



# BOTANIC BUZZ NEWSLETTER

TERM 2  
WEEK 2  
2026

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## Welcome back to Term 2

### *Acting Principal News*

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2! It has been wonderful to see our students returning refreshed, settled and ready for learning. Term 2 is always a busy and exciting time in schools, with students continuing to build on their learning while also engaging in a wide range of activities and events across the term. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our staff and school community for your ongoing support as I step into the Acting Principal role until Mrs Fuller's return next Wednesday.



**Mr Bloomfield**

**Staffing Updates:** We are pleased to welcome Cathy Schoemaker and Olivia Corrigan to Botanic Ridge Primary School as our new Education Support staff members. We are excited to have them join our team and know they will be a valuable addition to our school community.

**ANZAC Day:** I would like to extend my gratitude to our School Captains and the many BRPS students who represented both our school and the wider community so respectfully at the Cranbourne ANZAC Day service. Through the sale of ANZAC badges, our school community also raised an impressive \$595 for the ANZAC Appeal. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

**AEU Industrial Action:** As you may be aware, staff at our school who are members of the Australian Education Union (AEU) have been involved in ongoing negotiations with the state government and the Department of Education regarding improved pay and conditions. Despite continued discussions and recent industrial action, including the state-wide full day stop-work last term, a fair agreement addressing key issues has not yet been reached. Union members at Botanic Ridge Primary School will participate in a half-day stop-work on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to keep families informed of any updates or actions that may impact our school community.

**Mother's Day afternoon:** We warmly invite all mothers and special people to join us in the classrooms on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:15pm. A range of activities will be set up in your child's classroom for you to enjoy together. We look forward to welcoming you into our school for this special occasion.

**Orange Day:** Each year, our school raises money and awareness for the plight of orangutans. On Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>, we encourage students to wear something orange and bring a gold coin donation to support this important cause.



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## Teaching and Learning Buzz

This term in Maths, students will build, expand, and consolidate their knowledge of addition and subtraction. They will utilise their understanding of place value to partition numbers, supporting them in solving equations.

This term in English, students are completing their Read2Learn units. These reading units allow students to build their knowledge, supporting their reading comprehension. Students will also engage in Text Studies to explore a range of texts, identify and make connections between characters, settings, and events, and relate these to their own thoughts and feelings. These studies help students develop their understanding of both literal and inferred meaning, as well as how texts are organised for purpose and navigation.

In writing this term, students will develop their understanding of sentence structure, beginning with simple sentences and progressing to the use of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to create compound and complex sentences.

### Read2Learn units:

Foundation: Fairytales and Families

Year 1: The Human body

Year 2: Uluru

Year 3: Vikings

Year 4: World mountains

Year 5/6: World Lakes

### Text studies:

Year 1: Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Year 2: The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Year 3: Matilda by Roald Dahl

Year 4: Charlotte's Web by E.B White

Year 5/6: Tom Appleby Convict Boy by Jackie French.

## Wellbeing Buzz

At our school, we're proud of the strong, caring community we continue to build together. One of the most important parts of that community is the partnership between families and teachers. When questions or concerns arise, reaching out to your child's classroom teacher first helps us stay connected, understand the situation clearly, and work together with a solution-focused mindset. Our teachers know your children deeply and are always happy to talk, listen, and help.



**Mrs Symons**

To make sure these conversations are meaningful and unhurried please schedule a meeting before or after school. This means everyone has the time and space needed to work together thoughtfully.

By starting the conversation with the classroom teacher, we strengthen relationships, build trust, and ensure every challenge becomes an opportunity to grow. Thank you for helping us create a school where communication flows kindly and collaboratively, and where every child benefits from the strong connections we share.

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## Where in the world is Mrs Fuller?

Mrs Fuller has been emailing through all of the wonderful things she has been up to on her trip to Africa. She has been through deserts and gone on safari tours where she has seen lots of different animals including: hippos, zebras, giraffes, springboks, cheetahs and ostriches. Whilst she is having an amazing time, she is looking forward to coming back to school to see everyone again next Wednesday.



## Student Leader Buzz

Meet our Student Voice Ambassadors for 2026!



Khalida



Zoe



Zara



Lenny



Addie



Scarlet



Paige



Emirose



Harrison

We interviewed our new Raising Rarity Ambassadors to learn a little bit more about them:

**What are you most excited about this year at our school?**

**Scarlet:** This year I'm most excited about spending my last year of primary school with my friends and having an amazing teacher!

**Zara:** Being student voice with my friends.

**Khalida:** Changing the school and making ideas, mostly Popcorn Friday!

**Paige:** I'm most excited for new opportunities and graduation.

**Emirose:** To see how the school changes from the help of student voice and SRC.

**Harrison:** That it's closer to the end of primary school.

**Addie:** I am most excited about our new principal.

**Zoe:** Making ideas and making the school better.

**Lenny:** I'm most excited to have a say in what our school does this year.

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## Student Leader Buzz

*Meet our Student Voice Ambassadors for 2026!*

### What does a positive school culture mean to you?

**Scarlet:** A positive school culture means showing the school values and always being kind to others around you!

**Zara:** It means that if the school is happy that is amazing!

**Khalida:** Mostly listening to the teacher and no shouting out.

**Paige:** A positive school culture to me is showing our school values, being inclusive, and listening when you're supposed to.

**Emirose:** No swearing and everyone is kind.

**Harrison:** That there's no bullying.

**Addie:** A positive school culture means that everyone is kind and respectful.

**Zoe:** Everyone is always respectful to one another.

**Lenny:** Positive school culture means no fighting, everyone gets along and are not being rude.

### What's your favourite thing about our school?

**Scarlet:** My favourite thing about our school is the positivity and nice environment that everyone thrives in!

**Zara:** Seeing my friends every day!

**Khalida:** Seeing my friends and going to meetings.

**Paige:** My favourite thing about the school is everyone is inclusive, kind and it's a very clean environment.

**Emirose:** That everyone is positive and kind.

**Harrison:** Lunch orders.

**Addie:** My favourite thing is that all teachers are kind and helpful.

**Zoe:** Seeing my friends and going to student voice meetings!

**Lenny:** My favourite thing about school is playing footy outside with my mates and learning new things.

### What message would you like to share with the school community as we begin the year?

**Scarlet:** Always try your best and never give up no matter what!

**Zara:** Make sure we are showing respect, safety, responsibility and growth to our peers and teachers.

**Khalida:** If you have any ideas let the student voice know, and try your best!

**Paige:** Always be respectful and show the school values!

**Emirose:** The only thing that matters is that you try your best.

**Harrison:** Be good.

**Addie:** Be kind, be caring and most importantly be yourself!

**Zoe:** If you guys have any ideas tell the student leaders since we can share them around!

**Lenny:** Be nice to everyone.

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## Movie Night

Come and join us for an outdoor cinema family movie night!

Bring a picnic and a blanket or chairs and come along to see "Zootopia 2" on the big inflatable screen on the school oval on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Tickets \$10 per head for all adults and school children, under 5 years free.

Gates open at 5.15pm for a 6.00pm movie start.

BYO picnic dinner or purchase from the sausage sizzle, with cold drinks and popcorn also for sale (EFT will be available). Froffin' It coffee and toasty van will also be onsite.

Please pre-purchase your tickets at <https://compassstix.com/e/6ib7t6xca3>

Show your tickets on entry. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to seeing you there!



BOTANIC RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**OUTDOOR CINEMA**

Disney Zootopia 2

POP CORN

FRIDAY | 6PM  
MAY 15TH

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE. POPCORN. DRINKS

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## Code Camp

*Building coding skills*

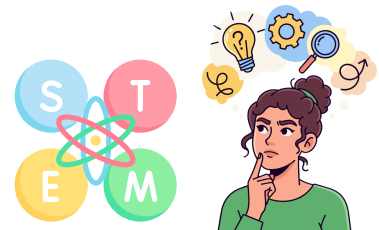
We're excited to be able to introduce Code Camp to Botanic Ridge Primary School in Term 2!

"After-School Code Camp allows kids to hone their coding skills and keep practicing through weekly sessions over the term. Each week students will choose the features they want to build, and advance their problem-solving skills to build these features using code. They will take ownership over their projects and collaborate with their peers to make awesome apps!"

We are offering two after school sessions:

Years F-2 "Little Coders" 3.15-4.30pm on Tuesday afternoons, and

Years 3-6 "Coding" 3.15-4.30pm on Wednesday afternoons.



The sessions will be held in the STEM room. Students will go straight to the room after school (no need for a parent to attend), and can be either collected directly from the room, or taken to the after school care room, after the session.

The program will run for 8 weeks from April 28/29 until the end of Term 2.

Please use the link in the flyer on the next page for more information and booking directly with Code Camp!

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## Code Camp In Action!



## Botanic Brilliance Awards

Congratulations to all of our award winners:

- 0A** Huxley, Zayli
- 0B** Het, Maya
- 0C** Harry, Mercedes
- 0D** Aoibhin, Cleo
- 1A** Ruby, Darcy M.
- 1B** Aubrey
- 1C** Oscar, Ivy
- 2A** Ahaana
- 2B** Imogen, Eli C.
- 2C** Aleksandra
- 2D** Mallika, Lola
- 3A** Aubrey
- 3B** Jack D.
- 3C** Taj
- 34A** Archer, Elly
- 4A** Harley
- 4C** Remi, Nixon B.
- 5A** Amelia
- 5B** Charli
- 5C** Millicent, Wesley H.
- 56A** Lachlan, Eva, Catherine
- 6A** Ethan
- LOTE** Nixon B., Lachlan T.
- Art** Alexi G.

## Upcoming Dates & Reminders

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Year 4 Camp Information Session at 5pm
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Mother's Day Afternoon
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Wear orange for Orangutangs
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May - District Athletics
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Family Movie Night
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Y3/4 Hoottime selected students
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Division Cross Country selected students





**CODING + LITTLE CODERS**



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## Visit Our **Kindergartens** During Education Week!

Come and explore our vibrant kindergartens across the City of Casey!

Meet our educators, see our learning spaces, and discover how we support every child's early learning journey.

### Event Details

**Tuesday 19th of May | 9:00 - 11.30AM**

#### Locations

- **Botanic Ridge Kindergarten**, 10 Echidna Parade, Botanic Ridge
- **Clyde Township Kindergarten**, 45 Valetta St, Clyde
- **Devon Meadows Primary School Kindergarten**, 19 Cross Road, Devon Meadows
- **Orana Kindergarten**, 18 Playwright Street, Clyde North
- **Southern Cross Kindergarten**, 15 David Collins Drive, Endeavour Hills

Scan to learn more



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# SCHOOL Sausage Sizzle



SIZZLING FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

FROM THE GYM CANTEEN

 SATURDAY  
23RD MAY

 10AM - 2PM

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