



BOTANIC BUZZ NEWSLETTER

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TERM 3
WEEK 10
2026



Settling into school life

Principal News



Mrs Fuller

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another busy term, I want to thank our students, staff and families for another wonderful term at Botanic Ridge Primary School. It has certainly been a busy few weeks with the colour run, footy day and parade, and the book fair, and there is plenty happening as we look ahead to Term 4 and begin planning for 2027.

SunSmart reminder: As we head into the warmer months, please remember that students need to bring their school hat every day. Hats are required for students to participate in outdoor activities and play during SunSmart times.

Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on their hat.

Donations of cans of soft drink: A reminder from our previous newsletter that we are seeking donations of cans of soft drink (coke, coke zero) for upcoming school events and activities. If you are able to donate, we would greatly appreciate your support. Cans can be dropped into the school office. Thank you to those families who have already contributed.

School Photos: We are currently looking at options for a new school photography company for future school photos. We are taking the time to consider different providers to ensure we find a company that provides a quality service and a positive experience for our students and families. We will provide further information once arrangements have been finalised.

2027 Class Placements: We have begun the process of considering class placements for 2027. Our Class Placement Policy will be shared with families on Compass so that everyone is familiar with the process and the factors we consider when forming classes.

At the same time, we are beginning our workforce planning and recruitment for teachers for 2027. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to prepare for a new school year, and we will keep families updated as plans progress.

Term 4 Swimming - Foundation and Year 1: Our Foundation and Year 1 students will begin their swimming program in Term 4. Further information regarding dates, arrangements and what students need to bring will be shared with families.

Camps and Sleepovers: There is plenty to look forward to in Term 4, including our Year 5 Camp and Grade 2 Sleepover. These are always wonderful opportunities for students to build independence, strengthen friendships and create some very special memories together. We know our students are already getting excited!

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Congratulations Nixon! We would like to extend a huge congratulations to Nixon, who competed today at the School Sport Australia National Cross Country Championships. Nixon placed 6th overall, representing Victoria and Botanic Ridge Primary School, and was the first Victorian runner across the line in his age group. An incredible achievement! The Victorian team also finished 2nd overall, receiving a silver medal. We are incredibly proud of Nixon and the commitment, effort and determination he has shown to reach this level. Well done, Nixon!

World Teachers' Day: World Teachers' Day on the first day of Term 4, however in Australia we celebrate on October 30th. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the incredible work our teachers do every day to support, challenge and inspire our students. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of teachers at Botanic Ridge Primary School, and we look forward to celebrating them.

Before and After School Care: We will commence the shortlisting process for our new Before and After School Care provider at the beginning of Term 4. We know this is an important service for many of our families, and we are looking carefully at the options available to us. We will provide further information as the process progresses.

School Council update: Sien Penfold, long standing member on school council, has moved interstate. Subsequently, Toni Chrisoforou has been co-opted to take Sien's place on council for the remainder of the year.

Building Works: Over the holidays, works will start on the third kinder room. We are also having works done in the prep space to install a fifth classroom ready for next year, and to put carpet tiles in the wet areas. School council is also in current discussions with the artist for the Year 6 mural which we are hoping to have completed next term.

Looking Ahead: Term 4 is shaping up to be another busy and exciting term at Botanic Ridge Primary School. Along with our camps, swimming and other learning opportunities, we will continue our work preparing for 2027 and ensuring that our students finish the year feeling proud of all they have achieved. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our school. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and has the opportunity to spend some quality time together as a family.

Have a wonderful holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 4!

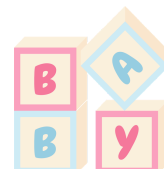
Emma



Congratulations Miss Newsome!

Huge congratulations to Simone and family on the arrival of Jack!

We wish you a smooth transition and endless joy with the newest member of your family!



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Teaching and Learning Buzz

Building Strong Mathematicians: The Importance of Number Facts



Mr Bloomfield

Being able to quickly recall number facts is an important part of becoming a confident mathematician. Number facts include addition and subtraction facts, such as $7 + 3 = 10$ and $10 - 3 = 7$, as well as multiplication and division facts, such as $6 \times 4 = 24$ and $24 \div 6 = 4$.

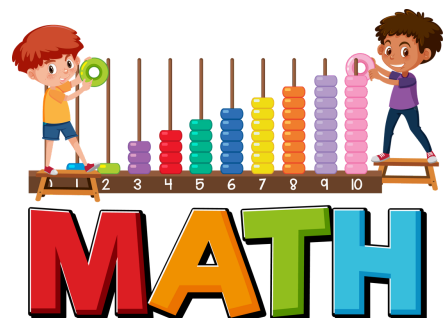
At school, we first focus on helping students understand these facts and the relationships between numbers. Once this understanding is established, regular practice helps students develop automatic recall – being able to retrieve a fact quickly without needing to count or work it out each time.

Students have regular opportunities to practise number facts during their Mathematics lessons and Daily Review. Daily Review allows students to revisit previously taught facts and strategies frequently, helping this important knowledge stick over time. Teachers also encourage students to make connections between facts, rather than learning each one in isolation.

When students can recall basic number facts automatically, they have more thinking space available for the mathematics in front of them. Instead of using their attention to work out a simple calculation, they can focus on choosing a strategy, understanding the problem and tackling more complex mathematics.

Families can support this learning with just a few minutes of regular practice. Try quick-fire questions in the car, flip two playing cards and add or multiply them, roll dice and find the total or product, or ask your child to use a fact they know to find another. For example, "If you know $6 + 6 = 12$, how could that help you work out $6 + 7$?"

By combining understanding with regular practice, students develop efficient recall, recognise connections between numbers and become more flexible and confident mathematicians.



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Ms Spinucci

Wellbeing Buzz

RUOK Day 2026



Ms Symons

On Thursday September 10 BRPS recognised and celebrated RUOK Day. This year's theme is, 'Ask R U OK? Any Day'.

To support this initiative, classes participated in a range of activities, as picture below, creating displays to prompt asking the questions RUOK?.

Participating BRPS Staff have also committed to walking 100km for the next month, ending on October 10, to raise money for both RUOK Organisation and BRPS Mental Health and Wellbeing.

We would love your donations for this worthy cause and to keep our staff motivated! You can donate by purchasing on Compass Tix with the information posted to compass.

If you would like to donate an alternate amount you can see our friendly office staff.

You can follow our progress on Instagram at '100km.4.BRPS'

Thank you in advance for your generous donations!



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Code Camp After-School Coding

Exclusive to Botanic Ridge Primary School Students

Grades 3 to 6

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, our 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/7185>

There are limited spots for this class. Register today!

Starting Wed, 14 Oct 2026



Year 7 leadership achievement

Congratulations to Jack who has been selected for a 3 year Sports leadership role at Elisabeth Murdoch secondary college next year!



Jack Drysdale

This is a wonderful new avenue for Jack, and we're very proud of him, as he has always loved sport and been involved in so many sporting opportunities at BRPS.

Jack has shown up and done his best at every cross country, athletics and lightning premiership event, and his hard work is reflected in this amazing achievement!

Seeing Jack learn and grow his leadership skills from his time at BRPS has been incredible, and we wish him all the best with his new role!



0A Zaylen
0B Chay, Ivana
0C Harper T., Akshar
0D Isla
1A Jazzveer, Scarlet, Ava
1B Julian, Ashton, Leo
1C Ashar
2A Neha, Anneliese
2C Xavier, Harrison, Ivy,
 Mia Cresswell
2D Mallika, Zaki, Enza
3A Roman, Aiden
3B Maiya, Sonny
3C Asher, Rhys
34A Scarlet, James
4A Anders
4B Billie, Charlotte,
 Rainger
4C Nixon F., Aria
5A Pippa, Kole
5B Adnan, Mia
5C Harry
56A Kaitlyn, Ellie
Art Roman P.
Music Noah D.
STEM Lacy L.
PE Mrs Lacey, Mrs Blanck,
 Jarryd C., Brock B.
LOTE Judson P., Angela G.

- First day of term 4 - October 5th
- Year 1 swimming - October 12-16th
- Prep swimming - October 19-23rd
- Year 2 sleep-over - October 23rd

- Curriculum Day – December 9th



CODING



It's after-school fun at your school!



Get creative using design, code and logic
to build your own games!



Wednesday 14 Oct - 9 Dec
3:15PM - 4:30PM



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Years 3 - 6

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Little Kickers®

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Classes opening
19th September!

RIDGE!



Five fun filled age groups running Saturday
mornings at Botanic Ridge Primary School!

- ⚽ Little Kicks (1.5 years - 2.5 years)
- ⚽ Junior Kickers (2.5 years - 3.5 years)
- ⚽ Mighty Kickers (3.5 years - 5 years)
- ⚽ Mega Kickers 1 (5 years - 6.5 years)
- ⚽ Mega Kickers 2 (6.5 years - 8 years)



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Gardening Together

kids, dads & grandfathers



For all dads and grandfathers! Bring your children and have fun getting dirty, growing food and discovering the bugs & creatures that help us.

FREE activity

SATURDAY
19 SEPTEMBER
10:00AM
OLD CHEESE FACTORY,
BERWICK



Scan QR code
to register

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WEEK 1

21 SEP - 24 SEP

MON
21/9

ZINE MACHINE! - HAMPTON PARK LIBRARY
10:00AM - 12:00PM

Come and join the **Zine Machine!** Want to tell a story, draw some art or just have **something to say?** Join us at Hampton Park Library and learn how to get those ideas out there!

MON
21/9

CUPCAKE DECORATING - AUTUMN PLACE
3:00PM - 5:00PM

Join us for a fun afternoon of **baking, decorating, and sweet treats.** Whether you're a baking enthusiast or just looking to try something new, this session is a great way to connect with others and show off your artistic flair. ***Book now via the QR code- spaces are limited!**



TUE
22/9

LEGO FUN - ENDEAVOUR HILLS LIBRARY
3:00PM - 4:30PM

Join us for a **fun-filled free LEGO** session packed with building, creativity, **sports and friendly challenges!**

WED
23/9

RAMLEIGH SPRINGS
1:00PM - 3:00PM

Join us for some fun outdoor games, snacks and meet **Youth Workers** looking to hear from **YOU!**

THU
24/9

PEARCEDALE SKATEPARK
1:00PM - 3:00PM

Join us for a **BBO** and some games, and meet **Youth Workers** looking to hear from **YOU!**

Contact the City of Casey:

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City of Casey Youth Services

WEEK 2

29 SEP - 2 OCT

TUE
29/9

TOORADIN SKATEPARK
1:00PM - 3:00PM

Join us for some fun outdoor games, snacks, and meet **Youth Workers** looking to hear from **YOU!**

THU
1/10

CHERRY HILL RESERVE
1:00PM - 3:00PM

Join us for a **BBO** and some games, and meet **Youth Workers** looking to hear from **YOU!**

FRI
2/10

SPRING INTO FUTSAL - OLIVE RD
3:00PM - 5:00PM

Come along for a **fun and social futsal session** where you can meet new people, learn new skills, and enjoy casual indoor games. Take part in free play, penalty shootouts, and enjoy great music and positive vibes in a **welcoming environment.** ***Book now via the QR code- spaces are limited!**



***Scan the QR code for more information about our Youth Centres and services.**



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City of Casey Youth Services

POP UP BABY PLAYGROUP (Babies 0 - 12 months)



Discover Learn Play

The City of Casey is hosting free Pop-up Baby Playgroup

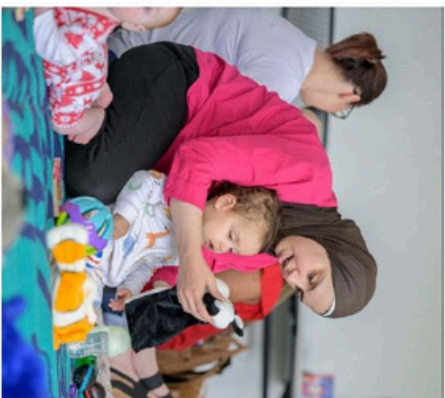
Where: Dharrang Baitt Community Centre

51 Sovereign Avenue, Clyde North

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/JZVsYVWfEELCKgGWA>

When: Tuesday 6 October 2026 – Tuesday 8 December 2026 (excluding Melbourne Cup Public Holiday)

Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm



Come along and experience a range of activities for babies aged **0 to 12 months**. Enjoy singing, playing and sharing activities that you and your baby could do at home whilst connecting with other families. Bring your own snacks, water and a change of clothes for baby.

No bookings are required.

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AFL FUN DAY FOR DADS & KIDS

FREE activity for dads, grandfathers,
father figures and their children!



Orana Park Playground
1 Fresco Place, Clyde North

Sunday 20 September 2026
10:00am – 12:00pm



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