

Term 2, Week 10 Friday 3 July, 2020



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Principal's Report

End of Semester

Principals, teachers and office staff in schools are breathing a sigh of relief today, following the successful completion of another term marred by restrictions and cancellations of most activities which are everyday occurrences in schools. Relief that we have remained COVID safe, relief that restrictions are gradually being lifted and activities are gradually being re-introduced and relief that they can finally relax for two weeks knowing that we will be coming back to a more positive environment in Term 3.

One of the highlights for the students IN TERM 3 will be the introduction of a number of activities at recess and lunch. These will include clubs, Student Representative Council, Junior and Senior Dance Groups, Junior and Senior Choirs, movie making and the Green Team.

Kudoboard Thank You Card

Many thanks to the 100 people who recognised our teachers and office staff and expressed their thanks on the Kudoboard Thank You card which was sent out over the last two weeks. The teachers, SLSOs and office staff have really appreciated the comments and photos of the students and/our families when expressing their thanks.

Building Fund

The P&C Building fund has raised over \$4000 from donations by our community. Many thanks to 60 parents for your generosity in contributing to this fund. Proceeds will be placed towards new audio-visual equipment for our school hall making our assemblies and presentations days much more interesting and successful.

BASC - Kids Club

Although Week 1 of the Holiday Program is completely full, BASC is advertising vacancies in the second week of the holidays. NB Free child care, ceases on July 10, so Week 2 will incur fees. Make sure you book early so you are not disappointed.

Playground Equipment

The installation of our new playground equipment has almost reached completion with the softfall being laid as a final process in the project. This will need time to cure before use so we are looking forward to a grand opening in Term 3.

100 days of School

Congratulations to the Kindergarten students and their teachers for 100 successful days at school. Usually, this milestone if celebrated with a huge picnic in the park for families and students, although the celebration was not able to be as grand this year. Even so, students and teachers were very proud of their achievements this week. See page 3 for pics.

Reporting to Parents

Following positive feedback about students' progress when teachers reported by telephone to parents, electronic reports were emailed out and uploaded onto the Sentral Parent Portal. A reminder that these reports are a simplified version of our normal reports with no A-E score.

Sentral Parent Portal

Many thanks for your patience as we trialled our new streamlined communication tool, *Sentral Parent Portal* this week. This currently has your child's report, the school newsletter, daily notices and allows you to update your details. Next term you will be able to view your child's attendance, explain absences and notify us of future absences. Please check you emails on how to access the portal, they were sent out earlier this week.

Many thanks for your continued support over this difficult term and have a wonderful holiday with your family. Students return on **Tuesday 21 July.**

Sue Bennett Principal

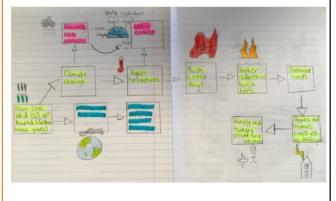
Interconnections Conceptual Unit Year 6

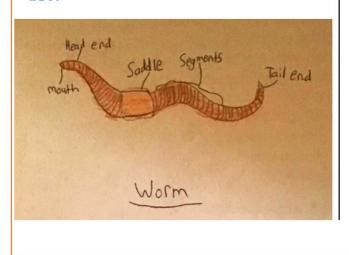
In this term's conceptual unit, Year 6 students have been studying the interconnections between living things and their environments using skills, tools and values from the fields of science and geography. Students have used fieldwork, observation and a variety of digital resources to build their awareness of local, national and global issues that are relevant to their lives and the building of sustainable futures.

Students have been using a variety of creative approaches to share the findings of their investigations through different visual representations. Some examples shown here are their animal observations, bush fire cause and effect flowcharts and data displays to show the results of their science experiments.

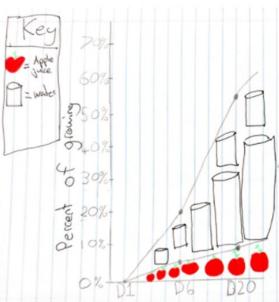
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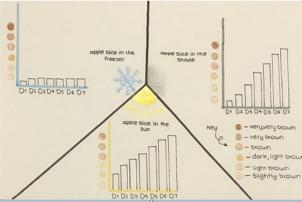




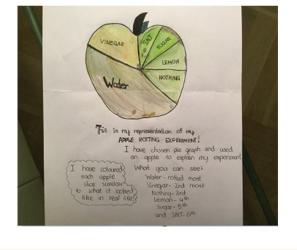
Jake



Ruby



Anna K



Learning in 5/6K

What's your passion?

Students have been exploring concepts this term that required them to be inquisitive learners. Learners who ask questions and seek out the answers and learners who analyse and evaluate the information they find to support the building of their own ideas and opinions.

Through interest based inquiry learning, students came up with a rich question in an area of interest to them.



There are lots of interest areas and BIG questions in 5/6K such as...

What would happen to humans and the world's atmosphere if the planets were in a different order?

What impact does racism have on our world?

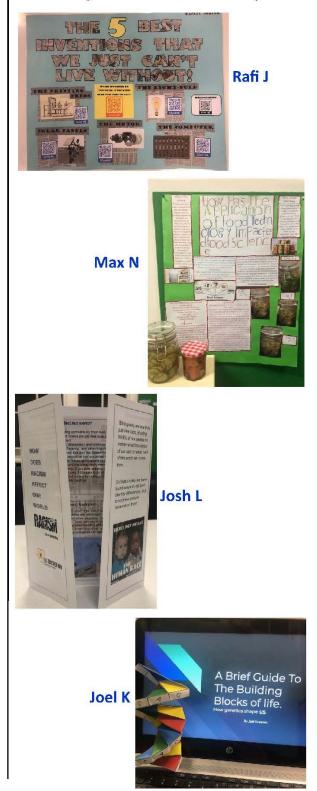
How does our personality make us unique?

What influence has Led Zeppelin had on the music that we listen to today?

Why was the impact of COVID-19 so significant on the Australian and global economy?

Does a person's culture or background affect what they like to eat?

After extensive research, the students presented their findings in a medium of their choosing.







books.



Kindergarten 100 Days of School Celebration

On Thursday 2nd July Kindergarten celebrated their 100th day of school. We started the day by making our 100 day crowns. We coloured and cut and fitted our beautiful crowns onto our heads. We all looked fantastic! We danced and sang to Jack Hartmann's 100 day song. We made a 100 day puzzle and glued it into our maths











At lunch time we met our Year 5 buddies and talked about being at school and remembering our first day of school. We finished the day by stacking 100 cups and accepted our 100 day certificates. We all felt very proud to have completed 100 days at big school.







Happy



100 Days





Last day of terms Crazy hair















Froceeds: Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick



ICAS TESTS



The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are an independent, skills-based assessment program designed to recognise and reward academic excellence.

Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning, requiring the use of higherorder thinking and problem solving skills. The assessments are conducted across 20 countries including USA, India, Singapore, Malaysia, South Africa and Australis.

Students who undertake the ICAS test are ranked based on their percentile in each year level across every participating state and country:

- Top 1% of students receive a High Distinction
- The next 10% of students receive a Distinction
- The following 25% of students receive a *Credit*

• The next 10% of students receive a *Merit Certificate* All other students receive a *Participation Certificate*

These test are very different to the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Tests. The ICAS tests are designed for *high potential and high achieving students*. They are open to students in Years 2-6 and will be administered by BHPS Staff using the online.

- * The tests provide objective rankings of performance
- Encourage students to attain greater academic success
- Require students to think beyond the classroom
- Recognise students success through medals and certificates.

The school provides the assessments for all high all potential students in Mathematics and English; however, parents have the opportunity to buy the following tests for their own child at \$15.95 per test per child in the areas of:

- Science
- Digital Technologies
- Spelling Bee
- Writing *(*Writing is not available in 2020)

To purchase an ICAS Test for your child for:

Science, Digital Technologies or Spelling Bee,

Please go to the UNSW Global website and visit the parent portal (see link below).

BHPS school access is:	code	UNC093
Your pa page lii		<u>https://</u> shop.unswglobal.com. au/pages/pps

The Parent Payment Portal closes on Sunday 26 July.

The sitting dates for all tests are as follows:

Test	5 Day Sitting Window Dates:	
Science	Mon 17–Fri 21 August	
Digital Technologies	Mon 24-Fri 28 August	
ENGLISH	Mon 24– Fri 28 August	
MATHEMATICS	Mon 31 Aug—Fri 4 Sept	
Spelling Bee	Mon 31 Aug—Fri 4 Sept	

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

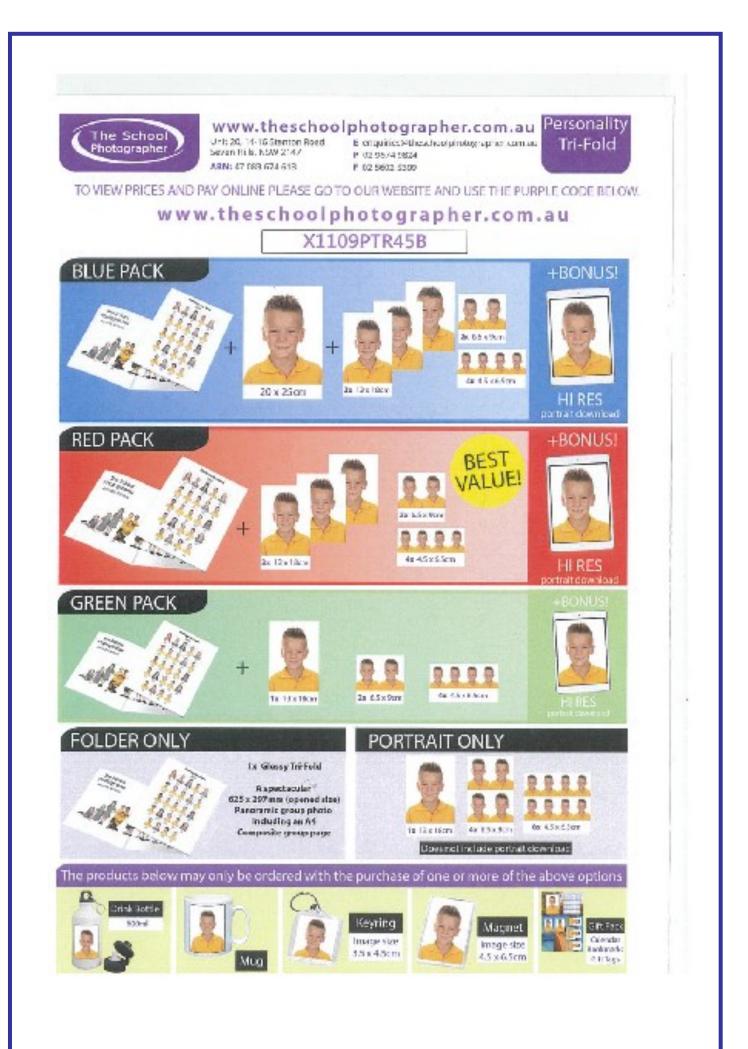
We appreciate your patience and support while we work together to minimise the impact of COVID-19 in our community.

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.



education.nsw.gov.au



Merit Awards



- Kindergarten: Lara R, Willow Mc , Nevaeh G, Elli S, Yarden S, Levi E, Marlene P, Angelica B
- Year 1: Levi R, Cami K, Oscar W, Rose R, Leah M, Leo L
- Year 2: Henry V-H, Katerina D, Elaad S, Alessia C, Jessie F, Ethan K, Leila K, Harry S-G
- Year 3: Sofia L, Ethan E, Chris G, Isabella P, Lucia V, Jamie S
- Year 4: No Awards this week!
- Year 5: Rafi J, Amelie L, Mark B, Jamie L, Marlon L, Alex A
- Year 6: Levi K, Oli S, Joel M, Kiera S

Hebrew:

Levi F (YK)

<u>Russian:</u> <u>Italian:</u> Nevaeh G (YK), Olive W (Y1), Paz C (Y3), Soham K (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

Piano and Music Theory Examinations

During lock down time, Taj (Year 6) prepared a beautiful repertoire for a video examination at the Australian Music Examination Board. This resulted in an Honour Certificate in Piano Grade 3 that he received last week. Meanwhile, Leah Z (Year 4) completed an online course in Grade 1 of Music Theory. She sat an on-line examination and received a High Distinction mark scoring 97%. Leah also received an A (Honour) for her Piano Grade 2 examination.

We send our warm congratulations on Taj's and Leah's success in learning music.

Dr Petrova - Piano teacher





Caring for the Elderly

Earlier this term, Ruby in Year 6 wanted to help cheer up the elderly who were locked down in aged care facilities during the COVID pandemic. Ruby asked her friends to design posters that could be displayed at an aged care facility that a family friend worked at. Please see the below message from Margherita B, the Community Visitors Scheme & Home Visiting Program Project Worker. Well done Ruby!



Dear Ruby,

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for coordinating this project. The nursing home staff and residents have been over the moon receiving and reading the heartfelt words of encouragement from all students who have submitted artwork. I have been copying and laminating each drawing multiple times so that all residents can enjoy them. Some of the residents are using them as placemats and staff have reported that these gifts have a calming effect and have put smiles on all their faces during these uncertain times.



Thank you and take care.



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		

All donations are much appreciated and gratefully received.

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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

<u>Text Books</u>

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.

Iogin/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.

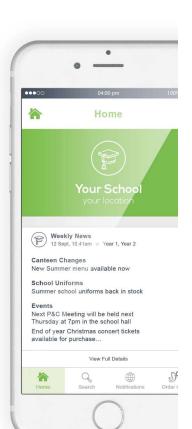
[2] Make your Selection

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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