



Thank you to our wonderful P&C for the sausage sizzle!

Our Students

Our students continue to display our school values in the playground and in our classrooms. I am always greeted with enthusiasm and courtesy which is always extended to visitors at our school as well. Well done Botany students!

Whole School Athletics Carnival

Our School Athletics Carnival was postponed and will now be held on Monday 18 June at Booralee Park. Please note there will be no BBQ and no canteen available on this day so all students will need to bring their recess and lunch.

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for organising and cooking a fantastic BBQ which was held last Thursday at school. It was a delicious warm treat for us all!

Healthy Lifestyle World Cup Jersey Walkathon

We will hold our *Healthy Lifestyle Walkathon* on Thursday 21 June, with the theme being 'World Cup Jersey Day.'

The Walkathon aims to highlight the importance of participating in healthy lifestyle activities as well as raising money for our school. Sponsorship cards will be sent home this week with daily prize draws during Week 10. The Walkathon will take place in our school playground. Parents and friends are invited to come and watch the event.

- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will take part in the Walkathon from 9.20am till 10.00am.
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will take part in the Walkathon from 10.10 till 11.00am.

Sponsor cards need to be returned to school along with the money raised. Students will then go in the draw to win daily prizes of soccer balls and netballs during week 10. The major prizewinner will be announced on Friday 6 July and will be the student who raises the most money.

Review Meetings

The Learning Support Team 'Student Review Meetings' will be held during week 9 to discuss Personal Learning Plans that have been developed for some of our targeted students. Parents of these students are invited to attend the meetings and will contribute towards their plans. Communication between parents and teachers ensures that all of our students are 'on track' to reach their full potential at school.

Staff News

Our School Psychologist, Soheil Afshar, has begun a new role at the Department of Education till the end of the year. We welcome our new School Psychologist, Jacqueline Bennett, who will work at our school every second Tuesday.

Mr Baxter will be off class on Wednesday each week to work with students who are on our Learning Support Team Data Base. Mr Ashcroft will take 4/5B each Wednesday.

I will be taking leave for the next five weeks for an Australian outback adventure. I will return to school on Monday 6 August just in time to attend the Stage 3 camp to Canberra and the snow!

Mr Illich will be Relieving Principal in my absence whilst Mr Ashcroft and Ms Schwartz will be teaching Stage 3 during this time.

Have a great week...Kate Holmes - Principal

Diary Dates

June 2018

Monday 11

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 12

Gymnastics

Wednesday 13

Dancesports for Year 5-6

Monday 18

Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 19

Gymnastics

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 20

Dancesports for Year 5-6

Thursday 21

Healthy Lifestyle Walkathon

World Cup Jersey Mufti-day

July 2018

Monday 2 – Friday 6

Wellbeing Week

NAIDOC Week

Friday 6

100 days of Kindergarten

And Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 23

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 24

First day of Term 3 for students

Tuesday 31

ICAS English Test

August 2018

Monday 6 – 10

NSW Education Week

Monday 6 – 8

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Friday 10

9.00am Education Week Open Day

Tuesday 14

ICAS Maths Test

Botany Public School P&C News

Sausage Sizzle BBQ



The P&C held a BBQ fundraiser at school last week as our Athletics Carnival was postponed.

We raised approx. \$800 for the school!

P & C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 June in our school library. Please join us to discuss upcoming events.

The Mum's Wellbeing Dinner will be held on 20 June 2018 at 7pm

Dumpling Queen – Westfield Eastgardens
Please RSVP to Mel on 0416 155 802.

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 4 15/6/18	Soccer	Heffron (Pool end)
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court
Round 5 22/6/18	Soccer	Heffron (Pool end)
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court

Week 5 Award Winners



KL	Ariella	Mia
KM	Emily	Jayden
KR	Rhoanan	Oscar
1/2D	Melisa	Aiken
1/2G	Claire	Mia-Rose
1/2M	Jacob	Sienna
1/2R	Pavle	Rowan
3/4D	Malakai	Tarquin
3/4P	Lupe	Tisha
4/5B	Elijah	Jaydon
5/6D	Giselle	Malih
5/6I	Georgia	Zachary

Week 6 Award Winners



KL	Chloe	Aidan
KM	Sam	Lily
KR	Zara	Aleksandar
1/2D	Aidan	Gerard
1/2G	Taliyah	Georgiana
1/2M	Jasmine	Levi
1/2R	Jessica	Kayley
3/4D	Michael	Hosannah
3/4P	Lily	Jett
4/5B	Logan	Truman
5/6D	Malih	Ane
5/6I	Ayden	Olivia

Value of week 7
Integrity

Value of week 6
Understanding

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.

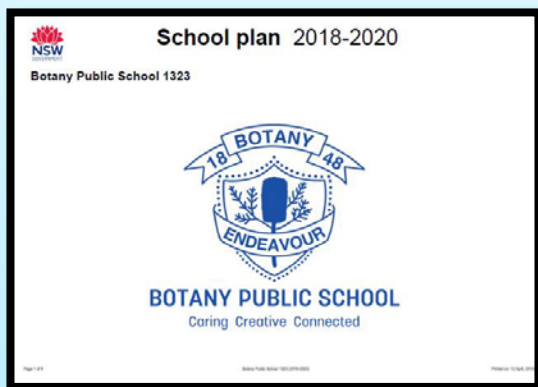
If you live outside the catchment area, then it will be difficult to place your child at Botany Public School in 2019. We encourage all parents in this position to visit their local school principal. For your local public school, please go to the following link and enter your residential address: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>

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.

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.

School Banking

Can parents please check that your child's banking accounts are up to date and there are no missed slips in your child's bank book.



Botany Public School
Athletics Carnival Program
 Monday 18 June 2018

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

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

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.



EnviroMentors

On Monday 28 May, Stage 1 students participated in an EnviroMentors incursion run by Keep NSW Beautiful (KNSWB) Organisation.

The module that we chose was called 'In the bin'. The students were given an opportunity to investigate the benefits of avoiding waste, reusing and recycling. The students learnt about the 4 types of waste: Red Rubbish, Yellow Recycling, Green Garden and Brown Compost.



This is what our Stage 1 students had to say:



"I liked how we learnt about what to put in the garbage, recycling and compost bins so we know if someone puts something wrong in the bin."

Kal 1/20



"I liked learning about what the red, yellow and green lid bins are for because its fun"

Daniel 1/20

"I learnt that if you have a little piece of metal inside the plastic bottle before it is stretched it can break"

Cleo 1/20



"I learnt that you can put hair and fingernails into the compost"

Sefton 1/20

"I enjoyed seeing all the cans squished into a small bale"

Junior 1/20

"Highly recommend regular visits from these guys."

Mr Ashcroft

"Can we do that again?"

Charles 1/20

"That was fun!"

Harriet 1/20



Creative Thinking Project

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for donating \$10 000

to purchase a huge range of STEM and Technology resources for school. These resources are suited to different stage of learning and encourage creative thinking as well as teaching students the basics of coding. Our staff are very excited to use these resources with their students.

Primo Toys Cubetto Robots and maps with Story books



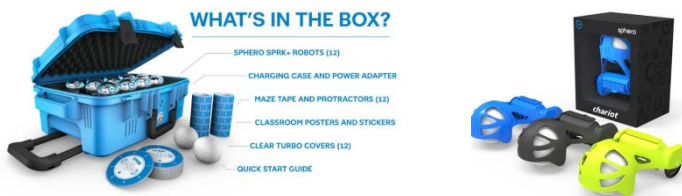
MaKey MaKey Deluxe class kits



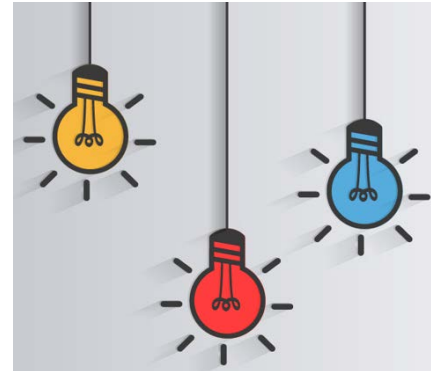
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ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

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 or visit 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