



# The Botany Buzz...



Week 3 & 4 Term 4 2018

## Swim Scheme 2018



### P&C Working Bee - Thank you

The P&C held a Working Bee on Saturday and were able to undertake many tasks to beautify our school grounds. The students and staff really appreciate your hard work in ensuring we have a wonderful environment to work in. Thank you ☺. Our first P&C Meeting this term will be held tomorrow on Tuesday 30 October from 7.00pm in the library. Please join us to give your ideas.

### School Concert

Our school is very fortunate to have such creative and passionate teachers who are inspired to create such an amazing concert for our students and community. The concert tickets sold out extremely quickly again this year and we know this has caused concern. We have reserved a number of seats and are trying to accommodate as many families as possible. **If you purchased a large number of tickets and are able to share these with other families can you please contact the school office.**

Staff have been discussing how we can allow tickets to be more equitably distributed to the community. The Juniors has a capacity of 500 seats and are unable to limit the number of tickets sold online. One option is to allocate 2 tickets per family and organise this at a school level. This would incur an increase in ticket prices for admin purposes. Another idea is to seek out a larger venue which has a large enough area to accommodate the students back stage. We are researching costs surrounding a new venue for next year with an 800 seat capacity. As our school continues to grow towards 300 students, we would have to ensure that families were offered tickets equitably.

We have a DVD being made of the concert at a cost of \$20. A note will go home shortly for you to pre order your DVD. We thank everyone for their support & look forward to sharing the evening with you.

### Grandparents and Friends Day

Grandparents and Friends are invited to visit our school on Tuesday 30 October. There will be Classrooms Visits from 9.15am followed by a concert and morning tea, which will be held in our Library. We look forward to sharing this special morning with our wonderful grandparents.

### School Teaching Positions

Our school has a number of teaching positions that have become available for permanency. We have had a new teacher transferred to our school to begin in 2019. We welcome Ms Laura Dowsethill to our school. We also have 2 teaching positions being filled through Merit Selection at present. Thank you to Tracey Wright P&C President and Mark Illich for being part of these panels. I will inform the community of the outcome in coming weeks.

### Kindergarten Transition Days

Our Kindergarten Transition Sessions will be held on Thursday 15 November and the second Transition Session will be on Thursday 22 November 2018 at 9.30am. Students starting Kindergarten in 2019 are invited to participate in literacy activities whilst parents participate in information sessions in the school hall. We look forward to our new families joining us for these special days.

### World Teachers Day

On Monday 29 October we will celebrate *World Teachers Day*. The teachers at our school are extremely dedicated to teaching, ensuring that students are cared for and are able to access a differentiated curriculum. The knowledge of our teaching staff continues to grow through both the attendance at external professional learning courses but also through learning from each other. Teachers participate in classroom observations where they are able to discuss best practice and learn from the expertise of one another. We recognise our teachers as highly educated professionals with a vast skills set and extensive knowledge of curriculums. We thank all of our teachers for everything they do...

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

## Diary Dates

### TERM 4 2018

#### October 2018

**Monday 29**

School banking

**Monday 29**

*Celebration of ...  
World Teachers Day 2018*

**Tuesday 30**

**Grandparents and Friends Day  
Concert and Morning Tea**

- 9.15am-Classroom visits
- 9.45am – Concert in the Johnny Warren Hall
- 10.45am Morning tea

**Tuesday 30**

P&C Meeting

#### November 2018

**Thursday 1**

*Enrichment Program Presentation for  
Parents of selected students*

**Wednesday 7**

*Botany Public School Concert at  
The Juniors...*

*'Groovy Moviez'*



**Thursday 15**

**Kinder Transition for 2019**

**Thursday 22**

**Kinder Transition for 2019**

#### December 2018

**Tuesday 4**

P&C Meeting

**Wednesday 5**

*Thank you morning tea*

**Wednesday 12**

Presentation day

**Monday 17**

Year 6 Bowling

**Tuesday 18**

Year 6 Farewell

**Wednesday 19**

Last day of school for 2018...

**P & C Meeting**

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

A huge thank you to the community members who came and helped with our gardening working bee. Our grounds look beautiful.



The P&C team 😊

**PSSA Years 3-6 Summer Sport**

Students participating in PSSA Sport depart school at approximately 9.15am Friday. Please make sure students wear full uniform including a school hat and bring a drink bottle.

Week	Sport	Venue
Round 9 2/11/2018	Softball/ T ball	Booralee Park
	Cricket	Booralee Park
Round 10 9/11/2018	Softball/ T ball	Heffron Park
	Cricket	Heffron Park

**Week 1 Award Winners**

*Achievement Award*



KL	Ariella	Aidan
KM	Aurelle	Reece
KR	Zara	Ann
1/2D	Nevaeh	Aidan
1/2G	Kasper	Junior
1/2M	Frankie	Marina
1/2R	Speed	Jessica
3/4D	Nicholas	Manasi
3/4P	Tara	Nolan
4/5B	Jharvis	Hannah
5/6D	Lisa	Toby
5/6I	Sione	Meika

**Week 2 Award Winners**

*Achievement Award*



KL	Christian	Chloe
KM	Marcus	Lily B
KR	London	Isabelle
1/2D	Jayden B	Anderson
1/2G	Patrick	Cleo
1/2M	Aroha	Posy
1/2R	Nhellejye	Zack C
3/4D	Sri Harsha	Yumi
3/4P	Amelia	Kyan
4/5B	Juliet	Reese
5/6D	Mitchell	Tilda
5/6I	Murtaza	Nicole

**Value of week 3  
Respect**

**Value of week 4  
Caring**

## 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.**

## 2020 Selective High School Applications

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

An application is required by 12 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.

## 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.



REMINDER:  
No Dogs on  
School Property



The safety of all students, staff and visitors is our first priority. Therefore we ask that dogs are not brought onto school premises.

The Companion Animals Act 1998 (the Act) provides that dogs are **prohibited** from school grounds whether they are leashed or unleashed. It is an offence which carries a penalty ranging from \$1,100 to \$11,000 depending on whether the dog is designated a dangerous breed or not.



The background of the entire page is a photograph of bright yellow sunflowers against a clear blue sky with some light, wispy clouds. The sunflowers are in the foreground, with their dark brown centers and vibrant yellow petals clearly visible. The sky is a deep, bright blue, and the clouds are soft and white.

BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL

*You are invited to*

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*Grandparents  
Day*

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Tuesday 30th October

9:15 - 9:45 Classroom Visits

9:45 - 10:45 Concert in the hall

10:45 - 11:30 Morning tea

# World Teachers Day

Monday 29 October 2018



Thank you to all the teachers at  
Botany Public School  
for your dedication to teaching our students...

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**Botany Public School Presents  
their end of year concert** ★

★ **GROOVY  
MOVIEZ**

**The Juniors Kingsford  
Wednesday 7 November 2018  
Doors open at 6 PM for a 6:30PM** ★  
**performance**

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE JUNIORS  
KINGSFORD WEBSITE





# SWIM SCHEME 2018



This term students from Year 2-6 participated in a two week swimming program at Botany Pool. The Swim Scheme program focused on water safety, as well as stroke correction and survival techniques.

All students exhibited the school values proudly. We are so proud to see so many students increasing the distance they can swim ensuring they are much safer when they go to the beach and pools this summer.



# Fun Languages



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The *FUN* way to learn another language!

## **SPANISH** Club at Botany PS



**Enroll now** and receive  
a **50% discount!** Only  
for new students in  
**Term 4**

Classes on **TUESDAYS** at 8.15 am  
for children 5-10 years

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## Botany Public School



# Tabletop League Enrichment Program

Our Presentation Afternoon for students involved will be held on  
Thursday 1 November from 1.30pm – 3.00pm.

Parents and carers of these students are invited to attend.



## Adventure. Teamwork. Imagination Grab your pencil and get ready to roll your D20!

Tabletop League is an exciting program inspired from a global trend that is now at Botany Public School. It has been designed to provide a group of selected students with the opportunity to participate in a tabletop themed group activity that takes us back to a realm of imagination and critical thinking.

Selected students, supported by a supervising teacher, will embark on a dangerous story telling quest where they will learn the true values that guide our school community. Students will role play as they support one another through endless trivial challenges and develop the necessary skills to ultimately discover a true treasure.