



## Principal's Report

### 2020

As we come to the end of a very challenging year, it is time to reflect not only on the hardship, but on all the positives that have arisen out of COVID. We were spared the direct hardship of drought, floods and bushfires, but smoke pollution affected our play outside on many occasions.

Although our school did not test positive to COVID, school operations were greatly affected by the pandemic with all events cancelled for many months.

Online learning became the norm and parents made great teachers when students were learning from home.

Technology enabled us to streamline parent/teacher interviews, meetings and events. Parents appreciated being able to experience life at school in the classroom through zoom sessions, while they were still at work or at home. P&C Meetings were well attended online.

The students made the most of every opportunity given to them and remained positive about cancellations, displaying maturity, resilience and acceptance even when it was a popular event that was cancelled.

Hopefully, it may be possible to maintain some of these positive things that came out of a devastating worldwide situation.

### Presentation Days

Presentation Day ceremonies proceeded online this week with nine ceremonies recognising ALL students K-6 for their achievements, throughout the year.

Some students received special awards for academic excellence, citizenship, humanitarianism and general all round achievement, while others received medals for the Maths Olympiad, trophies for sport and honour certificates for subject excellence.

Once again, parents were grateful that they could tune in from work or home to see their child receive their awards.

### Leadership at BH

There was much excitement as the school leadership team was announced for the school captaincy and prefect body at the Year 5 Presentation Day ceremony this week. Students were elected as captains, vice-captains, SRC presidents, house captains, house prefects and prefects for wellbeing, technology, the environment and the arts.

Congratulations to all those students who were elected. A full list of names can be found on the following page.

### P&C Elections

Similarly, congratulations to Anthony Fajwul who was elected as P&C President for 2021. Many thanks to the outgoing executive Helene Suskin, President and Deena Sher, Vice President for their huge contribution to BHPS. More info about the full exec later.

### OC Placement Update for Year 5 2021

The placement outcome information will be sent to parents and schools in mid January. Parents are reminded to keep checking their emails at this time as offers must be responded to within one week.

### Save the Koalas

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who initiated the *Save the Koalas* fundraising event today. A total \$519 was raised which will be donated to the WWF, the *World Wide Fund for Nature* formerly named the World Wildlife Fund. Congratulations to the winning class, 3P, who raised the most amount of money and each received a Caramello Frog and Koala bookmark.

### Last Newsletter

This will be our last newsletter for 2020. I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and I look forward to working with you again in 2021. Have a safe and happy holidays with your family.

**Sue Bennett**  
Principal

# Leadership Team 2021

Congratulations to the Year 5 students who have been elected onto the 2021 leadership team! We look forward to our 2021 leaders contributing positively to the school and the wider community. They will be an inspiration to other students.

**School Captains:** Riley P & Jamie B

**Vice Captains:** Lulu P & Ari B

**SRC Presidents:** Lexi C & Rafi J



**House Captains:** (Picture Below)

Thorpe: Max K, Georgia E, Kayla A  
Freeman: Jaimee A, Misheel M, Mika D  
Hewitt: Macy N, Lior B, Nikita H  
Bradman: Joey O, Alex A, Tiffany A



## **House Prefects:**

Thorpe: Amina C  
Freeman: Adam F  
Hewitt: Oscar F  
Bradman: Zev E

## **Wellbeing Prefects:**

Jonah F & Amelie L

## **Technology Prefects:**

Sienna GS & Michelle F

## **Environment Prefects:**

Joa DW & Josh L

## **Arts Prefects:**

Jamie M & Eden S



# Congratulations Year 6 on Graduating Primary School



## Spoken Word (SLAM) Poetry in Year 5

Continuing on from our lessons last week, Year 5 are extremely proud to present their SLAM poems. Presentations have taken place in class this week. Here are a few more for you to enjoy!

### Deforestation—Mika R

Trees chopping down every minute of every hour  
With one massive chop it creates so much power  
Why doesn't anybody even notice  
We need to all pull up our socks and focus.

Where would we be if  
There were no trees

Each minute that goes by  
126 animals die  
13 to 15 million hectares of forests lost each year  
This is equivalent to 36 football fields per minute,  
oh dear is it not clear

Back when I was 5 years old  
I went to the Blue Mountains and was told  
How many trees were being chopped down  
I was appalled by this and couldn't help but frown

But this is worse  
Humans are the only creatures in this universe  
That chop down trees, make paper from it  
And write save the trees on it

Where would we be if  
There were no trees

All of our trees are dying  
Our news presenters are lying  
We'd rather have the food that we like to eat  
Then the things that make our lives complete

Boom, there goes another one  
What have we done  
Our beautiful, brown, branches are falling  
We are watching all of our animals crawling

Cutting down trees is like slitting our throats  
Get off your rump and stop eating rolled oats  
There is a greater job calling for us  
It is even worse than being hit by a bus  
You must stop wasting paper  
Even if you like reading the newspaper  
My head is a train track  
All my ideas trapped in a sack

So now what are trees to  
you?



### NBA—Etai W

Im playing video games  
Im only on 50 frames  
It's called basketball  
But I'm against a wall  
Oh wait no, it's Tacko Fall.

Passing the ball it's called teamwork  
Kobe Bryant and Shaq they make the dream-  
work

Step one foot on the court, Step two feet on  
the court, Step three feet on the court  
You know how we fought  
117 to 22 you thought.

DUUUUUN I shoot buzzer goes off  
Rudy Gobert you know he got the cough  
I'm sitting on the fence  
this game is very tense  
Running around sweat is very dense.

Hissing, Hitting, Hustling  
For sport in the national anthem we sing  
Me pulling up from half court  
When you screen you support  
Stay as still as a statue when you're short

I just dunked on Lillard  
Now he's just a lizard  
Get drafted from high school  
Yeah I'm no fool  
I sweat so I jump in a pool.



## Save The Koalas Fundraiser

**Congratulations to 3P the winning class of the most money raised!**



**Our BHPS school students raised a total of \$519.15 for the World Wildlife Fund. Thank you everyone!**



## Could you be an ethics teacher for Bellevue Hill Public School?

We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available for at least one class on Friday each week.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- \* imagining how others feel
- \* how do we treat living things?
- \* what is laziness?
- \* how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- \* fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) and/or contact Ethics Coordinator Claire Kemperman 04-05552889 /

## Merit Awards Week 9



**Kindergarten:** Ari G, Victoria U, Julia S A, Arabella G, Luka M, Nevaeh G, Ayla T, Charlie G

**Year 1:** Michelle C, Adam G, Madison G, Dan P, Josh C, Sophia V, Aline M, Demi K

**Year 2:** Vivienne L, Leia P, Zerine A, Sarita B, Samuel B, Enzo B,

**Year 3:** Carmeli S, Sera K, Jeevan M, Mila S, Damon B, Chloe G

**Year 4:** Anastasia L, Matthew T, Daniella A, Ava K, James G, Lola B

**Year 6:** Natasha J, Jessi L

**Italian:**  
Chloe N W (YK)

**Russian:**  
Brooklyn, Aris (Y1),



# WE WANT YOU.... TO BE A CLASS PARENT FOR 2021

This is a fun and interactive role - you're the link between the class teacher, parents, school and P&C. This is a great way to get to know your child's class, your teacher and be involved in and give back to the BHPS school community. AND it doesn't take much time at all.

## Apply to be a Class Parent

All you need to do is go to:

<http://bit.ly/bhps-classparent>

and fill out your details

Or alternatively email your details to:

[lisapeles@yahoo.com](mailto:lisapeles@yahoo.com)

and include your child's year in 20201 and teacher's name.

**Please NOTE:** Class Parents are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

## BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Please save your bread tags - they are recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.



Mary Honeybun founded the organisation in 2006 in Cape Town and they provide 2 - 3 wheelchairs to adults and children every month!

Collecting bread tags, even broken ones, makes a difference to our environment too, as they are recycled into seedling trays, frames and other items.

### WHAT CAN I DO?

You can make a difference to the lives of people who need a wheelchair. Simply drop your bread tags off at the designated box at reception at school.

Ask your friends and family to help us collect bread tags too!



## 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](http://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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