

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAPLAN online

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy NAPLAN is being transitioned by the Department of Education to an online assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. This year, students year 3 & 5 at Bellevue Hill PS will be completing their assessment online for reading, writing, spelling, grammar & punctuation and numeracy, except Year 3 will still complete their writing task manually with paper and pen. The online tests are differentiated to students ability as they answer questions correctly or incorrectly.

These tests take place in May and will provide important information for teachers and parents about the students' learning.

Art, Writing and Song Competition

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Students can write a story or poem, draw or paint a picture, make a sculpture or form a group to write and perform a song or a dance.

Let your imagination go wild! Entries close 10 May 2019.

Friendship Circle Fundraiser

The Friendship Circle is a charity which celebrates disability and diversity as well as supporting children with special needs. Details of a movie fundraiser can be found inside the newsletter this week.

Attendance

Students are required by law to attend school between the prescribed hours operating at their school. As you are aware, Bellevue Hill operates between 9.15 am and 3.15 pm. Students should arrive at school well before the starting time and should not be leaving early before dismissal time. Apart from the legal requirement, teachers often spend the **first 15 minutes** on a personal development/wellbeing exercise with the children to start the day positively, as well as the last 15 minutes on finalising organisational matters pertaining to the day or the following day.

It is disruptive for the students, teachers and office staff for children to arrive late or be picked up early.

Please note, when this does happen, a late note or early leaver's note is entered onto our system as an **unjustified absence** as appointments should be made out of school time. These records are reviewed by the Dept of Education's Home School Liaison Officer at regular intervals when unjustified absences are questioned.

P&C Meeting

A reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held at 7.30 pm in the staffroom. Please join us for this important event.

General Satisfaction Survey

Many thanks to parents who have responded to the survey I posted last week. We currently have 107 responses, so there is still plenty of others who are still to take part. Please click on the link below and enter your thoughts.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T5DK5ZG>

Sue Bennett,
Principal

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.



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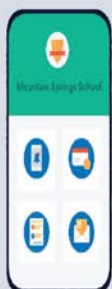
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SkoolBag

Advance Notice: Calendar

MARCH

Week 6

Monday 4 P&C Meeting
Tuesday 5 CoSiES PL at BH
Wed 6 OZ Opera
Zone Swimming- selected students
Friday 8 – 10 P&C Camping Weekend

Week 8

Friday 22 SCPSSA concludes
Sat 23 NSW State Election

Week 9

APRIL

Week 11

Fri 12 End of Term 1

TERM 2

APRIL

Mon 29 Pupil Free Day
Tues 30 Students return to school

Thank you to those parents who have promptly paid their school levies. All funds are expended on student resources to improve our education delivery at BH.

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

Bellevue Hill Public School

Merit & You Can Do It Awards

Year K: Eliana H, Theo T, Leon T, Aline M, Jay T, Celine G

Year 1: : Lielle N, Zachary P, Jeese U, Galya F, Noah H, Gemma M, Jessie F, Leah B, Noah H, Gemma M, Jessie F, Leah B

Year 2: Mia W, Victoria B, Cailin L, Maytal G, Lily Rose O, Sophia R, Jessica L, Nathan T, Jessica L, Nathan T

Year 3: Calev B, Ashley U, Jayden L, Shia H, Ella J Mackenzie L

Year 4: Eithann B, Leah M, Ari B, Iris Z, Dean J, Jaidan F, Natasha J, Levi K

Year 5: Zoey W, Aaron H

Year 6: Lacinda M, Lola A, Liam I-L, Shahaf L, Jemima M, Hero H

Russian: Jet J W (Yr K), Eno B (Yr 1), Eva Holbrook (Yr1), Cassidy L (Yr 3,) Rolan S (Yr 5), Isabella L (Yr 6)

Hebrew: Amelia D (Yr K), Amitai H (Yr K), Alessia C (Yr 1), Leah B (Yr 1), Asher A (2G) Bronte L (Yr 2), Mikah A (Yr 3), Alexis C (Yr 4), Lily S (Yr 5), Lola A (Yr 6) Zachary P (Yr 1), Ori M (Yr 2), Joshua S (Yr 3), Leah M (Yr 4), Zaneta D (Yr 5), Amber H (Yr 6)

Library: Cassidy L (3P), Lexie C (4W), Anna Koles (5L), Lucy E (6L)

IMPORTANT

Getting To Know Your Child In 2019

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have completed the 'Getting to know your child' online form. If you could kindly take 2 minutes to complete this form it will greatly assist our teachers in understanding your child's routines. Please note that this form is kept confidential and will only be viewed by your child's classroom teachers. <https://tinyurl.com/bhps2019>

Getting to Know Your Child in 2019

* Required

Bellevue Hill Public School



Child's First Name *

Your answer

Child's Last Name *



**Do you recognise these?
Please see the office!**

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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.

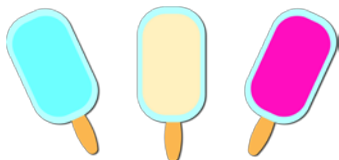
All lost property is checked on Monday mornings. Nameless items are disposed of or given to the uniform shop to be washed and sold. Items with names are left on the blue lost property counter for 2 weeks only. Most items are given out if possible during Monday morning lines.

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



Congratulations to those students who were selected to be part of the Green Team this year! *Green Team meetings will run every Tuesday lunch in the Year 5 classrooms.*

With smiles on our faces and waste free lunches, the Green Team met on Tuesday for our first meeting of the year. We began by going around in a circle, introducing ourselves to each other and then watched a short video clip about the [King in his castle](#). We discussed the connection of the video to the environment and shared our thoughts as a group. Afterwards, we brainstormed a list of ideas to make BHPS a more environmentally school and how we can implement and explore these ideas over the coming weeks.



Friendship Circle



Staff News



Dr Irina Petrova was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation for presenting at the Russian Communities United Through Language Conference at the end of 2018. The event was hosted by NSW Department of Education.

Dr Petrova's presentation was called "Developing a strong and engaging primary language program". She presented to an audience of more than 70 teachers from across NSW. The topics included an explanation of the main components of an effective Russian language teaching program. She shared a number of effective teaching strategies that help in engaging students in a primary school classroom.

Also, Dr Petrova received excellent feedback on her approach to teaching Russian from specialist language teachers, who mentioned that the knowledge they gained would help them to improve their own teaching practices. Many teachers asked for a copy of the presentation slides and commented on how brilliantly it was delivered to the teachers.



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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 try and find a replacement.

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 will be provided to assist helpers on how the system works.

CONTACT: bellevuehillGWTF@gmail.com if you would like to start using GWTF and/or to provide your available dates to assist for Term 1 2019.



thoughts 'n' dreams

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Great
Prizes
to be won!

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**HURRY! ENTRIES CLOSE
FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2019**



WELCOME TO KIDS CLUB Before Care, After Care and Holiday Club

Kids Club is a fantastic Before and After School Care Centre in the grounds of Bellevue Hill Public School where your child/ren can come along with their friends for a morning or afternoon filled with sport, science activities, indoor and outdoor games and loads more.

If you are interested in finding out more please visit our website at www.kidsclubosh.com.au

Enrolling at Kids Club is easy, just click onto Forms on our website then download, complete and return your Enrolment Form to the centre or email it to admin@kidsclubosh.com.au.

We have both permanent and casual bookings available.

If you have any questions or would like to come in and have a look around please call 9369 3643 or email bellevuehill@kidsclubosh.com.au

You Can Do It in Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been focusing on getting along with each other and how we can be inclusive and kind to others. The students have become our resident experts on how to give compliments and receive them with kindness. We practiced giving kinder compliments that are about someone's personality rather than their appearance and discussed how compliments make us and others feel. Colourful posters were created and displayed in our space to promote kindness in our classroom. Hopefully you will hear some kind words at home this week parents!

Here are some lovely examples from our kind Year 2's!

Compliments we gave:

"You are the best friend I've ever had" Lily

"You are a very nice person" Dean

How we receive them with kindness:

"Thank you for saying that, that's really nice" Maytal

"Thank you for your nice compliment to me" Oliver

How do they make us feel?

"Warm" Jessica

"Very happy" Ethan R

"Grateful" Leo H

"Happy" Charlotte

"I feel lovely" Chloe



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 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!



2019 CLASS PARENTS

Request for Parent Information

Please send your details to your Class Parent as soon as possible.

Dear Parents and Carers

Hi, my name is Jo Miller and together with Nina Buchman, we are the class parent co ordinators for BHPS P&C.

One of your fellow parents has kindly offered to take on the role of Class Parent for your class. They have been asked to get a class list together with your contact details.

This Parent Contact List is used for a variety of things. It will be used for passing on information from the P&C and the school about upcoming events...you can also use it for organising play dates and birthday parties.

Once your class parent has completed your list she will email it back out to you, so you have everyone's details.

Please note though, that these contact details are NEVER to be used for any external marketing purposes.

If you could please email your class parent below with the following information as soon as possible...that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you also to those wonderful parents who have volunteered as your class parents!

i] Child's name and class

ii] Address [OPTIONAL]

iii] Parent/Carers name/s [primary carer or both]

iv] Parent/Carers mobile number/s [primary carer or both]

iv] Parent/Carer email address/es [primary carer or both]

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1R Nicola Schie	nicola.schie@gmail.com	5B Caroline Luft	luft.caroline@gmail.com
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2C Deena Sher	deena.sher@gmail.com	6A Jo Miller	jo@hopwoodmiller.com
2R Danna Goodman	dannagoodman@gmail.com	6K Nina Buchman	nina@crossbowss.com
2G Deena Meyerson	deenameyerson@gmail.com	6L Jodi Paul-Epstein	jpaulepstein@gmail.com

THANK YOU for your help in advance. Please feel free to contact either Nina or myself if you have any questions.

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Nina Buchman
Class Parent Coordinator
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Bellevue Hill
Public School
P&C

READY FOR THIS?!

Keen to get away from it all? Ready for a change in scenery?

Come join us on another fun-filled weekend relaxing with friends, meeting new people, letting your kids run free and immersing yourself in that unique BHPS community spirit

BHPS P&C'S 19TH CAMPING ADVENTURE

When: Fri 8th to Sun 10th March 2019

Where: CATTAL National Park Campground, Hawkesbury River



An EASY 60 kms from Sydney

The campsite will be exclusively ours for the weekend!!!

Kids love the wide open spaces, ideal for riding bikes, playing sports and running around. The campground is right on the banks of the Hawkesbury River with fishing and swimming a stone's throw away. There are shady spots to enjoy a barbecue with picnic tables and gas and wood BBQ's (remember to bring your own firewood).

Facilities include a well-maintained amenities block with hot showers and flush toilets. This is an unpowered campground i.e. there's no electricity (other than the showers/toilets).

You'll probably be woken by the laughter of Kookaburras in the morning and don't be surprised if you see a group of kangaroos peeking at you through the bushes

EARLYBIRD PRICE for the weekend: \$45 per person (Same for adults & kids) - includes one raffle ticket per family

\$50 per person after 28th of February



BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

1. Click on the link below or copy into your browser:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BAURR>

2. Enter the required registration and payment details via trybooking.com

All enquiries to Yaron Allul at: bhpscamping@yahoo.com.au



Dear School Principal

Not-for-profit student exchange organisation, World Education Program (WEP) Australia, is currently seeking local families to host overseas exchange students arriving in Australia in July 2019.

As a not-for-profit, we rely on the support of primary schools like yours and we hope you'll be able to find some space in your newsletter to include the attached flyer. An electronic version is [available here](#).

Hosting opens minds and hearts, providing a wonderful opportunity for Australian families to welcome a slice of the world into their home.

"Hosting has been one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences for our family. Being able to share this experience has had a positive effect on all of my children."

- Host parents, Candice and Kristin.



Thank you for your support

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Debra Cain'.

Debra Cain OLY
CEO