



Wellbeing Week  
was a huge  
success with a  
focus on 'Be  
Yourself'

## 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 Mothers Day BBQ breakfast, Kinder School Tour, Dance Sports and Gymnastics, School Photos, Naplan for students in Year 3 and 5, Healthy Lifestyles Challenge, Athletics Carnival and NAIDOC Week. What an action packed term!

## New Website

In recent weeks the Department of Education has begun to transition school websites to a new version. Please note that for the next few weeks there may be some glitches with the website. We thank you for your understanding as we undergo this transition.

## Staff Development Day

At our Staff Development Day this week, staff participated in Professional Learning in Science and STEM. Staff revised the scope and sequences for History, Science, PD/H/PE and Geography and also aligned units of work with new resources for students.

Staff had Cooperative Planning Day 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 the staff that spent many hours at school and at home preparing for the term ahead.

## National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2018

A reminder that students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy from 15 – 17 May 2018. If you wish to discuss any matters relating to NAPLAN testing, please see Mrs Holmes.

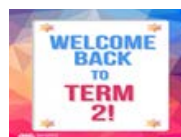
NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their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

## Anzac Day Ceremony

What a wonderful commemoration for our Anzac Day Service. Thank you to our school community who joined us for the ceremony and to Stage 3 led by Mr Dickson 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 2018**

**Monday 30**

Staff Development Day

**May 2018**

**Tuesday 1**

Students return

**Monday 7**

School Banking

**Tuesday 8**

Gymnastics for K-4 begins

**Wednesday 9**

DanceSports for Year 5-6 begins

**Thursday 10**

Stewart House Mufti Day



**Friday 11**

8.00am *Mother's Day  
BBQ Breakfast*



**Tuesday 15**

7.00pm P&C Meeting

**Tuesday 15 – Thursday 17 May**

NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5 students



**Thursday 24**

*School Photos*

**Thursday 31**

Kindergarten School Tour

**June 2018**

**Thursday 7**

Athletics Carnival

**Thursday 21**

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 15 May in the Library. Please join us to discuss upcoming events and school programs.

### Mothers Day

On Friday 11 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 11 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 18/5/18	Soccer	TBC
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court
Round 2 1/6/18	Soccer	TBC
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court

## Week 11 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*



KL	Chloe	Ariella
KM	Georgia	Isaac
KR	Cooper	Eloise
1/2D	Caitlin	Anderson
1/2G	Jake	Daniel
1/2M	Aroha	Keaton
1/2R	Paige	Taya
3/4D	Nicholas	Jasmine
3/4P	Taj	Kyan
4/5B	Truman	Olive
5/6D	Alex	Natasha
5/6I	Matilda	Nikola

## Congratulations

### Assistant Principal

Congratulations to Ms Moore for her appointment to our school as Assistant Principal. We are very fortunate to have such a caring, dedicated and talented teacher who will work closely with our students, staff and community in this capacity. Well done Ms Moore!



Value of week 1  
Excellence

Value of week 2  
Fairness

## Office News

School fees are due now.

Thank you to all the families who have paid their voluntary contribution and school fees.

### 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.

Caps can be purchased from the office at \$12.50

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.

### 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.

### Book Club Orders

All Book Club orders are to be placed online through [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) Please click on HELP in the top menu for a quick how to order video. Please do not send the orders to the office.

## Botany Public School

### Change of Dates

#### Term 4 2018 - 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 19 December 2018. Staff would then normally attend meetings on Thursday 20 and Friday 21 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 19 December.

As part of this process, staff will attend Twilight Professional Learning on a number of days after school. On Wednesday 4 April, 23 May, 6 June and 15 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.

## Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an OC - Opportunity Class in 2019

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 1 August 2018**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2019, 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 1 May 2018** at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement).

- The application website opens on **Tuesday 1 May 2018** and closes on **Friday 18 May 2018**.
- No late applications will be accepted.
- 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 **1 May 2018**.
- 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.

## 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 the absence.
- 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 and this can lead 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!

## “Blue for Stew” Mufti Day

### Stewart House Donation Drive 2018



The SRC members 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 **Thursday 10 May** and return their **\$2 coin donation** to support Stewart House and a chance to win a \$4,000 FAMILY HOLIDAY to a destination of your choice! Members of the SRC will be collecting the donations from classrooms and forwarding them to Stewart House on behalf of our school. Envelopes will be sent home Wednesday 9 May, please complete and return with your \$2 coin on Thursday 10 May.

#### Cost per child for their Stewart House stay

Supervision and care = \$70 per child per day  
Accommodation, food & transport = \$40 per child per day  
Wellbeing & additional health care = \$20 per child per day

Total cost per day = \$130 per child  
Total cost for 12 day visit = \$1560 per child

Children attend at no cost to their parents/carers near the costs per child.

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.





## ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

# Drive and park safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

### For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at [education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education](http://education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education) or visit [education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au) and search for road safety education.

When travelling in a car ensure your children:

- use a booster seat if they are aged between 4 and 7 years old – it's the law
- are correctly buckled up in their seatbelts
- always get in and out of the car through the 'safety door' – the rear door on the footpath side of the car
- are never left alone in the car.



**Up to 6 months**  
Approved rear-facing child car seat



**6 months to 4 years**  
Approved rear- or forward-facing child car seat



**4+ years**  
Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat



**145cm or taller**  
Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash seatbelt

# 2018 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)



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## Botany Bites School Canteen Menu - Botany Public School

<u>Before School</u>	<u>Sandwiches &amp; 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>	<u>Daily Food Specials</u>
Spaghetti Bolognese (add cheese or Olives extra 0.50) \$6.00	Baked Potato with bolognese & cheese - Mon/Wed \$5.00
Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini with Nap Sauce (cheese or Olives 0.50) \$6.00	Meat or Vege Pasta Bake with Cheese - Mon/Fri \$6.00
Plain Pasta (cheese or Olives 0.50 / Nap Sauce 2.00) \$4.00	Sushi Roll - Friday - Must be ordered on Wednesday \$3.50
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	
Vegie Burger (Vegie 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	

<u>Snacks &amp; 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

The menu is designed to use fresh and healthy ingredients everywhere possible and complies with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy which categories 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.



The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy is a joint initiative between the NSW Ministry of Health and the NSW Department of Education. The Strategy is all about giving students across NSW a taste for healthy foods and to make healthy choices easily available. Our school canteen is working towards achieving the strategy.

WHAT'S CHANGED?


- The new strategy places food and drinks into EVERYDAY and OCCASIONAL categories. This replaces the traffic light system of green, amber and red food and drinks.
- The new strategy requires the canteen to sell at least 75% EVERYDAY and no more than 25% OCCASIONAL food and drinks.

WHAT YOU MAY NOTICE

- Promotion of healthy food and drink options
  - Menu changes
  - Portion size review
- Sugary drinks not to be sold
  - No Red days

Continue to support our canteen as we work towards making the changes.

More information:  
[www.healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au)



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Illawarra Shoalhaven  
Local Health District