



**BELLEVUE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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## Principal's Report Return to School

This week, over 92% of students returned to school eager to be reunited with their teachers and their peers. Some students initially found the day a bit long compared to working at home but the majority by far, enthusiastically got back into routine and were keen to participate in all extra activities on offer such as library and sport. Teachers are supporting those who are feeling a little overwhelmed. Many thanks to Mrs Balafoutis, our teacher/librarian who is cleaning every book after it is returned to school.

We are still bound by restrictions which include no assemblies, excursions, incursions or inter-school sport such as PSSA. Also, no visitors to the school except for essential services. However, after hours care is still able to be provided at BASC which will thankfully be able to expand after June 1. Jems is able to resume next week as it is registered as an aftercare service as well and is held out of school time. It goes without saying that our hygiene strategies are being enforced in the classrooms and the school is having enhanced cleaning of all handles, handrails, and doorknobs etc throughout the day.

## Reporting to parents

Teachers are to be commended on the amount of time and feedback given to students and parents during the COVID isolation period, in some cases much more than normally would have occurred. The DoE has recommended that reporting to parents for this Semester 1 will be slightly different than in normal times. A written or digital report will be sent home before the end of term. This will be a simplified version of what is normally sent home but will give an indication of the work covered in the first six weeks at school plus learning at home activities. The Semester 2 report at the end of the year will revert to the usual report given at that time, given that students will be attending 5 days per week as usual from Term 3.

## Marking National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week

This week we marked National Sorry Day (May 26) and celebrate National Reconciliation Week (May 27 – June 3). National Sorry Day acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from their families, communities and culture. National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. This year's theme is "In this together".

Find out more about [National Reconciliation Week](#) (May 27 – June 3) on the department's website

## Woollahra Council

Woollahra Council is now preparing plans of management for the Crown land reserves in the area which includes many reserves, parks, beaches, sports grounds etc in the Woollahra Municipality. They are seeking input from the school and the school community as we actively use their public open space, namely Bellevue Park. Participation in this project is by completing a community survey, now available through **Your Say Woollahra** on Council's website.

The school has a collaborative relationship with Woollahra Council, having worked together to develop the playground in the park using some of the school's equipment. In addition, Woollahra Council has worked with the school to restore and beautify the park with the planting of grass and the refurbishment of the paths within the park area.

Please click on the following link to go to the webpage where you will find further information on this project <https://yoursay.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/pomcl>

**Sue Bennett**  
Principal

# An important message about our response to COVID-19

The health and safety of our staff and students is of the utmost importance to our school.

We have implemented a range of measures to help keep our school healthy and reduce the spread of infection and illness. Some simple measures we ask that you adopt include:



## Before entering our school

If you have been unwell, with symptoms such as a high temperature, cough, sore throat, and/or shortness of breath, please don't visit our school. Please contact our office to speak to one of our staff.

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## Maintaining a healthy distance

For the health and wellbeing of our staff and students, please stand at least **1.5 metres** apart while waiting in our office. Our visitors are encouraged to wait outside for their turn to speak with our office staff. We are also applying social distancing requirements across all areas of the school as is reasonable and practical.



## Increase hygiene practices

We request that all staff, students and visitors follow increased personal hygiene practices. Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, and dispose of tissues properly.



## Support for our staff

We appreciate your patience and support while we work together to minimise the impact of COVID-19 in our community.

We know this is a difficult time and we are doing all we can to support our staff and students.

For up-to-date information and resources, visit [education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19).

# Piano Lessons

I am so proud to show how our students are excelling learning piano during lockdown time. Harley (Year 1), for example, plays and sings all lyrics with great confidence. Maya (Year 4) is about to record and upload her music repertoire to the AMEB virtual examination. Thomas (Year 1) performs his music diligently with all musical details in place taking care of all long notes. Zion (Year 2) progresses in his learning very fast because he learns extra pages at home with his father. Benjamin (Year 2) has been having his lessons and regular practices while living in Old Bar, which is a four hour drive away from Sydney. Mila (Year 3) always creates an atmosphere of a nobel activity when playing her keyboard.

This is really outstanding and extraordinary learning!

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

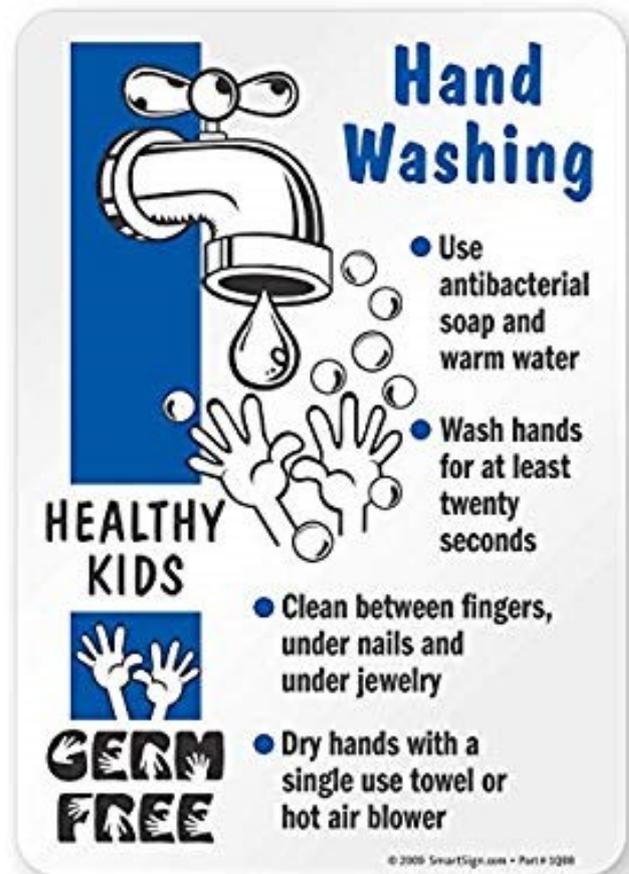
Yr 2 - \$44.15

Yr 3 - \$44.15

Yr 4 - \$46.85

Yr 5 - \$46.85

Yr 6 - \$17.25



## Lunch Orders are now available

**Mondays**

**Tuesdays**

**Wednesdays**

**Thursdays**



## Ethics classes at Bellevue Hill Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 Irene Ulman – ireneulman@hotmail.com

Regards

Sue Bennett  
Principal