



BOTANIC BUZZ NEWSLETTER

TERM 4
WEEK 2
2026

Growth - Respect - Responsibility - Safe



Settling into school life

Principal News



Mrs Fuller

Welcome back to Term 4! This is the longest term of the year and, as always, it is a busy one as we head towards the end of the school year. There is plenty happening across BRPS, with lots of opportunities to come together as a community, celebrate learning and finish the year strongly.

We have already had a wonderful start, with a very successful swimming week for our Year 1 students and a fantastic Year 5 camp. These experiences provide our students with opportunities to build confidence, independence and connections with one another, and it is lovely to see them making the most of these opportunities.

A busy term - we need your help!

With so many exciting events coming up, we are looking for as many parent and family volunteers as possible to help make them happen. Our school community is at its best when we all contribute, whether that is giving an hour of your time, helping at an event or supporting one of our fundraising activities.

This term, we have two Little Birdie Markets (Saturday 14/11 & Saturday 12/12), the State Election sausage sizzle (Saturday 28/11), our working bee on Saturday 31 October (Halloween!), and a number of other events to look forward to.

In particular, we are looking for volunteers to help with the BBQs at our Little Birdie Markets and on Election Day. These are important fundraising opportunities for our school, and they simply cannot run without the support of our families. If you are able to lend a hand this term, please keep an eye on Compass for further information about volunteering opportunities. Every little bit helps!

O'Brien Real Estate - A huge thank you to O'Brien Real Estate for generously making our Little Birdie Market signs and tablecloths, which we will be able to use at our markets and other school events. We really appreciate the support of local businesses who help make our school a great place to be.

Planning for 2027: We are currently in the process of recruiting teachers for 2027 and beginning preparations for class placements for next year.

If you have a request or information you would like us to consider when preparing class placements, please ensure this is sent through to the office. While we cannot guarantee that every request can be accommodated, we will consider the information provided as we work to create balanced classes that best support the learning, wellbeing and needs of all students.



Before and After School Care and Holiday Program: We are currently undertaking a tender process to appoint a provider for our Before and After School Care and Holiday Program for 2027. Thank you to the 42 families who took the time to complete our recent survey. The responses reflected a range of experiences, but there was a clear message that the service needs to improve. This feedback is important and will help inform our considerations as we work through the tender process.

I am also aware that some families are concerned about whether there will be a holiday program over the summer break. I want to reassure families that there will be a summer holiday program. We understand how important this service is for working families and will share further information as soon as it is available.

Code Camp: Unfortunately, Code Camp will no longer be running at BRPS, following limited interest in the Term 4 program. We thank the team at Code Camp for the opportunities they have offered our students.

Grandparents' Morning Tea – Wednesday 28 October: We are looking forward to welcoming our grandparents and special older people to BRPS for our Grandparents' Morning Tea on Wednesday 28 October. These occasions are a lovely opportunity to celebrate the important role grandparents and special people play in our children's lives and to share a little of what makes our school community so special. Please refer to the attachment in this newsletter for further information about the morning.

Parent Opinion Survey: A big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Parent Opinion Survey last month. We appreciate your willingness to share your thoughts and experiences, as your feedback helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve. Once I receive the results, I will share the findings with our community and reflect on what they tell us about the experiences of our families at BRPS.

As we move through this busy final term, I want to thank you for your continued support, generosity and involvement in our school. There is so much to look forward to, and I am grateful for the way our community continues to come together for our children.

Let's make it a wonderful final term of the year!

Emma

ThinkUKnow - online child safety

On Wednesday 21st October 9:00 am, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) will visit our school to deliver the ThinkUKnow presentation to our year 5/6 students.

ThinkUKnow is an Australian online safety education program led by the AFP that helps young people understand how to stay safe online, recognise potentially unsafe situations and know what to do and where to seek help if something goes wrong.

As our students become increasingly independent in their use of technology, it is important that they have the knowledge and confidence to make safe choices online and seek help when needed. Due to the nature of the presentation, we will be sending consent on Compass for you to approve. We encourage all parents to refer to the website, and to give consent for their child to attend the session. To find out more about the program and access helpful resources for parents and carers via the official website: www.thinkuknow.org.au.

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Teaching and Learning Buzz

What Are We Learning in Term 4?



Mr Bloomfield

Welcome back to Term 4! It is hard to believe we have reached the final term of the year! We have another exciting term of learning ahead as students continue to build their knowledge, develop new skills and celebrate how far they have come throughout 2026.

Our Read2Learn units will take students on another journey of discovery. Foundation students will learn about Australian Animals, while Year 1 students travel back in time to explore Ancient Mesopotamia and Year 2 students discover Ancient Greece. Year 3 students will explore Australia and its Neighbours, while Year 4 students investigate the Dynasties of China. Our Year 5/6 students will explore Immigration and International Interactions and Understanding Economics, developing their knowledge of how people, communities and economies are connected. These units help students build important background knowledge and vocabulary that support their reading comprehension.

Students will also enjoy a range of engaging Text Studies, including The Gruffalo in Foundation, Mirror in Year 1, Fantastic Mr Fox in Year 2 and Off We Go Around Australia in Year 3. Year 4 students will study Waves: For Those Who Come Across the Sea, while our Year 5/6 students will explore Can You See Me? by Rebecca Westcott. Through these texts, students will develop their comprehension skills by exploring characters, language, themes and deeper meanings.



In Writing, our Foundation students will extend their knowledge of creating sentences. Year 1 students will focus on narrative writing, learning how to create engaging stories with characters, settings, problems and solutions. Students in Years 2-6 will explore persuasive writing, developing their ability to express opinions, construct convincing arguments and support their ideas with evidence.

In Mathematics, students will continue building their number knowledge while exploring a variety of other mathematical concepts. Foundation students will consolidate their understanding of numbers to 20, while Year 2-4 students explore fractions, time and capacity. Older students will apply their mathematical knowledge to increasingly complex problems, including multiplication and division, measurement, area and perimeter.

As we approach the end of the school year, students will also have opportunities to reflect on their progress, celebrate their achievements and prepare for the exciting transition into their next year level.

We look forward to a wonderful final term filled with learning, growth and celebration!

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Ms Spinucci

Wellbeing Buzz

Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships



Ms Symons

Botanic Ridge Primary School is a proud Respectful Relationships school.

Respectful relationships education is part of the Victorian Curriculum and delivered by all Victorian government schools. It supports students to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills needed for respectful relationships, and helps to build respect and equality across the entire school community.

Research tells us that providing respectful relationships education at school can lead to positive impacts on students' academic outcomes, their mental health, classroom behaviour and relationships.

Our school uses the Department of Education's evidence-based teaching and learning resources to teach our students about Respectful Relationships from Foundation to Grade 6.

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships resources have 8 topics that teach students about emotional literacy, personal and cultural strengths, resilience, problem-solving, stress-management, help-seeking, gender norms and stereotypes and positive gender relations.

This term in class we are working on Topic 7 and 8. Please see below the topic summaries.

Topic summaries F-10

Topic 7: Gender norms and stereotypes helps students consider the influence of gender norms on attitudes, opportunities and behaviour, and to learn about gender equality, inclusion, human rights and the importance of relationships that respect people of all genders.

Topic 8: Positive gender relationships helps students develop an age-appropriate understanding of gender-based violence, safe and unsafe behaviours and consent. Students also develop self-care, peer support and help-seeking skills they can use in response to situations involving gender-based violence.

If you have any questions about Respectful Relationships education, you can visit the Victorian Government's Respectful Relationships page: <https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships>.



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Our Foundation Space Has Had a Makeover!

Over the school holidays, our Foundation building underwent some exciting renovations in preparation for our largest intake of Foundation students in 2027!

While we were sad to say goodbye to our much-loved Book Nook, the space has been transformed into an additional classroom to accommodate our growing school community. The former wet area in the FD classroom has also received a makeover, with new carpet and walls installed to create a more welcoming and functional learning environment.

Check out the photos of our newly renovated spaces!



New foundation room



Foundation room



Foundation room



Botanic Brilliance Awards

Congratulations to all of our award winners:

0B - Levi
0C - Mercedes
1B - Case
1C - Isla G
3A - Jaxon, Anthony
3B - Jack L
3C - Evelyn
34A - Nate, Alexi
4A - Jai
4B - Lindsay, Avi, Averielle
4C - Olivia M
5B - Jasmine, Ridhwaan
5C - Silas
6A - Harper, Vinnie
STEM - Sahara S
PE - Judd F

Principal Award:
Jasmine OC



Upcoming Dates & Reminders



- Prep swimming - October 19-23rd
- Year 2 sleep-over - October 23rd
- Grandparents Morning - October 28th
- Melbourne Cup Day - November 3rd
- Subway Lunch - November 6th

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)



Scan here for more info
& to secure your spot!

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PRIMARY SCHOOL



Grandparents Morning

Wednesday
28th of October | 9am

All Year 1-6 grandparents will be doing
an activity in the classroom followed
by a picnic morning tea.



Prep students will be
participating in Foundation
Cross Country on the oval
followed by a picnic morning
tea outside.

Feel free to bring something along
to share with your grandchild.





Free webinar: Parent Mental Health with Dr Billy Garvey

We're excited to welcome Dr Billy Garvey back for another free online session for parents and caregivers on Monday 26 October.

Billy will explore the connection between parental mental health and children's wellbeing, sharing practical, no-shame strategies to help parents navigate the challenges of parenting while looking after their own wellbeing.

Please share it with your networks and help us spread the word. It's free and open to anyone!

Event details

Date	Monday 26 October
Time	7:30pm AEDT
Topic	Parent Mental Health
Cost	FREE

<https://campanstralia.com.au/parent-mental-health-with-dr-billy-garvey/>

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POP UP PLAYGROUP

Discover Learn Play (Wednesdays)



The City of Casey free 'Pop-up Playgroup' Term 4 2026

Come along and enjoy playgroup activities outdoors with your child, music, art, reading, blocks, imaginary, sensory and active play.

You can also pick up information about Community Playgroups, Maternal and Child Health, Kindergarten and other community services.

Eddie Barron Reserve

21A Benersyde Dr, Berwick

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/UQZmyKYUsF9GRQvZ>

Wednesday 7 October	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Wednesday 14 October	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Wednesday 28 October	9:30 am – 11:00 am.

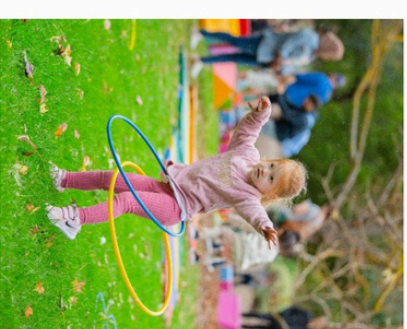
Zanda Park

216 Alexander Boulevard, Clyde North

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Wednesday 4 November	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Wednesday 11 November	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Wednesday 25 November	9:30 am – 11:00 am.

Please note Pop-up Playgroup is an outdoor event. Please bring water, snacks, and spare clothes. No bookings are required.



Contact the City of Casey:

Web: [casey.vic.gov.au](https://www.casey.vic.gov.au)
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NRS: 133 6777 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

Customer Service Centres:

Narre Warren: Bunjil Place, Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren
Cranbourne: Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre, Cranbourne
ABN: 43 320 295 742



TIS: 131 450 (Translating and Interpreting Service) العربية الفصحى 翻譯 服務 中心

[CASEYVIC.GOV.AU](https://www.casey.vic.gov.au)

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Discover Learn Play (Thursdays)



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Junction Village Recreation Reserve Playground

33 Craig Road, Junction Village

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Thursday 8 October	9:30am – 11:00am.
Thursday 15 October	9:30am – 11:00am.
Thursday 29 October	9:30am – 11:00am.
Thursday 5 November	9:30am – 11:00am.

Wildbloom Playground

Corner of Mellow Place & Ochre Street, Clyde North

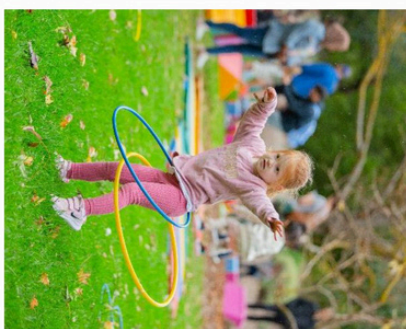
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Thursday 12 November	9:30am – 11:00am.
Thursday 19 November	9:30am – 11:00am.
Thursday 26 November	9:30am – 11:00am.

Please note Pop-up Playgroup is an outdoor event.

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Holiday Card Competition

Collect a template from the library to enter

Prizes:

- \$50 gift voucher
- Your design printed on cards for our Home Library Service members
- 20 copies of your design on our holiday cards!

