



Week 7 & 8 Term 4 2018

Congratulations
to our buddies for taking
great care of our new
2019 Kindergarten
students



School Planning for 2019

I am very proud of everything we have achieved at our school so far this year, with the hard work of our whole school community with staff, students and parents working to make our school the very best learning environment for our students.

Planning for the 2019 school year is also well under way with all staff involved in this important process. Please be assured that teachers spend a great deal of time when deciding where to place students for the following year. At this stage it is too early to determine our class structures, but we are growing from 285 students to 304 students.

We require a very small number of students to grow from 12 to 13 classes which would mean we would need a demountable classroom installed. If this happens, we will be having a demountable classroom installed in the new year, most likely on the grass area behind the Kindergarten classrooms. If this does occur then the class will be taught in the library or the learning support room until the demountable classroom is installed.

Looking forward to 2019, we will be continuing with our wonderful educational and extra-curricular programs to ensure that our students are equipped with the educational skills to be ready for the adventures of life in the 21st century. Thank you to everyone, for your hard work in making our school such a great place to learn and grow.

2019 Student Enrolments

Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2019 and will be ready to start school?

Are you a new family moving in to the area?

We encourage all families with children starting school next year to contact the office as soon as possible to complete the enrolment paperwork.

Will your child be returning to school after 30 January 2019?

Occasionally families return for the new school year after the official start date, particularly if you have travelled overseas.

In order for us to hold a place for your child at our school next year, we need confirmation in writing of your return date and contact details whilst you are away. Thank you for this information.

Please inform the office in writing if your child will not be returning in 2019.

Student Leadership Candidates

Congratulations to all the candidates who nominated to stand for leadership positions for 2019. Students reflected on their leadership capabilities in order to nominate for the positions. The enthusiastic response clearly shows the diligent and responsible nature of our students.

All students will be presenting speeches about their reflections on our school and how they could contribute to its future and how they, as leaders, hope to make a positive difference. The voting process will be extremely difficult, as all candidates would undoubtedly make inspirational leaders. In the next few weeks we will also be holding the nominations and voting for our 2019 sporting house captains.

All 2019 leadership positions will be announced during our Presentation Day Ceremony on Wednesday 12 December at 9.15am.

Community Thank You Breakfast

We warmly welcome parents and grandparents from our community who have been involved at our school in any capacity this year, to attend the annual 'Community Thank You Breakfast' to be held on Wednesday 5 December from 8.30am in the school library.

We would love to see you all there to thank you for being part of our wonderful community...

Kindergarten Transition Days

Our Kindergarten Transition Sessions were very well attended by our new Kindergarten students and their parents. We look forward to our new families joining us in 2019.

Have a great week...

Kate Holmes - Principal

Diary Dates

TERM 4 2018

November 2018

Monday 26
School banking



Tuesday 27

Road Safety Presentation for
all stages

December 2018

Tuesday 4

P&C Meeting – All welcome

Wednesday 5

Thank you morning tea



Wednesday 5

Last day of Scripture for 2018

Friday 7

Canteen CLOSED

Wednesday 12

9.15am Presentation Day



Friday 14

Last day of CANTEEN for 2018

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.

Term 4 Mum's Dinner

Please join us for a night of wellness as we celebrate the end of 2018 and sadly say goodbye to some of our Year 6 Mums.

Date: Thursday 29 November

Time: 7pm

Venue: Yarra Bay Sailing Club

RSVP: 'BPS Mum's Wellness Dinner' Facebook Page.

ALL Mum's welcome!
We hope to see you all there...
Ingrid Arndt and Mel Redding

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 13 30/11/2018	Softball/ T ball	Booralee Park
	Cricket	Heffron Park
Round 14 7/12/2018	Softball/ T ball	Coral Sea Park
	Cricket	Coral Sea Park

Week 5 Award Winners

Achievement Award



KL	Tyra	Charlotte
KM	Maycin	Scarlett
KR	Ann	Sonali
1/2D	Jeremiah	Fenne
1/2G	Jayden N	Waverly
1/2M	Selena B	Harriet
1/2R	Ivy	Holly
3/4D	James L	Hosannah
3/4P	Sienna	Lily A
4/5B	Isabel	Jake I
5/6D	Giselle	Eden
5/6I	Olivia	Georgia

Week 6 Award Winners

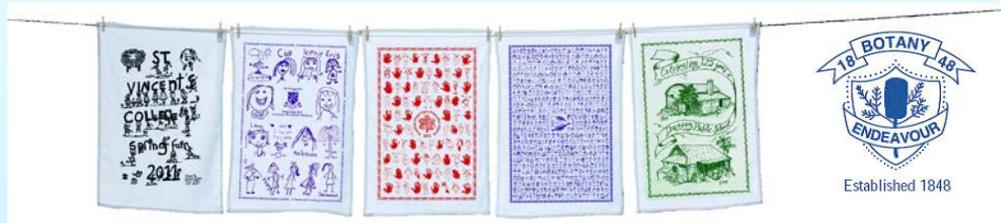
Achievement Award



KL	Nia	Samir
KM	Scarlett	Samarah
KR	Lois	Eloise
1/2D	Jacob	Aiken
1/2G	Mileah	Amelia
1/2M	Posy	Jiya
1/2R	Pavle	Joshua
3/4D	Nehaan	Tarquin
3/4P	Predrag	Lewis
4/5B	Stirling	Madelyn
5/6D	Samuel	Lilly
5/6I	Jade	Jasmine

**Value of week 7
Integrity**

**Value of week 8
Understanding**



The P&C are fundraising with Tea Towels!

The P&C are holding a fundraiser with commemorative tea towels. Notes are coming home this afternoon with your child.

Notes and money are due back this Wednesday 28 November, this short deadline will ensure that tea towels will arrive by the end of the term.

This is strictly a P&C event, if you have any enquiries please see a P&C member.

Please ensure all payments are cash or a cheque made out to Botany Public School P&C.

**Only \$15 each (OR SAVE by ordering more...
Get 2 for \$25 or 5 for \$50)**

The P&C Team



School Road Safety

In NSW, more than one million school students travel to and from school each day. At our school we want to ensure the safety of children during school travel times.

All parents/caregivers, staff and students have the right to feel safe when arriving at school in the morning and leaving school in the afternoon. Please ensure you are following the road rules at all times.

The 40km/h school speed zones operate across NSW at all school sites on gazetted school days (including school development days). Motorists should drive no faster than 40 km/h through school zones. Most school zones operate from 8 to 9.30am and from 2.30 to 4pm on gazetted school days. We thank you for ensuring that our school is a safe environment for everyone.



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.

Please inform the school if your child is starting kindergarten 2019, and you have not yet informed the office.

School Resumes for student in Years 1 – 6 on Wednesday 30 January 2019.

If you are going to return to school after this date, please let the school know in writing so we can save a place for your child.



*Parent Helper
Thank You Breakfast*

The staff and students of Botany
Public School invite you to our

*Parent Helper
Thank you Breakfast*

Wednesday 5 December 2018 from
8.30am



Thank You!

We hope you can join us on this
special occasion.



NRMA Science & Road Safety Day

WHEN: Tuesday, 27th November 2018 (Week 7)

BRING: Students are to bring in their bike, scooter or skateboard helmets.

FACTS: Children are vulnerable road users, research shows that:

- Over 50% of children were incorrectly restrained. (Brown, 2010)
- 50% of cyclists' aged 0-19 years involved in a crash were not wearing a helmet. (UNSW, 2013)

WHAT, WHY and HOW of road safety

By the time children start school, most are given the responsibility of putting on their own seatbelt and strapping on their own bike helmet, yet few actually know how to do this correctly. This puts them at risk should they be involved in a crash.

They need to understand HOW to fit safety equipment correctly themselves and WHY safety equipment is essential in a crash.

Merging science, theatre and road safety

The NRMA use science demonstrations to ensure children can understand how the forces they experience whilst in motion can injure them in a crash AND why safety equipment – seatbelts and bike helmets are essential to their safety.

Increasing knowledge to empower action

The NRMA teach children a range of road safety strategies to apply on the road. Each show is tailored to the learning needs of each stage group and aligned to their level of independence so the content is relevant to their context.

Engaging the school community by creating a “Ripple effect”

Each student receives a workbook with a parent road safety pack. The students are encouraged to share what they have learned with their family and friends to help educate others.

RESULTS: Post assessment students show a:

- 56% increase in students' ability to recognise unsafe road behaviours.
- 61% of students have used a safety strategy they learned.
- 50% have shared a safety strategy with their family or friends.



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





**My child won't go to school.
What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning website*

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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