

BELLEVUE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Report

Returning to School

Next week, following the NSW Premier's directive that all students are to return to school at least one day per week from 11 May, we will be following the timetable below to welcome all grades across the week.

Monday 11 & 18 May	Tuesday 12 & 19 May	Wednesday 13 & 20 May	Thursday 14 & 21 May
Kindergarten	Year 6	Year 2	Year 5
Year 4	Year 1		Year 3

This is in addition to the students already in attendance at school each day. Siblings may attend on the same day if needed.

Parents We Need your Help

As a safety measure, we are limiting parents/adults on site. So, we are asking for your co-operation in dropping the children off just inside the gate or accompanying younger students to their designated area and vacating the premises asap.

Accordingly, we encourage all parents to use the *Go With the Flow* pick up service. Parents are asked not to go to the classrooms or teachers. Communication is strictly by email or telephone. Similarly, parents are asked to email queries or questions for the office, rather than coming into the office area.

Teaching & Learning

There will still be a mix of blended learning in existence, involving learning at school and at home. Teachers will take advantage of the rostered day at school to teach and promote understanding about the week's work to be completed at home.

Arrival at School

Students will be supervised on the playground from 8.45am, older students on the back playground, younger students at the front, top and COLA. On their rostered days, students should arrive between 9.00—9.10am when they are able to go straight to their class where teachers will be waiting to welcome them.

Teachers are ready to welcome back the bulk of their students on their rostered day and are very aware that some students may possibly be anxious having not attended school for some time.

Social Distancing

We will endeavour to socially distance the students as much as possible in the classroom. This is much more difficult in the playground. We are fortunate to have spacious open plan classrooms to accommodate each grade on separate days and room to spread out on each level when needed. The DoE has employed extra casual teachers as part of a COVID employment program to assist with social distancing of students.

Departure from School

Students will be staggered slightly when departing to avoid congestion and maintain distancing:

- **2.45 pm** Kindergarten
- **3.00 pm** Years 1, 2 & 3 students supervised to areas for exiting eg COLA & Top playground to be picked up by parents, Ramp for GWTF, pool gate area for buses, back playground for BASC.
- **3.15 pm** Years 4, 5 & 6—areas as above

Thank you in anticipation
Sue Bennett
Principal

SAFETY AT SCHOOL

Enhanced Cleaning

Additional funding for the cleaning of schools and other public assets has been allocated by the NSW Government and the DoE has is implementing a targeted hygienic cleaning process in schools on a daily basis. Target areas include desks and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairwells and movement areas.

Essential Supplies

Schools also receive packages of essential items such as hand sanitisers, hand wash, toilet paper, thermometers etc from the DoE to supplement what we already have.

All classrooms have access to a wet area with sink and taps etc for washing of hands which students use regularly.

Cough Etiquette

Students are reminded of cough and sneeze etiquette daily and practise this religiously.

Unwell Students

Any students who present as unwell with cold or flu like symptoms will be isolated from the classroom immediately and parents contacted to collect the child. Parents are asked to keep any child at home with any sort of respiratory symptoms.

External Providers

All external providers of services for students who normally visit the school on an itinerant timetable eg Scripture teachers, speech and occupational therapists, music tutors etc are still prohibited by the DoE from visiting the school until restrictions are lifted completely.

School Buses

We have been advised that all State Transit School Special Buses have already resumed operating. Please read the attached information sent by the state transit authority if your children catch the school specials.

Lunch Orders are back

As of Monday 11th May school lunch orders will once again be available for purchase through the Flexischools app.

Botany Bites will be providing lunch orders Mondays through to Thursdays. Please double check you have selected the right date for your child's lunch order and received a confirmation email for each order placed from Flexischools to ensure that your order has gone through.

Library News



Look at all those books! This week we thank Aaron H in 6IB and Charli M in 2M for their very generous donations of books to our school library. I am always delighted to receive donations of books in good condition which are cluttering your shelves at home. All of these books will be added to the school library or to classroom libraries.

Next week, when students return one day per week, each class will be given a short amount of time in the library to return and borrow books. Please remember bring back your library books from Term 1 on your designated day at school so that you can borrow new books.

Wendy Balafoutis—Teacher Librarian

A Message from our School Vice Captains Kiera and Ryan



Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Teachers,

Hi, it's your 2020 Vice Captains Ryan and Keira! We hope you are all staying very safe, healthy and active. We would like to encourage you to try and do some exercise either at your house or if you have access to a local park. Some ideas could be to dribble or juggle the ball, throw the ball around with your siblings, shoot some hoops or even do some sprints or gymnastics.



Juggle



Dribble

We also want to remind you that it's very important to stay on track with your school work while some of you are doing online learning. It is extremely exciting that we will all be going back to school for at least one day a week, starting from next week.

Who wants ice blocks again? Don't worry because ice block day will hopefully be starting again very soon! Also Mrs Bennett said there should be some new playground equipment coming soon!



Some things that may happen towards the end of this term include: the possibility of PSSA and Got Game returning and the Spelling Bee!



At this time of hardship it is important we keep our heads up high and we move forward in life. However to move forward in life we must try to stay positive and look on the bright side, regardless of what happens.

"Things turn out the best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."

This quote sums up how we should be now. Making the most of what we can do. As you might know Australia is decreasing in Coronavirus cases which means things could be getting back to normal soon! I hope you are all looking forward to being back at school next week! We sure are!

Kind Regards,
Ryan and Keira your school Vice Captains for 2020.

Russian Classes

Designing patterns for the Russian traditional wooden spoons in Khokhloma style

This is a reminder for Year 3-6 students!

Year 3-6 students who learn the Russian language at school received a creative assignment before the holidays. This assignment is to create a couple of patterns for the traditional wooden spoons in Khokhloma style.

While there are many students who have already created and submitted their patterns, some work is still in progress.

The due day for submitting the patterns is on Tuesday in Week 5 of Term 2.



News from the Remote Piano Lessons



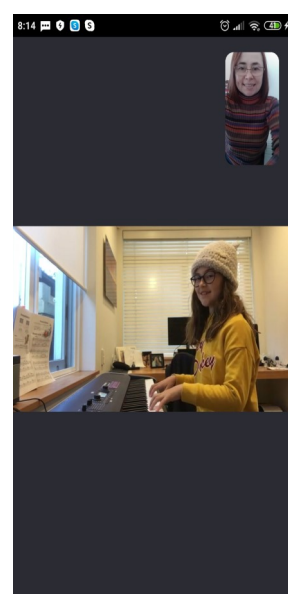
This is something extraordinary! Students learnt a lot of new music pieces while learning from home.

Grace (Year 3), for instance, plays a lot of music off by heart demonstrating outstanding memory work. Summer (Year 5) learns two new pages of music with new musical concepts in one lesson. Mila (Year 3) performs

Lone Star Waltz with all features of the Waltz genre. She also sets up her own devise for piano lessons herself! Sofia (Year 1) reads her music very carefully and performs with no mistakes!

I am happy to see that so many students stay positive and focus on their learning during these unprecedented times.

Dr Petrova – piano teacher



School Levies—2020

Invoices have now been emailed out to families.

Yr K - \$468.00

Yr 1 - \$473.50

Yr 2 - \$464.00

Yr 3 - \$447.50

Yr 4 - \$447.50

Yr 5 - \$447.50

Yr 6 - \$447.50

Text Books

If you have not already purchased your child's text books please contact the office to finalise this asap.

Yr K - \$32.50

Yr 1 - \$44.15

Yr 2 - \$44.15

Yr 3 - \$44.15

Yr 4 - \$46.85

Yr 5 - \$46.85

Yr 6 - \$17.25

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.

