



## Stage 3 Canberra and Snow Excursion 2018



### Staff News

It is wonderful to be back at Botany after a fabulous holiday. A huge thank you to Mr Illich and Ms Moore for their fabulous work ensuring that the school ran smoothly. Thank you to the teaching staff and admin staff for their dedication and of course to the wonderful students for concentrating so hard on their learning and striving to achieve their personal best.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Mrs Lilley has been successful at interview for the role of Assistant Principal at Wiley Park PS. Week 4 will be Mrs Lilley's last week as she begins her new adventure. We wish her every success in the future.

### Stage 3 Camp

Last week, Stage 3 had a fabulous 3 day camp to Canberra and the snow. This experience gives students an opportunity to build many skills including team work, independence, creativity and problem solving skills. Thank you so much to Mr Illich, Mr Baxter, Ms Neville, Mr Ashcroft and Ms Bronwyn for their dedication and being available 24 hours a day to support our students. I also attended camp, with an amazing time had by students and teachers. Please see further details and photos later in our newsletter.

### Education Week

Education Week Open Day was a wonderful opportunity for our community to see our students and teachers working together as they showcased quality teaching and learning in our morning literacy block. Our students and staff also presented a fabulous concert showcasing our choirs and dance groups as well as the fabulous Stage 3 Dance Sports group. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who visited our school to see education in action!

### Stage 1 Excursion

Students in Year 1 and 2 will be visiting the Science Centre at Wollongong on Thursday 16 August. The students and staff are very excited about this excursion and we look forward to many fabulous stories of their adventures.

### Showcase 2018

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 Jazz Group will both perform. The standard of these groups is amazing and I will be very proud to watch the students perform on Tuesday 28 August.

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!

### Staff Professional Learning

This week all school staff members will be taking part in Twilight Professional learning on Wednesday evening focusing the Learning Progressions for literacy and numeracy as well as our School Plan. Thank you to staff for their dedication and for continuing to be lifelong learners.

### 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.**

### Book Week

In Week 5 we will celebrate Book Week at our school with the theme this year being 'Find your treasure...' Our Annual Book Fair will be held in the Library from Monday 20 to Friday 24 August. Please join us at 9.15am on Thursday 23 for our Book Character Parade.

Have a great week...

*Kate Holmes* - Principal

## Diary Dates

**August 2018**

**Monday 13**

School Banking



**Tuesday 14**

7.45am - Maths ICAS Test - Only for students who have applied to sit this test

**Thursday 16**

*Stage 1 - Science Centre Excursion*

**Monday 20 and Tuesday 21**

Zone Athletics Carnival for selected students

**Monday 20 – Thursday 24**

**Book Week 2018**

*'Find your Treasure...'*



**Thursday 23**

**Book Character Parade**

**Monday 27**

**Showcase Rehearsal Day for Junior Dance and Senior Acro**

**Tuesday 28**

*Showcase Evening Performance - South Juniors*

**Friday 31**

*Fathers' Day BBQ Breakfast*

**September 2018**

**Saturday 8**

*The Botany Bolt...*



**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 7 August 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, more information will be come closer to the date.

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 2 Award Winners

Achievement  
Award



KL	Aidan L	Ariella
KM	Isaac	Markus
KR	London	Rhoanan
1/2D	Kayles	Caitlin
1/2G	Cleo	Patrick
1/2M	Levi	Liam J
1/2R	Phoenix	Nhelleyje
3/4D	Abilene	Malakai
3/4P	Cheska	Michaela
4/5B	Arlo	Elijah
5/6D	Tilda	Greer
5/6I	Jasmine B	Liam S

## Week 3 Award Winners

Achievement  
Award



KL	Joey-James	Charlie
KM	Ruby	Maycin
KR	Lois	Stanton
1/2D	Gabriella	Caitlin
1/2G	Georgiana	Jayden
1/2M	Bronte B	Frankie
1/2R	Lazar	Aidan
3/4D	Mabel	James
3/4P	Kailea	Eva
4/5B	Olive	Millie
5/6D	Cody	Bronte A
5/6I	Ayden	Tahlya

Value of week 4  
Caring

Value of week 5  
Responsibility

## 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.

## ESPSSA Zone Athletics Carnival 2018

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 Monday 20 August and Tuesday 21 August.

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

## 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.



## 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.



## My Adventures - Mrs Holmes

It is great to be back at Botany after a fabulous holiday visiting many parts of Australia. Here are a few pictures of some of the beautiful places we visited. What a fabulous adventure!



## STEM in the Classrooms during Education Week Open Day

The children enjoyed showing off their STEM projects.



## Education Week Open Day Assembly

We would also like to congratulate all of the children who performed during our Education Week Open Day.



## Stage 3 Canberra and Snow Excursion

Congratulations to Stage 3 on sharing in one of the most amazing school camps! The photos in this newsletter only go a small way to presenting what a wonderful experience we all had at camp.

Students visited many attractions in Canberra including Parliament House where we explored the House of Representatives and the Senate. We also participated in an Education Class where we re-enacted a session in the senate.

Other attractions included a respectful visit to the War Memorial, 'Questacon' as well as the Electoral Education Centre where we participated in a mock election. The Australian Government gives schools that visit these attractions, access to the 'PACER' rebate, which helps to offset the cost of the excursion.

Students also visited the snowfields where temperatures reached a maximum of -3.6 degrees, with wind-chill it was - 12 degrees!! Here the students spent an exhilarating time playing in the snow during a blizzard. Out of the 65 students who attended the camp, there were many students who had not even seen snow, so this was an amazing adventure for them.

The students were well mannered, well behaved, mature, thoughtful, helpful, caring, intelligent, humorous and inspiring!! Camp is an amazing place for students to learn independence and life skills. I want to thank each of these students for being an absolute pleasure to take on camp.

I would also like to acknowledge the care, understanding and patience of our teaching staff. Mr Illich, Mr Baxter, Miss Neville, Mr Ashcroft and Ms Bronwyn are outstanding educators who cared for the students throughout the camp, ensuring all of our students had the best time possible. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated staff who are willing to give of their time to ensure our students have exceptional life experiences. Thank you!



# Stage 3 Canberra and Snow Excursion



# *2018 BOOK PARADE*

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018



It's that time of year again where Botany Public School will be holding the annual Book Week Character Parade. This year we will be celebrating the theme

*'Find Your Treasure'*

Please come join us on:

*Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 9:15am in the Courtyard.*

- K-2 Character Parade
- Lucky Door Prize for students dressed in costume (K-2)
  - Stage 2 Parade
- Lucky Door Prize for students dressed in costume (3-4)
  - Performance
  - Stage 3 Parade
- Lucky Door Prize for students in costume (5-6)
- Stage 3 to Parade with Pre-School guests (TBC)
  - Teachers Parade and Finale Performance

*The POP-UP Book store will be open in the School Library*

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August*

*MORNINGS: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri 8:20am - 8:50am*

*AFTERNOONS: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 3:00pm - 3:30pm*

*and during class Library times.*



# Fun Languages



The *Fun* way to learn a second language!



***Hola amigos, Spanish classes are back!***

Join the Spanish group in Term 3 and receive a  
**50% discount** on the price of a second child!

Simply **contact Leslie**, let her know you're interested in  
Spanish classes.

(classes every Tuesday at 8.15 am with Angela)

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

0449 073 195



# THE BOTANY BOLT

BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL

FAMILY FUN RUN AND MARKET

8<sup>th</sup> 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





# Parent, Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct

Botany Public School

## Code of Conduct

A code of conduct for parents and visitors ensures that everyone who visits the school site is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner and to ensure that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

Parents and visitors are expected to:

- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy;
- Make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain an interview;
- Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference;
- Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures;
- Follow procedures governing behaviour, including restrictions that may be imposed.

## Approaching the School

From time to time, parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of their own child.
- Express concern about actions of other students.
- Enquire about school guidelines or practice.
- Express concern about actions of staff.

These guidelines aim to:

- Provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- Ensure that the rights of students, staff and parents are respected and upheld.
- Support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- Help reach an agreed solution.

Concern	Appropriate Action
<i>The academic progress of your own child</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly contact the child's teacher either by note or email the school to make an appropriate time to discuss any issues.</li> <li>• If at all possible, please do not speak to your child's teacher at morning lines as this is the start of the school day and teachers are already engaging with their students</li> <li>• Please do not email the teacher directly as this is a break in protocol. Teachers' emails are private. Thank you for understanding and adhering to this protocol.</li> </ul>
<i>The welfare of your own child</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues, please contact the office.</li> <li>• For minor issues, directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information by speaking with them or emailing them via the school email.</li> <li>• For more serious concerns, please contact the school office by either visiting the school, or via email or phone call. Please state the nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to speak with the Assistant principal for the stage group.</li> </ul>
<i>Actions of other students</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem by speaking with them or via school email.</li> <li>• Contact the class teacher for a playground problem by speaking with them or via school email.</li> </ul>
<i>School policy or practice</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact the school office. Please state nature of your concern and make an appointment to see the Assistant Principal to discuss.</li> </ul>
<i>Actions of a staff member</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact the teacher directly in the first instance by speaking with them or via school email.</li> <li>• For more serious concerns, contact the school office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with the Principal and appropriate team leader.</li> </ul>

Please Note: No parent or carer should directly approach another person's child. The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school's Student Welfare policy.

## Visitor and Volunteer Helpers Guideline

Throughout the school year teachers may require volunteers to assist in classrooms and around the school in many facets of education. All volunteers must hold a Working With Children Check (WWCC). Any volunteer who does not fulfill the requirement of a WWCC clearance will not be able to participate in the volunteer program.

Parents and other volunteers assisting with activities do so on the understanding that:

- Teachers are responsible for the programs operating within the classroom and/or school.
- Teachers are in charge and have ultimate responsibility for the safety, welfare and care of the students.
- Teachers accept joint responsibility for children under their care for the duration of the time at school.
- Visitors conduct and manners should at all times be acceptable and an appropriate model for students.
- Visitors should refrain from smoking in the presence or sight of students – the school is a government non-smoking area.
- Visitors should not consume or have consumed alcohol prior to working with children.
- Visitors should cooperate with teachers in charge to ensure safety and welfare of students.
- Visitors should sign themselves in and out in the attendance folder at the front office when participating in school activities.
- Visitors should wear identification whilst assisting with students.
- Volunteers should hold the WWCC.
- Under the Child Protection Act of 1997 it may be necessary for the school to have volunteers who assist students undergo a Criminal Record check.

Confidentiality is of prime concern. Parents and volunteers are not to discuss any information they obtain at school with anyone, other than the classroom teacher or the Principal.

Any parent or volunteer helper not fulfilling these requirements may be excluded from the volunteer program.

## 'Inclosed Lands Protection Act'

Any person contravening this Code of Conduct is advised that the provisions of the 'Inclosed Lands Protection Act (1901) and its Amendments' will be followed if any of the following occur:

- Actual physical assaults or threatened physical assaults on students, staff, parents or community members at the school or during the course of school activities;
- Behaviour in the presence of students, staff, parents or other visitors to the school that causes alarm or concern to the students, staff, parents or other visitors;
- Use of offensive language (i.e. swearing) in the presence of students, staff or other visitors to the school;
- Any interruption to the learning environment of the school such as entering classrooms without permission;
- Persistent entry to the school site without permission or legitimate reason;
- Entering the school grounds without permission between 9.05am and before 2.30pm without presenting to the front office to sign in (unless there is a special event taking place at the school).

### Please note:

In very rare cases, where people wishing to express concerns, do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner; the Principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the 'Inclosed Lands Act' to:

- Direct the person to immediately leave the grounds.
- Call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse.
- Withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the principal.
- Seek further legal avenues.

Your co-operation is sought and appreciated in maintaining a safe and happy school, for together we all make a great school, even better.