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TERM 3
WEEK 1
2026



Settling into school life

Principal News



Mrs Fuller

Dear Families,

Welcome back to term 3! This term is usually when students make their biggest growth, academically and socially, and I must say that after walking through the classrooms last week, I am looking forward to seeing what they are capable of. We have such settled, routine learning environments; this reduces the cognitive load and anxiety for our students, helping them to learn in positive settings. Later this term, we are introducing 'Principal Awards' for outstanding work in the classroom. I am looking forward to seeing excellent examples of student work and celebrating this with them and yourselves!

NAPLAN 2026: We have achieved wonderful results with this year's NAPLAN. Our Year 3s are above state in all areas of Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Our Year 5s have had absolutely amazing success with their Reading and Writing results, well above state and similar schools where we are 81% and similar schools 74% and 72%. Congratulations, everyone! Remember to check your child's bag for their results!

Assembly Feedback Survey: Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Assembly Feedback Survey. We received 52 responses, with the majority coming from Prep and Year 5 families. The feedback showed that, while the current assembly time doesn't suit everyone, many families are still able to attend. A number of people also suggested providing a video link for those who can't be there in person, and this is something I will investigate. There was also strong support (including from me!) for having a screen and projector set up to make assemblies more accessible and engaging for all students, and I'll be looking into this as well.

Overall, 65% of respondents said they were satisfied to highly satisfied with how our assemblies currently run. Families value that students lead the assembly, that we celebrate achievements through awards, share important community updates, and showcase what is happening across the school.

The survey also highlighted opportunities to strengthen student voice, particularly through hearing more from our SRC, individual classes and specialist programs. We'll be working with staff to explore how we can build more of these opportunities into future assemblies.

Thank you again for your thoughtful feedback. We all want the very best experiences for our children, and your input helps us continue to improve.

Staffing Update: We are currently advertising for a substantive assistant principal now that Megan Comben has left. We are also advertising for a substantive teacher to replace Mr Young as he has taken leave for the remainder of the year.

Well done to Nixon Page for coming 5th at State Cross Country and qualifying for Nationals in September!

Enjoy the start of term 3!

Emma

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Teaching and Learning Buzz

What Are We Learning in Term 3?



Mr Bloomfield

Welcome back to Term 3! We have another exciting term of learning ahead, with students continuing to build their knowledge and skills across all areas of the curriculum.

In **Literacy**, students will continue developing their reading, writing, spelling, vocabulary and comprehension skills each day. Our younger students will continue systematic phonics instruction through Sounds-Write, while students across the school build their understanding of how words work through phonics and morphology.

In **Writing**, students in Years 1-6 will focus on **informative writing**. They will learn how to organise and communicate factual information clearly, use topic-specific vocabulary and develop increasingly sophisticated sentences and paragraphs. Foundation students will continue building the important foundations of writing through sentence construction, including expanding their sentences to add more detail. Across all year levels, writing skills are explicitly modelled and broken into manageable steps before students apply their learning independently.

Our **Read2Learn** units continue to build students' knowledge of the world while strengthening vocabulary and reading comprehension. Foundation students will learn about **weather and community workers**, while Year 1 students explore **countries, continents, and maps**. History features strongly in the older year levels, with Year 3 learning about **growing colonies in Australia** and Year 5/6 exploring **early settlers and explorers in Australia**.

Students will also explore rich literature through our **Text Studies**. Some of the texts being studied this term include The First Scientists: Deadly Inventions and Innovations from Australia's First Peoples in Year 2, The Iron Man in Year 3, and Blueback in Year 5/6. These texts provide opportunities to build vocabulary, explore characters and themes, and develop deeper comprehension skills such as inferring, summarising and analysing.

In **Mathematics**, number continues to be an important focus across the school. Foundation and Year 1 students will strengthen their understanding of **subtraction**, while Year 2, 3 and 4 students develop their skills in **multiplication and division**. Fractions become an increasing focus through the senior years, with students building connections to other mathematical concepts as their understanding develops. Students will also explore areas such as measurement, patterns, location and statistics throughout the term.

Alongside new learning, **Daily Review** continues across the school, giving students regular opportunities to revisit previously taught knowledge and skills. This helps strengthen learning over time and allows students to connect what they already know with new concepts.

We look forward to another fantastic term of learning and seeing our students continue to grow in knowledge, confidence and independence!

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Ms Spinucci

Wellbeing Buzz

Celebrating International Friendship Day



Ms Symons

Friendship is one of the most important parts of school life. Every day, our students have opportunities to learn, play, laugh and grow alongside others. International Friendship Day is a wonderful reminder to celebrate the positive relationships that help make our school a welcoming and inclusive place for everyone.

Being a good friend isn't about having lots of friends—it's about showing kindness, respect and care towards others. Great friendships are built through small, everyday actions that make a big difference.

Some ways we can all be a good friend include:

- Including others in games and activities.
- Listening when someone is talking.
- Using kind and encouraging words.
- Helping others when they need support.
- Respecting differences and celebrating what makes each person unique.
- Saying sorry when we make a mistake and working together to make things right.



Friendships don't always go perfectly. Disagreements are a normal part of life and provide valuable opportunities to learn important skills such as communication, empathy, problem-solving and forgiveness. By talking respectfully, listening to each other's perspectives and working through challenges together, we can build stronger and more meaningful friendships.

This International Friendship Day, we encourage our students to look for simple ways to brighten someone else's day. A smile, an invitation to join a game, a kind word or an act of kindness can make a lasting impact.

Together, let's continue to create a school community where everyone feels welcomed, valued and connected. After all, kindness is contagious, and every friendship starts with one small act of inclusion.



People's Choice Award



BRPS were nominated for the Bank First 2026 People's Choice Award. Thanks to your votes, we were successful and WON! These funds will be used to purchase \$2,000 worth of new take home reader books for our children. To read more please visit this link:

<https://www.bankfirst.com.au/teaching-initiatives-program/recipient/tip-location-botanic-ridge-primary-school>

Watch this space as we have some more exciting news to share with you all soon...

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Parking & Road Safety Reminder

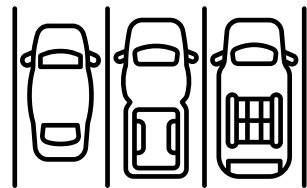


As we move through Term 3, we'd like to remind all families of the importance of safe parking and road use during drop-off and pick-up times. These are the busiest times of the day, and a few extra moments taken to park safely can make a significant difference in keeping our students, families and neighbours safe.

PARKING

Please help us be respectful of our neighbours by:

- Avoiding parking across driveways or on nature strips and lawns.
- Using the **Booring Reserve car park** behind the school, which provides over 100 parking spaces and convenient access via the basketball gate.
- Remembering that the basketball gate is staffed until **3:15pm**, allowing plenty of time for afternoon pick-up.
- Not using the staff car park for drop-off or pick-up, as it is not a safe area for children to walk through.



DROP-OFF & PICK-UP ZONE

Our drop-off and pick-up zone on **Echidna Parade** (near the bike shed gate and Year 5/6 classrooms) operates:

- **8:00am-9:00am**
- **2:30pm-3:30pm**

To keep traffic moving safely, please remember:

- Maximum **2-minute** stop only.
- Remain in your vehicle at all times.
- Move as far forward as possible.
- If your child is not ready, please exit the zone and return later.
- Do not park or wait in this area.



Please note that this is a **No Parking** zone during operating hours, and Council officers may issue fines for vehicles not complying with the signage.

ROAD SAFETY

Children require active supervision around roads, car parks and driveways. Please:

- Hold your child's hand when walking near traffic.
- Use pedestrian crossings wherever possible.
- Avoid crossing between parked cars.
- Put away phones and other distractions when around roads.
- Ensure students riding bikes or scooters slow down outside the school and walk them once inside the school grounds.

Thank you for continuing to support a safe and respectful school environment for everyone in our community.

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Code Camp

We are pleased to offer Code Camp to our students again in Term 3!

Code Camp After-School Coding on Wednesdays

Grades 3 to 6 - Places still available!

In this exciting program, After-School Coding students tackle a brand-new coding project each week - building games, solving challenges, and learning real coding concepts in a fun, hands-on way.

Through Code Camp World, the online learning platform, kids explore essential programming skills like **functions**, **variables**, **branching**, and **game logic**, while also diving into the worlds of **user experience**, **animation**, and even **maths and physics**. Each student gets their own Code Camp World account to keep the creativity going at home, sharing projects with friends and family or dreaming up their next big game!

SECURE YOUR SPOT: <https://my.codecamp.com.au/course/6800>

There are limited spots for this class. Register today!

Starting Wed, 22 Jul 2026



Please contact Code Camp directly on 1300 263 322 or hello@codecamp.com.au for any other info.

Colour Fun Run

Get Ready to get colourful with our Botanic Ridge Primary School Monty the Monstar Fun Run!

This term we are bringing the excitement with a Monty the Monstar Fun Run on Wednesday 16th September, all while raising funds for PE equipment and football and netball uniforms. Fundraising opens on Monday 10th August, getting involved is super easy—just head to myprofilepage.com.au, set up a profile, and share it with family and friends for online donations. Kids can earn awesome prizes and collect Monty Coins as they go!

Raise just \$10 to unlock your first prize— the more donations raised, the more prizes you will receive. There are 15 unique prizes to be earnt.

Happy Fundraising!



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Photos



Botanic Brilliance Awards

Congratulations to all of our award winners:

0A Ivy
1C Pia
2B Silas, Taz
2C Macie
2D Lily
34A Tegan
4C Alia
5B Ariana



Upcoming Dates & Reminders



- Fundraising for Colour Run opens - August 10th
- Hoop time for selected year 5/6 students - August 17th
- Science Week - August 17th - 21st
- Book Fair - August 17th - 21st
- Book Week - August 24th - 28th
- Term 4 Curriculum Day - December 9th



Bringing fun after-school classes to your school



Little Coders • Coding • Curious Minds • Robotics
Animation • Design • Minecraft Engineers

What's on this term?

Code Camp After-School Coding, Years 3 - 6, Wednesdays 3:15PM - 4:30PM

Little Coders After-School, Years 0 - 2, Tuesdays 3:15PM - 4:30PM

Book now at:

www.codecamp.com.au/botrid

Get in touch at hello@codecamp.com.au

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Ages 18+

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