



Book Week 2018



Botany Bolt Family Fun Run and Fair

Our annual Botany Bolt Family Fun Run and Fun Fair is fast approaching and will be held on Saturday 8 September from 8.30am. It will be an amazing day full of fun, where you can participate in the Fun Run and then join us at the Fun Fair at Sir Joseph Banks Park. Please help support the Botany Public School community by volunteering to help on the day. There are lots of activities and food stalls and performances for you to enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Father's Day Breakfast Reminder

This Friday 31 August, we will be celebrating Father's Day with our families from 8.00am in the courtyard. Please make sure you order your BBQ breakfast. Thank you to the P&C for organising this wonderful community event.

NAPLAN Online Readiness Test

This week, our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online for students in Year 3 and 5. The NAPLAN Online Readiness test will not be used to assess student learning but will allow us to ensure that our school will be ready to participate in Naplan Online in the future.

Learning Conferences – Week 7

During Week 7, we will be holding our Semester Two – Student, Parent, Teacher Learning Conferences, where parents and their child can visit the class teacher to discuss the child's Learning Goals. 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. Please log on to the website and book your Learning Conference time slot this week in readiness for Week 7.

SASS Recognition Week – Week 7

Our SASS, School Administrative and Support Staff, are an integral part of our school. Without them, many of our school programs simply wouldn't happen. A huge thank you to Bronwyn, Marina, Sylvia and John and Erin for everything that they do... We appreciate your knowledge, expertise and the hard work you put in each day ☺

Public Speaking Finals

This week we will be holding our Public Speaking Finals where finalists will speak in front of their peers and teachers. Thank you to parents for helping your child to prepare their speech at home. This is an important part of our English curriculum and helps students to build confidence when presenting to an audience.

Book Week – Find your treasure!

Book Week this year was once again a wonderful success! We had many families buying books from our Book Fair as well as donating books to our Library. Thank you to Miss Mak for all her hard work towards making our Book Fair and Book Character Parade an enormous success this year. A very big thank you to all the staff, who dressed up enthusiastically. It was lots of fun for our students to see our staff working together as a vibrant and happy team!

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

Once again this semester, our school will be participating in the online *Tell Them From Me Survey*. The survey is accessed via a link and can be completed at home on your computer, iPad or phone. 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.

Showcase 2018

Showcase is a regional evening concert to showcase the performing talents of students in local schools. Our school has two dance groups performing at the concert after an audition process. Our Senior Group and Junior Jazz Group will both perform. The standard of these groups is amazing and I will be very proud to watch the students perform. All students in the dance groups need to be at Souths Juniors by 6.30pm to meet Miss Doherty, Miss Philp, Mr Illich and Mrs Holmes. Good luck!

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

Diary Dates

August 2018

Monday 27

School banking

Monday 27

Showcase Rehearsal Day for Junior Dance and Senior Acro

Tuesday 28

Showcase Evening

Performance- South Juniors



Friday 31

8.00am - Fathers' Day BBQ Breakfast... please order your breakfast.



September 2018

Monday 3 – Thursday 6

Parent, Student, Teacher Learning Conferences – Please book online through the link in this newsletter

Saturday 8

8.30am - The Botany Bolt... Please join us for the Family Fun Run as well as stalls, jumping castles and lots of fun activities for the family...



Tuesday 11

Kindergarten Farm Excursion

Wednesday 12

DanceSport Gala Night

Thursday 13

Kindy Open Morning

Thursday 20

Art Show

Friday 28

Last day of Term 3...

Botany Public School P&C News

P & C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 September in our school library. Please join us to discuss upcoming events.

The Botany Bolt Family Fun Run will be held this Term on Saturday 8 September

This is an event for our whole community with families being encouraged to participate as a team. Local families with preschool children are invited to attend and local businesses are invited to offer support as well. If you are able to assist in any way or provide any services or have any contacts that may be useful for this event, please join us at the meeting or send an email to the school office.

Father's Day BBQ Breakfast

The P&C will be organising a Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 31 August, please return notes and money by Wednesday 29 August.

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 11 31/8/18	Soccer	Coral Sea Park
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court
Round 12 7/9/18	Soccer	Coral Sea Park
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court

Week 4 Award Winners

Achievement Award



KL	Samir	John Rey
KM	Lily	MD Tahjibul
KR	Isadora	London
1/2D	Tyla	Saskia
1/2G	Aidan O	Ella
1/2M	Felix	Miya
1/2R	Finn	Zoe
3/4D	Darren	Taylor
3/4P	Arielle	Christina
4/5B	Maddison	Jahrone
5/6D	Te Hiria	Andrea
5/6I	Zachary L	Tilly

Week 5 Award Winners

Achievement Award



KL	Henry	Nino
KM	Reece	Abigail
KR	Ann	Zara G
1/2D	Gerard	Tallia
1/2G	Matthew	Bethel
1/2M	Oliver	Aiden S
1/2R	Aidan S	Finn
3/4D	Yumi	Nicholas
3/4P	Tara	Predrag
4/5B	Harry	Emerson
5/6D	Lisa	Zara P
5/6I	Callum	Gabrielle

Value of week 6
Honesty

Value of week 7
Integrity

Office News

Sending money to school

Please note due to DET audit requirements we are no longer able to process payments over the phone or via mail. All credit card payments are to be made in person at the office in the mornings up until 9.30am or via our online payment system. Payments can be made in one of three ways:

- 1. Send your payment in as soon as possible in a labelled envelope with your child.**
- 2. Pay online on our website (Preferred Option).**
- 3. Pay in person at the office.**

Please note the office does not carry change, can you please provide the correct money with your payments. Please place all money in an envelope with a note.

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 staff to quickly record details for our students.

Caps can be purchased from the office at \$12.50

Use of Playground Equipment after school hours

Please note that our Botany Out Of School Hours Care (OOSH) have a contract to use our school grounds after school every day from 3.15pm. Please be advised that all students need to have vacated our school playground by this time so that the OOSH Staff can easily identify students in their care. There can be up to 70 students at our OOSH on any given afternoon. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Administering Medication

As we near the winter season, the number of students who require medication increases and we are starting to see this now. The school has a set policy on the administering of medication, which aligns directly with the departmental policy.

The departmental policy reads as follows: Prescription medication cannot be given unless accompanied by a signed and dated request form. This form is available from the front office. Medication must be in the original prescription container so dosages can be double-checked. All medication must be taken to the office and dosage recorded. Please do not send medication with your child to hand in for safety reasons. **Non-prescription medication cannot be administered.**

Kindergarten Enrolments 2019

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 2019 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 2019.

If you live outside the catchment area, then it will be difficult to place your child at Botany Public School in 2019. 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 2019, we will have an Open Morning on Thursday 13 September and two Transition Days on Thursday 15 November and Thursday 22 November, 2018.

The first day of school will be Monday 4 February 2019. Prior to this day, on Wednesday 30 January, Thursday 31 January and Friday 1 February 2019, 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.

SASS Recognition Week 2018

On Monday 3 September 2018 we will celebrate SASS Recognition Week where we acknowledge the vital role that SASS Staff play in schools across NSW. This week the school community is able to acknowledge their work and say thank you to our team:

- **Administrative Manager –Bronwyn McLoughlin**
- **Administrative Officers –**
Marina Borg and Sylvia Mula
- **General Assistant - John Ledingham**
- **School Learning Support Officer – Erin McLoughlin**

SASS Recognition Week gives the whole school the opportunity to demonstrate to the SASS staff that they are valued members of the school community.

Please take time this week to thank them for the high level of dedication they give to their work. 😊

Public Speaking 2018

This term, students are asked to write a 'speech' at home that will be presented to their class during Week 5.

This speech will form part of your child's Semester 2 Speaking and Listening assessment in English and all students will be participating.

Two students from each class will be chosen to present their speech and an impromptu speech in front of their peers at our **School Public Speaking Final** in Week 6 where class teachers will adjudicate.

Following this, the finalist from each stage will represent our school at the **Group Finals** on Wednesday 17 October 2018.

At this event, students' 'prepared speeches' and 'impromptu speeches' will be judged by an independent adjudicator and parents will be invited to attend this event.



ESPSSA Athletics

Congratulations to our 2018 zone athletics team. We had some fantastic results over the two day carnival.

Special mention goes to the following students:

- **Madelyn** - 2nd place Junior girls 800m
- **Matilda** - 3rd place Junior girls 200m and discus, 4th place junior girls shot put
- **Alex** - 3rd place 11 years boys long jump
- **Tahlya** - 4th place 11 years girls 100m and 200m
- **Jayden** - 4th place 8 years boys 100m
- **Malih, Jake W, Alex S and Murtaza** - 4th place Senior boys 4x100m relay

We are extremely proud of the effort all students put into their events. Botany's parent helpers who attended the carnival deserve a huge **Thank You** for their efforts in ensuring our students made it to the start line of all of their events!

We wish Madelyn the best of luck at the Sydney East carnival in week 9.





The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential.

The parent survey will be conducted between

Monday 27 August and Monday 24 September.

Your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at:

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

Please go to the survey link below so that you can have your say to help our school to be the best it can be...

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/fqmxh>

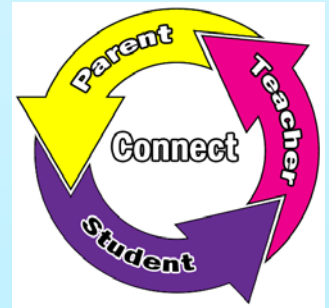
Parent, Teacher, Student Learning Conferences

Will be held during Week 8

Monday 3 September – Thursday 6 September 2018

Please book online from 10am Tuesday 28 August

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.



1. Simply enter the Code: **qreve**
2. Then press "Go"
3. Enter your details.
4. Select the teacher you wish to see.
5. Select the appointment time that suits you best.
6. Then click finish.
7. Your timeslot will be emailed to you automatically.
8. Bookings close – Monday 3 September at 9.00am

Please bring your child to the interview with you and also bring your child's completed **Learning Goals** with you as well.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes.

Thank you

Thank you to the school community for your generous donations to help our farmers.

We raised a total of \$1280.

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for organising this worthwhile cause.



Canteen News

Please note that the canteen cannot reheat or microwave food in accordance to Work Health & Safety rules.

The canteen is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.



Clothing Pool

The P&C are holding a clothing pool sale on Friday 14 September from 8.30am.

Any donations of uniform items your child has outgrown would be welcome. Please drop off clean uniforms in good condition to the office.



P&C Facebook Group

Mum's Wellness Dinner - New Facebook Group!

Have you joined our Facebook group? - 'BPS Mum's Wellness Dinner'

See our upcoming events

RSVP

Get to know other Mum's

All welcome, especially Kindy Mums!

Term 3 Dinner:

Date: Tuesday 25 September

Time: 7pm

Location: Sir Joseph Banks Hotel, Botany

We hope to see you there!

Ingrid Arndt & Mel Redding



REMINDER:
No Dogs on
School Property



The safety of all students, staff and visitors is our first priority. Therefore we ask that dogs are not brought onto school premises.

The *Companion Animals Act 1998* (the Act) provides that dogs are **prohibited** from school grounds whether they are leashed or unleashed. It is an offence which carries a penalty ranging from \$1,100 to \$11,000 depending on whether the dog is designated a dangerous breed or not.

Botany Public School Book Week Parade



Stage 1 Excursion Science Space

This term, Stage One students have been exploring mixtures as part of our integrated science unit. During week 4, the Year 1 and Year 2 classes were given the exciting opportunity to visit Science Space in Wollongong.



The excursion enabled students to explore various aspects of science, and gave students a tour of the solar system and the night sky. It was an interactive and immersive experience, proving that learning can be fun!





THE BOTANY BOLT

BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL

FAMILY FUN RUN AND MARKET

8th September 2018

SAVE THE DATE

8th September 2018

The Botany Bolt in 2018 will be even bigger and better than last year.

We will have the competitive event at 8:30am which is 5km
The fun run/family event will be at 9:30 at a 2.5km distance

There will be a market with many stalls and a BBQ as well.

Sooooooo much entertainment with performances from a
Number of dance studios and a Kindy farm, jumping castle,
air brush tattooing and much, much more.

We all cant wait to see you there and have an amazing day





BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parents & Citizens Association

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Father's Day Breakfast

8am - Friday 31st August 2018

The P&C are holding a Father's Day Breakfast, to celebrate all the men - Dads, Grandads, Step Dads, Uncles, Carers, Neighbours, and anyone else- who support, encourage and care for the children of Botany Public School. Come along and celebrate Father's Day with your child/ren 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. The Cosi Nero coffee cart will be available if you want to buy café quality coffee on the day.

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 payment by **Wednesday 29th August.**

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 29th August.

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: _____
Phone: _____

Botany Bites School Canteen Menu - Botany Public School

<u>Before School</u>	<u>Sandwiches & Wraps</u>	<u>Salads</u>
Raisin Toast (2pc) \$3.00	Chicken & Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot) \$6.00	Chicken Caesar - grilled chicken, lettuce, bacon, cheese, croutons \$6.50
Toast & Spread (2pc) \$3.00	Ham & Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot) \$5.50	Grilled Chicken - chicken, lettuce, tomato, cucumber \$6.00
Cheese Toasty \$4.00	Ham & Cheese \$4.50	Greek - Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, olives, fetta, dressing \$6.00
Ham & Cheese Toasty \$4.50	Ham & Cheese Squashy (toasted in a roll) \$5.00	Caesar or balsamic dressing available
Popcorn \$2.00	Grilled Chicken \$4.50	
Hot Chocolate \$2.00	Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot) \$4.50	
Up & Go \$3.00	Cheese \$4.00	
Juice \$2.50	Honey / Jam / Vegemite \$3.00	
Banana Bread \$2.50	Cheese or Salad extras to any sandwich or wrap \$0.50	

<u>Hot Food</u>	
Spaghetti Bolognese (add cheese or Olives extra 0.50) \$6.00	
Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini with Nap Sauce (cheese or Olives 0.50) \$6.00	
Plain Pasta (cheese or Olives 0.50 / Nap Sauce 2.00) \$4.00	
Cheese Macaroni ☹️ \$5.00	
Chicken Fried Rice with mixed vegetables \$6.00	
Hamburger (Beef patty, lettuce, tomato & sauce) \$6.00	
Grilled Chicken Burger (Fresh chicken, lettuce & sauce) \$6.00	
Veggie Burger (Veggie patty, lettuce & sauce) \$6.00	
Meat Pie (Sauce extra 0.20) ☹️ \$4.50	
Sausage Roll (Sauce extra 0.20) ☹️ \$4.00	
Corn Cob \$2.50	
Nachos (Corn chips & cheese - add meat 1.00 / Salsa 0.50) ☹️ \$3.00	

The menu is designed to use fresh and healthy ingredients everywhere possible and complies with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy which categorises food into 'Everyday' and 'Occasional' foods. All food is suitable for everyday consumption, except for those with the ☹️ which should only be enjoyed occasionally. Please speak to canteen staff if you have any questions.

<u>Daily Food Specials</u>	
Baked Potato with bolognese & cheese - Mon/Wed \$5.00	
Meat or Veggie Pasta Bake with cheese - Mon/Fri \$6.00	
Sushi Roll - Friday - Must be ordered on Wednesday \$3.50	

<u>Snacks & Drinks</u>	
Jelly (No Sugar) ☹️ \$2.50	Popcorn \$2.00
Banana Bread ☹️ \$2.50	Quelch Ice Block \$1.00
Fresh Fruit Salad \$4.00	Want Crackers \$0.50
Fresh Fruit \$1.50	Seaweed Crackers \$1.00
Watermelon Cup \$3.50	Peckish Rice Crackers \$1.50
Frozen Watermelon \$1.00	Pretzels \$1.50
Frozen Pineapple Slice \$1.00	Water \$2.50
Yoghurt & Mixed Berries \$3.50	Fruit Juice \$2.50
Frozen Yoghurt \$3.00	Up & Go \$3.00
Homemade Muffin ☹️ \$2.50	Flavoured Milk \$3.00