



Calmsley Farm Kindergarten Excursion



Moonlight Cinema

The P&C hosted the Moonlight Cinema last week with the sing along version of 'The Greatest Showman' on a huge outdoor screen. A huge thank you to all of the P&C members who volunteered to ensure this event was very memorable. It was a very entertaining evening.

Learning Conferences

Our Semester Two – Student, Parent, Teacher Learning Conferences, have been held with parents and children discussing Learning Goals with their class teacher. Learning Conferences ensure that our parent community play an important role in the education of their child and are able to reinforce areas for development at home. Thank you to parents for attending and to the teachers for meeting with families.

TTFM Survey - Parents, teachers & students in Years 4, 5 and 6

Our school will be participating in the *Tell Them From Me Survey*. The data collected is very useful for giving feedback and is reported on in the Annual Report each year. Please make sure that you have your say in helping to make our school the best it can be. The survey is accessed via a link and can be completed on your computer, iPad or phone. Please see the poster in this newsletter for the link.

DanceSport Challenge

Last week, 22 students from Year 5 competed at Homebush in the DanceSport Challenge. They performed a series of dances competing against other schools across the Sydney Region. Thank you to Miss Gable, Mr Dickson, Miss Neville, Ms Rogers and Mr Illich for all their hard work to make this event such a success.

Art Show

The Annual Art Show will be held on Tuesday 24 September. This year the show is called "Sculptures by the Bay". The show begins at 6pm with parents and students once again invited to visit our school to view the students' creative designs.

The P&C are organising for food to be delivered for the event. Please ensure that you order your pizza prior to the event. Please order your pizza using the form included in this newsletter. Pizza will only be provided to those families who have ordered beforehand! Drinks will also be available on the night.

Stage 2 Berry Camp

Stage 2 are very excited about attending Berry Camp this week. Mr Baxter, Ms Schwartz, Mr Dickson, Miss Neville and Mrs Holmes will be attending the camp. We look forward to hearing many exciting recounts about the activities that the students participated in.

NAPLAN 2019

Last week, all schools received results from the NAPLAN Assessment for students in year 3 and 5. School staff are very pleased with our school results. Parents will receive their child's assessment results shortly. Thank you to the teachers for working so hard to ensure that our students were prepared for the assessment and to the students for concentrating and striving to do their very best.

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

Diary Dates

September 2019

Monday 16

School Banking

Monday 16-18

Stage 2 Berry Camp

Tuesday 24

6.00pm - Art Show



Monday 23 – Friday 27

Wellbeing Week



Friday 27

Last day of Term 3...

TERM 4 2019

October 2019

Monday 14

First Day of term 4

**Swimming Scheme
begins for students in
Year 2 – Year 6**



Wednesday 16 October

Public Speaking Finals for selected students

November 2019

Thursday 7

*Botany Public School
Concert at the Juniors...*

Details of the event available soon

Thursday 14

Kinder Transition Day

Wednesday 20

Grandparents Day Concert

Thursday 21

Kinder Transition

December

Wednesday 11

Presentation Day

Monday 16

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 18

Last day of School

Botany Public School P&C News

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 October in the library. Please join us to discuss upcoming events.

The Movie Night was a huge success with our community raising funds for our school. Thank you to everyone for your support.

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 14	Soccer	Coral Sea Park
20/9/19	Netball	Heffron Netball Court (Bye)
27/9/19		NO GAMES

PSSA Years 3-6 Summer Sport

There will be no PSSA during week 1 & 2 of Term 4 due to the Swim Scheme. The first PSSA game back for Term 4 will be in week 3, Friday 1 November.

Week 7 Award Winners

Achievement Award



KM	Foti	Lachlan
KP	Harley H	Blinky
KR	Arthur	Valentine
1/2D	Sam B	Sienna
1/2L	Speed	Markus
1/2R	Kerim	Nia
1/2S	Chloe T	Nino
3/4B	Charles	Sefton
3/4S	Mia-Rose	Aiden S
4/5D	Nate	Sam Z
5/6G	Meika	Harry M
5/6I	Mabel	Manasi

Week 8 Award Winners

Achievement Award



KM	Clementine	Cassie
KP	Oliver	Ethan
KR	Lola	Hunter
1/2D	Posy	Isadora
1/2L	Ariella	Miya
1/2R	Kasper	Neil
1/2S	Aidan O	Emily S
3/4B	Pavle	Marina
3/4S	Kai	Jasmine S
4/5D	Megan	Jake D
5/6G	Truman	Logan
5/6I	Gavrilo	Isla

**Value of week 9
Freedom**

**Value of week 10
Pride**

Canteen News

Please note the canteen will be closed during the last week of Term 3, from 23 – 27 September.

Lunch orders will commence as usual starting Week 1, Term 4 – Monday 14 October.

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.

School Uniform

Please remember that all students need to wear full school uniform each day.

Please ensure that students wear a school jumper if needed and always have their school hat with them.



Swimming Scheme 2019

Swimming Scheme is a two week intensive swimming program for students in years 2 to 6 that aims to teach all children water safety skills as well as good swimming technique. It is designed to cater for all ability levels especially complete beginners and non-swimmers.

This is a great program for children to build their confidence in swimming pools, which is particularly important as we enter the summer months. These lessons are free; however there is a cost for entry into the pool.

Date	Every day during Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4 Monday 14 October to Friday 25 October
Venue	Botany Aquatic Centre
Time	During one of three sessions between 9.30am and 1.00pm
Transport	Students will walk to Botany Aquatic under the supervision of school staff
Cost	\$40.00 for pool entry
Dress	Students are expected to wear their school uniform, including a hat. Please also ensure your child has adequate sunscreen, fluids to drink, a plastic bag for their wet things and a towel (with their name on it). They will also need a change of underwear.

All notes and money must be returned by Wednesday 18 September or students will not be able to participate in this activity.
As this is a school event, students are expected to follow school and pool rules.

NB: We ask parents not to visit the pool during Swimming Scheme as this can be distracting for the students and instructors.

Thankyou 😊



2019 Botany Public Speaking

Public speaking is a valuable tool for children to have that is an essential life skill that fosters self-esteem and personal confidence. After a lengthy process of research, preparation and developing their presentation skills all students who participated in the 2019 Public Speaking program must be commended for their efforts.

Adjudicators were enthralled with the high calibre of presentations and have selected a student from each stage that will be representing Botany Public School in the Network Finals.

Congratulations to:

- Rhett Barrett
- Posy Clarke
- Lewis Ryan
- Penny Keane

Once again, a tremendous effort by all students that participated in the program and a huge thank you to the teachers and adjudicators who support the Public Speaking program by embedding it into their teaching and learning.

Mr Ribar

Public Speaking Coordinator



The Tell Them From Me

Partners in Learning - Parent Feedback Survey

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

You still have time. The parent survey will close Friday 27 September 2019.

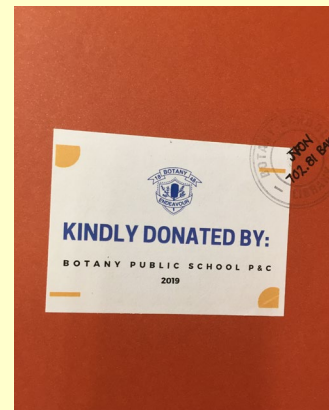
Please use this link so that you can have your say to help our school to be the best it can be...

<https://nsw.telthemfromme.com/2w4h8>

New Library Books

Botany Public School is very lucky to have such a supportive and committed P&C. Thank you to the P&C and our wonderful community for your very generous donation of \$5000 that will go towards purchasing many new books for our library.

The students' are very excited to read the many new picture books and new series of chapter books. Miss Mak will be adding these books to our collection as soon as possible!





Sculptures by the Bay

at Botany Public School

WHEN

Tuesday 24 September
2019
From 6:00pm

WHERE

Botany Public School

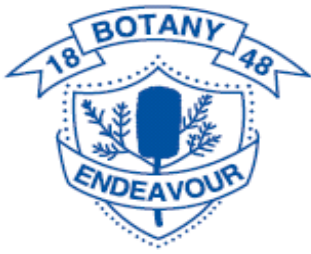
FOOD

The P&C are organising pizza

Please complete your order
before the event

SALE

Purchase your child's
sculptures for \$5
They will be sent home after
the event



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BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parents & Citizens Association

1076 Botany Road Botany NSW 2019

Phone 02 9316 8889 botany-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Art Show Pizza Dinner

6 – 7pm Tuesday 24th September 2019

The P&C are holding a Pizza dinner to bring all the families together for Botany Public School's Art Show. Everyone is invited.

Pizzas will be made by Banksmeadow Pizza and are 12" size.

Pizzas will be sold either by half (\$10) or whole (\$15).

You can order 2 x half pizzas at the cost of the whole (\$15).

Gluten free pizza are available in whole pizzas only (\$19).

All pizza must be pre-ordered on the form below.

Soft drink will also be available to purchase.

We will not be taking orders on the night.

Please return the form and CASH payment by **Friday 20th September**.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

PIZZA	QUANTITY		GLUTEN FREE WHOLE \$19
	HALF \$10	WHOLE \$15	
Margherita			
Hawaiian			
Vegetarian			
Supreme			
Total			

Please return to the school by **Friday 20th September**.

The P&C can **only accept correct cash payment**.

All pizza choices need to be pre-ordered and paid for before the day.

I can help on the day.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Dancesport Gala 2019



Congratulations to ALL of our DanceSport participants in this year's Gala night!

The Year 5 students at Botany Public School had an amazing time travelling to Quaycentre in Homebush, getting ready for their Gala and performing their dances with 23 other schools on Wednesday 11th of September 2019.

The students stole the night away with their breathtaking ability to dance magically with their partner's and perform at an exceptional level throughout the Cha Cha, Jive, Tango, Salsa and Rumba dances.

Well done to all year 5 students who have worked incredibly hard over the last 15 weeks during DanceSport lessons. On the night, four couples were selected to perform as finalists for each of the four major dances (Cha Cha, Tango, Salsa and Jive) and from here two couples went through to the semi-finals.

Finalists:

Olive & Solomone (Cha Cha)

Isabelle & Gavriilo (Tango)

Kye & Soleil (Jive)

Logan & Madelyn (Salsa)

Semi-finalists:

Kye & Soleil (Jive)

Logan & Madelyn (Salsa)



Kindergarten Excursion



On Tuesday 10 September 2019, the Kindergarten cohort at Botany Public School headed to Calmsley Hill City Farm. As part of our Geography unit 'Paddock to Plate' we have been learning about the process and importance of farming.



We went to the petting zoo to have a look at the baby animals and even learned some of their official names.



We also got to milk a cow and go on a very bumpy tractor ride. It was so much fun!

Some of us got the chance to try cracking a whip. It was very loud.



We had the best day at the farm and learned so much. Thanks for having us Calmsley Hill City Farm. Until next time.



Robotics in 1/2S

1/2S have been applying some of their new skills learned in SCOPE I.T. by trialling the StemShare tablet robotics kit kindly lent to us from John Brotchie.



Over the last few weeks we have gotten to know the Blue Bots by manually programming them to perform movements and turns, and the Dash robots by controlling their movements via iPad apps and Bluetooth.

A highlight was the Zoo challenge, where each group researched an Australian animal to create a fact booklet, then designed a shelter and costume for their robot. Their final task was to program their robot to visit all other animals around the classroom zoo and return back to its own shelter.



We have had so much fun challenging ourselves using robots and coding! We look forward to having our own Stemshare kit at Botany in the future!

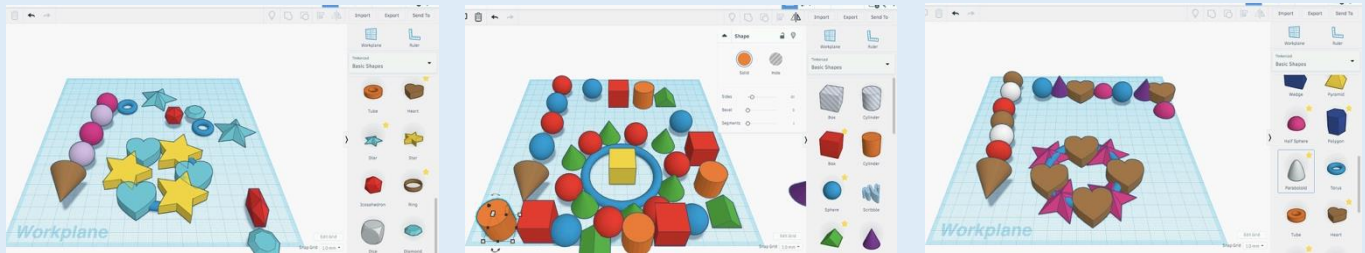


SCOPE I.T. at Botany



This term Botany students have participated in weekly Scope I.T. Education sessions to develop their mouse skills and coding abilities.

Kindergarten have been practising their mouse skills by manipulating shapes to form a pattern on Tinkercad. Below are some of their designs:



'The best thing I have learned through this program is mouse skills' – Rachel, KM

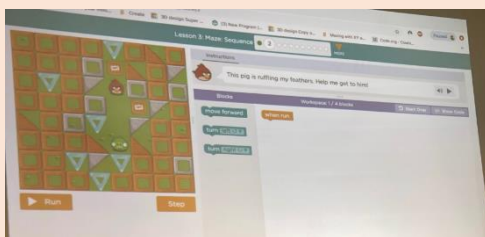
Stage One have had an introduction to coding and have learnt a range of skills including how to use repeat blocks for looping and how to debug a code.

The best part of the program has been:
'learning on technology' – Anderson, 1/2S
'to work together as a team' – Junior, 1/2R

Something that would have made it better is:
'having more time at the computer' – Miya, 1/2L
'using pixels' – Matthew, 1/2D



Stage Two have practised coding by learning about loops and pixel art.



The best thing I have learned is:
'looping and it was so fun!' – Harriett, 3/4S
'colouring with pixels and looping' – Jessica, 3/4B

Something that would have made it better is:
'more pixel art' – Sefton, 3/4B
'making a game!' – Kailea, 3/4S

Stage Three learnt coding fundamentals through challenges on code.org and have begun to create their own moving characters and scenes on the Scratch program.

The best thing I have learned is:
'that you can loop a loop' – Nolan, 4/5D
'how to make algorithms' – Hannah, 5/6G
'to use different strategies when coding' – Penny, 5/6I
'that a bug is called a bug because there was a moth in the first ever computer' – Harry, 5/6G



Something that would have made it better is:
'learning how to do it at home' – Sienna, 4/5D
'learning how they code to make actual games and apps!' – Tilly, 5/6G
'extending the time because it goes really fast' – Soleil, 5/6G

All students in K-6 were surveyed about their experience with Scope I.T. and 86% of students said they enjoyed the program, 62% learned new coding/ mouse skills they didn't have before, and 57% felt they would be able to apply these skills in the classroom!

Term 3 Wellbeing Week - 'Grow Your Mind'

Wellbeing Week is just around the corner in Week 10! The theme this term is 'Grow Your Mind', and students will be engaging with various 'Spring' themed activities.

Students will be learning about mindfulness as a tool for promoting happiness and an overall sense of calm. Activities throughout the week will cover topics including gratitude, resilience and growth mindset.

Wellbeing Week Overview:

Monday

Spring Poetry
Gratitude

Tuesday

Growth Mindset
Internal Weather

Wednesday

Teacher vs. Students So
Changing My Thinking

Thursday

Movie Session
Resilience

Friday

Kindness



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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 extended until Friday 27 September 2019





Botany Public P&C Presents

TRASH & TREASURE WITH FOOD TRUCK ALLEY



Community Market Stalls selling candles, plants, secondhand clothes, books, including beautiful handmade items *conditions apply*

Food Truck Alley - Thai food, Ice Cream Van, Dutch Pancakes, Turkish Gozlemes, Coffee Truck, Hawaiian Shaved Ice, and More!



A visit from our local and friendly Fire Fighters



Circle Music Performance


Face painting



**19TH OCTOBER 9AM - 2PM
BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

1076 Botany Rd, Botany NSW 2019

Please contact Donna to book a stall or to get involved on 0411062821



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**

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

Moonlight Movie Night
What a fun night! The night had a great vibe, thank you to everyone involved. We raised a total of \$4,748.20 towards creative arts. \$295 of this was generously donated by Cosi Nero! A big thank you to them as well for always being involved and supporting our school!

Art Show & Pizza Night
24 Sep @ 6pm.
Be sure to look out for flyer order forms! Pizza is coming from Banksmeadow Pizza.

Mums' Wellness Dinner
Please join other mums on 25 Sep @ 7pm at Franita's Botany, for some delicious pizza, pasta or schnitzels. Grab a drink while you socialise with other mums from our school! Contact Ingrid Arndt with all inquiries or visit the 'BPS Mum's Wellness Dinner' FB page.

**Trash and Treasure with Food
Truck Alley**

19 Oct @ 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.