

BELLEVUE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Report

Welcome back students, parents and teachers for another exciting year at Bellevue Hill PS. We have had a wonderful start to 2020 with many activities planned for the year.

Teaching staff for 2020 includes:

Kindergarten: Mr Andrews (Supervisor) & Mrs Currie, Ms Agoston, Mrs Monahan & MS Mortimer and Ms Garbrecht.

Year 1: Ms Katy Du Plessis (Supervisor), Ms Ariella Gabbay, Ms Sam Ross, Ms Tosca Dasent and Ms Liora Sack, and Ms. Clement-Meehan.

Year 2: Ms Coleman (Supervisor), Ms Camille Russell and Ms Donna Pike, Mr Shehan Cromer and Ms Alice Moore.

Year 3: Ms Alice Vorias (Supervisor), Ms Anna Picone and Ms Eliza Milosevic.

Year 4: Ms Jenny Walker (Supervisor) Ms Nicky Biggs and Ms. Kerrie Kernan.

Year 5: Ms Eliza Levy (Supervisor), Mr. Nick Shehadie and Ms. Belinda Kinross (Leader of G&T)

Year 6: Ms. Nicole Vlahos (Supervisor) Ms Sarah Ireland and Ms. Charlotte Bachali and Mrs. Nicole Mackie

Parent Teacher Information Sessions

Parents and carers are invited to join their class teachers for 2020 in their classroom.

Week 2: Year 5, 5pm

Week 3:

	Monday 10 th February	Tuesday 11 February	Wednesday 12 February
5.00pm	Year 1	Year 2	
5.30pm	Year 4		Year 6
6.00pm		Kindi	Year 3

Parent Calendar

Each term a parent calendar will be posted onto the Bellevue Hill Public School website. It can be found on the front page: under 'upcoming events' <https://bellevuehi-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Safer Internet Day for families 11 February 2020

This inaugural day promotes online safety for families, friends and colleagues. The website has a number of resources for families to use with children and young people, including conversation starters. To access these resources please click on the link below:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/safer-internet-day>

Coronavirus

The coronavirus has caused concern across the world. Bellevue Hill Public School is following all the Department of Education procedures and recommendations for this. In addition to emailing parents, interviewing families and

- Families who have returned from Hong Kong and/or China need to be exempted from school for a 14 day period from their arrival date back in Australia. This is being implemented at BHPS this week.
- Students and teachers who have presented with cold or flu like symptoms are being asked to stay at home and provide a clearance certificate from their doctor before returning to school.
- Strategies to prevent infection spreading are being implemented in classrooms eg the teaching of personal hygiene, washing hands thoroughly and routinely, using sanitisers, covering skin lesions, learning about cough etiquette etc.

We will continue to be vigilant about this until this situation is declared officially over.

Sue Bennett
Principal

GO WITH THE FLOW (GWTF) Traffic 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 first try and find a replacement. In the case of illness please let bellevuehillGWTF@gmail.com know as soon as possible.

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 are included to assist helpers on how the system works (new helpers will always work with an experienced helper, to receive further assistance to familiarise themselves with how the system works).

CONTACT: bellevuehillGWTF@gmail.com if you have available dates to help for term 1 2019 and/or would like to start using GWTF in term 1, 2017.



Welcome Back to the Library

I am so excited to see so many happy faces desperate to get back into the library among the books, lego and board games.

Here is just a brief reminder about borrowing. Children in K-2 may borrow two books and children in Years 3-6 may borrow 3 books. The loan period is 2 weeks. Students are *always* welcome to pop down to the library to return books early, either when the library is open at lunchtime or recess (or to Benjamin Book Box before, during or after school). You do not need to wait for a library lesson to return books! Your child's borrowing rights are suspended once a book becomes overdue. I do, from time to time, send out reminder emails for overdue books. A price appears next to the book. This is NOT a fine. We have a policy of no fines for overdue books. However, if the book is lost we ask that you pay this amount at the office or through the online portal so that we can buy a replacement book.

This year I am looking to find some parent volunteers to help in the library. This need not be a regular commitment. I often need help with sorting shelves, stickering, contacting books (at your home or at school) and creating displays. If you are interested, please email me to get in touch.

Finally, if you need any help with what your little ones are reading (or aren't reading!), please do pop down to see me before or after school. I am *always* happy to talk about books.

Wendy Balafoutis
Teacher Librarian

Green Team



Packing sustainable lunches can be a challenging task. Here are some great ideas for a Waste-Free lunch thanks to Plant Ark's Waste-Free Lunch Challenge.

Pack your sandwich and snacks in a reusable container or reusable sandwich bag.

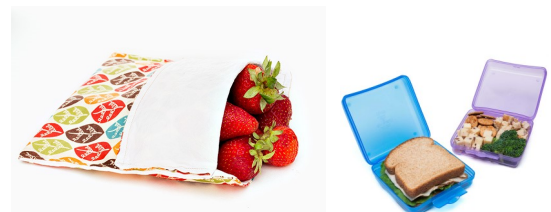
Use beeswax wraps to hold snacks and sandwiches.

Use a reusable water bottle.

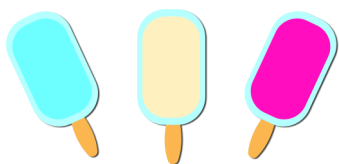
Buy a large tub of yoghurt and share out smaller portions into reusable containers.

Use durable and reusable cutlery.

Remember to pack a Waste-Free lunch on a Wednesday!



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 and these are delivered to their classrooms.

All ice blocks are \$1



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Found on the front page: under 'upcoming events'

Upcoming Events

February

Meet the teacher

- 11 Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6
- 13 Training Band begins
- 14 PSSA Sport commences—Yrs 3-6

March

- 2 P&C Meeting—7:30pm

Top 5 online safety tips for kids

1

Set up your device to protect your information.

2

Explore safely & tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.

3

Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.

4

Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.

5

Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.



eSafetykids

esafety.gov.au/kids

Please see the attached PDF document regarding parent information on Safety Internet Day !

THE MUSIC SUITE

BHPS MUSIC PROGRAM

INFO NIGHT

THINKING ABOUT JOINING OUR PROGRAM FOR 2020? COME ALONG TO OUR INFO NIGHT NEXT WEEK!

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4
SCHOOL HALL
5.30PM
EMAIL: [INFO@THEMUSICSUITE.COM.AU](mailto:info@themusicsuite.com.au)

Lunch Ordering - Botany Bites

Our lunch order delivery service from Botany Bites Catering will be commencing on Monday 3rd February. Lunch orders in 2020 can now be ordered on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays during term time.

Please see the attached information on the menu available and how to download the Flexischools app to place your lunch orders.

Cancellations: Should you ever need to cancel orders that have already been placed with Flexischools, the process should be as follows:

If cancelling prior to delivery day:

Visit www.flexischools.com.au – log into your account, access your order and nominate to cancel it. ***This can be done up until midnight of the day prior to delivery.***

If cancelling on the day of delivery:

Please call us on PH: 96661799 by 10.30am. You must speak to us directly in order to ensure that the order has been cancelled and funds can be credited to your account.

If you have any queries about our food, suggestions or special dietary requirements please email us at food@botanybites.com.au or by phone on 96661799.

You can also follow us on Facebook & Instagram.

We have partnered with Flexischools, to make school lunches even easier.

- Order online at anytime
- Easily monitor special dietary requirements
- Pay with Visa, Mastercard, Paypal or direct deposit

Lunch Orders available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays ONLY!



SET UP YOUR ACCOUNT

1 Download the Flexischools App

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.



2 Add your School and Group

Click on the search icon, enter your school name, select your school and year group, or groups relevant to you.

3 Login/Register

Click the 'Order now' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app, this will open a login screen.

- **Already a Flexischools user** - Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
- **New Flexischools user** - Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add new student; search for their school, enter student details and select their class.

ORDER

1 Place your Order

Click the 'Order now' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app and select your student.

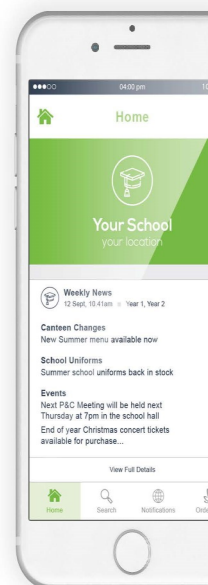
2 Make your Selection

Select the items you wish to order.

3 Make Payment

Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.

Alternatively you can sign-up on flexischools.com.au



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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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Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

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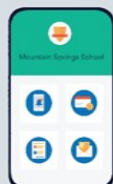
Create an account

Sign up in seconds with your email address

3

Add your school

Search for your school and add your subscription groups



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Dear Parents

Please ensure that you update / Add the SkoolBag App to your phone, ensuring you choose your child's current school year in order to receive alerts and correspondence from the school.

Please follow the instructions below to update the SkoolBag App

1. Click on BHPS Logo once you have opened the SkoolBag App
2. Click on Groups
3. Click on Add/Remove Groups
4. Delete your child's year groups from last year (Click on X)
5. Click on your child's year group for this year (Click on +)

Once this has been completed click on the back arrow in the top left hand corner.

If you haven't downloaded the SkoolBag App, please follow the instructions overleaf.

Please note once you have registered your details, the App will say waiting for approval. This approval will be completed by the office within 24 hours. Once approval has been given please follow the instructions above.

WE WANT YOU.... TO BE A CLASS PARENT FOR 2020

This is a fun and interactive role - you're essentially the bridge 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

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

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

Uniform Shop—HELP Required!!!!

Our list of volunteers has shrunk considerably since the start of the year.

Please contact Ari our uniform shop co-ordinator if you can spare any time by emailing her on:
bhpsuniforms@gmail.com

For all uniform orders (with photos of items) please visit the site below

<https://bhpsus.myshopify.com>