



BOTANIC BUZZ NEWSLETTER

TERM 4
WEEK 1
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Welcome Back to Term 4!

Acting Principal News

Welcome back to Term 4! It has been so lovely to see everyone's smiling faces as we returned from the holidays. I hope you all had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed for the term ahead.

I am excited to share that I will be stepping into the role of Acting Principal for Term 4. It is a privilege to work alongside our amazing staff, students, and families, and I'm looking forward to a busy and rewarding term together.

This term is always full of fun and excitement, and we have many special events to look forward to. These include our Community Night, the swimming program, the Year 2 Sleepover, the Year 1 Dinner Night, Year 6 celebrations, Up Day, and of course, our Christmas Concert. These experiences are such an important part of school life, creating lasting memories for our students while strengthening our wonderful school community.

We are also very excited to launch our school's very first fortnightly newsletter! This will be a great way to keep everyone informed and connected with all that is happening at our school. Our new newsletter will take the place of Ms Spinucci's much-loved Botanic Buzz, which focused on wellbeing. We thank Ms Spinucci for the wonderful work she put into the Buzz and look forward to continuing to share news and updates with you in this new format.

Thank you, as always, for your support. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events throughout the term.



Ms Comben

Learning in Term 4

Acting Assistant Principal News

Term 4 is off to a great start! It has been wonderful to walk through classrooms across the school and see students engaging in their new learning for the term. Term 4 is a time for students to build upon all of their previous learning and apply this to new skills and contexts as they begin to transition to the next year level.



Mr Bloomfield

In literacy, students will continue to build their knowledge about the world and its history through the Read2Learn units such as: *Australian Animals*; *Ancient Greece*; and *Australian Democracy*. They will also dive into rich texts such as: *The Gruffalo* (one of my favourites), *Fantastic Mr Fox*, *Off We Go Around Australia*, *Waves: For Those Who Come Across the Sea*, and *The Last Bear*.

In mathematics, students explore number concepts such as fractions (Years 2-6), division (Foundation - Year 1), as well as other strands of the curriculum such as time, mass, capacity and probability.

I am honoured to once again step into the role of Acting Assistant Principal for Term 4. As one of the original BRPS staff, it has been wonderful to see our school grow and go from strength to strength. I am excited to continue to work with students, staff and families for what is always a busy but exciting term.

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Good Luck Ms Spinucci!

We would like to wish Ms Spinucci all the very best as she finishes up with us this week to prepare for the arrival of her second child. We can't wait to hear the exciting news and meet the newest member of her family! Ms Spinucci will be greatly missed, and we look forward to welcoming her back sometime next year. A replacement for Ms Spinucci is currently being finalised.



Ms Spinucci

Wellbeing Buzz

At Botanic Ridge Primary School, we believe every child deserves to feel valued and connected. That's why we use restorative practices to guide our approach to behaviour. Instead of focusing on blame or punishment, we look for ways to repair relationships and restore trust when things go wrong.

When a disagreement or hurtful moment happens, we don't just move on - we pause and have a restorative conversation. Sometimes, consequences are necessary, but they aren't handed down without thought. Instead, we work with the student to agree on a logical consequence - one that helps repair the harm and makes sense for everyone involved.

This approach gives every student a chance to share how they feel, what happened, and what needs to change to make things right. It's not always easy, but it helps students see the impact of their actions and learn how to make better choices next time.

Restorative practices aren't just a strategy; they're part of who we are. At Botanic Ridge Primary, we're helping our students grow into thoughtful, caring citizens, one conversation at a time.

Tune in next fortnight to learn more about our Reflection Room.

Staff Buzz

Get to know our Amazing Staff!



Ms Comben

Position

Acting Principal

Q: What was your favourite subject when you were at school?

A: PE and Health and Human Development

Q: What's your favourite food?

A: I'm obsessed with Bubble O'Bills and Cadbury chocolate!

Q: If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

A: Teleportation - So I can visit the Eiffel Tower and Mont Saint-Michel (again).

Q: How long have you worked at BRPS?

A: I worked with the Principal Team before the school opened. I developed all of the curriculum, assessment and reporting. So from the very start!

Mr Bloomfield

Position

Acting Assistant Principal



Q: What was your favourite subject when you were at school?

A: Mathematics or Drama (it's probably why I love a dress-up day!)

Q: What's your favourite book or story to read?

A: Stuck by Oliver Jeffers. It is hilarious!

Q: If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

A: Telekinesis - the power to move things with my mind.

Q: How long have you worked at BRPS?

A: This year is my sixth year at BRPS. I am proud to be one of the original staff members, where I taught Foundation before moving into the leadership team as a Learning Specialist.

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Student Leader Buzz

Get to know our School Captains!

What do you like about being school captain?

Bhavya: I like speaking at assembly and being given the responsibility to complete important tasks.

Mia: I enjoy that people trust and respect me. An example was completing and running a whole-school activity by myself.

Ivy: I like that I can be a role model to younger students and that I have responsibilities I can be trusted with independently.

Mackinley: I enjoy having responsibilities at assembly and handing out awards to those who have shown our school values, and the fact that others look up to me.

What do you love about BRPS?

Bhavya: I love how the school has grown since 2020 and how everyone has a space to play in the yard.

Mia: I like how everyone is very supportive of each other. Teachers help with problems – they don't push them to the side, but help us deal with and solve them.

Ivy: I like our school values and the expectations the school sets, and that students follow them. All the teachers are really caring and respectful, as are the students.

Mackinley: I like how the whole school is a positive place to be, and that staff and students are kind.

What is your favourite school event?

Bhavya: Hoop Time and the Slime/Fun Run.

Mia: Cross Country and the Colour Run.

Ivy: Same as Mia – Cross Country and the Colour Run.

Mackinley: Athletics and Cross Country.

Why would you recommend others to be a school leader?

Bhavya: There have been plenty of fun and interesting responsibilities and events to attend. I've learnt a lot in this role.

Mia: It's really fun to go out to special events and represent our school. I've gained great life skills.

Ivy: I would recommend being a school leader to others because it has helped me grow my confidence and independence skills.

Mackinley: I would recommend being a school leader to others because we have different responsibilities, and it has made me even more responsible and confident in myself.



Botanic Brilliance Awards!

- 0A** Evie, Layne & Marco
- 0B** Charlotte, Ashton & Emerson
- 0C** Jensen, Pia, Judson
- 1A** Haven, Aaliyah & Isaiah
- 1B** Miller, Evie & Scarlett
- 1C** Lily, Alara & Katelyn
- 1D** Jye & Hudson
- 2A** Ashton & Haelen
- 2B** Taj, Harper & Gift
- 2C** Cooper
- 2D** Jaxson & Archie
- 3A** Ryder
- 3B** Rhylan & Jai
- 3C** Alina
- 4A** Nixon & Zoe
- 4B** Lotti & Kole
- 4C** Billie, Logann & Wesley
- 45A** Wes
- 56A** Christopher & Jaxon S.
- 56B** Scarlet & Isaiah
- LOTE** Leo T., Anaya M.
- STEM** Ethan K. & Laikyn M.

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Classroom Buzz

I know you wanted to know what **4B** were doing at 9.47am on a Thursday!
Take a look!

What are you learning right now about?

Elaina: The sounds of 'o' and the different spelling. We are reviewing.

Zanda: Morphology - the prefixes *deci* and *deca*.

Jayden: Morphology - prefixes.

Haris: How to write sentences with different suffixes, prefixes and base words.

Georgia: Prefix *deca* and *deci*. We are putting them into sentences.

James: Morphology - Making sentences with *deci* in it.

Anaya: Literacy.

Isla: Writing complex sentences with *deci* and *deca* in them. Prefixes come at the start of the word. They change the meaning of the base word.



Ms Coxon

What do you like learning about at school?

Dakota: Reading - I like chapter books. At the moment the class is reading 'Waves'.

Millie: Fractions and writing books.

Connor: Persuasive paragraphs and sentences.

Jarryd: Maths

Annabelle: Art - Painting and drawing.

Summer: Animals - STEM.

Lily: PE - Footy and dodgeball.

Willow: Maths



What does your teacher do well when teaching you?

What do you like about her?

Daniel: She explains things really well.

Lotti: She is really helpful when you need help, she helps me.

Kole: She is funny.

Blake: She gives me breaks which helps me with my learning.

Arvi: Always cares about our learning.

Veronica: She is funny. She tells good jokes.

Shaamini: She is kind and caring. She helps me when I'm confused.



Reminders

- Don't forget your hat in Term 4!
- F - 1 Swimming - **13-17 October**
- Community Night - **22 October (3:00pm - 5:00pm)**
- Are uniform items clearly labelled? Jackets and hats often end up in lost property unnamed or with labels that are difficult to read. Over time, labels can fade or fall off. Now is a great time to check that everything is clearly labelled and that your child can recognise their own label.
- The Container Deposit Scheme is as Easy as 1, 2, 3! Collect your eligible drink containers. **Did you know?** You can donate to our school! Our donation partner ID: C2000013189 Or search us on the donation list at the deposit machine.

