



## Kindergarten are amazing!



### NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 & 5 completed their NAPLAN testing last week. Congratulations to all of our students who came to school with a growth mindset and tried their very best. Well done everyone!

### Professional Learning

Last week, the staff participated in Twilight Professional Learning where they updated their training and knowledge of CPR and Anaphylaxis. During Week 6, staff will again be involved in Twilight Professional Learning where they will be working on school projects in teams.

During week 6, Mrs Holmes, Mr Illich, and Mr Dakis will be attending The Literacy and Numeracy Professional Learning and in Week 7 Mrs Holmes, Ms Moore and Ms McGregor will be involved in the Effective Reading in the Early Years Conference over two days. Professional Learning is an important part of our School Plan and ensures that all of our staff remains up to date with current practice.

### National Sorry Day Commemoration

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities.

Many school children take part in National Sorry Day activities as a way of showing their commitment towards reconciliation. We will be commemorating National Sorry Day Monday 28 May.

### School Psychologist

Our School Psychologist, Soheil Afshar, will sadly be leaving our school for the next 6 months. He will be employed as a Project Officer: Psychometric Assessments for the Department of Education working with School Counsellors. We are so fortunate to have had Soheil working with our students, staff and community for the last few years. Soheil shares his expertise and knowledge in such a caring and understanding way. We will miss him greatly but look forward to seeing him back at Botany PS in December.

### ESPSSA Cross Country Carnival

Our Cross Country Carnival Team represented our school at the Eastern Suburbs District Cross Country Carnival. Many of the students representing our school completed the race in top places. Well done to our team and Ms Neville. What a fabulous result!

### Kindergarten 2019 School Tour

Our Kindergarten School Tour will be held this week on Thursday 31 May. Parents and their children are welcome to attend. Children who turn 5 years before 1st August 2019 are eligible to enrol. If you know of any families with children living in the school's catchment area, please let them know that they can access the Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School from the school website or school office. Applications should be submitted to the school office with all supporting documents.

### Whole School Athletics Carnival

Our School Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 7 June at Booralee Park. Parents are invited to attend and the P&C will be holding a fund raising BBQ on the day. All students will participate on the day in age races. A program for the event is included in this newsletter although times are only approximate. We hope we are blessed with great weather on the day. ☺

*Have a great week...*

*Kate Holmes - Principal*

## Diary Dates

### May 2018

**Monday 28**

School Banking

**Monday 28**

National Sorry Day commemoration

**Tuesday 29**

Gymnastics

**Wednesday 30**

Dancesports for Year 5-6

**Thursday 31**

*Kindergarten School Tour*

If you have a child 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

**Tuesday 5**

Gymnastics

**Wednesday 6**

Dancesports for Year 5-6

**Thursday 7**

*Athletics Carnival*

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

The P&C will be holding a BBQ for our community. Please ensure you order your lunch so we cater accurately.



**Monday 11**

*Queen's Birthday Holiday*

**Thursday 21**

*Healthy Lifestyle Walkathon -*

World Cup Jersey Multi-day

### July 2018

**Monday 2 – Friday 6**

Wellbeing Week

**Friday 6**

*100 days of Kindergarten*

**And Last day of Term 2**

**Monday 23**

Staff Development Day

**Tuesday 24**

First day of Term 3 for students

## Botany Public School P&C News

### Athletics Carnival BBQ

The P&C will hold a BBQ fundraiser at our Athletics Carnival to be held on Thursday 9 June.

Please ensure you order lunch so we cater accurately. If you want to order lunch for family members please order on the same order form.

If you are able to help with this event please let Paul Miranda or the school office staff know.

Thank you in anticipation of 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 3 8/6/18	Soccer	Coral Sea Park
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court
Round 4 15/6/18	Soccer	Heffron (Pool end)
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court

### Week 3 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*



KL	Charlie	Luca
KM	Scarlett	William
KR	Sonali	Isidora
1/2D	Gabriella	Ignacio
1/2G	Cooper	Kasper
1/2M	Jiya	Verona
1/2R	Nhellejye	Finn
3/4D	Jasmine	Nehaan
3/4P	Kyan	Sam
4/5B	Madelyn	Jahrone
5/6D	Natasha	Te Hiria
5/6I	Tilly	Tiana

### Week 4 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*



KL	Nino	Samir
KM	Markus	Georgia
KR	Lily-Grace	Isabelle
1/2D	Jacob	Kerim
1/2G	Amelia	Waverley
1/2M	Will	Posy
1/2R	Zack C	Lochlan
3/4D	James	Mabel
3/4P	Eva	Arielle
4/5B	Juliet	Jake
5/6D	Elliott	Nakita
5/6I	Sione	Liam

**Value of week 5  
Responsibility**

**Value of week 6  
Honesty**

## 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.**

## 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

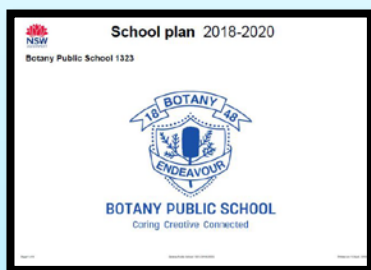
The LST operates through a referral process. If you have a concern regarding your child, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher by forwarding an email to the school email address or by sending a note to your class teacher.

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.

**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 2017. 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.

## Emergency Drills



As part of our Work, Health and Safety Plan we regularly have Emergency Evacuation and Emergency Lock Down Drills.

Emergency Evacuation Drills involve all staff hearing 3 long bells, and then leading their students calmly to the back playground where rolls are checked.

Emergency Lock Down Drills involve all staff hearing a continuous bell and then ensuring their students remain calmly in the classroom till the all clear is given.

This week we will be having an Emergency Practice to ensure that all staff and students know the correct procedures to follow.

If you are a visitor on site when you hear the emergency bell then please follow guidance from a Botany school staff member.

## P&C ... Thank you

Thank you to our P&C for your generous donation of \$5,000 to our school.

Botany Public School has been able to purchase another \$5,000 worth of new home readers to supplement the home readers that were purchased recently.

Another thank you goes to all the parent volunteers, who have taken home bags of books & contact. We are very grateful for your volunteered time. These have already started to be distributed to classrooms.

As soon as we get all the bags of readers back, we will be asking for volunteers to cover the next batch, so please watch this space!

If you have a bag of covered books, please return them to the school office.

The generosity of the P&C along with their hard work to raise fund, has enabled all of our students to have beautiful resources to take home.

Thanks again

From the teachers and students. 😊

A small fraction  
of the beautifully  
covered books  
that have been



There will be  
LOTS more  
books to cover



**Botany Public School**  
***Athletics Carnival Program***  
**Thursday 7 June 2018**

**NB: All times are approximate and may change due to unforeseen circumstances.**

<b>9:15am</b>	1-6 Classes assemble in the quad then walk to Booralee Park
<b>9:30am</b>	Kindergarten classes assemble in the quad then walk to Booralee Park
<b>9:50am</b>	<b>Carnival Commences:</b> <b>Track- 200m</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior boys/girls (12/13yrs)</li> <li>• 11's boys/girls</li> <li>• Junior boys/girls (8yr, 9yr, 10yr)</li> </ul>
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Age Races</b> <b>Track- 100m, 70m</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 years (100m) - boys / girls</li> <li>• 11 years (100m) - boys / girls</li> <li>• 10 years (100m) - boys / girls</li> <li>• 9 years (100m) - boys / girls</li> <li>• 8 years (100m) - boys / girls (including Year 2, 8 yr olds)</li> <li>• Year 2 (70m) - boys / girls</li> <li>• Year 1 (70m) - boys / girls</li> <li>• Kinder (70m) - boys / girls</li> </ul>
<b>11:15am</b>	<b><i>BBQ Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2</i></b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>K – 2 rotations events</b>  <b>Track- 800m</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seniors (12/13yr) boys and girls</li> <li>• 11's boys and girls</li> <li>• Juniors (8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs) boys and girls</li> </ul>
<b>11:45</b>	<b><i>BBQ Year 3 , 4, 5 and 6</i></b>
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Ball Games 3-6 (moved if necessary)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Captain ball</li> <li>• Tunnel ball</li> </ul>
<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Track- Mixed Relays (4x100 metres)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seniors - boys and girls ( Year 5 and 6 )</li> <li>• Juniors - boys and girls (Year 3 and 4)</li> </ul>
<b>1:15pm</b>	<b>Clean up/pack up – K -2 return to school</b>
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Clean up/pack up - 3 – 6 return to school</b>

# Botany Public School

Healthy Lifestyle

WORLD CUP JERSEY

## Walk-a-thon

Thursday 21 June 2018



It is time for Botany Public School's annual Healthy Lifestyle Challenge Walk-a-thon Fundraiser.

- ✓ Parents are welcome to attend the event that will be held on the school grounds. K-2 will be walking at 9:20 to 10:00am, while 3-6 will be walking at 10:10am to 11:00am.
- ✓ Family, friends and neighbours are encouraged to sponsor the children to successfully complete the challenge.
- ✓ All money raised will be targeted to be used for the upgrade of our playground.
- ✓ **The major prize for the student who raises the most money will be a Fit Bit!**
- ✓ Walking is an easy, convenient form of exercise for many people. We challenge students to see how many laps they can walk in their designated time.
- ✓ Every child who returns their sponsor form will go into the draw for daily prizes.
- ✓ Due to the Walk-a-thon being in line with the Premier's Sporting Challenge and the FIFA World Cup, we are encouraging students to participate in this event wearing their team jersey.





### Zone Cross Country

On Friday of week 4, the Botany Cross Country team had a successful day at the ESPSSA zone carnival. The students ran their hearts out and represented our school with pride. We had some outstanding results throughout the day.

Congratulations to all students, with special mention to the following students:

- Madelyn James— 1st in the 8/9 years girls 2000m race
- Aoife Bowie— 8th in the 10 years girls 2000m
- Tahlya Dower, Olivia Jarrett and Penny Keane— 4th, 5th and 6th respectively in the 11 years girls 3000m
- Alex Sainsbury—9th in the 11 years boys 3000m



We are extremely proud of all student's achievements and the way in which they represented our school. A huge thank you to the parent support team who helped organise and transport the students to the carnival.



# Beetles and bugs and butterflies:

## Oh my!

*Because 1/2R are currently berserk over bugs, we are looking at the lifecycle of a butterfly through our 4 chrysalises in our butterfly farm.*

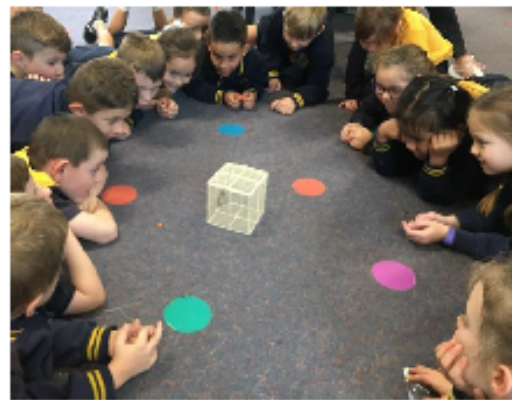
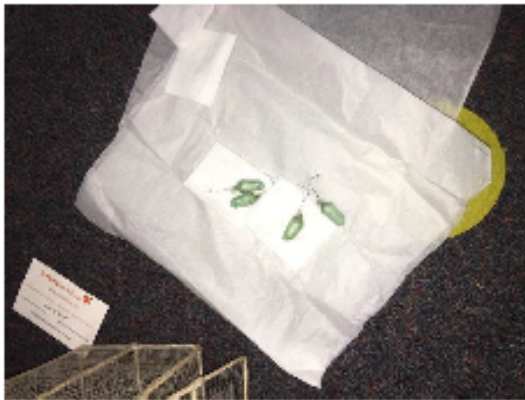
*Here are some questions we wondered when we opened and observed our butterfly farm on Thursday 24 May 2018.*



I am now wondering.....

- How will they emerge? (Lazar)
- What colour will the butterflies be? (Ava)
- What species are they? (Ms Rogers)
- When will they be able to fly? (Speed)
- Are the cocoons sticky so no one can touch it? (Nilan)
- Why do we need to spray them every day? (Nhellejye)
- How long does it take for them to puff up their wings? (Ivy)
- What day will they emerge? (Taya)
- What's the golden thing on the chrysalis? (Rowan)

*On Friday we were lucky enough to have one of our butterflies emerge!*





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## **ATHLETICS DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

### **Thursday 7 June 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers

The P&C will be holding a fundraising BBQ at the Athletics Carnival on Thursday 7 June 2018.

There is a meal deal available:

- ✓ Sausage (beef) in a roll and a juice for \$5 or
- ✓ Sausage (beef) in a roll for \$3.

**Please pre order for ALL members of the family who will be needing lunch on the day.**

There will only be limited sausages available for visitors.

Thank you for your support.

If you are available to help on the day, we are looking for BBQ helpers from approximately 9am onwards to help setup and cook sausages.

To place an order, please complete and return the form below with cash payment to the deposit box in the School Office prior to **Monday 4 June 2018.**

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

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Deal \$5**

Sausage in a roll and a juice

How many?

**Sausage in a roll \$3**

How many?

**Please order for all members of the family needing lunch...**

☐ I can help on the day → Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to school by Monday 4 June with correct money.**