

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

Welcome back students, parents and teachers for another exciting year at Bellevue Hill PS. We have had a wonderful start to 2019 with many activities planned for the year.

Teaching staff for 2019 includes:

Kindergarten: Mr Andrews (Supervisor) & Mrs Currie, Ms Agoston, Ms Nuiklieng, Mrs Monahan & MS Mortimer and Ms Garbecht.

Year 1: Ms Coleman (Supervisor), Mr Rafael Richards, Ms Katy Du Plessis & Ms Liora Sack, Ms Kerrie Kernan & Ms Goldberg.

Year 2: Ms Cherrill (Supervisor), Ms Gabbay, Mr Shehadie and Ms Ross.

Year 3: Ms O'Connor (Supervisor), Ms Picone and Ms Milosevic.

Year 4: Ms Jenny Walker (Supervisor) & Ms Pike, Ms Wootten, and Ms Biggs.

Year 5: Ms Brash (Supervisor), Ms Levy, Ms Ireland & Ms Vlahos (support).

Year 6: Mr Aylmer (Supervisor), Mrs Keeble and Mr Louch.

Parent Teacher Information Sessions

Parents and carers are invited to join their class teachers for 2019 on the following day in WEEK 3:

Day	Time	Year Group	Location of event
Monday, 11/02/19	6pm	Year 3	Year 3 Space
Tuesday 12/02/19 (swimming carnival)	6pm	Kindergarten	Hall
	6pm	Year 1	Year 1 Space
	6pm	Year 2	Year 2 Space
Wednesday 13/02/19	6pm	Year 4	Year 4 Space
	6pm	Year 5	Year 5 Space
	6pm	Year 6	Year 6 Space
Thursday			
Friday			

Increased Student Safety

A new raised crossing was completed in Birriga Road over the holidays. This crossing is greatly appreciated by students, staff, parents and the wider community as it replaces a very inadequate central island which was very dangerous for all concerned. Many thanks to Philippe Moreau, Year 6 parent who initiate action to obtain this crossing and to Gabrielle Upton who finalised funding for this venture.

International Study Tour

We are fortunate to welcome students from **Chengdu Longjiang Road Public School** in China who will be involved in a 6-day student tour of our school from Friday 8/2/19 to Friday 15/2/19. Thirteen students, accompanied by 4 teachers will be engaged in a variety of lessons across the school including sport, languages and aboriginal inspired dance.

Cooler Classrooms Program

Bellevue Hill PS is eligible to apply for air conditioning for the new building under the Dept of Education's Cooler Classrooms initiative. The new building already has some infrastructure to support the installation of air con into those classrooms. This will be welcome relief for students, teachers and parents to understand this is in the pipeline.

In the meantime, strategies for respite in extreme heat are being employed by teachers which include but are not restricted to activities outside in the shade in the park and using other spaces in the school with air con eg the hall and upstairs classrooms in the old building.

In addition, the school paid to have tinting of all windows in the new building over the holidays. This is designed to reduce glare and heat and has been very successful this week.

Sue Bennett,
Principal



Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- ✦ School newsletters
- ✦ Notices
- ✦ Events
- ✦ Cancellations
- ✦ Reminders
- ✦ ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!

Username: BHPS (case sensitive)

Password: Infonews (case sensitive)

**Payments are required for the following:
Via the school website**

<http://bellevuehillpublicschool.com>

Click on the 'payments' tab and complete the relevant fields marked with a green asterisk only.

Please note that payments made will not appear on our records for up to 24hrs and is why we ask for payments to be finalised two days prior!

Prompt payment appreciated for School Levies 2019:

Year K - \$443.00

Year 1 - \$448.50

Year 2 - \$437.50

Year 3 - \$437.50

Year 4 - \$437.50

Year 5 - \$437.50

Year 6 - 437.50

Advance Notice: Calendar

Term 1 - February

Week 1

Friday 1 PSSA Trials

Week 2

Tuesday 5 PSSA Trials
Friday 8 PSSA Begins
Welcome to Chinese students

Week 3

Monday 11 CoSiES Meeting at BH
P/T Info Year 3
Tuesday 12 Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6
P/T Info for Kindergarten, Y1 & Y2
Wed 13 P/T info Year 4, 5 & 6
Thurs 14 Year 5 Excursion to Bondi Junction
SCPSSA PL at BH
Friday 15 Farewell to Chinese students

Week 4

Wed 20 Yr 5 Science Incursion
Thurs 21 Dutch Principals' visit

Week 6

Monday 4 P&C Meeting
Tuesday 5 CoSiES PL at BH
Wed 6 OZ Opera
Zone Swimming

Week 8

Friday 22 SCPSSA concludes
Sat 23 NSW State Election

Week 11

Fri 12 End of Term 1

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Merit & You Can Do It Awards

Year 3:

Jack I
Rebecca M
Adina N
Leah S
Alec W
Leah Z

Year 4:

Marlon L,
Amelie L,
Dylan M,
Leon D,
Samuel G,
Keira S

Year 5:

Theodore B,
Jamie G
Shiri G
Joel K
Ari L
Andrew S,

Year 6:

Ashleigh D
Sari D
Jonah L
Lacinda M
Angelina S
Claire W



Raised Crossing to increase student and community safety.

The Student leadership team:

Kiara Lapedus and Danny Allul Orozco (Captains),

Willow Lang and Aaron Buchman (Vice-Captains),

Racher Sarakinsky and Harvey Connelly (SRC Representatives)

inspecting the new crossing with Gabrielle Upton, MP for Vacluse and Sue Bennett, Principal.

Many thanks to Philippe Moreau, Year parent who initiate and achieved this venture.





Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a large volume of lost property being left around the school. We encourage you to discuss with your child/children, the importance of responsibility of personal belongings during the day, especially during recess and lunch.

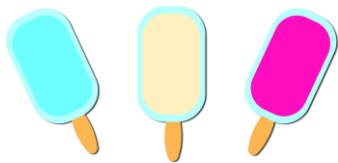
All lost property is checked on Monday mornings. Nameless items are disposed of or given to the uniform shop to be washed and sold. Items with names are left on the blue lost property counter for 2 weeks only. Most items are given out if possible during Monday morning lines.

Any unmarked items will be given to charity or disposed of, on a fortnightly basis.

Please ensure you have your child's full name and current class on all items.

'White Out' works perfectly and doesn't wash off easy.

ICE BLOCK DAYS



Every Tuesday and Thursday at recess (11am) at the Canteen under the COLA – weather permitting!

Kindergarten students may only purchase a 99% fruit juice tube.

All ice blocks are \$1

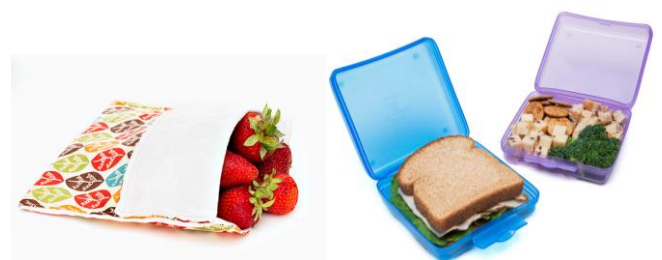
Green Team



Packing sustainable lunches can be a challenging task. Here are some great ideas for a Waste-Free lunch thanks to Plant Ark's Waste-Free Lunch Challenge.

- Pack your sandwich and snacks in a reusable container or reusable sandwich bag.
- Use beeswax wraps to hold snacks and sandwiches.
- Use a reusable water bottle.
- Buy a large tub of yoghurt and share out smaller portions into reusable containers.
- Use durable and reusable cutlery.

Remember to pack a Waste-Free lunch on a Wednesday!



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BAND AND MUSIC NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to 2019! We hope you all had a fantastic break and are ready for a huge musical year at Bellevue Hill Public School.

There is still time to sign up for all of our music programs this year. A few students missed the demo and trial days at the end of last year. Miss Jenn will be coming in on Wednesday 6th of February for any students that would like to come and have a look at what instruments are on offer this year. Please email us or call to book in a time.

You can find all the information for our programs and sign up form on the Bellevue Hill Public School website.

<http://www.bellevuehillpublicschool.com/curriculum.php?id=48>

Please see key dates below for this term:

Key Dates

- Wednesday 13th of February – Senior Band Recommences: NEW TIME: 8am-9am
- Wednesday 13th of February – Private lessons and violin lessons commence
- Thursday 14th of February – All group lessons start for both senior and new training band students, drum lessons recommence
- Thursday 21st of February – TRAINING BAND STARTS: 8am-9am in the school hall
- Hot Cross Buns morning – Date TBC

All students will be picked up for their lessons in the first few weeks of the program. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We hope you have all had a great first week!

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Barrett and The Music Suite Team

Phone: 0450 168 064

Email: info@themusicsuite.com.au

Honorable contribution of the Russian groups to the SBS National Language Competition

These Certificates of Recognition were proudly awarded to students who contributed to the SBS National Language Competition late last year.

The students had to take or draw a picture showing "What amazing possibilities learning Russian opens for you".

*Dr Petrova,
Russian Language Teacher*



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LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to all families. I trust you all had a fun-filled summer with the occasional literary delight! The predominant news from the library is that the special milestone PRC Awards finally arrived over the holidays and will be presented to the students at an upcoming assembly. Congratulations to the students who received a Gold Certificate for completing 4 PRCs and to Adam Guthrie for being acknowledged with a Platinum Certificate for completing 7 PRCs. Here is a proud photo of Adam receiving his certificate after his first day at High School. Well done to all students.



For our Harry Potter Fans, you may be interested in the event I have posted below! Happy Reading!

Miss Smith

Harry Potter Book Night 2019 at Dymocks

We are thrilled to announce 'Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry' as the theme for Harry Potter Book Night 2019. As the scene of so many seminal moments in the Harry Potter stories it feels high time we celebrate all things Hogwarts! There are prizes up for grabs for Hogwarts trivia, Pin the tail on the Hippogriff and of course for the dress up competition. We'll have some fun with potions and a Hogwarts treasure hunt.

We'll provide the refreshments and all ages are welcome! Please RSVP to eventscoordinator@dymocks.com.au

Date: Thursday, 7 February 2019
Time: 5-6.30pm
Place: Dymocks Book Store
424 George St. Sydney

BHPS kids need your help NOW!



PARENT TUTOR PROGRAM

Bellevue Hill Public School runs a unique and essential Parent Tutor Program that caters for students who have not acquired the basic skills needed to become functional readers.

Children who have failed to learn to read in the first few years of schooling need intensive, systematic reading instruction if they are not to fall further behind, or even become complete non-readers.

Parents, grandparents and friends of BHPS can volunteer as much or as little of their time to give one on one support to children who qualify for the program.

The Parent Tutor Program is an extremely valuable program in our school that supports students learning to read. It involves the school and our community working together to help our children achieve their potential.

Training will be supplied by the NSW Education Department at the school.

For more information please contact:

Vivienne Beck – Parent Tutor Program Coordinator
vivienne.beck@det.nsw.edu.au

Please note: anyone interested in volunteering will need a current Working with Children Check.

TUTORS NEEDED URGENTLY!



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GO WITH THE FLOW (GWTF) RULES

We all want safety for our kids and to keep Go With The Flow going!

Please follow these rules:

ONLY THE FIRST 15 CARS in the queue are allowed to park, no double parking down Birriga Road as you will be booked! Please use the turning circle at the school, turn right onto Birriga and use the roundabout to then re-join the queue.

NO DOUBLE PARKING on either side of the slip road – offenders will be photographed. Police and rangers are patrolling the area both morning and afternoon.

NO PARENTS SHOULD BE GETTING OUT OF THEIR CAR in the GWTF line as this causes unnecessary delays. Please be courteous, considerate and use common sense when dropping off or picking up kids in GWTF.

SHOW APPRECIATION TO ALL OUR HELPERS with a simple smile and thank you, while they are assisting your children.

GIVE CARS ON THE RIGHT AND BEHIND YOU, RIGHT OF WAY when pulling off from the GWTF line.

BUSES HAVE RIGHT OF WAY before attempting to use the turning circle

PLEASE DO NOT SLIP INTO THE GWTF LINE UNLESS YOU SEE A LARGE ENOUGH SPACE to Park parallel with the pavement. (Many cars park at an angle which creates further congestion).

PLEASE PASS ON THIS INFORMATION to anyone picking up your children

ALL NEW GWTF USERS AND KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Please contact bellevuehillGWTF@gmail.com should you like to use the GWTF system.

The shifts are: **MORNING SHIFT (8.45am – 9.15am)** or **AFTERNOON SHIFT (3.10pm -3.40pm)**.

If you are unable to make your shift, please first try and find a replacement. In the case of illness please let bellevuehillGWTF@gmail.com know as soon as possible.

If you have a number and don't already assist with GWTF your number will be cancelled in term 2 unless you give 2 dates you are able to assist.

Guidelines and notes are included to assist helpers on how the system works (new helpers will always work with an experienced helper, to receive further assistance to familiarise themselves with how the system works).

CONTACT: bellevuehillGWTF@gmail.com if you have available dates to help for term 1 2019 and/or would like to start using GWTF in term 1, 2017.

