



Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4 at Bellevue Hill Public School. This final term for 2020 is a busy one with something special happening almost every week.:

Next week is Book Week.
Week 5: NAIDOC Week
Week 5: Kindy (virtual) student tour
Week 7: Art show
Week 9: Virtual Presentation Day
Week 10: Year 6 farewell
16 December: Last day of school.

Please see the Parent Sentral Portal calendar for a full list of events.



This week Mrs. Bennett had a sneak preview of some of the Year 2 artwork as they prepare for the art show in Week 7.

Year 5 Parents Selective High School 2022

Applications for placement in Year 7 in selective high schools in 2022 opened on 13 October 2020 and will close on 16 November 2020. This information was sent to all Year 5 parents on Monday. To apply please click [HERE](#)

Curious Creatures Wild Minds

**Book Week 2020
19 - 23 October**

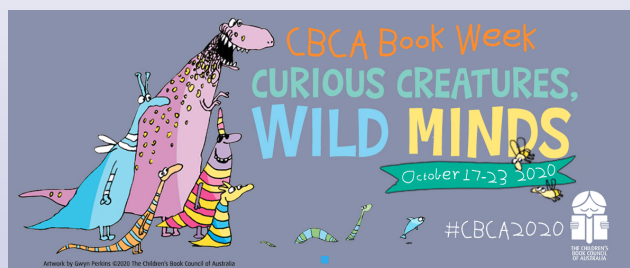
One of the highlights of our calendar year is Book Week with an amazing whole school character parade. This year the parades will be class based and held on Wednesday, 21 October. Students are to wear/bring their costume on this day. Students in Years 1-6 also need to borrow or bring the book that their character is from to school and be ready to read a favourite paragraph.

Mrs Balafoutis, our teacher-librarian has organised an online drama production of two beautiful books for the students to watch.

There will also be some fabulous surprises to stimulate the students' curiosity and involvement in inquiry tasks.'

***'If you go down to BHPS in Week 2
You're sure of a big surprise
If you go down to BHPS on Wednesday
You'd better go in disguise!'***

(Adapted from Teddy Bear's Picnic lyrics, Sony)



**Cherie Stone
Deputy Principal**

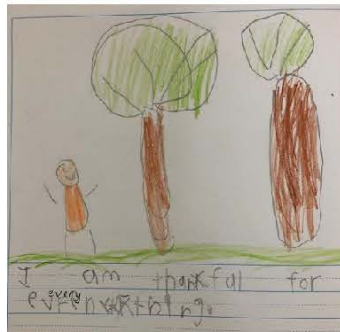
Student Wellbeing in Kindergarten

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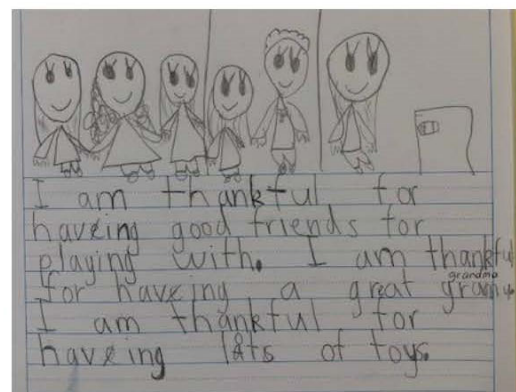
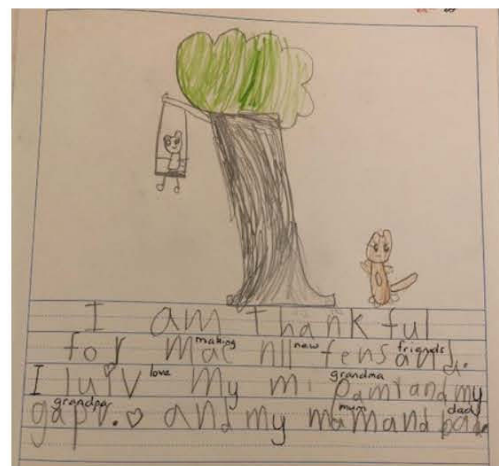
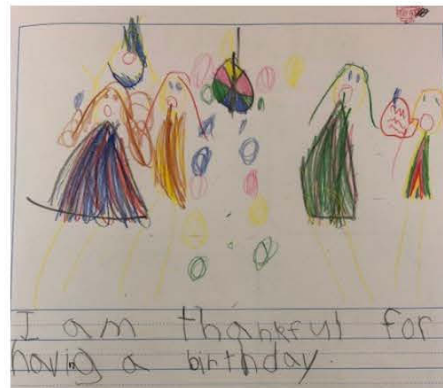
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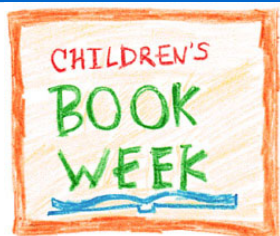
To develop our understanding of resilience KA students read a book about a homeless dog who was very thankful.

We discussed the meaning of being thankful and how this can help us to become resilient.



We then wrote about things we are thankful for in our lives.





Book Week Activities

Book Week is upon us in Week 2 (next week!) and, as Mrs Bennett has already foreshadowed, we have planned an online drama production of two of the Children's Book Council of Australia 2020 shortlisted books.

Our book character dress up day is on Wednesday 21 October 2020.

Students need to come to school in their costumes ready to share their character with their grade. Students will also be reading a paragraph about their character from their chosen book. There will be an award for the "Best Character Portrayal" in each class. This is not just a fancy costume award, but rather an award for those students who best dramtise their character when reading a paragraph about their character from their book. Kindy students will simply be sharing their characters, rather than reading a paragraph from their book.

On Wednesday 21 October, Years 3-6 will also have their Book Trivia Quizzes. Year 2 will have their Book Trivia Quiz on Thursday. Unfortunately we have had to postpone the Year 1 quiz until later in the term. There was such overwhelming interest from children to participate in the quiz that we simply didn't have enough copies of books to hold all the quizzes in the same week. However, I am delighted to report that most students in Years 2-6 (just like me) have been busy reading their trivia books over the school holidays. The prize for each student in a winning team will be a free book of their choice from the latest Book Club catalogue, which you should have received this week.

As always, if you have any queries at all about Book Week, please don't hesitate to email me:

wendy.balafoutis2@det.nsw.edu.au

Teacher Librarian

Have you had your child's hearing checked?

Due to COVID, we have unfortunately had to cancel all our 'at school' hearing checks that were scheduled to go ahead this week. The company who were coming to complete these **free** hearing check for all our students, have now designed an App which can be used from home. **Sound Scouts** have sent us the following information about how to use this free App:

- Please **use good quality head-phones**, as surround sound, gaming or children's headphones can have an impact on the results.
- Follow this link to get started: https://www.soundscouts.com/children/sound_scouts_for_children/
-This link provides a step by step guide to testing at home.

Downloading the App:

- App Store (for iOS):
<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/sound-scouts/id911637845>
- Google Play (for Android):
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cmee4.soundscouts>

For any more information please contact Sound Scouts:

<https://www.soundscouts.com/au/>

PH: 02 9460 6768

How does it work?

Sound Scouts incorporates the science of a hearing test in a fun game.



Piano and Music Theory News

I am so proud to say that our students have amazing potential in learning well and display outstanding results even during uncertain times.

Joshua in (Year 3), for example, passed Grade 1 examination in the subject of *Theory of Music*. He studied this subject independently online and sat an online test.



Maya (Year 4) was awarded a High Distinction mark in the subject of Piano performance via video examination.



Brilliant job!

Dr Petrova – Piano teacher

News from the Russian Class

I would like to share this nice story with our school community.

Victoria (Year 3) lost her baby tooth recently. This is happening to kids naturally and quite often during their primary school years. However, there was something special about Victoria's tooth.

The Tooth Fairy gave her \$5. And, Victoria spent all this money to purchase a new folder to keep all books for the Russian class safe and tidy!

When I learnt this story, my heart truly melted. Thank you Victoria for your positive attitude towards learning Russian language and for taking care of our school's property, the precious Russian text books!



Dr Petrova
Russian language teacher



High Performing Students Team

Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry

in 2022

Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for
a government selective
high school for Year 7
in 2022?

You must apply online at:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/
public-schools/selective-high-
schools-and-opportunity-
classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



Key Dates

Application website opens:
13 October 2020

Application website closes:
16 November 2020
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice
released:
25 February 2021

Selective High School placement test:
11 March 2021

Placement outcome information released:
2 July 2021

Please read this booklet carefully before
applying.

From this year, you will be able to log
into your application to send and
receive messages and notices.

There may be changes to the procedures
in this document. Check the website at
education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for
updates throughout the application and
placement process.

Please check the website for information
before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367
Postal Address: GPO BOX 33, SYDNEY NSW 2001

Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/
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Small changes, big differences.



Family Life Skills Triple P

Children thrive when parents have the support they need

A new program designed to support parents is starting soon!

Have you experienced difficult life events in the past or currently? Parenting can be challenging when parents have experienced traumatic or difficult events as a child or when the family faces difficult life circumstances such as unemployment, financial stress, relationship conflict or mental health problems. For many, parenting is especially stressful right now. Family Life Skills Triple P has been designed to offer you support. The program is delivered online via video conferencing (Zoom) and is currently available **free of charge** for eligible parents as part of a research trial.

This 10-session group program covers:

How to make parenting easier

How to help kids develop and teach them new skills

How to manage kids' challenging behaviour

How to get support and work as a team

How to understand emotions and cope with stress

How to take care of relationships

How to look after yourself as a parent or carer

How to deal with the past

How to develop healthy habits

How to problem solve and plan for the future

MORE INFORMATION

If you have a child between 3-9 years old and are interested in finding out more, please visit our website <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/lifeskills>

email lifeskills@uq.edu.au

or text or call us on [0439 443 475](tel:0439443475). We can call you back to discuss the program.



This study has been approved by Sydney Local Health District Human Research Ethics Committee (X20-0025).

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: BHPS GO WITH THE FLOW



- 1) Use common sense. Be courteous to and considerate of others.
- 2) No parking zone! Stop for 2 mins max
- 3) Remain in, or within 3 metres of your car.
- 4) NO DOUBLE PARKING
- 5) AVOID turning right from Victoria Rd. Use the roundabout on Birriga Rd to join the queue.
- 6) Kids enter & exit from the left car door only.
- 7) Don't cut into the queue from the right
- 8) Always give way to buses

You must register to use Go With The Flow.
email: bellevuehillgwtf@gmail.com for details.



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.

We also offer a fantastic Holiday Club Program each **school holidays**-look out for our program each term in Week 5.

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

If you are interested in enrolling please call or email the centre and we will send you the link to complete your Enrolment Form Online

We have both permanent and casual bookings available.

If you have any questions please call 9369 3643 or email bellevuehill@kidsclubosh.com.au

An important message about our response to COVID-19

The health and safety of our staff and students is of the utmost importance to our school.

We have implemented a range of measures to help keep our school healthy and reduce the spread of infection and illness. Some simple measures we ask that you adopt include:



Before entering our school

If you have been unwell, with symptoms such as a high temperature, cough, sore throat, and/or shortness of breath, please don't visit our school. Please contact our office to speak to one of our staff.

9389 3928

Ph:



Maintaining a healthy distance

For the health and wellbeing of our staff and students, please stand at least **1.5 metres** apart while waiting in our office. Our visitors are encouraged to wait outside for their turn to speak with our office staff. We are also applying social distancing requirements across all areas of the school as is reasonable and practical.



Increase hygiene practices

We request that all staff, students and visitors follow increased personal hygiene practices. Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, and dispose of tissues properly.



Support for our staff

We appreciate your patience and support while we work together to minimise the impact of COVID-19 in our community.

We know this is a difficult time and we are doing all we can to support our staff and students.

For up-to-date information and resources, visit education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19.