BELLENEWS

Term 2, Week 9 Friday 26 June, 2020



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Principal's Report Communication Upgrade

We are constantly seeking ways to improve our communication to parents and to enable a two-way communication between the school and home.

Next Tuesday, we will be opening a new Student and Parent Portal as a trial for parents to access information from the school and for the school to post notices and announcements etc.

From next Tuesday parents will be able to :

- View daily notices
- Access school newsletters and
- Access published reports.

An email will be sent home explaining how to access this portal.

From next term this will be extended to include:

- View your child's attendance
- Explain child's absences
- Notify about future absences

As time proceeds, more information will be made accessible such as information about invoices and accounts and more options will be given for providing permission for excursion/incursions etc. Eventually, this should streamline our communication channels greatly.

Advance Notice - School Photos

When: Term 3 Week 3

Students are to wear full school winter uniform including black shoes. If you need to purchase school uniform please order online using the following email.

https://bhpsus.myshopify.com

or visit our website and click on the link. You may like to order your school photographs now which are all online with The School Photographers. Their flyer with details is on page 7 of this newsletter.

TAX Deductions—last chance

There are currently two ways to benefit with some tax deductions and benefit the school at the same time:

- Donate to the P&C Building fund. To raise funds for new audio-visual equipment in the hall and funding towards air conditioning in the classrooms in the new building; and/or
- 2) Donate to the school Library Fund for the purchase of new library books, reading materials and resources for classroom units of work.

Donations can be as little or as much as you can afford. Many, many thanks to the families who have already donated to these worthy causes.

Working at home

Many thanks to the parents who are keeping their children home if they have flu/cold like symptoms or have been tested for COVID. Teachers have been preparing reports and doing interviews while teaching face-to-face. As the home period is usually only a few days, students have been referred to their Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Typing Tournament and the ABC website for excellent learning activities while they are isolated.

Go With The Flow

We are very fortunate to have this P&C initiative to make entering and exiting the school safer for students and easier for parents. However, The success and efficiency of this activity depends on parents complying with certain regulations. Since COVID, parents have been unavailable to run this program. So, teachers have been trying to assist.

The following would help everyone involved if parents would assist by ensuring they had a current GWTF number, displaying their number clearly on their visor flap, not double parking or leaving their car when in the queue. Many thanks in anticipation,

> Sue Bennett Principal

Writing with Kindy – Exploring Different Animal Shelters

In Kindergarten this term we have been exploring the different needs a living thing is dependent upon for survival. We have been reading imaginative and informative texts, as well as viewing educational videos to help us understand how a living thing relies on food, water, shelter and love to survive.



This week we have taken a closer look at the role of shelters and how they are fundamental for survival. We watched "Animal Homes" to explore the different kinds of animal shelters and to identify their common features (roof, walls and a doorway).

We discussed how shelters are important for keeping animals and humans safe, warm and dry from the natural elements, such as wind and rain, and from dangers, such as predators.

We also identified the importance of selecting appropriate materials which can withstand the natural elements/dangers when creating and choosing a shelter, for example, wood, metal. We read the quality literature text "Home" by Carson

Ellis and considered whether a roof alone was enough to provide adequate shelter.

Shai shell for a Shelter

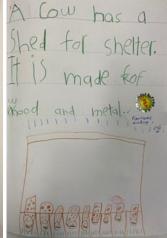


In our modelled writing lesson this week, after watching "Animal Homes", we selected an animal and its shelter to write about.

We also wrote about what materials were used to create that specific shelter.

Once we completed our writing, we drew a picture to match our sentences.









dog has a Aª shelter rabbit hasla parla

Leadership Team

Josh G, Jamie, Joe Joe, Joel M

The leadership team are looking forward to resuming their duties as soon as possible. We have been raising the flags and making sure they are taken day in the afternoon. We also make sure they are being flown at half mast as a sign of respect when someone official has passed away. Other duties include greeting parents and students at the gate in the morning, running assemblies, welcoming guests to our school and making sure that all students enjoy coming to school. The SRC are also doing a great job at thinking up clubs for the library. These have included video making, an arts and craft origami club, coding and Lego.

It is very exciting watching the construction of the new playground equipment. We hope to see it ready when we return to school in Term 3. It's great that kids will have another fun activity to do at recess and lunch. The leaders and peer mediators will help the younger students play respectfully whilst having a fun time.

On the last day of school this term, there will be a **CRAZY HAIR DAY** to raise money for the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick. Forget your school uniform for the day and come dressed in your everyday clothes but make sure you have CRAZY HAIR!!







Tax Deductible Library Fund

In order to fill our school library with interesting and inspiring literature, Bellevue Hill Public School has established a Tax Deductible Library Fund. This fund is available to any person or business in the community who would like to make a tax deductible donation of \$2 or more to our library.

Please consider donating to this very worthy cause. 100% of the funds donated to the Library Fund will go directly towards filling our library shelves with novels, picture books and engaging non-fiction books for our students to borrow.

Donations received up to 30 June 2020 will be deductible in the 2019/2020 tax year. Donations made after 30 June 2020 will also be tax deductible but not until the 2020/2021 tax year.

PAYMENT DETAILS

The method of payment to the Library Fund is through the Parent Online Payment System (POP). Please proceed to our school website http://bellevuehillpublicschool.com, to access POP online.

- Click on "Payments"
- Enter student details, your details (for the tax receipt),
- then select "Other". Type in the description "Library Fund".

Our sincere thanks for supporting such a worthy cause.



NSW Department of Education

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.



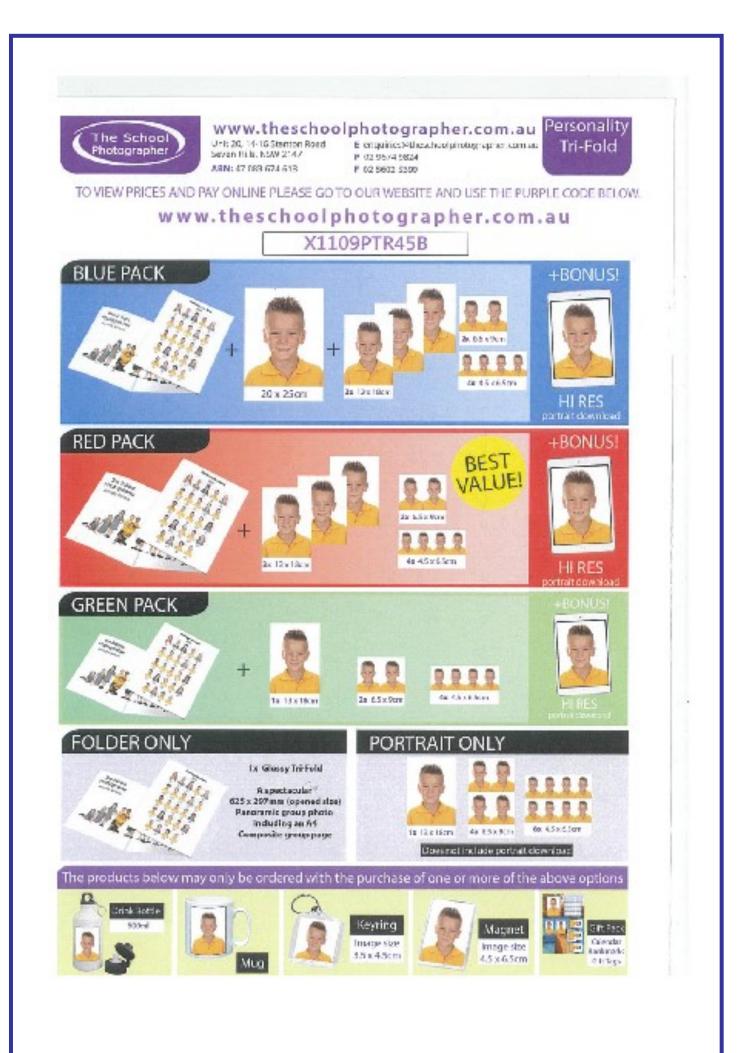
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Last day of term? Crezy hair addition!



Froceeds: Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick

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Merit Awards



Kindergarten: Maya A, Lilya B, Luka M, Lily J, Chloe N-W, Ethan N, Nittai Z, Ari G

- Year 1: Connor L, Madison G, Ella R, Riley S,
- Year 2: Alba S, Amitai, Coby H, Vivi L, Liam M, Charli M, Zerin A, Nikola B,
- Year 3: Maytal G, Shailee P, Arianna P, Christina K, Lily O, Ethan R
- Year 4: Calev B, Eden E, Jasper D B, Ariana T, Mackenzie L, Lola B
- Year 5: Ilana L, Lexi C, Kosei M, Eithann B, Demi D
- Year 6: Ryan H, Jessi L, Keira S, Amy K, Jessica H, Romy D L T

Hebrew:

Yahav K (YK), Tyler S (Y1), David L (Y2), Anael M, Aaron B (Y3), Jack I (Y4), Rafael J (Y5), Theodor B (Y6)

Russian:

Joshua H (YK), Ethan K (Y2), Noa B-I (Y3), Jan E (Yr6)

Italian:

Lara R (YK), Joshua K (Y1), Christopher M (Y4), Romy D L T (Y6)





Student Absences

Is your child absent from school today?

You can notify your child's teacher of the absence by using the skoolbag app. (This is our preferred method)

Instructions on how to download this app is attached to this weeks newsletter.

Alternatively you may email the admin.

If your child is going to be absent for 5 or more days an application of extended leave form is required to be given to the office, along with a copy of any e-ticket if applicable for approval by the Principal.

This form is available on our website and may be emailed through to the admin on the following email. Bellevuehi-p.admin@det.nsw.edu.au

Arriving Late to school

Students are to enter through the main gate next to the bus stop. Press the button and an office person will answer. The door will be automatically unlocked. They will need to push the gate open. We ask that you may need to help your child enter through the next pool gate and then instruct them to go directly to the office for a late arrival slip that is taken with them to the class teacher.

During this Covid-19 period, we ask that all parents, carers etc do not enter the school site.

Leaving Early

If you are collecting a child early for appointments etc advanced notice to the class teacher is appreciated, however, we understand that this is not always possible. Your child will be sent down to meet you at the gate.

Primary ETHICS

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 <u>www.primaryethics.com.au</u> and/or contact Irene Ulman – ireneulman@hotmail.com

Lost Property



Has your child lost something?



In an effort to reduce the amount of lost property in the school and since

parents are not able to come inside the school buildings during this Covid-19 period, we have now placed all lost items without names at the main entrance gate in two white laundry baskets. These will be there every afternoon for your child or yourself to look through each day.

Any item that has a clear label with a name on it will be returned to your child's classroom as soon as possible, we do ask that you put your child's surname as well since there are many students with the same first names.

Traffic Reminder

Please do not park in the school drop off and pick up zones (go with the flow). When dropping off your children,



drivers must not leave the vehicle unattended or stop for more than 2 minutes. Did you know that the fine is \$187 and 2 demerit points.

Please do not park across any school driveways. Did you know that the fine is \$337 and 2 demerit points.

WARNING: You may or may not already be aware that there is police presence monitoring the traffic outside the school in the mornings and



In 2005, the Bellevue Hill Public School P&C Association established a Building Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide money for purchasing, constructing and/or maintaining the School's buildings and certain fixtures contained within.

As our children come back to school in this "new world" we find ourselves in, now is the perfect time for the P&C to contribute to capital improvements such as better audiovisual facilities in the school hall and air-conditioning in the new building. Last year we funded tinting on all buildings which has greatly improved learning comfort.

Donations can be made via direct deposit to the P&C Building Fund account below and emailing your completed donation form & receipt to fudges@gmail.com (attn: Anthony). Or by completing the donation form on the next page and returning to the school office along with your donation in an envelope clearly labelled `P&C Building Fund donation'.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Account Name:	BHPS P&C Building Fund
BSB:	062 124 (Commonwealth Bank)
Account Number:	1059 8580
Reference/Description:	First initial and Surname

The Building Fund has Deductible Gift Recipient status with the ATO. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and those credited to the P&C's Building Fund up to and including 30th June 2020 will be claimable in the 2020 tax year. Receipts will be emailed to the address you provide in the donation form on page 2.

If paying by cheque, please make your cheque payable to 'BHPS P&C Building Fund'

All donations are much appreciated and gratefully received.

Helene Suskin	Anthony Fajwul
P&C President	P&C Treasurer

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Opportunity to donate to the BHPS P&C Building Fund 2020

P&C BUILDING FUND DONATION FORM

Name		
Amount you wish to donate		
Child/Children at BHPS		
Class/Classes at BHPS		
Phone Number		
Do you wish your donation to be acknowledged in the Bellenews? (Only the family name will be mentioned not the amount of the donation)	YES	NO
Please provid e an email address for the receipt		
If paying by Credit Card, please complete the following	VISA	MASTERCARD
Card Number		
Expiry		
Signature		

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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

See next page for how to order your school lunch

Our lunch order delivery service from Botany Bites Catering operates Monday—Thursdays during term.

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 <u>Flexischools</u>, to make school lunches even easier.

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

SET UP YOUR ACCOUNT

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.

Icogin/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

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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