

Collaboration Respect Motivation Resilience Positivity

Dear parents and carers,

Here we are at the end of first term already, and what a wonderful term it has been. Our new staff settled in quickly, our classes got straight into their learning at the start of the year, and parent involvement through P&C, School Board, Breakfast Club and classroom assistance has been at a record high. I hardly feel like I need a holiday!

Holiday I will though; I'm off to Adelaide next week to see Mum who is 94 and still doing well. I'll be around the traps and in and out of school in the second week. Both Sam and Manuel will also be at school some of the days.

Speaking of holidays, we have an additional public holiday during the school term next term. Reconciliation Day will be celebrated on Monday 28 May (that's the start of our week 5).

As part of National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June), Reconciliation Day recognises the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and celebrates the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history in our city and nation.

Reconciliation Australia describes National Reconciliation Week "as providing an opportunity to reflect on achievements so far and on what must still be done to achieve reconciliation".

Congratulations!

Thank you Sally for your organisation of yesterday's Cross Country event. It was so lovely to see so many children wearing their house colours and the sports captains bearing their flags and encouraging their teams at the morning assembly. Thank you to all of parents who took some time out of your busy days to cheer their kids on. And what a change in weather conditions! Normally we are wearing tracksuits at this time of year.

Congratulations to the Student Leadership Team who ran the very successful 'Build a Superhero Day' today. Your creativity never ceases to amaze me and the children had such a fun day in dress up today. The SLT raised \$270.00 which will go directly to Tathra to help them rebuild their community after their devastating fire in March. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this.

Thank you 😊

I'd like to give a special thank you the Rotary Club of Belconnen which assists our school with a financial contribution to be used to support our students. We are currently refreshing the 'Lunch with Liz' student reward that was so popular in previous years and Rotary's donation will help fund this.

Dates to remember

April

Fri 13 ANZAC Day
Assembly – 10:15am
Last day of Term 1
Mon 30 First day of Term 2
2019 online enrolment form opens

May

Wed 2 Enrichment
Tues 8 Mother's Day Stall
(Mon/Tues group)
ICAS – Digital Tech
Wed 9 Assembly – Specialist and
LSUA JL – 1:45pm
Fri 11 Year 6 transition visit to
KSS
Mother's Day Stall

Notes home

School photo order forms
Medical notes
'Wake up Sleepyhead' - Gary Eck
book order form

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The Words of the Week since the last newsletter have been: [digger \(think ANZAC Day\) and sabbatical.](#)

A challenge for you...

Could you please take care of the school over the holidays – my work phone number will be posted on the P&C Facebook page; please ring me if you are concerned about anything you see or hear while driving past the school. Ring the police of course if you see something really concerning!

Have a wonderful rest from the hustle of school days. I hope your children manage some down time and come back ready for a wonderful term 2.

Warm regards,
Liz

Merit Awards



Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 4 April 2018.

Allan W, Becky N, Ben F, Abbey B, Aiden McD, Melanie J, Corinthian T, Lilly F, Jaxon B, Lucas W, Bryn C, Maria O, Drew W, Ryan M, Hazel S, Charlie S, Jhett O, Marcus A, Nyankiir Y, Nate K, Ruby C, Jennifer T, Kai E, Lylah W & Codie C.



CANTEEN NEWS



It has been so lovely volunteering in the canteen this week, I have loved serving the kids and asking Beth alllllll the questions.

Canteen Manager News



Beth has been our canteen manager for over 31 years and a volunteer before that for 8 years; she has served our canteen for nearly 40 years. Beth has seen huge change in our community, school and our canteen, she has served well over 50,000 lunch orders and helped many a child when they brought 20 cents to the canteen and asked “what can I have?” She has seen over 35 P & C committees and has worked with many different families, school executives and principals.

Beth has made the very difficult decision to retire as our Canteen Manager and spend more time with her family. Beth’s last day is Friday, May 25.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Beth for her dedication to our children, to the school and the P&C. She has quietly come in prepped, served and managed the canteen for years. She is the person I go to; to ask a question about P&C history and who I go to when I forgot to put my kids lunch order in ☺. Please join us in wishing Beth all the best for the future.

Flexischools and Preschool

Over last week it was discovered that this year’s 3 preschool classes had not been included on the online Flexischools class list. This has been rectified and preschool is able to order from Flexischools <https://www.flexischools.com.au> which is our on line ordering system for the canteen. If you have any questions about our online ordering system please don’t hesitate to contact Katherine on 0416248411.



You are always able to submit a paper lunch order however we ask that for preschool if this could be delivered directly to the canteen to ensure we get it in time for prep.



New Menu Items

We will be trialling new menu items for recess in Term 2, these items will be promoted on the Facebook page and will cost no more than \$1.50; we would love some feedback from the kids about the new items.

Volunteering at the Canteen

We are asking for some help in the canteen in the form of prepping the food, serving the kids at recess and lunch and putting together the lunch orders. Our key times are 9:00am-10:30am or 11:30-1pm, especially on a Friday; but any day you can pitch in would be great. If you are able to assist then please pop into the canteen and have a chat to Beth or ring Katherine. Volunteers will need to have a current Working with Vulnerable people card.



Canteen Manager Position



We are advertising the position of the Canteen Manager. Applications are due by COB Monday April 23, 2018. If you would like to inquire about the position or request a selection criteria please call Katherine Stock on 0416248411.

REMEMBER to park safely and legally around schools

Every day across Canberra, parents are parking illegally in school zones and putting all kids in the area at risk. With school parking patrols increasing in 2018, if you keep doing it, you will get caught and you will be fined. Check out this short video – Parking safely around



Road Safety

schools<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6B6PPgOC8I>>

Think before you park...and keep our kids safe - Make parking safety a priority!

Please:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways
- don't double (or triple) park
- don't park in reserved parking spots

Remember - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

Consider - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

Think – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists.

Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

Be kind – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

Note - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at

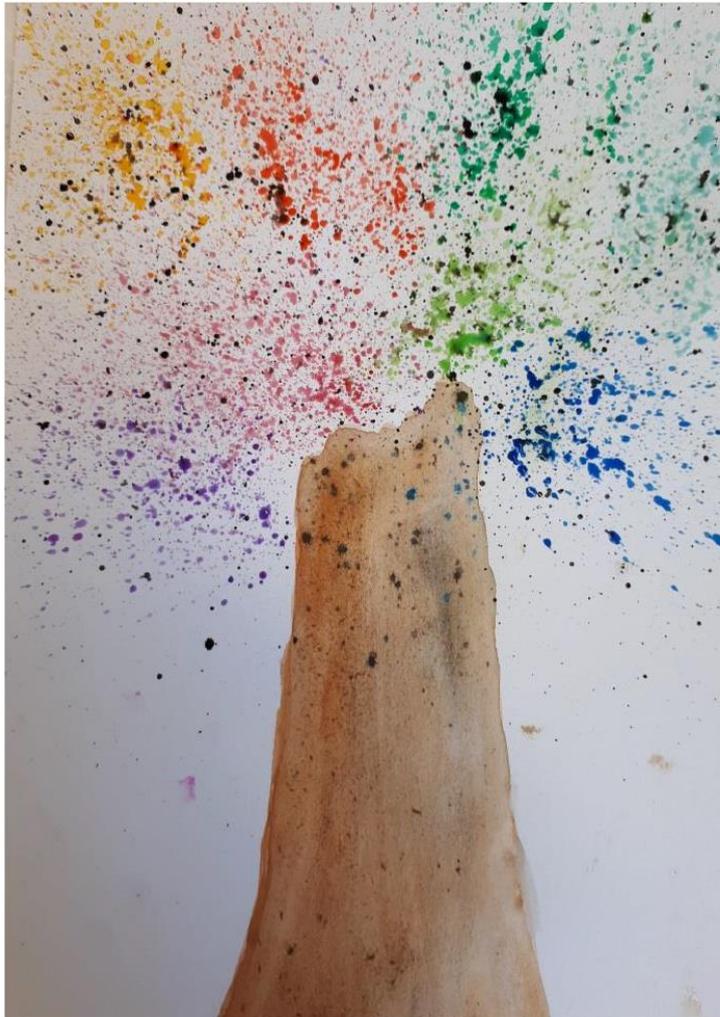
www.act.gov.au/accessCBR<<http://www.act.gov.au/accessCBR>>

Bungee Youth Resilience Program Youth Week Exhibition



Belconnen
Community
Service

Build skills and confidence through art



Official Opening
5:30pm
Wednesday April
18, 2018

at Belconnen
Community
Gallery,
Belconnen
Community
Centre.

Swanson Court,
Belconnen

The BCS Bungee Youth Resilience Program presents the annual BCS youth week art exhibition, showcasing the works of Bungee participants created during term one, 2018. ***Fantastic Garden!*** features artworks made by young people who are exploring self-expression through their art. Artworks were created by students attending BCS Bungee after-school creative art classes, and in-school programs at Kingsford Smith School, Charnwood -Dunlop School, Latham Primary School and Gold Creek Senior School. You are invited to the exhibition launch at 5:30pm Wednesday 18 April 2018 at Belconnen Community Gallery in the Belconnen Community Centre, Swanson Court, Belconnen. The exhibition continues until 10 May, 2018.

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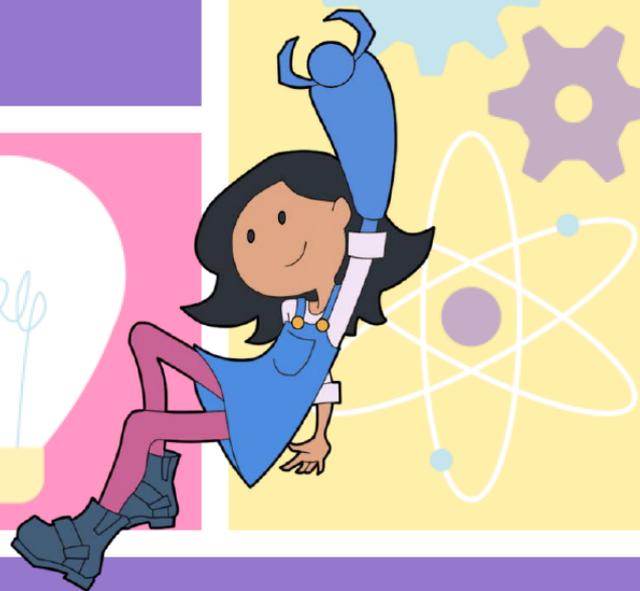
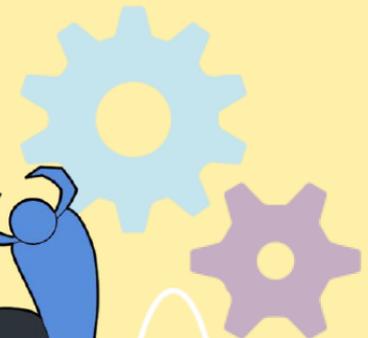


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ROBOGALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING DAY

SATURDAY
28TH APRIL



10:00AM
TO
2:00PM



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