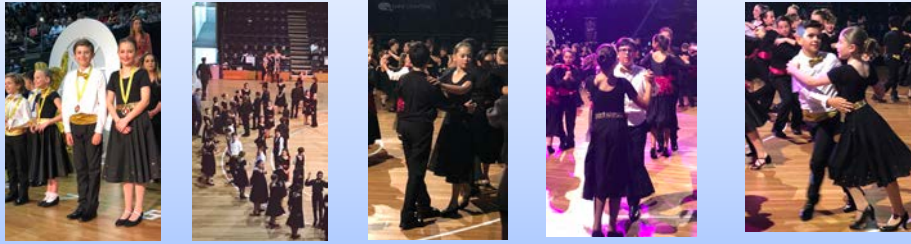




Week 10 Term 3 2018



Well done to our wonderful Year 5 DanceSports students!

## Art Show

Our Annual Art Show was held last week. The show was called "Lasting Impressions" with students creating print based artworks. Parents and students visited classrooms to view the students' creative designs. Our wonderful P&C also organised for our community to be able to order pizza which allowed our families to share a wonderful evening together. Thank you to this core group of parents who support our school in so many ways. There is still an opportunity to purchase your child's art work by sending \$10 to the office along with your child's name and class.

## The Botany Bolt

I would like to thank the amazing Botany Bolt team for all their hard work again this year. Thank you to Tracey Wright, Leah Tsaknakis, Ashley Foy, Samantha Wilson, Naomi Rumph, Paul Miranda, Donna Lees, Tracey Mann, Colleen Souter, Jo Jansyn and Katie Phillips. We really appreciate your efforts!

## School Camp – Stage 2

In week 7 we held our Stage 2 Camp at Berry. The students had a wonderful time and were extremely well behaved. The experiences they had will hold memories for a lifetime. Thank you to our amazing staff who gave of their own time to ensure that our students would have this amazing opportunity. Well done everyone!

## DanceSport Challenge

Thirty of our Year 5 students performed at Homebush in the DanceSport Challenge. We were very proud of the students who showed incredible skill and talent with the dances they performed. Please see the photos in the newsletter showing the beautiful costumes. Thank you to Ms Mak, Ms Rogers, Mr Illich and Mr Dickson for their commitment and enthusiasm with this new program.

## School Enrolments and Numbers for 2019

The end of 2018 is fast approaching and we have now begun planning for 2019. Please inform the school as soon as possible in writing if your child is not returning to Botany Public School in 2019, or if your child is starting kindergarten 2019, and you have not yet informed the office.

## TTFM Survey - Parents, teachers & students in Years 4, 5 and 6

Once again this semester, our school will be participating in the online *Tell Them From Me* Survey. The survey is accessed via a link and can be completed at home on your computer, iPad or phone. Please make sure that you have your say in helping to make our school the best it can be. The survey will be conducted up until 24 September 2018.

## Wellbeing Week

This week, our school community will celebrate 'Wellbeing Week'. Wellbeing Week this term will focus on our 'Friends'. There will be no Homework in week 10 and students will be able to participate in lunchtime activities including movie time and yoga classes. This will be a wonderful time to reflect on the busy term that has passed and begin to prepare for the holidays ahead.

## End of term 3

It has been a very busy term filled with quality teaching and learning, excursions, events and celebrations. Miss Gable will be on leave from week 10 of Term 3 till the end of week 1 Term 4. We welcome Miss Hutcheson who will be teaching 1/2G during this time.

We wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 15 October, ready for a very busy and exciting Term 4.

**Don't forget that Swimming Scheme will begin on the first day of term 4 for students in Year 2 to Year 6. Don't forget your swimmers, your goggles, underwear and your towel.**

Have a great week... *Kate Holmes* - Principal

## Diary Dates

### September 2018

**Monday 24**

School banking

**Monday 24 – Friday 28**

*Wellbeing Week*



**Monday 24 and Tuesday 25**

Life Education continues...

**Friday 28**

*Last day of Term 3...*

*Happy Holidays!*

### TERM 4 2018

#### October 2018

**Monday 15**

First Day of term 4

*Swimming Scheme begins for students in Year 2 – Year 6*

*Sorry, but no late payments accepted this week...*

**Monday 15**

School banking

**Tuesday 30**

*Grandparents Day Concert*

**Tuesday 30**

P&C Meeting

#### November 2018

**Wednesday 7**

*Botany End of Year Concert at South Juniors*

**Tuesday 15**

*Kinder Transition for 2019*

**Tuesday 22**

*Kinder Transition for 2019*

#### December 2018

**Tuesday 4**

P&C Meeting

**Wednesday 12**

Presentation day

**Wednesday 19**

Last day of school for 2018...

## Botany Public School P&C News

### P & C Meeting

**\*Please join us for our next meeting in term 4 at 7.00pm on Tuesday 30 October in the Library**

### Art Show and Pizza Night

Thank you to everyone who joined our school community for the Art Show and Pizza Night.

Thank you to the core group of parents from the P&C who coordinated the event and picked up the pizza on the night. All 68 boxes!!!

Thank you to the many volunteers on the night who helped make the job of giving out the food much easier.

### Uniform Shop

Thank you also for your kind uniform donations. The clothing pool made \$107.

The P&C team 😊

## PSSA Years 3-6 Winter Sport

Winter PSSA has finished for the year!

## PSSA Years 3-6 Summer Sport

There will be no PSSA during week 1 & 2 of Term 4 due to the Swim Scheme. The first PSSA game back for Term 4 will be in week 3, Friday 2 November.

### Week 8 Award Winners

*Achievement Award*



KL	Emily S	Luca
KM	Emily J	Aurelle
KR	Eloise C	Isabelle
1/2D	Vienna	Jayden
1/2G	Kai	Mileah
1/2M	Harriett	Verona
1/2R	Selina K	Nilan
3/4D	Daniel	Kyra
3/4P	Cooper	Cheska
4/5B	Jake I	Soleil
5/6D	Eden	Mitchell
5/6I	Winston	Matilda

### Week 9 Award Winners

*Achievement Award*



KL	Charlie S	Alberta
KM	Abigail	Sam
KR	Jensen	Oscar
1/2D	Zainab	Saskia
1/2G	Taliyah	Claire
1/2M	Liam T	Matias
1/2R	Lochlan	Ava
3/4D	Brianna	Nehaan
3/4P	Annabell	Solomone
4/5B	Hannah	Millie
5/6D	Kirsten	Oliver D
5/6I	Tiana	Ryan

**Value of week 10  
Pride**

## 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

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.

## P&C Facebook Group

### Mum's Wellness Dinner - New Facebook Group!

Have you joined our Facebook group? - 'BPS Mum's Wellness Dinner'

See our upcoming events

RSVP

Get to know other Mum's

All welcome, especially Kindy Mums!

Term 3 Dinner:

Date: Tuesday 25 September

Time: 7pm

Location: Sir Joseph Banks Hotel, Botany

We hope to see you there!

Ingrid Arndt & Mel Redding

## 2020 Selective High School Applications

### Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2020

An application is required by 14 November 2018 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2020.

Parents must apply online at

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

Online applications will be available from 9 October to 12 November 2018.

Please contact your class teacher or Mrs Holmes if you have any questions.

## Swimming Scheme 2018

Swimming Scheme is a two week intensive swimming program for students in years 2 to 6 that aims to teach all children water safety skills as well as good swimming technique. It is designed to cater for all ability levels especially complete beginners and non-swimmers. This is a great program for children to build their confidence in swimming pools, which is particularly important as we enter the summer months. These lessons are free; however there is a cost for entry into the pool.

<b>Date</b>	Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4 - Everyday Monday 15 October to Friday 26 October
<b>Venue</b>	Botany Aquatic Centre
<b>Time</b>	During one of three sessions between 9.30am and 1.00pm
<b>Transport</b>	Students will walk to Botany Aquatic under the supervision of school staff
<b>Cost</b>	<b>\$40.00 for pool entry</b>
<b>Dress</b>	Students are expected to wear their school uniform, including a hat. Please also ensure your child has adequate sunscreen, fluids to drink, a plastic bag for their wet things and a towel (with their name on it). They will also need a change of underwear.

**All notes and money must be returned by Wednesday 19 September or students will not be able to participate in this activity.**

**As this is a school event, students are expected to follow school and pool rules.**

NB: We ask parents not to visit the pool during Swimming Scheme as this can be distracting for the students and instructors.

Thankyou 😊





# BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Caring Creative Connected

Monday 24 September 2018

## Intention to Apply: Year 7 Entry to Selective High Schools in 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools 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.

Offers for selective high school placement are determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school entry to **Year 7 in 2020**, you need to do so soon.

You will need to apply on the internet. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in a printed application information booklet and at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement). The application website opens on **9 October 2018** and closes on **12 November 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.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

Yours sincerely  
Kate Holmes  
Principal

**Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.**

**Note: This is a notice that you intend to apply only. It is NOT an application.**

**To apply you will need to register and then apply through the High Performing Students application website.**

 <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

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## Intention to Apply: Year 7 Entry to Selective High Schools in 2020

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am interested in applying for selective high school entry in 2020

Yes  No

I have internet access and will be applying online.

Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: This is a notice to Botany Public School that you intend to apply only. This is NOT an application.**

**To apply you will need to register and then apply through the High Performing Students application website.**

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

**You still have time. The parent survey will close today Monday 24 September.**

Your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Please go to the survey link below so that you can have your say to help our school to be the best it can be...

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/fqmxh>



Congratulations to Olivia Jarrett for being the recipient of this year's Deadly Award for our school. Olivia is an excellent school representative in Sport and Dance. Well done Olivia!



Congratulations and well done to Natasha Small who took part in the 2018 Ron Rathbone Local History Competition through Bayside Council.



Congratulations to Madelyn James who made it to the 800m race at Sydney East Carnival. Well done Madelyn!

## Wellbeing Week at Botany Public School

Week 10 is *Wellbeing Week* and this term the focus is:

**F.R.I.E.N.D.S**

At Botany Public School we value all community members and appreciate the opportunity to enhance our positive school community. *Wellbeing Week* gives us the chance to further develop strong partnerships between teachers, parents and students. We have lots of inspiring activities and positive learning experiences planned for this week, which are outlined below.

During *Wellbeing Week* there is no home-learning. An information sheet will be sent home with some wellbeing activities that can be completed to further consolidate the activities at school. **Please note that these are not compulsory activities.**

### **What is the theme F.R.I.E.N.D.S?**

The focus of Wellbeing Week this term is based on the Kids Matter framework and draws from existing programs that focus around the importance of having strong friendships, not only with others, but also with ourselves. The letters represent an acronym and stand for: Feelings: Remember to relax: I can do it: Explore solutions: Now reward yourself: Don't forget to practice: Smile. The focus is to promote important personal development concepts such as identity, self-esteem, problem solving, self-expression, co-operation and building positive relationships.

### **F.R.I.E.N.D.S**

*Wellbeing Week will look like:*

<b>Monday</b>	- Friendship Bracelet Workshop – (Lunch Time)
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Yoga - (Lunch time)
<b>Wednesday</b>	- 3-6 Movie (Toy Story)
<b>Thursday</b>	- Teacher Vs Student Game
<b>Friday</b>	- K-2 Movie (Toy Story)

# Calmsley Hill City Farm

## KINDERGARTEN 2018



Kindergarten had a wonderful time at the farm. They milked a cow, rode on a tractor and watched a dog show, sheering show and a whipping show!









## CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 5

What a night to remember!!!

On behalf of the Botany Public School Staff who were involved in the DanceSport Challenge Gala, I would like to thank everyone for their commitment and support for our students. There is no denying that this program is powerful in attaining substantial outcomes for our students. It is also important to recognise that the gala event is not just the 'icing on the cake', it's the celebration!

For me, one of the most exciting moments was when the students first walked into the arena. The gasps of wonder, incredulity and awe was overwhelming – it is an experience that not many will have repeated and to think we were able to provide this to our students and their families is very satisfying.

Congratulations once again to our 15 couples.

From

Winnie Mak

DanceSport Challenge Co-ordinator



# THE BOTANY BOLT

## BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL



The Botany Bolt of 2018 was a fantastic event. **There were over 330 runners and an amazing turnout from both our school and local community.**

With over 30 stalls, jumping castles, obstacle courses, an array of delicious foods and entertainment, an amazing DJ, Brett Dalley, Circle Music's Ukulele group and an impromptu performance from Botany Public's very own senior acro group, there was much fun to be had.

With special thanks to our events official major sponsors: Bayside Council, The Captain Cook Hotel, McGrath's Marnie Senior and Westpac Maroubra, **we were able to raise \$12000** that will go towards our STEM resources and playground upgrades at Botany Public School.

To the organisers of this event ... a huge thank you. Many contributed their time on the day to ensure that the event ran smoothly. Without our volunteers the event wouldn't have been a success.

Some of our key organisers who definitely deserve mention include:

Leah Tsaknakis, Ashley Foy, Samantha Wilson, Naomi Rumph, Paul Miranda, Donna lees, Tanya Mann, Colleen Souter, Jo Jansyn and Katie Phillips.

Another thank you to all who worked behind the scenes and helped get this event off the ground.

We also thank the school community for supporting The Bolt and we look forward to holding the event in the future.

**We are very lucky to be part of a wonderful community.**

The P&C Team 😊



## Stage 2 Berry Camp

In week 8, Stage 2 had the exciting opportunity to have their 3 day camp at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre. It was a great chance for students to engage in activities that focused on building resilience, responsibility and teamwork.



Canoeing and kayaking were exciting and scary all at once. Lucky we had our friends to help us out if we were stuck.

We had so much fun at archery where we also tried out bouldering and were lost in the maze.



Rock climbing challenged us and made some of us face our fears. It was scary at the top but worth it!



We had a lot of responsibility in the kitchen, which helped us when it came to making our own damper!

