PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School Written Reports Survey
Bellevue Hill Public School is currently moving to a new platform for school written reports which are usually sent home at the end of Term 2. As part of this process, we would welcome your participation in reviewing our reports.

All school reports must follow the Department of Education policy. This includes providing information on:
- students’ learning in each of the key learning areas
- using the required A-E or Outstanding – Limited scale as described in the policy
- teacher comments that identify areas of student strength and areas for further development
- student’s attendance at school
- student achievement in relation to school programs that extend or are additional to syllabus requirements
- student’s social development and commitment to learning.

Please click on the link below and complete the survey: [https://forms.gle/QqqsrSQ6B18jD1r98](https://forms.gle/QqqsrSQ6B18jD1r98)

Applications for Year 5 Opportunity Class
The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2020 is about to begin.
**Tuesday 30 April 2019:** Online applications open
**Friday 17 May 2019:** Online applications close
**Wednesday 31 July 2019:** OC Placement Test
Interested parents:

Some Important Dates for your Diary
- 30 April: Students return
- May 9: School Photos (NB Kindy only)
- July 31: Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Aug 7: School Photos
- Aug 14: K-2 Athletics Carnival
- Sept 18-20: Year 5 Camp
- **Oct 28,29,31:** Rehearsals for Musical K-6*
- Nov 6-8: Year 4 Camp
- **Nov 11 – 13:** SCHOOL MUSICAL Sths Jnrs*
- Nov 15 -17: P&C Camp
- Dec 16: Year 6 Farewell
- Dec 17: School Picnic
- Dec 18: Last Day Term 4

*NB Changed dates

Starting The Conversation... Introducing the Holocaust to young readers
The Sydney Jewish Museum is proud to partner with the Sydney Writer’s Festival to present acclaimed Australian authors Jackie French AM and Morris Gleitzman. French and Gleitzman will discuss their respective books written with the Holocaust as the subject and how this difficult subject can be introduced to young readers.

We will also introduce 3 Holocaust survivors whose memoirs have been published as books that younger readers can relate to. Dr Helen Lewis – author of the award winning novel *The Dead Still Cry Out*, will introduce the event.


Have a Happy Easter and a wonderful holiday.
Sue Bennett,
Principal
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:**

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**Advance Notice: Calendar**

**TERM 2**

**APRIL**

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**May**

| 3 | SCPSSA Sport begins |
| 6 | P&C Meeting 7.30 pm |
| 13 | Kindy Excursion to Calmsley Farm |
| 14 | NAPLAN online Y3&Y5 commences |
| 21 | Zone Cross Country |
| 22 | Musica Viva |
| 23 | NAPLAN online ceases |
| 27 | Living Eggs in Kindy |
| 28 | Peer Mediation Year 5 |

**June**

| 3 | P&C Meeting at 7.30pm |
| 10 | Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday |
| 11 | Amazing Me Parent Night |
| 17 | Amazing Me Year 6 |
| 18 | Amazing Me Year 5 |
| 24 | Strings & Recorders Rehearsal |
| 25 | Kindergarten incursion Shelter Building |
|  | Amazing Me Year 5 |

**July**

| 1 | Year 1 Excursion to Vaucluse House No. 1 |
| 2 | Year 1 Excursion to Vaucluse House No. 2 |
| 5 | SCPSSA concludes |
|  | Last day Term 2 |

**Term 3**

**July**

| 22 | Pupil Free Day |
| 23 | All students return to school |
|  | NAIDOC WEEK |
Merit & You Can Do It Awards

**Year K:** Taylor O, Rachel Q, Charlie M, Violet M, Jesse TH, Sebastian L, Isabella D, Joshua C, Talia F

**Year 1:** Katie C, Oliver S, Amitai K, Taytum D, Kane W, Caleb B, Ariella G, Cyan W

**Year 2:** Uri M, Valery D, Hannah S, Mayra S, Noam M, Luca R

**Year 3:** Thomas L, Josh L, Talia G, Ji Sung P, Austin L, Greg C

**Year 4:** Gemma W, Rafael J, Alexander A, Jaimee A, Rafael W, Liel R

**Year 5:** Yoshi SP, Aaliyah P, Josh L, Amy K

**Year 6:**

**Hebrew:**
Yr K - Levi Tanny, Ella R, Amichai R, Joshua T
Yr 1 – Jake A,
Yr 2 – Hannah S, Jordana G
Yr 3 – Jedd M, Danielle L
Yr 4 – Indiana D, Lila S, Alessia R
Yr 5 – Tristan D-P, Aaliyah P, Jamie G
Yr 6 – Sharon L, Joshua E, Joel C

**Italian:** Lyla T (Yr1), Soham K (Yr5), Tommy N (Yr6)

**Russian:** Violet M (YrK), Magali D (Yr 1), Valeria D (Yr2), Daniella A (Yr3), Honey H (Yr5)

Parliament & Civics Education Rebate (PACER) – Yr 6 Canberra Camp

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The rebate is being paid directly to the school. Please note that this amount was already deducted from the invoice parents were given.
**Library and Public Speaking News**

Congratulations to the many students who have enthusiastically begun reading and logging books for the **2019 Premier’s Reading Challenge**. It is exciting to see our amazing library and its abundance of resources being used regularly by the BHPS students, staff and families. Holidays are now here, so on this occasion we have been collecting books in order to maintain the upkeep of our growing resources, however we do usually allow borrowing over the break.

Do not despair because there is still plenty to do online, if you are not travelling over the break. Students can navigate to the **ORBIT** homepage for links to Storyline Online, Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Typing Tournament, Kids National Geographic, ABC Splash and other information and games websites and the **OLIVER NEWS** homepage for links to The Literacy Shed, the 2019 Australian Children’s Laureate, the CBCA Kids Page and the 2019 Australia Post Legends. So make sure you jump online if you need activity ideas.

On the ORBIT Homepage, you will also find the pics for the **2019 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition**. This is an optional Year 3-6 activity only, so if you are planning to participate start researching one of the topics in readiness for a showcase in early Term 2. More news about that in Week 1.

Happy Reading and Happy Holidays!

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**P&C Fundraiser**

**The Entertainment Book 2019**

For great deals on dining, takeaway, attractions as well as travel and retail offers.


If a hard copy book is required rather than the electronic version, once payment has been made, bring along your receipt or you may like to send it with your child to collect your book from the office.

**Contact:** Vanessa Fajwul: Mob: 0411 376 395

**Email:** fudges@gmail.com
Attached to this BelleNews is an entry form for the 11th Annual Friends of Myall Creek ‘Thoughts ‘n’ Dreams’ Student Art, Writing and Song Competition.

The competition is open to all school children from years K to 12. Join hundreds of other school kids across NSW to say NO to racism... and yes to treating everyone with respect and understanding. This years theme is: Living Lingo... 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages.

Write a story or poem, draw or paint a picture, make a sculpture or grab your friends and write and perform a song or a dance. Let your imagination go wild! Enter NOW!

HURRY! ENTRIES CLOSE
FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2019

Please see attached advert for further information!

The inaugural Sydney South African Film Festival will be held from May 9th to the 19th 2019 at Event Cinemas in Bondi Junction.

This not-for-profit event is raising money for Education without Borders, an already proven educational program and school operating in South Africa in disadvantaged communities.

You can check the information for the festival at http://www.ssafl.org.au/ and about the charity organisation at https://www.educationwithoutborders.ca/

The first movie, Liyana will be of particular interest to teachers as well, as it demonstrates the power of storytelling.
News from the Russian Classes

We congratulate Year 3-6 students who won shiny silver stars on their homework books for being well organised. The sparkling golden stars are proudly placed on students’ class books for outstanding cursive writing.

Dr Petrova – Russian language Teacher

Bellevue Hill Public School is in the Top 10 Rankings of schools in the Eastern Suburbs.

An Article from the Newspaper this week wrote:

The results are in and the east’s 2018 top NAPLAN performing schools can be revealed.

The tests, which annually score the nation’s students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 on questions developed by experts, are used to guide decision-makers in selecting which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

The eastern suburbs is known for the prestigious private schools that educate the offspring of the nation’s most wealthy, but it might not all be about money when it comes to primary education with 2 public school’s ranking third and eighth.

Bellevue Hill Public Primary School was the only other government school to make the top 10, coming in eighth (other than Woollahra Public School)

We are so proud of the results we achieve here at Bellevue Hill Public School and we are continually striving to not only support our students to reach academic goals, but to develop their learning assets, thinking skills, inquiring minds, social, emotional and physical wellbeing.
Resilience with Year K
This week KV continued to learn about what it means to be confident and what being confident looks and sounds like both in the classroom and on the playground. We know we are confident when:

- We are not afraid to make mistakes.
- We attempt work that is challenging.
- We believe in ourselves.
- We are proud of our work.
- We enjoy answering and asking questions.
- We speak in a loud voice and stand ‘big’ and ‘tall’ when delivering our news.
- We are not afraid to make new friends.
- We solve our own problems by following the ‘Three Steps’: 1. “Stop it, I don’t like it”, 2. Walk away, 3. Tell a teacher.

This week KV read and discussed the ‘The Dot’ by Peter H Reynolds which tells the story of a young girl, Vashti, who does not believe she can draw until her teacher encourages her to “just make a mark and see where it takes you”. The teacher asks Vashti to sign her ‘dot’. The following day, Vashti sees her artwork has been framed and hung on the wall. This inspires her to experiment with more dots and she even encourages another student, who believes he cannot draw, to take the same risk.

KV created their own unique ‘dot’, which they signed and framed, to remind them to always believe in themselves and to never give up. I have proudly displayed KV’s artwork in the classroom to encourage the children to look at their ‘marks’ whenever they need that little burst of confidence.

Miss Agoston