BYO Picnic Rug**  
**Alcohol Free**  
**Family Event**

*(Children must be  
supervised)*

**Entertainment • BBQ • Popcorn & Snacks**

7 September 2019 • Gates open 5pm

Movie starts 6:30pm

Botany Public School, 1076 Botany Rd Botany

[facebook.com/botanypublicschoolpandc](https://facebook.com/botanypublicschoolpandc)

TICKETS: [events.humanitix.com.au/botanymovie](https://events.humanitix.com.au/botanymovie)

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# 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**

**\*TRASH & TREASURE:  
THIS EVENT IS TAKING  
PLACE 19/10.**

**VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/KW  
49J**

**\*MOONLIGHT MOVIE NIGHT  
THIS EVENT IS TAKING  
PLACE 7/9**

**VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/3JL  
X4**

**CONTACT THE P&C BY EMAILING  
BOTANYPUBLICPANDC@GMAIL  
.COM**

**OR ON FB  
BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL  
P&C**

Have you heard?!? The new instruments have been delivered to the school! The P&C was very happy to have a hand in helping provide our students with new instrument materials. Thank you Jared Underwood & Amanda Cole for taking the time to work with Mr. Millist on this project!

**PLEASE SHARE DETAILS OF OUR  
UPCOMING EVENTS WITH YOUR  
FRIENDS NEIGHBORS AND  
WORKMATES. THE SCHOOL AND  
WIDER COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF  
OUR EVENTS IS ESSENTIAL TO  
MAKE THEM SUCCESSFUL**

Movie Night

7/9 Gates open at 5pm

Get your tickets today @  
[events.humanitix.com.au/](https://events.humanitix.com.au/botanymovie)

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or we will be doing cash sales at  
the school, 8:45-9:15am 26/7, 2:45-  
3:15pm 15/8, 8:45-9:15am 28/8.

Trash and Treasure with Food  
Truck Alley

19/10 @ 9am-2pm.

\*You can sign up for a car slot for  
\$30. Check out the FB page,  
Botany Public School Trash and  
Treasure. **Spots still available!**  
Please contact Donna Harrison  
with all enquiries.

Other things arising:

The P&C have laptop bags & shoulder  
bags for sale, different sizes all \$10 each.  
Please contact Donna Lees with any  
questions.