

Principal's Report

Although there are still many restrictions in place due to COVID-19, there has been easing of the restrictions on some activities in Term 4 around programs such as Kindergarten Orientation, excursions, incursions and external providers which provide activities that support delivery of curriculum e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors.

Unfortunately, parents and carers and other non-essential visitors are still not allowed on the school site. Despite the limitations, Bellevue Hill teachers and staff have been eager to provide as many activities for the students as possible.

School Camps

Year 4 & Year 6 were amongst the first groups of students to be allowed on overnight excursions this week. Rain could not dampen the spirits of Year 4 & Year 6 students. Who cared if it was raining when you were covered in mud during the most popular activity of all, the Mud Run.

Kindy Orientation

The easing of restrictions is allowing us to bring the new Kindy students on site for a short visit. We have 95 students enrolled who will be divided into three groups.. Parents are allowed inside the gate for 10 minutes and then again to pick up their child at the end. The remaining planned activities include:

9 November Virtual Kindy orientation session
16, 17 & 18 Nov Student visits to classrooms

Presentation days

We are currently finalising our Presentation Day ceremonies following COVID guidelines which restricts the time limit for assemblies and number of people present. Planning so far includes grade-based ceremonies allowing parents to view presentations via Zoom. There will need to be an extraordinary assembly, in addition to grade ceremonies for special awards such as Dux, Citizenship & Sporting Champions.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week will be celebrated next week at BHPS. The theme *Always Was, Always Will Be* recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years, being Australia's first explorers, navigators, farmers, botanists, scientists and artists.

NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606, with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations.

Logos for NAIDOC 2020



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
8-15 NOV 2020

P&C Update

A very successful virtual P&C meeting was held last Monday evening where important events were discussed.

There was a presentation of the process to achieve our current Situational Analysis and draft three Strategic Directions which will feed into our new school plan 2021-2024.

Requests were made for virtual tours of different grades to allow parents to have some access to classrooms, volunteers for the financial aspect of the uniform shop and finally interested parents for the P&C executive to be elected at the next meeting of the P&C, the AGM in December. Anyone interested should contact Helene Suskin President at jhsuskin@gmail.com.

**Sue Bennett
Principal**

Bandanna Day



Last Friday, 30 October, the students and staff of BHPS participated in Bandanna Day. The day was a huge success, raising \$2448 for CanTeen Australia. The funds raised will help young people impacted by cancer gain access to programs, counselling and peer support.

It was wonderful to see the sea of colourful bandannas in support of such a wonderful cause.

Thank you for being a part of this fundraiser and taking a stand with us against cancer.



Year 4 Camp

The Great Aussie Bush Camp 2020



"Tree top zip lining was so challenging, scary but fun. The food highlight was pancakes for breakfast."

- Lior, 4W



"Lost Island was the best. Sliding into the big mud pool and going over and under the obstacles was amazing fun to do with my friends. We were dirty, muddy and happy."

- Keira 4B



"I loved making the shelter down by the lake at Bushcraft. It protected us from the rain."

- Lincoln, 4K



"Canoeing was really fun because we played a game called 'World Domination'. Even though it was pouring, it didn't matter because it was so much fun!"

- Akaash 4B



"I loved hanging out with my friends in the cabins. I was on the top bunk and mattresses were comfy. Some people fell asleep straight away and some people just didn't stop talking!"

- Alec 4W

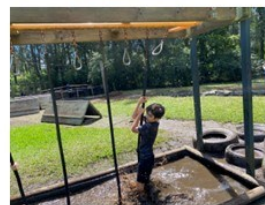
"Dinner was yum! I didn't expect the food to be so good. Spaghetti Bolognese followed by ice-cream cones for dessert which were delicious."

- Jeremy 4W



"The mud run was insane... especially the slide at the start. We were fully covered in mud from head to toe."

- Sianna 4K



"It was wet for high ropes, but it didn't spoil our fun. There was one scary part way up high and the last long zip line was cool."

- Yonni 4W



Year 6 Week of Learning Day 1 - Watsons Bay

Year 6 kicked off their exciting Week of Learning with a tour of some of the beautiful bushland surrounds of Watsons Bay.



Bay.

While checking out the glorious ocean views, students learned about the cultural significance of the area with the help of Latoya and the wonderful team from Kadoo



Tours.

We were given amazing insight into the ways Australia's first people from this area utilised the land, including for food and medicine. There was an emphasis on environmental preservation and the importance of only taking what is needed from the land. Students were given the chance to taste a variety of plants, including wattle seed and Warrigal greens.





Nov 2020



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Year 2 - Cooper Park Excursion

This week, Year 2 students ventured out of the school to visit Cooper Park. We were so fortunate to have a warm, sunny day. Students walked along the rainforest path and used their senses to observe the natural environment around them. After recess, we found a shady spot to sit and drew maps of our journey and sketched in our art diaries.

"I enjoyed going on the long bushwalk to the bottom oval." Leia P

"We stepped down the steep stairs to get to Cooper Park. We counted 110 stairs!" Ashton G

"On our excursion, we drew a map of Cooper Park and sketched leaves." Jake A

"The scenery was so good. I loved the river, rocks and pond. The equipment was fun. I loved it!" Ben N

"I enjoyed walking up all the stairs and making maps of Cooper Park." Jessie F



Music

What a year it has been! We are so excited to be back in the school hall with our instruments this term. Band resumed in Week 1, with some extra-special social distancing and we absolutely loved it! It was so great to be playing our instruments again. The seniors have been working on *Happy* and *Let it Be* whilst our junior plays are working on *Beethoven's 9th* and *Viking*.

Our guitar and violin students have also been working hard in their lessons, and I have been hearing the children practising a variety of songs down the corridors of our "music rooms".

Sadly Choir and Recorder haven't returned yet but hoping that we can restart that again in 2021. We also plan on starting up our long awaited String Ensemble and Guitar Ensembles will be back as well.

We do have an in-house concert scheduled for 3 December. Students will be performing for their peers during the day and the concert will be recorded and then streamed for you to watch in the evening. This was our original end of year showcase date, so please save it in your diaries to watch together as a family. Please check your emails closer to the date for more info.

Interested in learning an instrument in 2021?

We are so excited to be getting ready to invite new students into our program for next year. Over the next few weeks students in years K-2 will be getting an instrumental demo from our wonderful teachers. If your child is in years K and 1, these students will be able to choose from any of our string instruments. If your child is in year 2 currently, now is their chance to choose a band instrument! During COVID the police band put the below resource together for next years students. Please have a look through this with your children to get a better idea of what instruments they can choose from. More info will be sent over the coming weeks but in the meantime: <https://www.nswpolicebandwelcometotheband.com/meet-the-instruments>.

FAQs:

What is on offer?

Strings (Guitar, Violin, Viola, Cello): Years K-6

Band instruments (Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Percussion): Years 3-6

Where can I get more info? Call or email our office on 0450 168 064, info@themusicsuite.com.au

Can my child start an instrument if they are in years 4-6? Yes they can, it's never too late to start, we love having new students.

Can I be in the band or string ensemble if I learn an instrument outside of school? Yes of course, we love having everyone involved in our ensembles, there's just a small fee.

When do lessons commence? Term 1, Week 2. Band commences Week 3.

What day is band on? Senior Band is on Wednesday 8-9am. Junior Band is on Thursday 8-9am.

I know what I'd like to do already, how can I sign up? <https://bellevuehi-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/band-and-music-program.html>



Merit Awards Week 4



Kindergarten: Nittai Z, Maya R, Hunter E,
Maya A, Ryan X, Joshua H

Year 1: Gabi K F, Amichai R, Sophia V,
Danny A, Aline M, Jet J W, Luca G-R,
Madison G, Levi E, Zoe Z

Year 2: Lucas G, Hana S-P, Mark B, Magali D,
Gemma M, Jesse U, Stella I, Ella H

Year 3: Nathan T, Daniella S, Maytal G,
Veronika F, Jamie S, Eitan S

Italian:

Julia A (KA), Katelyn E (Y1), Jeremy C (Y4),
Charlee D (Y6)

Russian:

Daniel D (YK), Nicolette P, Violet M (Y1), Vale-
ria D (Y3), Eden E (Y4),

Hebrew:

Ari G, Claudia D (YK), Demi K, Joshua C (Y1),
Benjamin N, Hannah K (Y2), Itai M, Cailin L,
Eitan S (Y3), Edan M (Y4), Samuel G, Oliver S
(Y5) Coby S, Aden M (Y6)



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

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