



## Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast



### Quality teaching and Learning

Our school is a wonderful place for students to grow academically, socially and emotionally. Quality teaching and learning in literacy and numeracy is a priority for our school. With this in mind, we will be ringing the school bell at 8.55am so that students can assemble in the courtyard for a short assembly before heading to classrooms for the morning learning session. This has made a noticeable difference to the time that students have for the morning literacy session.

### Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended our fabulous Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast. It was wonderful to see so many families together enjoying quality time. Thank you to the many, many fathers who helped arrange, organise and cook the delicious breakfast. You did an amazing job! We certainly have an amazing community at Botany.

### National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

This week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday students in Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in the Naplan Assessment. Any student who misses one of the tests will be able to make up those tests on Friday. We ask all parents to help their child prepare for the day by ensuring they get a good night's rest and also by having a healthy breakfast. Please ensure that your child arrives at school relaxed in plenty of time to begin the school day.

### ESPSSA Cross Country Carnival

On Friday 25 May our Cross Country Carnival Team will represent our school at the Eastern Suburbs District Carnival. We wish our team good luck for the event. Thank you to the parents who are helping to transport students to the carnival.

### Kindergarten 2018 School Tour

There will be a School Tour on Thursday 31 May at 9.30am for prospective families for 2019. If you know any friends or family who will be sending their children to Botany Public School next year, please spread the good news about our wonderful school and ask them to come and visit us.

### Student Absences

Our school rolls serve as legal documents. It is important that we have accurate information from parents when a child is absent. We need to have all absences explained on our rolls within a 7 day time period so letters will be sent home to parents asking for an explanation before it is recorded as an 'Unexplained Absence'. If you are going on a family holiday during school time please make sure you inform the office and fill out an application for extended leave. We thank you for helping us with ensuring your child attends school on time every day.

*Have a great week...*

*Kate Holmes - Principal*

## Diary Dates

### May 2018

**Monday 14**

School Banking

**Tuesday 15**

**No Gymnastics K-4 due to NAPLAN**

**Tuesday 15**

**7.00pm P&C Meeting**

**Wednesday 16**

**DanceSports for Year 5-6**

**Tuesday 15 – Thursday 17 May**

**NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5 students**



**Tuesday 22**

**Gymnastics K-4**

**Wednesday 23**

**DanceSports for Year 5-6**

**Thursday 24**

**School Photos**

**Friday 25**

**ESPSSA Cross Country Carnival for selected students**

**Thursday 31**

**Kindergarten School Tour**

If you have a student starting school next year, please join us for a tour of our fabulous school from 9.30am. Parents and students are welcome to attend.

### June 2018

**Thursday 7**

**Athletics Carnival**

All students will be involved in the Athletics Carnival at Booralee Park.

**Monday 11**

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

**Thursday 21**

**Healthy Lifestyle Walkathon**

### July 2018

**Friday 6**

**100 days of Kindergarten**

## Botany Public School P&C News

### P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held tomorrow night at 7.00pm on Tuesday 15 May in the Library. Please join us to discuss upcoming events and school programs.

### Mother's Day BBQ

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for organising a delicious BBQ breakfast for our wonderful Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and special women in our lives.

**The P&C raised an impressive \$1250.**

### Clothing Pool

The P&C are holding a clothing pool sale this Friday 18 May from 8.30am.

Any donations of uniforms your child has outgrown would be welcome.

## 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	Heffron (Pool end)
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court
Round 2 1/6/18	Soccer	Heffron (Pool end)
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court

### Week 1 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*



KL	Nia	Emily
KM	Jayden	Samarah
KR	Oscar	Ann
1/2D	Kayles	Zainab
1/2G	Freya	Bethel
1/2M	Harriet	Oliver
1/2R	Holly	Ava
3/4D	Tarquin	Sri Harsha
3/4P	Lily	Tara
4/5B	Olive	Stirling
5/6D	Mitchell	Toby
5/6I	David	Jasmine

### Week 2 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*



KL	Charlotte	Joey-James
KM	MD Tahjibul	Reece
KR	Zara	Eloise
1/2D	Anderson	Fenne
1/2G	Owen	Mileah
1/2M	Isaac	Selena
1/2R	Ava	Ivy
3/4D	Olivia	Cody
3/4P	Nolan	Cooper
4/5B	Georgia	Jake
5/6D	Rainne	Eden
5/6I	Tahlya	Winston

**Value of week 3  
Respect**

**Value of week 4  
Caring**

## Office News

### Gymnastics

Due to NAPLAN in week 3 there will be no gymnastics. Please note all students in K-4 paid for 8 weeks of gymnastics, which took into account NAPLAN.

### 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.

### 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.**

## 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.

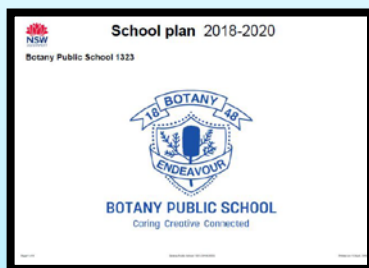
Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 1 August 2018**.

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.

**Botany Public School Plan 2018 – 2020** is on our website for you to read. It is located under the 'About our school' tab. Then go to 'School planning and reporting'.



### Botany Public School - School Report 2017

The School Report for 2017 has been finalised and placed on our website for you to read. It is located under the 'About our school' tab. Then go to 'School planning and reporting'.

The School report is an account of Botany PS programs and events in 2016. Thank you to the students, staff and parents involved in compiling sections of the report.

## Stage 2 and 3 Enrichment Program

This term there will be an Enrichment Program for selected students in Stage 2 and 3. Parents will be notified in coming weeks if their child has been chosen to participate in the program.

The program will be a **Creative Thinking and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) based program**. The students selected will need to have independent work skills as well as a flair for project based learning. The program will involve school based tasks as well as take-home tasks. Teachers have been identifying students who will be involved in this program. At the end of the program there will be a presentation night to showcase students work.

## Book Covering Working Bee

Botany Public School has recently purchased around \$10,000 worth of new home readers!



These readers cover all reading levels and are engaging, contemporary texts.

We have a variety of Fiction and Non Fiction readers.

We are currently seeking some assistance in getting these books

covered, ready to be sent home as fantastic new home readers!

If you could help at school we have the following days available:

Monday 14 May	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May	Friday 18 May
School Library 8:30-10:00	School Library 8:30-10:00	n/a	Johnny Warren Hall 8:30-10:00	Johnny Warren Hall 8:30-10:00

Alternatively, we can send home packs of books with pre-cut contact to be covered and returned to school by Friday 18 May.

Thank you.

## Thank you to the St Vincent De Paul Society

The St Vincent De Paul Society generously donated a substantial amount of money to our school.

We will use this donation to cover the costly expense of our Student Welfare programs, as well as providing valuable classroom resources.

At the end of Term 3 all students will participate in the Life Education Healthy Harold Program and the cost of this program will be subsidised by this donation.



## Learning and Support Team (LST)

Our school has a very involved Learning and Support Team that meet regularly to discuss ways in which we can support our students and families. The LST comprises:

- Kate Holmes -Principal
- Soheil Afshar – School Psychologist
- Nicola MacGregor – AP Learning Support Team Coordinator
- Victoria Moore – AP Learning Support Team Coordinator
- Brendan Baxter – AP

The LST operates through a referral process. If you have a concern regarding your child, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher by forwarding an email to the school email address or by sending a note to your class teacher.

The teacher is the first contact and will address your concern.

If the concern continues then you may speak to the Assistant Principal who supervises the stage, where strategies will be discussed and implemented. This will take place as a meeting, with the class teacher present.

Following this procedure, if there are still concerns regarding your child, then the LST will become involved and will work with the child and the family. A referral note will be sent home to be completed, outlining any concerns you may have and then returned to the class teacher. The class teacher will forward this note to the LST.

There is a priority list and at present we have 85 students who are receiving support out of 280 students enrolled at present, which is almost a quarter of our school population.



Do you have books just collecting dust on the shelf??

We would love your books!



**May 17<sup>th</sup> @8:30-9:00am**  
we will be collecting books at the school! The P&C will be setting up a book stall at the Botany Bolt this year to help raise money for the school!

\*If you can't make it on the 17<sup>th</sup> we will also have a bucket you can drop them off in by the office!

## Mindful Mats

Mindful Mats is a Social Skills Wellbeing Program  
at Botany Public School.



It aims to build upon students' social skills and wellbeing at school.

Students choose particular goals to work towards such as playing fairly with peers.



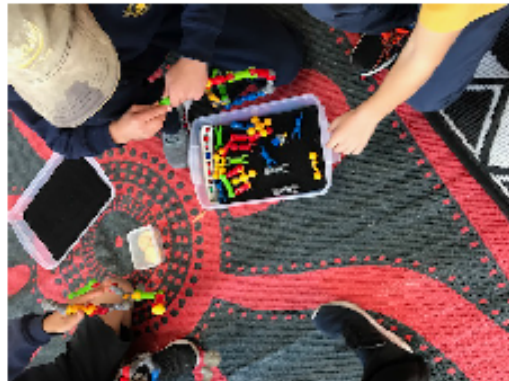
The students participate in small groups and have discussions about wellbeing, social activities and play at school. These Mats are a calm and friendly space to be, with LOTS of fun activities such as Lego, Sports, cars, chess and more!

Students participate in this program, if recommended by the Learning Support Team.

Mindful Mats operates at recess and lunch, except on wet weather days.



Students interact with various games and activities, guided by a teacher. Teachers select some friends to play with these students during recess and lunch, who are good role models.





**The School Photographer will come to our school on...**

**Thursday 24 May**

...so make sure you're looking your very best in your full school uniform.

Personalised order envelopes were sent home this week in your child's school bag.

- Please fill out your details and return with payment to the office.
- If you are combining payments for more than one child, please complete the combined payment information.
- Please enclose the correct money as **NO CHANGE** will be given by the photographers or the office.
- Please ask at the school office if you require sibling photographs.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- **Payment by cheque can no longer be accepted.**
- **Payment for school photographs can be accepted until photo day.**
- **Students who bring their photo money in on photo day should give their envelopes to the office upon arrival at school.**
- Please return your personalised envelope with the correct money or online payments details on or before the photo day.
- Please return your child's envelope even if you do not wish to purchase photos – every student will be photographed whether they are purchasing photo packs or not.
- On photo day, please ensure your child wears the correct **SCHOOL** uniform.
  - All students are to wear their short sleeved tops with long navy school pants, white socks and black school shoes.







### Spanish

#### *¿Habras español?*

Did you know that there are Spanish classes for children at Botany PS? **Enrol** now for Term 1 and receive a free trial!

Simply contact Leslie, and tell her you're interested in Languages classes. Classes every Tuesday at 8.15 am.

Languages are fun: your child will tell you!

[leslie.jervis@lcclubs.com.au](mailto:leslie.jervis@lcclubs.com.au)

0449 073 195

### Mandarin

#### Mandarin Language Program at Botany Public School

Mandarin on Wednesdays 8.15 - 9.00am

Only \$175 if you enrol before 02/03/2018

Children learn through a combination of drama, storytelling, technology, songs, craft and games. They rapidly acquire enough knowledge and confidence to enjoy using the language for communication and expression.

[support@lcclubs.com.au](mailto:support@lcclubs.com.au)

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# Stewart House Fundraising



On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of May, Botany Public School and the school community helped to raise money for Stewart House. The money raised will help provide many health and educational services for public school children in need. Thank you to all parents, carers and students who gave up their time to bake food for the Blue Stew Cake Bake and donate gold coins for mufti day.

**We raised \$850!**

**What a successful day!**

