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Principal's Report

Reading

"The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss

Reading is one of Bellevue Hill Public School's 2020 targets. This was communicated to families at the 'meet the teacher evening'. It turns out that Dr. Seuss was correct. Studies have demonstrated that there are great benefits to reading with your children including:

- Increases to their language skills
- Increases in concentration
- Encouraging a thirst for knowledge
- Exposing them to different topics
- Developing your child's imagination
- Stimulating children to read books
- Having a positive effect on their literacy, numeracy and cognition skills later in life.

Did you know that children who are read to more frequently score higher on NAPLAN tests for both reading and numeracy? We encourage you to start reading with your children and see where their (and your) imagination takes you.

P & C Meeting Monday, 2nd March 2020

The P&C will be holding a social event on Monday 2 March at 6pm before the P&C meeting to welcome new parents to the school in the Telescope Room, on the top floor of the new building. Although this will be predominantly Kindergarten parents, we would like to welcome all other new parents as well. So, please join us for this special occasion to get to know each other and the wonderful community at BHPS. The P & C meeting will follow this in the Staffroom, on Level 1 of the old building. We look forward to seeing you there!

Go with Flow

The safety of our students is paramount. We need your help to ensure that Go With The Flow is safe. If it becomes unsafe it may not continue! It has been reported that a number of known drivers are continually displaying unsafe practices. These include double parking across the road and calling their children to run to the car. With both cars and buses using the road this is highly unsafe. Please read the full article inside, stop and take the extra 2-5 minutes to join the GMTF pick up to keep your children safe each day.

Attendance

Students are required by law to attend school between the prescribed hours operating at their school. As you are aware, Bellevue Hill operates between 9.15 am and 3.15 pm. Students should arrive at school before the first bell at 9:10am and should not be leaving before dismissal time. Apart from the legal requirement, teachers often spend the **first 15 minutes** on a personal development/ wellbeing exercise with the children to start the day positively, as well as the last 15 minutes on finalising organisational matters pertaining to the day or the following day. It is disruptive for the students, teachers and office staff having children arrive late or be picked up early. Please note, when this does happen, a late note or early leaver's note is entered onto our system as an **unjustified absence** as appointments should be made out of school time. These records are reviewed by the Department of Education's Home School Liaison Officer at regular intervals when unjustified absences are questioned.

Sue Bennett
Principal

Bellevue Hill Public School Safe Grounds Policy

The school gates are locked for security between the hours of 9.30am and 3pm. If you need to enter the school within these hours please request entry using the intercom at the main gate.

Before School

The Bellevue Hill Public School day starts at 9.15am. At 8.45am the gates open and teachers come on duty. The back playground of the school is hired by the before and after school '**Kids Club**', which is a private company. Any student who arrives before 8.45am should be booked into the Kids Club. If a student arrives who is not booked in, they must remain seated under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) near the school hall until the Bellevue Hill PS staff (wearing high visibility orange vests) come on duty. Only tennis or hand balls are used in the mornings for safety.

MONDAY: Whole School Assembly in back playground at 9.15am.

FRIDAY in Terms 1 & 4 only: PSSA Sport students assemble in the front playground for SPORT Buses from 8.45am. All other students arrive after 8.45am and move to the back playground. Kindergarten may remain in the COLA.

After School

Our school finishes at 3.15pm. **All students** (including Kindergarten from Term 2) must move to and **sit down** at either the COLA or Go With The Flow (GWTF) areas for pick up. Supervision of these areas finishes at 3.30pm, as teachers must report to afternoon meetings. The school gates are closed at 3.30pm and we ask that all students and parents exit before this time to allow the after school companies using our facilities to start their activities. The back playground is not an area where parents or students may wait or play after the 3.15pm bell- as from 3.15 this becomes the hired property of the '**Kids Club**'. Parents can enrol their students in this club if they wish to participate in the activities there or furthermore we encourage parents to use the Bellevue Hill Park area to socialise after school hours.

GWTF is situated on the left-hand side of the main entrance ramp. Students sit on the ledge as they arrive with their bags. The teacher on duty and any parent volunteers check cars and escort students to the cars on pick up. Please keep this area clear for ease of flow. All other parents and students should use the front and side pedestrian gates to exit.

Wet Weather

Before School: All students arrive from 8.45am and wait under the COLA. A bell will sound and a phone announcement will be made at 9am to indicate all teachers & students to go straight to classrooms.

After School: 'Go With The Flow- Wet Weather' is held inside the foyer of the **Kids Club** area. Students are to sit or stand quietly and listen for the GWTF numbers being called. We ask that no other parents or students should try to exit from this foyer on rainy days to help ease the congestion.

Our Cooperation Code. The students of Bellevue Hill Public School will:

Be Safe	be in the correct areas report any problems to teachers walk and play wisely
Respectful	respect teachers and adults consider your peers care for the environment
Engaged	encourage others speak with <i>truth and honour</i> set & strive towards personal goals

P & C News

Q: What is the P&C?

A: The P&C (Parents and Citizens) actively promotes the interests of the school by:

- Bringing parents and teaching staff together.
- Raising funds to assist in the provision of equipment, books, teaching aids and improvements in the school environment.

Q: What is a P&C meeting?

A: P&C meetings are a fantastic way for Parents and friends to get together and share ideas and information about programs, initiatives and raise issues.

We are very fortunate to have the support of our Principal Suzanne Bennett who attends every meeting and provides us with valuable input and information.

You'll be the first to hear about the curriculum and other school matters, as well as P&C activities and how you may be able to assist (if you are willing and able). You might even make some new friends!

Q: What is the P&C committee?

Committee members include president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and those with portfolios such as fundraising, uniform, traffic management, environment, etc.

Q: Who can attend meetings? Do I need to be part of the committee?

All parents and friends are welcome to come along to P&C meetings.
You don't have to be part of the committee to attend.

Q: If I attend will I be made to volunteer for activities?

No. You are welcome to come along just to listen to the principal's update and discussion topics.

Q: I'd like to volunteer. How do I do so?

Great! At the meeting you will hear about upcoming events and ways to volunteer, such as assisting at fundraising events, sushi days and uniform shop.

The weekly BelleNews newsletter, "Parents of BHPS" Facebook group and from class parents are also great ways to hear when volunteers are needed.

If you'd like to join the committee elections are during the December P&C meeting.

Q: Sounds great, I'm in! When are the meetings?

P&C meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm, in the staffroom which is located on the second floor of the old school building.

Next meeting is March 2nd.

Student Wellbeing @ BHPS

Kindness

This term 2RP have been talking about the importance of being a kind person and showing kindness to others. Listening to stories ,watching videos and reading about kindness helps us to reflect on what we can do to be kinder students. We have been trying to do an act of kindness everyday .

During our discussions we realised doing kind things for others makes us feel happy too!

Kindness means you give help when its needed.

Zachary Penn

Kindness means not excluding people.

Sebastian Ruben

Kindness means your heart is caring

Millie Robbins

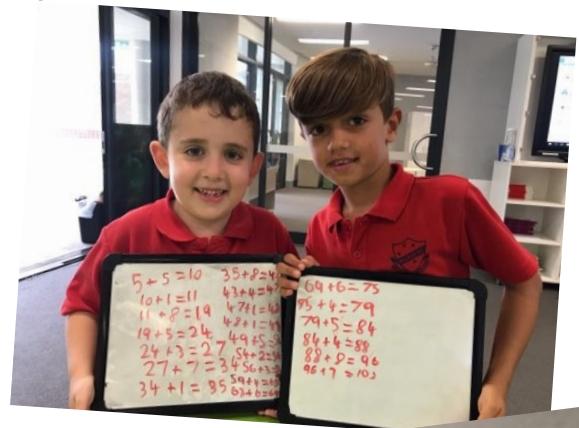
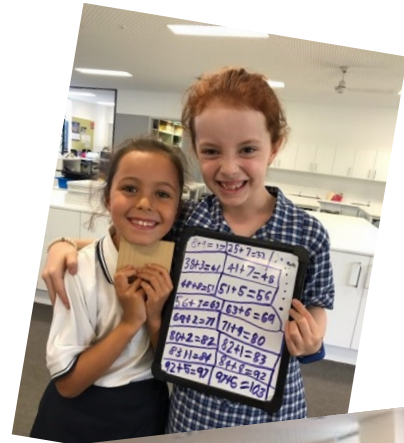
Kindness means you always treat other people nicely

Eva Harkin

Kindness means you help people and include them.

Ariella Elias

Kindness
is
Magic



GO WITH THE FLOW (GWTF) 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

FINES: The fines for double parking in a school zone or obstructing traffic is \$344 and two demerit points.

<https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

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:

Please email bellevuehillGWTF@gmail.com if you have available dates to help and/or would like to start using GWTF.



BHPS P&C 21st CAMPING ADVENTURE
FRIDAY 13 TO SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020

Are you ready for the best adventure?

Keen to get away from it all? Ready for a change of scenery?

Percy's Place Caravan Park
190 Hall St, Pitt Town, NSW, 2756

Come join us on another fun filled weekend away, relaxing with friends, and making new friends. Let your kids run free and have a ball, while immersing yourself in the unique BHPS community spirit.

You and your kids will love the wide open spaces, ideal for riding bikes, playing sports, and running around. The campground is right on the banks of the Hawkesbury River, with fishing and swimming a stones throw away. There are shady spots to enjoy a barbecue with picnic tables, gas and wood barbecues. Remember to bring your own firewood and gas bottles.

Facilities include a well maintained amenities block with hot showers and flushing toilets. This is an unpowered campground and there is no electricity, other than in the shower and toilet block.



You'll probably be woken up by the mooing of a cow or the laughter of a kookaburra in the morning

EARLY BIRD PRICE FOR THE WEEKEND \$45/person
(adults & kids over 5). **\$50/person after 3 MARCH.**

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All enquiries to Greg/ Jeremy/ Hilton at bhpscamping@yahoo.com.au.
Join our Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/bhcamps.

Merit & You Can Do It Awards

Yr K: Jaisvi K, Ari G, Lila V, Diego R, Ayla T, Brady L, Miles W, Maya C

Yr 1: Adam J, Violet M, Rachel Q, Katelyn E, Mila D, Bradley S, Gabi K F, Tyler S

Yr 2: Zachary P, Alba S, Stella I, Jessie F, Henry VH, Magali D, Jessie A, Enzo B

Yr 3: Ellie M, Isabella B, Madeline K, Max S, Jessica L, Aiden D

Yr 4: Noa G, Sophie A, Thomas L, Eamon E, Aaron F, Jacob L

Yr 5: Jamie M, Kayla A, Kosei M, Macy N,

Yr 6: Bayla R, Talia R, Anna K, Ricky K

Italian:

Diego R (Yr K), Nicolas A (Yr 2), Matthew R (Yr 4), Kim S (Yr 5),

Russian:

Misha M (Yr K), Nova A (Yr 1), Rakhel F (Yr 3),

Hebrew:

Matan N, Lila V (Yr K), Jamie B (Yr 1), Jesse U (Yr 2), Mia W, Zach K (Yr 3), Khaled R (Yr 4), Mia W (Yr 5), Natasha J (Yr 6)

Principal's Awards:

Sports Awards: Week 4

PSSA - Oz Tag-

PSSA - Basketball - Eamon E, Anna K,

PSSA - Cricket -

Basketball Skills - Aki D

Taekwondo - Mackenzie L, Aiden T

School Sport - Eyal M, Jordana G



Upcoming Events

March

- 2 P&C Social event - 6.30pm
P&C Meeting - 7:30pm
- 3 OZ Opera K-6 *Barber of Seville*
- 4 Gateways G&T visitors & BH students
SCPSSA Zone Swimming
- 5 Gateways G&T visitors & BH students
- 9 *Cultures of Thinking*
- 10 *Cultures of Thinking*
Eastern Suburbs Netball Gala Day
- 11 Certificate of Gifted Education
- 12 Certificate of Gifted Education
2021 Selective HS Placement Test

New in 2020!
Each term a parent
calendar will be posted
onto the Bellevue Hill
Public School website.

To access please use the link below:

<https://bellevuehi-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Found on the front page: under
'upcoming events'



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!



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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.

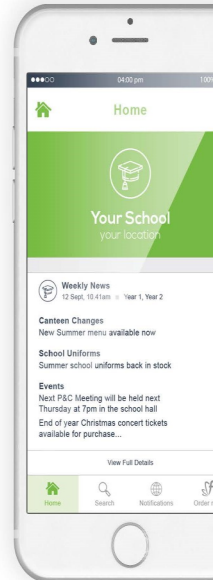
2 Make your Selection

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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