

Newsletter to Parents

BRANXTON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 10 Term 3

WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

Dates to Remember

28.9.18	PBL Assembly
28.9.18	Last Day of Term 3
15.10.18	First Day of Term 4

I have no doubt you all enjoyed the concert! It was a wonderful night, and the students were spectacular! Make sure you check out all the great photos on our school facebook page. Thanks again to Mrs Mungoven and all the staff for the hard work and dedication to our students.



PRINCIPALS'S NEWS

If you go down to the school today you're sure of a big surprise.....

If you go down to kindergarten today you'd better be in disguise.

For every bear there ever was will gather there for certain Because today's the day "We open the Kindergarten garden!!!!!"



Even the rain couldn't hide the enthusiasm of the kindergartens today as they celebrated the opening of our Kindergarten Friendship Garden. Fairy bread, cookies, teddy bears and dances were all part of a special day.

The garden, complete with letterbox to write to the fairies, will be enjoyed by the kindergarten children of years to come. Please make sure you have a look when you are visiting the school.

NAPLAN results were released last week and it was wonderful to see the growth in our students in almost every area. I even received compliments from the Director who was impressed with the data from Branxton Public School

The staff have been working extremely hard and it's good to see the positive impact it is having. The results also give the staff a good indication of areas to focus and these are included in our 3 year School Plan.

At the end of this week I will be flying to Surry in British Columbia to spend time in a school over there. Mr Samra visited our school at the beginning of the term and it is now my turn for a return visit. It will be interesting to see what happens in their school to be able to compare the differences. I also intend to tick off a personal bucket list wish by seeing grizzly bears in the wild. I look forward to sharing my experiences when I return.

Please have a safe and relaxing holiday as we build up for the very busy last term of 2018.

EARLY STAGE 1 (KINDERGARTEN) NEWS

Congratulations Kindergarten on amazing performances last week. Thank you to the many parents and family members who helped before and on the day with costumes, props and hairspray! The School Concert happens every second year so students have three more to look forward to. Yay!

This week Mr Onslow has completed the Kindergarten Friendship Garden. It



has been established to provide another area for our younger students to play, explore and imagine,

while enjoying fresh air and connecting with nature. We hope they will socialise with their peers, learn to make friends in this safe environment and share their experiences with their families. To celebrate its completion, we held a Teddy Bear's



Picnic with singing, dancing and eating, of course. Thank you to Mr Michael Richards and students at Rutherford Technology High School (for the mural), Mr Kevin Onslow (our GA), PRD Nationwide Real Estate, Branxton Public School P&C, Mrs Maier's dad and Mrs Maier (fairy houses and letterbox).

Holidays are almost here. Keep up the reading and try writing about your holiday activities. Board games and card games are also great for keeping boredom at bay. We hope everyone can have a break from school routines and be rested and ready for a busy Term 4 – our last term of Kindergarten!

Mrs Quilty

STAGE 1 NEWS

Concert

Thank you to everyone who supported our concert last Thursday. The students had a fantastic time and we are all very proud of them.

Wetlands Excursion

Please remember to send in note and payments for our Term 4 excursion to the Wetlands. Cost is \$20. Please be mindful that the last day for payment for this excursion is **Friday 19th October.**



Holiday Fun

Here are 12 fun activities to keep your children occupied without leaving the comfort of home sweet home.

- Hold a cupcake/cookie decorating competition. ...
- Enjoy a movie marathon. ...
- Organise a bug hunt in the backyard. ...
- Let the kids loose in your wardrobe to put on a fashion parade. ...
- Turn the dining table into a cubby.
- Backyard cricket
- Paper plane flying
- Make a French knitting machine
- Make a cardboard box car
- Indoor obstacle course
- Rubber glove puppets
- Outdoor tent

Enjoy your holidays everyone!

Mrs Noble



STAGE 3 NEWS

Bathurst Excursion- Please make sure you have returned your dietary requirements sheet. The last day for payment is Friday. A note detailing items which need to be taken on the excursion has been sent home. Please use the holidays to ensure you have the items you are required to take. Room allocations will be determined next term, in the week prior to departure.



2019 leadership Opportunities- Next term we will be starting the process for our 2019 School Leaders. This process has just been reviewed with the Planning and policy committee and students will be made aware of the process early next term.

Have a great break and we look forward to the many exciting things which will occur in Term 4.

Mrs Ballenden

PBL

Our PBL Assemblies are on this Friday. The Infants Assembly will start at 9.20am followed by the Primary at approximately 9.50am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Following months of work, we are pleased to say that our Branxton Public School Wellbeing Policy has now been reviewed and updated. The final step of the process was with the Planning and Review Committee last week. A copy of this document will be added to the school website soon.

Congratulations to:

Lachlan and Nevada from Early Stage 1
Aailiyah and Sophie from Stage 1
Lachlan and Scarlet from Stage 2 and
Jasmine from Stage 3 who were our ticket draw winners over the last 2 weeks.

Tell Them from Me Parent Survey

The Tell Them From Me Parent Survey is anonymous, voluntary, and easy-to-use. It is based on a comprehensive questionnaire covering parents' perceptions of their child's experiences at home and at school. Insights into parent and staff communication, activities and practices at home, and parent voice on the school's support of learning and behaviour all build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.

We value your opinion. Please use the link below to complete the parent survey.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2018bps>

STAFF TRAINING

Mrs Quilty, Mrs Ballenden & Mrs Noble-
Primary Executive Network Conference

All staff have been involved in
Planning Days and data
meetings this week.



School holiday fun @ your library

TICKETS ON SALE MID-SEPTEMBER
Numbers strictly limited, pre-bookings essential, no refunds

Fire, Fire: Storytime Ages 2-8 Cost: FREE
Meet real firefighters, learn about fire safety, and check out a real fire truck!
Cessnock Library Tuesday October 2 10-10.45am

Kids Play Uke Ages 8+ Cost: FREE
Learn the basics of ukulele playing at this introductory workshop—
instruments provided—perform for your friends and family!
Cessnock Library Tuesday October 2 2-3pm
Kurri Kurri Library Wednesday October 3 2-3pm

"Under the Sea" Scratch Art Ages 8+ Cost: \$7.00
Scratch your own magical underwater world with local artist Michèle Heibel
Kurri Kurri Library Thursday October 4 10-11am
Cessnock Library Thursday October 4 1-2pm

Game On! Ages 8+ Cost: FREE
Challenge your friends on the Wii or Xbox—or your favourite board game.
Cessnock Library Friday October 5 10am-12pm
Kurri Kurri Library Monday October 8 2-4pm

Talk to the Animals Pet Storytime Ages 2-8 Cost: FREE
Stories, songs and craft—what's your favourite pet?
Cessnock Library Tuesday October 9 10-10.45am
Kurri Kurri Library Wednesday October 10 10-10.45am

Movie & Craft Ages 5+ Cost: FREE
Enjoy an afternoon at the movies, then make your own Nemo puppets!
Cessnock Library Wednesday October 10 2-4pm
Kurri Kurri Library Wednesday October 10 2-4pm

Creatures of the Deep with Emma Best Ages 5+ Cost: \$5.00
Learn about giant squids, gulper eels and other monsters of the deep—
what's down there and how ugly is it?
Kurri Kurri Library Thursday October 11 10-11am
Cessnock Library Thursday October 11 2-3pm

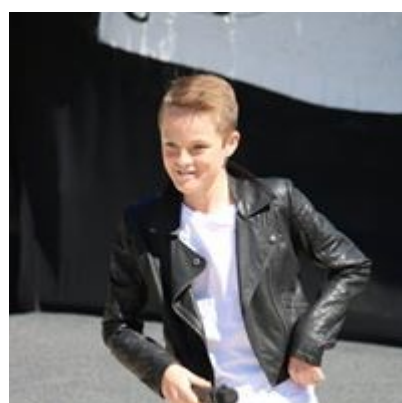
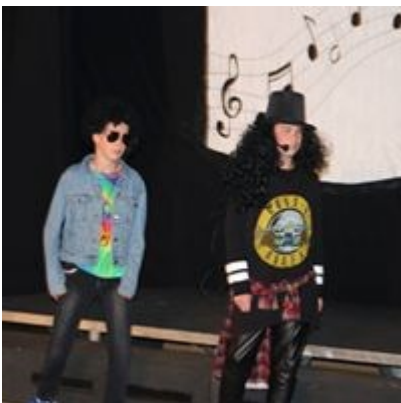
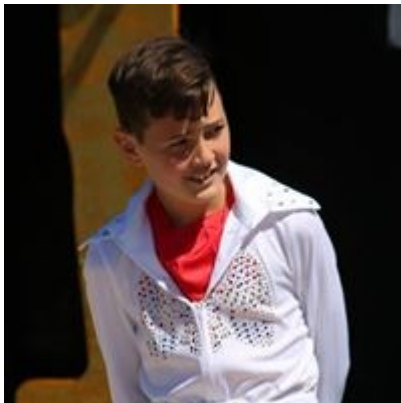
Bob Turner Wildlife Show Ages 7+ Cost: \$7.00
Get up close and personal with bugs, reptiles and all things that slither and
crawl in this entertaining and educational hands-on wildlife show.
Kurri Kurri Library Friday October 12 10-11am
Cessnock Library Friday October 12 1.30-2.30pm

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street
CESSNOCK 2325
Phone: 4993 4399

Cessnock City Library
Start here. go anywhere...

Kurri Kurri Library
253 Lang Street
KURRI KURRI 2327
Phone: 4937 1638





P&C NEWS

What a wonderful night the school concert was! A massive thank you to Mrs Mungovern for all of her hard work in organising the event, all of the teachers for their creativity with either dance moves, costumes (or both!), the parents who helped out with costumes and props and all of our fantastic students for putting on a show full of smiles and fun. This night showed us what our school spirit is all about – having a go, inclusivity and letting everyone shine. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to take the gold coin donations at the gate – we raised over \$750! A special thank you to Mick Michell for making the lights for the entrance and toilets – these lights are now a resource owned by the P&C to be used at future events.

Our fundraiser for next Term will be the Mangoes Fundraiser. We will be selling 7kg trays of mangoes for \$25 per tray. See the attached flyer and look out for orders to be opened up on flexischools very soon. We will also be advertising within the community but they will have the opportunity to order using a paper form. Feel free to share this with all of your friends and families once we post on our Facebook page. Orders should arrive at the end of November/early December, just in time for summer!

We have been approached by CGU Insurance to be part of a fundraising opportunity. I've attached a link to their website if you'd like to read more about how switching to CGU Insurance can aid Branxton Public School! <http://activecommunityinsurance.com.au/>

The school uniform shop will be starting to sell sunglasses at the beginning of Term 4. Orders will be made via flexischools and the sunglasses will be bottle green with the school name on them. We will wait for enough orders before purchasing them so they will arrive in time for summer.

Our stall at the Central Hunter Business and Community Expo on Saturday 27th October will be promoting our school's P&C and the valuable role we have within our school community. Make sure

you put in your diaries to come down to Miller Park to support all local businesses. Our stall will be holding a lolly jar guessing competition, raffling a lovely basket of children's books and also taking community orders for mangoes. At this stage we don't require any volunteers but make sure you come and say hello!

Key dates coming up:

- Next P&C Meeting – all welcome 6:00pm Monday 29th October.
- Central Hunter Business and Community Expo – Saturday 27th October.



2018 P&C Meeting Dates

Monday 6pm in Week 3 and Week 8 of each term

12 th February	18 th June	29 th October
19 th March (AGM)	6 th August	3 rd December
14 th May	10 th September	

To get in touch or keep up to date with the P&C like our Facebook page, read the school newsletter, talk to P&C members, email the address below, help at an event or come along to the next meeting. Thank you for your support Branxton Public School families.
Melissa, P&C Secretary

CANTEEN NEWS

Lunch orders for the last day of term can now be placed on the Flexischools website. Bakery and sandwich items will be available until sold out, I suggest placing orders early to avoid disappointment.



The summer canteen will begin on the first day of next term. We have some exciting new items being made in the canteen including Chicken fajitas, Mexican rice, Sushi bowls, Pasta salad and Sweet chilli chicken wraps.

Canteen Volunteers required! If you would like to help please drop in to the canteen for a chat or contact Sharyn on 0428520451.

Lunches & Munches**Canteen Summer Menu 2018/2019****DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS**

Available only on specified days

MONDAY

Fresh Pizza –

(Ham pineapple/Ham cheese/ BBQ chicken) \$3.00

TUESDAY

Chicken Fajitas (a wrap filled with Mexican spiced chicken, lettuce, cucumber and Greek yogurt) \$4.50

Mexican Rice (mildly spiced risotto with peas, corn and carrots) \$4.00

WEDNESDAY

Sweet chilli chicken wrap (grilled chicken, lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese and cucumber with sweet chilli sauce) \$5.00

Summer Pasta Salad (pasta with tomato, cucumber, and cheese with thousand island dressing) \$3.50

THURSDAY

Sushi Bowl (tuna and mayo OR teriyaki chicken served with rice, cucumber and carrot) \$4.00

Hawaiian Chicken Burger (grilled chicken, grilled pineapple, lettuce and cheese on a roll with BBQ sauce) \$4.50

FRIDAY

Pie \$3.00

Sausages roll \$2.50

MEAL DEALS \$5.00**Summer Power Pup Pack**

A toasted ham and cheese sandwich, frozen orange segments and a popper

Quilty Bento Box

A small salad wrap, tub of yogurt OR baked beans, slinky apple and a popper

HOT FOOD available Tuesday to Friday

Dinosaur nuggets 3 for \$1.80 / 6 for \$3.60

Gluten free nuggets 3 for \$1.80 / 6 for \$3.60

Party Pie \$1.60

Hot chicken roll with mayo \$3.50

Grilled Chicken Burger (lettuce and mayo) \$3.80

Meatball Sub (cheese and BBQ sauce) \$4.00

Ham and cheese toasted mini wrap \$2.80

Chicken and cheese toasted mini wrap \$2.80

Baked beans and cheese toasted pocket \$3.50

SALADS available Tuesday to Friday

Salad box (Lettuce, tomato, carrot, beetroot, pineapple, cucumber, cheese) \$4.00

Meat and salad box (diced chicken, ham or chicken tender) \$5.00

Warm Grilled Chicken and Salad \$5.50

SANDWICHES & WRAPS every day

Rolls +50c Toasted +30c

Meat (ham or chicken) \$2.50

Meat and cheese \$3.00

Cheese and tomato \$3.00

Salad \$4.00

Meat and salad \$4.50

Mini chicken snack wrap \$2.80

SNACKS every day recess and lunch

Vege sticks and dip 50c

Fresh fruit cup \$1.00

Slinky apple 80c

Seasonal Fruit 60c

Frozen fruit 60c

Yogurt tub \$1.00

Fruit and yogurt \$1.50

Chips \$1.00

Muffin \$1.50

Pop up specials available on Flexischool website

Lunches & Munches**Canteen Summer Menu 2018/2019****DRINKS**

Flavoured Milk	\$2.00
Chocolate/Banana/ Strawberry	
Plain milk	\$1.50
Water 600ml	\$1.50
Popper (orange, apple or tropical)	\$1.50

ICE TREATS pick up lunch time only

Juicie (three flavours)	\$1.00
Chocolate Moosie	\$1.00
Frozen Pineapple	\$0.60
Frozen Orange	\$0.60
Frozen grapes	\$0.60
Frozen Yoghurt (flavours vary)	\$2.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Sauce sachet	50c
Barbeque/Tomato/Sweet and Sour	
Fork	10c
Spoon	10c
Straw	.05c

Items with prices ranging from 50c to \$2 are available for purchase over the counter at Breakfast, Recess and Lunch. Not all items will always be available and are on a first come first served basis.

BREAKFAST every day from 8:30am

Toast with Butter	30c
Toast with Spread (Butter, Vegemite, Jam)	40c
Cereal scoop	20c
In season fruit	60c
Fruit cup	\$1.00
Up and Go	\$2.00
Warm Milo	\$1.00
Flavoured Milk	\$2.00
Sipper straw	\$1.00



***Please keep in mind our NUT
and EGG awareness policy***

The Lunches & Munches Canteen is managed by Branxton Public School P&C Association. Great products and prices are available five days a week thanks to our volunteers. New canteen volunteers are welcome all the time, even one day a term (9am to 2.30pm) would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please see Sharyn in the canteen to find out more.



Fresh North Queensland Mangoes

Direct from the farm to you!

Support Branxton Public School!

If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost: \$25 per 7kg tray

Place your order by: **Monday 29th October**

For further information contact: **Flexischools**

Money raised will be used for:

Pavement art for our playground

Mangoes will be delivered end of November, early December.

GREAT EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY  85 McMULLINS RD, BRANXTON NSW

BRANXTON RODEO

SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER



Photography by Tyler from Tyler Palmer Photography

GATES OPEN AT 7AM FOR COMPETITORS EVENT STARTS AT 9AM
FOOD STANDS & BBQ VARIETY OF STALLS MECHANICAL BULL
JUMPING CASTLE FOR THE KIDS FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
BAR WITH NEW EXPANDED DESIGNATED AREA

ENTRY FEE - Adults \$20 | Children & Concession \$10 | Family Pass \$50

NO ALCOHOL OR GLASS TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE GROUNDS - VEHICLES WILL BE SEARCHED



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!!

Enjoy active and engaging school holidays this October thanks to **PCYC Cessnock**. From multi-sport to gymnastics, there's something for everyone! Our program is for kids aged 18 months - 12 years old. Please note food is not provided, please pack recess and lunch.

OCTOBER 2018

MONDAY 1

TUESDAY 2

WEDNESDAY 3

THURSDAY 4

FRIDAY 5

MONDAY 8

TUESDAY 9

WEDNESDAY 10

THURSDAY 11

FRIDAY 12

Closed.

Multi-sport, gymnastics fun, trampoline & tumbling.

Multi-sport & free g.

Multi-sport, kindy gym & gymnastics.

Multi-sport, transition kindy gym & trampoline.

Multi-sport & junior boxing for fitness.

Multi-sport, gymnastics fun, trampoline & tumbling.

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Multi-sport, kindy gym & gymnastics.

Multi-sport, transition kindy gym & trampoline.

PRICE

\$35.00 PER DAY FOR MULTI-SPORT (9AM-4PM DAILY).

\$15.00 PER SESSION FOR GYMNASTICS (1 HOUR SESSIONS).

All children must be PCYC Members. Membership is \$10.00 for one year.

Hurry spaces are limited and subject to availability. Book now to secure your spot!

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1B Short Street Cessnock NSW 2325



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

WEEK 1

Monday 1st				Tuesday 2nd				Wednesday 3rd				Thursday 4th				Friday 5th			
Closed				Multi Sports	9am-4pm	\$35		Multi Sports	9am-4pm	\$35		Multi Sports	9am-4pm	\$35		Multi Sports	9am-4pm	\$35	
				Gymnastics Fun	12pm-1pm	\$15		Free G	11am-12pm	\$15		Kindy Gym (18m-5yrs)	10am-11am	\$15		Transition Kindy Gym (3-5yrs)	10am-11am	\$15	
				Trampoline Fun	1pm-2pm	\$15						Gymnastics Fun	12pm-1pm	\$15		Trampoline Fun	1pm-2pm	\$15	
				Tumbling	2pm-3pm	\$15													

WEEK 2

Monday 8th				Tuesday 9th				Wednesday 10th				Thursday 11th				Friday 12th			
Multi Sports	9am-4pm	\$35		Multi Sports	9am-4pm	\$35		Multi Sports	9am-4pm	\$35		Multi Sports	9am-4pm	\$35		Multi Sports	9am-4pm	\$35	
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 1B Short Street, Cessnock NSW 2325

Discount for
 siblings booked into
 Multi Sports



Youth Mental Health First Aid Course for Parents, Coaches, Carers

And any adult with a young person in their life



Is your teenager unusually sad or irritable?

Lost interest in the things they used to love?

Are they having trouble studying, working or maintaining positive relationships?

Has your teenager recently had major changes in thoughts, feelings and behaviours which are disrupting their daily life?

They may be developing a mental health problem.
You have what it takes to help.



Dates: Thur 4 and Fri 5 October 2018

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Venue: Club Maitland City, Rutherford

Cost: Free (rrp \$300)

Fully Catered

*You must attend both sessions to complete the course



Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches adults how to assist young people who are developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis.



You will learn:

- The signs and symptoms of developing mental health problems in young people including depression, anxiety, eating disorders, psychosis and substance misuse;
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Dates: Mon 8 and Mon 15 October 2018

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Venue: East Maitland Bowling Club, East Maitland

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Dates: Mon 22 and Wed 24 October 2018

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

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Dates: Thur 25 and Fri 26 October 2018

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Venue: East Maitland Bowling Club, East Maitland

Cost: Free (rrp \$300)

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