



## Father's Day 2018



### The Botany Bolt

Congratulations to our organising committee and support team who brought us an exceptional event. The co-ordination of the family fun run, markets and carnival activities to bring the largest gathering of people in Botany was very impressive. Above all else, the botany bolt has left us with a wonderful sense of community.

### Learning Conferences

Last weeks learning conferences reinforced the strong partnership between parents, students and the teaching staff as we navigate learning goals to target needs and set the tone for learning directions. It was great to see the high levels of attendance at these conferences.

### DanceSport Challenge

30 Year 5 students will perform and compete at Homebush in the DanceSport Challenge this Wednesday night. They will perform a series of dances against other schools across the Sydney Region. Many hours of rehearsals has them ready and fine-tuned for their performances. Good luck to the competing students.

### Art Show

The Annual Art Show is coming around again on Thursday 20 September. This year the show is called "Lasting Impressions" and is based on using print to create artworks. The show begins at 5pm with parents and students once again invited to walk through the classrooms to view the students' creative designs.

### 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.

### Outstanding School Fees

This week a reminder for outstanding school fees will be sent home with your child. We thank those families that have finalised their accounts for the year.

### 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. The data collected is very useful for giving feedback and is reported on in the Annual Report each year. 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, please see the flyer in this newsletter for the link.

Have a great week...

Mark Illich – Relieving Principal

## Diary Dates

### September 2018

**Monday 10**

School banking

**Monday 10 – Wednesday 12**

*Stage 2 Students*

*Berry Sport & Rec Camp*

**Tuesday 11**

**Kindergarten Farm Excursion**



**Wednesday 12**

*DanceSport Gala Night*

**Thursday 13**

*Kindy Open Morning*

**Monday 17-Wednesday 19 and**

**Monday 24-Tuesday 25**

*Life Education Van*

*Healthy Harold...*



**Thursday 20**

**5.00 – 6.00pm Art Show**



**Monday 24 – Friday 28**

*Wellbeing Week*



**Friday 28**

**Last day of Term 3...**

## TERM 4 2017

**October 2018**

**Monday 15**

First Day of term 4

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

**Tuesday 30**

Grandparents Day

## Botany Public School P&C News

### P & C Meeting

**\*7.00pm - Please join us for our meeting on  
Tuesday 18 September in the Library**

### Botany Bolt

The Botany Bolt Family Fun Run was held on Saturday 8 September. What a great day and effort from the community! Photos and final figures raised will be in the next newsletter.

### Father's Day BBQ Breakfast Thank you

Thank you again to our wonderful P&C for organising the Father's Day BBQ. They raised \$990 which will go towards the cost of end of year awards and medals.

Thank you also to Café Così Nero for donating \$325.60 from their coffee proceeds.

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 12 7/9/18	Soccer	Coral Sea Park
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court
Round 13 14/9/18	Soccer	Coral Sea Park
	Netball	Heffron Netball Court

### Week 6 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*



KL	Alberta	Chloe
KM	Georgia	Sebastian
KR	Aleksandar	Jensen
1/2D	Oliver	Tallis
1/2G	Waverly	Owen
1/2M	Selena B	Isaac
1/2R	Zoe S	Pavle
3/4D	Manasi	Nate
3/4P	Kailea	Lewis
4/5B	Jharvis	Reese
5/6D	Elliot	Toni
5/6I	Jamie	Ayden

### Week 7 Award Winners

*Achievement  
Award*



KL	Mia V	Tyra
KM	Scarlett	Jayden
KR	Lily-Grace	Isadora
1/2D	Zara	Ignacio
1/2G	Brock	Sefton
1/2M	Jiya	Charles
1/2R	Kayley	Rebecca
3/4D	Miley	Eloise
3/4P	Dion	Kyan
4/5B	Zachary	Georgia
5/6D	Abigail	Natasha
5/6I	Nikola	Jake W

**Value of week 8  
Understanding**

**Value of week 9  
Freedom**

## 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

## Clothing Pool

The P&C are holding a clothing pool sale on Friday 14 September from 8.30am.

Any donations of uniform items your child has outgrown would be welcome. Please drop off clean uniforms in good condition to the office.



## 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 as this can be distracting for the students and instructors.





## The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential.

**The parent survey will be conducted between**

**Monday 27 August and 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>





**Thank you** to everyone who collected their Coles sports for schools docket earlier in the year. We have received all of this amazing equipment that we purchased with the vouchers. Here is just some of what we bought!

The students have already started using them to learn new skills!

## Ethics Classes



Helping children develop skills for life.

Ethics classes support children to develop a life-long capacity for making well-reasoned decisions about ethical issues. Through the give-and-take of reasoned argument students learn to disagree respectfully, to challenge ideas and to support their arguments with considered evidence rather than according to habit or peer pressure.

Our volunteer ethics teachers use detailed lesson materials which present a range of stories, scenarios and questions to generate discussion. Ethics teachers are trained to impartially facilitate student discussions, helping students develop their critical thinking and collaborative inquiry skills. Ethics teachers support student learning by:

- modelling the inquiry process – by asking questions and encouraging discussion
- showing genuine curiosity and interest in the questions being discussed
- staying neutral – ethics teachers are trained to keep their own views out of the discussion
- creating a positive learning environment – by allowing students time to think, encouraging students to share ideas, give reasons and ensuring

If you wish to enrol your child into the ethics program please contact school office.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please send an email to [botanyethics@gmail.com](mailto:botanyethics@gmail.com)

The Special Education in Ethics program is provided by Primary Ethics. You can find out more information about the **program** from our [ethics coordinator Sarah Fuentes botanyethics@gmail.com](mailto:ethics coordinator Sarah Fuentes botanyethics@gmail.com) or the [Primary Ethics Website](#).

Botany Public School Art Show 2018

# Lasting Impressions...



*Walk and View*

K - 6 Classrooms

\$10 to purchase your child's artwork

Pizza slices available on the night

*Thursday 20 September 5:00 - 6:00pm*

## 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)





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FATHER'S DAY

Breakfast







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# Botany at Showcase!



On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, over 40 Botany Public School students performed at Showcase. Showcase is an annual performing arts evening for schools in the Eastern Suburbs, and in 2018, 27 schools were involved. This year, our Junior and Senior Jazz groups were selected to display their talents for a large audience. All students performed and represented our school to a very high standard. Miss Doherty and Miss Philp were very proud!



## Botany Bites School Canteen Menu - Botany Public School

<u>Before School</u>	<u>Sandwiches &amp; Wraps</u>	<u>Salads</u>
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, feta, 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	

<u>Hot Food</u>	<u>Daily Food Specials</u>	<u>Snacks &amp; Drinks</u>
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 Veggie 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		
Nachos (Corn chips & cheese - add meat 1.00 / Salsa 0.50) ☹️ \$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.

Popcorn	\$2.00
Quelch Ice Block	\$1.00
Want Crackers	\$0.50
Seaweed Crackers	\$1.00
Pekish Rice Crackers	\$1.50
Pretzels	\$1.50
Water	\$2.50
Fruit Juice	\$2.50
Up & Go	\$3.00
Flavoured Milk	\$3.00