



We wish you a
**Happy
Christmas**

from the
Captains and
Prefects
2018...

A Community Thank You...

The 2018 school year has been full of many wonderful events and learning experiences. We thank our caring and supportive community for the wonderful support you have given our school during 2018.

- Our school is incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated group of parents in our P&C, who work so hard to support our students and community.
- Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Botany Bolt such a fabulous success and to fundraise for our school.
- Thank you to all the parents who helped run our BBQ's at school events. Your enthusiasm allows our students to feel part of a caring community.
- Thank you to the school banking parents who have helped our students learn the positives about saving.
- Thank you to everyone who has volunteered at our school events this year, driving students to sport events and attending our carnivals. You have given the students lots of fabulous opportunities to participate in many different activities.
- Thank you to the parents involved in our Uniform Clothing Pool. You have given many families the opportunity to purchase discounted uniforms.

Thank you for your generosity of spirit, from all the students and staff of Botany Public School.

Student Representative Council

This year our Student Representative Council has been involved in many different activities. This term, the students have decided to hold a Christmas Appeal as part of the Salvation Army charity. Please give generously to the appeal this year.

Gifts or food can be placed under the Christmas tree in the school foyer by Thursday 13 December. Please ensure that the gifts are in a gift bag or unwrapped and are not recycled. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Season Greetings

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students and their families a very happy and safe Christmas and holiday season.

Relax, reflect and look forward to an amazing journey in 2019.

Kate Holmes - Principal



Diary Dates

TERM 4 2018

December 2018

Monday 10 – Wednesday 19

Wellbeing Week

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...



We wish all of our families a very happy Christmas and holiday season.

January 2019

Tuesday 29

Staff Development Day for Teachers

Wednesday 30

First day of school for Students in Years 1 – 6

Tues 30, Wed 31 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

Swimming Carnival

Canteen News

Please note the last day of Canteen will be Friday 14 December 2018.

Clothing Pool donations

The P&C would like to ask for any donations of School Uniforms that no longer fit your children. These can be left at the school office for collection. Please ring and speak to Donna on 0401873973 if you would like to arrange to drop uniforms off over the summer holidays. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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.

Thank you

The P&C team ☺

Home Reading and Library News

All classes have now finished Home Reading and Library programs for the year.

Please return ALL home reading and library books this week so that we can collate resources.

Thank you ☺



Week 7 Award Winners

*Achievement
Award*



KL	Aidan L	Henry
KM	William P	Isaac T
KR	Oscar	Rhoanan
1/2D	Melisa	Gabriella
1/2G	Kasper	Aidan O
1/2M	Marina	Charles
1/2R	Paige	Speed
3/4D	Taylor	Jannah
3/4P	Cooper	Amelia H
4/5B	Emerson	Harry M
5/6D	Greer	Lisa
5/6I	Jake	Meika

Week 8 Award Winners

*Achievement
Award*



KL	Nino	Christian
KM	Sebastian	Abigail
KR	Eloise C	Isadora
1/2D	Tallis	Zara
1/2G	Mia-Rose	Taliyah
1/2M	Verona	Bronte B
1/2R	Jessica	Kayley
3/4D	Cody M	Michael
3/4P	Jack N	Sam Z
4/5B	Truman	Harry L
5/6D	Ane	Te Hiria
5/6I	Tequila	Murtaza

Value of week 9
Freedom

Value of week 10
Pride

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 Code of Conduct

A code of conduct for parents and visitors ensures that everyone who visits the school site is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner and to ensure that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to aggressive behaviours.

Parents and visitors are expected to:

- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy;
- Make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain an interview;
- Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference;
- Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures;

No parent or carer should directly approach another parent or their child. The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school's Student Welfare policy.



Presentation Day

- 9.15am Wednesday 12 December in the Johnny Warren Hall. Please join us to celebrate the many achievements of our students.

Year 6 Bowling Excursion

- Monday 17 December. Year 6 will spend the day having fun with their friends & teachers.

Year 6 Farewell

- 5.00pm Tuesday 18 December in the Johnny Warren Hall.

Students in years 5 and 6 are invited to share an evening with their friends to celebrate the students in Year 6 finishing primary school.

Parents are asked to leave their child at the hall at 5.00pm and then at 7.00pm return for the formalities from 7pm till 7.30pm.

Talent Quest

- Wednesday 19 December.

Students will watch performances at a school Talent Quest.... **This is a student only event.**

Year 6 Clap Out

- 2.45pm Wednesday 19 December... Parents are welcome to join us as we farewell Year 6...

Happy Holidays 😊

2019 - First day of school for Students in Years 1 – 6

- Wednesday 30 January 2019

2019 - Kindergarten Best Start Appointments

- Wednesday 30, Thursday 31 January & Friday 1 February

2019 - First Day of Kindergarten

- Monday 4 February from 9.00am

We look forward to meeting you all....

2019 – Swimming Carnival

- Thursday 14 February

For all students in Year 3 – 6 and students in Year 2 who turn 8 in 2019 and can competently swim the length of the pool.

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.

Arrangements for the beginning of the 2019 school year

Teachers will return on Tuesday 29 January for a Staff Development Day.

On Wednesday 30 January 2019 students in Year 1 to 6 will return from 8.30am and will assemble in the courtyard at 9.00am. Students are to sit in their 2018 class lines with their bags.

Kindergarten 2019 will commence lessons on Monday 4 February, after they have completed their Best Start Assessments on Wednesday 30, Thursday 31 January and Friday 1 February 2019.

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

As in previous years, due to the unpredictability of Week 1, Term 1 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.

The final appointment of individual teachers to specific grades and classes for 2019 will be finalised in the New Year.



Get your Talent Quest items ready!!!

We are very excited to welcome all of our budding musicians, dancers, actors, comedians, and singers to audition for this exciting talent show!!

When: Last Day of School - Wednesday 19 December 2018

Who: All students in K-6 are invited to perform ...

Strictly an event for students only!

Where: School Hall

Please see Miss Ligori, Miss Neville and Miss Erin for further details and audition times!



Our Year 6 Farewell is almost here...

We look forward to celebrating our Year 6 students' years in Primary School and wish them every happiness for High School...

When: 5.00pm Tuesday 18 December 2018

Who: All students in Year 5 and 6 are invited to attend ...

Where: School Hall

***Please ensure your child has returned their note and money to the office**

***Parents are invited to join us at the conclusion of the evening for the formalities**

BOTANY PUBLIC SCHOOL

LOOKING FOR TALENT!



WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER
WEEK 10

THIS IS A STUDENT EVENT ONLY!

AUDITIONS WEEK 8 & 9 SEE YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER TO SIGN UP!

Wellbeing Week at Botany Public School

Week 9 and 10 is **Wellbeing Week** and this term the focus is:

re:create

At Botany Public School we value any opportunity to enhance our positive school community and appreciate the relationships we have formed with all community members. **Wellbeing Week** gives us the chance to further develop strong partnerships between teachers, parents/carers and students. We have lots of enjoyable activities and exciting 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 **re:create**?

The focus of Wellbeing Week this term is based on the Kids Matter framework and the concept of re-creating the idea of fun. With the holidays just around the corner, we will all have a lot of time on our hands. While it is important to unwind and relax, it is also important for children to learn some inventive and exciting ways to have fun. By playing and finding fun things to do, children can develop their skills and imagination while also learning how to bounce back when they make a mistake. While technology can be fun, it is important for our mental and physical health that we find different ways to have fun during the holidays.

re:create

Wellbeing Week will look like:

Thursday	- Creative Writing Workshop – (Lunch Time)
Friday	- K-2 Teddy Bears' Picnic - 3-6 Sir Joseph Banks Picnic
Monday	- Tabloid Rotations
Tuesday	- Movie Day - Weeding and Weaving Activity – (Lunch Time)
Wednesday	- Talent Quest



**The Student Representative Council
Presents**

The Salvation Army's GIFT & FOOD APPEAL

Christmas can be a difficult time of year
for families in need.

Every Christmas, The Salvation Army
provide food hampers and gifts to bring
hope to these families - but we need your
help filling them!

You can help us by making a gift or food
donation.

Please make sure all gifts are unwrapped
and that food has a long expiry date.

Thank you for making Christmas brighter
for all families in need.

