



Week 1 & 2 Term 1 2019



**Congratulations
to our new School
Captains and
Prefects
for 2019**

Welcome Back...

Welcome back to 2019! The holidays have passed by so quickly and we are returning to school for another year. We welcome all of our students and families back to Botany and trust that everyone is feeling relaxed, refreshed and reinvigorated ready for the new school year to begin...

Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 Farewell was held at the end of 2018 and was a fabulous celebration for students, staff and parents. Please see some of the fabulous photos of this celebration at the end of this newsletter. Thank you to Rebecca, Vanessa, Liz and Charlie for making our hall look so beautiful.

Arrangements for the beginning of the 2019 school year

For all students in 2019, the first few days will be spent in temporary classes.

Kindergarten 2019 will commence lessons on Monday 4 February, after they have completed their Best Start Assessments this week.

As in previous years, due to the unpredictability of the first few weeks of term, enrolments and the size of our primary school, Botany will retain the tried and tested model of forming temporary classes until student numbers are finalised. The days in these temporary classes are highly structured with the Bounce Back Programs, School Rules and Values Programs and general Key Learning Areas all being covered.

Considerable consideration of every student's needs is taken into account whilst forming classes. All teachers, executive staff and specialist teachers consult and communicate over a 3 month period to ensure every effort is made to achieve the best possible combination of teacher and learning cohorts. I appreciate the community's ongoing support in allowing teachers to use their educational expertise and professional knowledge to best place your children into class groupings.

Staff Development Days

Our Staff Development Day yesterday focused on Professional Learning in the Code of Conduct and Child Protection training. Staff were also involved in planning and programming for all key learning areas, as well as engaging in whole school strategic planning for the 2019 school year.

Botany Public School is very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff who are continuously updating their own learning and leading others in learning. Thank you to staff who also spent many days at school over the holiday break, working in classrooms as well as planning and preparing teaching and learning activities with colleagues. The staff at Botany look forward to working together as a cohesive and dedicated team during 2019.

Have a great week...

Kate Holmes Principal

2019



Diary Dates

January 2019

Tuesday 29

Staff Development Day for Teachers

Wednesday 30

First day of school for Students in Years 1 – 6

Wed 30, Thurs 31 Jan and Fri 1 February

Kindergarten Best Start Appointments

February 2019

Monday 4

9.00am First Day of Kindergarten

We look forward to meeting you all....

Tuesday 12

7.00pm - P&C Meeting

Thursday 14

Botany PS Swimming Carnival

To be held at Botany Pool from 9.00am-12 noon for students in Years 3 - 6 and selected Year 2 students

Thursday 21

Botany PS Welcome Evening...

- 6.30pm **Class Information Session for Parents...**

- 7.00pm **Meet the Parents...**

Join us for our special P&C evening in the Library... We look forward to meeting new parents and chatting with friends from last year, whilst enjoying some refreshments together. **This is a parent only event.**

March and April 2019

Monday 11 – Thursday 14 March

Student Parent Teacher Learning Conferences

Thursday 14 March

School Photos

Friday 12 April

Last day of Term 1

Botany Public School P&C News

P&C Tea towel Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families that bought tea towels last year and for your continuous support of our school. The P&C raised \$1040.

AGM and P&C Meeting

Please note that the first P&C meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 12 February 2019. This will include the AGM held at 7.00pm. Please join us.

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Thank you

The P&C team 😊

Canteen news

The canteen will be operating on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from next week for recess and lunch.

There will be some changes made to canteen orders in the coming weeks and we will communicate these changes to you via the newsletter and our ENews app as soon as we confirm all details.

School Planning for 2019

Planning for the 2019 school year is continuing with all staff involved in this important process. At Botany Public School, we aim to give every student the opportunity to be provided the best education possible that is differentiated to their learning needs, either extending or supporting their learning.

Teachers have examined class structures and the outcome of having Stage Classes this year in many grades.

Teachers have enthusiastically reported that stage based classes are beneficial for enabling cohesive groups of students to be able to learn together as well as streamlining planning and programming. Teachers also discussed that they regularly plan activities to be open-ended and differentiated to enable students to perform at their level and to be extended.

Students have reported that stage based classes provide them with opportunities to have more friends at school, in different classes. Children also reported that stage classes were 'fun' and gave them opportunities to work and learn at their own level.

The benefits of stage-based classes include student independence, responsibility and study habits. Younger children generally aspire to emulate older children in their work, and older children enjoy leadership and mentoring opportunities that lift their self-esteem.

There is also a sense of community within the stage-based classroom, which helps build a child's self-confidence and feelings of security. Students will be working with content and processes from a range of academic levels through open-ended experiences and inquiry based units of work, which allow for different levels of achievement.

At Botany Public School, we provide a differentiated curriculum, so that student needs can be met regardless of the actual structure or formation of a class. Please feel assured that teachers spend a great deal of time when deciding where to place students for the following year and if your child is placed in a composite class there will be much to be gained. The quality of teaching, combined with student interest and engagement, are considered more important than class structure, whatever form it may take.

Value of week 1
Excellence

Value of week 2
Fairness

**Botany Public School
Welcome Evening ...
Thursday 21 February 2019**

• **6.30pm Class Information Session**

Class Teachers will meet with parents to provide information about the year ahead for their child.

• **7.00pm Meet the Parents...**

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Botany Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival will take place on Thursday 14 February at Botany Swimming Pool for ALL students in Year 3 to Year 6.

Children in Year 2 who are turning 8 in 2019 and are very competent swimmers involved in squad training are also invited to attend.

A detailed permission note will be sent home and must be fully completed throughout and signed by the same person.

In the swimming ability section, please complete only **ONE** option either:

A: my child is capable of swimming 50m

B: my child is not a competent swimming and will participate in non-competitive events

We look forward to an exciting day at our carnival ...



Toy and Food Christmas Appeal 2018

Thank you to the Botany Public School Community for your generous donations to the SRC Toy and Food Appeal last year.



YEAR 6 FAREWELL



Our Year 6 Farewell was a wonderful evening celebration.

Thank you to the wonderful parents who created the beautiful table settings and decorations.



School Stationery Requirements for 2019

Years 1 - 6

To assist your child in being fully prepared to begin work each day they will require the items listed below. Many of these items your child may already have. There is no need to purchase new equipment unless it is broken, lost or in poor condition. All items must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Year 1 – 6 Student Requirements to be brought to school

- art shirt to protect clothing
- 2 x boxes of tissues
- hand sanitizer
- roll of paper towel
- Library bag
- 4 x whiteboard markers
- coloured textas
- 5 x Bostic Glue sticks
- A4 Homework Book NOT SPIRAL BOUND (covered please) approx. 96 pages

Class teachers will send home work books to cover in clear contact in the first few weeks of school.

Please have clear good quality contact on hand at home to cover these books when needed.

Year 1-2 Stationery Requirements supplied by school

Parents of students in Year 1 and 2 will be invoiced for the following stationery items. The items will be purchased by the school and distributed to class teachers. This ensures that students are able to access resources equitably in all classrooms.

Pencil cases will not be required.

- coloured pencils
- lead pencils
- glue
- sharpener
- scissors
- eraser
- ruler
- whiteboard markers

Year 3-6 Requirements to be brought to school

Students in Stage 2 and 3 will need the following stationery items. All students also require a small pencil case.

- 4 x HB lead pencils
- eraser (Staedtler is best)
- pair of scissors
- 4 x 2B lead pencils
- coloured pencils
- 2 highlighters
- 4 x large wind-up glue stick (not liquid glue)
- pencil sharpener (that will contain sharpenings and that fits in a pencil case)
- 2 x red biros

No liquid paper or correction tape and no permanent markers

Year 5 and 6 students will also need the following items in addition to the above list

- 2 x black biros, 2 x blue biros, 2 x red biros
- 1 x pen drive for saving work from the computer
- Artline black felt tip

Thank you for playing such an important role in your child's education.

Botany Bites School Canteen Menu - Botany Public School

Before School	Sandwiches & Wraps	Salads
Raisin Toast (2pc) \$3.00	Chicken & Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot) \$6.00	Chicken Caesar - grilled chicken, lettuce, bacon, cheese, croutons \$6.50
Toast & Spread (2pc) \$3.00	Ham & Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot) \$5.50	Grilled Chicken - chicken, lettuce, tomato, cucumber \$6.00
Cheese Toasty \$4.00	Ham & Cheese \$4.50	Greek - lettuce, tomato, cucumber, olives, fetta, dressing \$6.00
Ham & Cheese Toasty \$4.50	Ham & Cheese Squashy (toasted in a roll) \$5.00	Caesar or balsamic dressing available
Popcorn \$2.00	Grilled Chicken \$4.50	
Hot Chocolate \$2.00	Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot) \$4.50	
Up & Go \$3.00	Cheese \$4.00	
Juice \$2.50	Honey / Jam / Vegemite \$3.00	
Banana Bread \$2.50	Cheese or Salad extras to any sandwich or wrap \$0.50	

Hot Food	Daily Food Specials	Snacks & Drinks
Spaghetti Bolognese (add cheese or Olives extra 0.50) \$6.00	Baked Potato with bolognese & cheese - Mon/Wed \$5.00	Jelly (No Sugar) 😊 \$2.50
Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini with Nap Sauce (cheese or Olives 0.50) \$6.00	Meat or Vege Pasta Bake with Cheese - Mon/Fri \$6.00	Banana Bread 😊 \$2.50
Plain Pasta (cheese or Olives 0.50 / Nap Sauce 2.00) \$4.00	Sushi Roll - Friday - Must be ordered on Wednesday \$3.50	Fresh Fruit Salad \$4.00
Cheese Macaroni 😊 \$5.00		Fresh Fruit \$1.50
Chicken Fried Rice with mixed vegetables \$6.00		Watermelon Cup \$3.50
Hamburger (Beef patty, lettuce, tomato & sauce) \$6.00		Frozen Watermelon \$1.00
Grilled Chicken Burger (Fresh chicken, lettuce & sauce) \$6.00		Frozen Pineapple Slice \$1.00
Veggie Burger (Veggie patty, lettuce & sauce) \$6.00		Yoghurt & Mixed Berries \$3.50
Meat Pie (Sauce extra 0.20) 😊 \$4.50		Frozen Yoghurt \$3.00
Sausage Roll (Sauce extra 0.20) 😊 \$4.00		Homemade Muffin 😊 \$2.50
Corn Cob \$2.50		Popcorn \$2.00
Nachos (Corn Chips & cheese - add meat 1.00 / Salsa 0.50) 😊 \$3.00		Quelch Ice Block \$1.00
		Want Crackers \$0.50
		Seaweed Crackers \$1.00
		Peckish Rice Crackers \$1.50
		Pretzels \$1.50
		Water \$2.50
		Fruit Juice \$2.50
		Up & Go \$3.00
		Flavoured Milk \$3.00

The menu is designed to use fresh and healthy ingredients everywhere possible and complies with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy which categorises food into 'Everyday' and 'Occasional' foods. All food is suitable for everyday consumption, except for those with the 😊 which should only be enjoyed occasionally. Please speak to canteen staff if you have any questions.

Newsletter Online

As the newsletter is available "online", you are encouraged to use this facility if you have internet access at work or at home. You may either view or download the newsletter from the website or have the newsletter emailed to you each fortnight. To receive the newsletter by email you will need to go to the school's website and click on "Newsletters". On this page you can subscribe to receive the newsletter "online".

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