



## Principal's Report Swimming Carnival

This week's carnival did not disappoint. The planning & organisation by Mr Rawson was first class, the implementation by teachers on the day was superb and the participation, enthusiasm and excitement generated by the students was electrifying.

The carnival ran like clockwork allowing a greater number of students participating in all races, especially the juniors. Congratulations students & teachers for a combined extremely successful carnival and fun day. See photos inside.

## Meet the Teacher

Preparations for our *Meet the Teacher* information sessions have included:

- Newsletters have been emailed with information about the term ahead
- Links for parents to ask questions beforehand have been provided and
- Links to all webinars have been sent out by email for parents to log on next week.

Don't forget, the main aim is to introduce the class teachers and hear what is happening for the term.

	Monday 15 Feb	Tuesday 16 Feb	Wednesday 17 Feb
5.00 pm	Year 6	Kindy	Year 1
5.30 pm		Year 5	5/6B
6.00 pm	Year 4	Year 2	Year 3

Later in the term, we will hold parent/teacher interviews, possibly still virtually depending on restrictions.

These interviews will be to report on your child's individual progress and give an indication of where to next for each child.

## COVID Advice for Families

The Dept of Education is continuing to work closely with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), NSW Health and other agencies to ensure our schools continue to operate in the safest ways possible in the COVID-19 environment.

Advice for families:

- Parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.
- NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the [COVID-19 clinics](#)[External link](#).
- Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.
- Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

We are working to keep BHPS students as safe as we possibly can.

## Year 2 & 3 Swimming Scheme

Each year, the NSW Dept of Education targets Year 2 students in a Learn to Swim campaign. Lessons for this program are free to parents, paid for by the DoE. Parents are required to pay for bus transport and entry into the pool but are receiving much more than what this costs.

Last year, students in Year 2 were unable to take part in this scheme because of COVID Restrictions. So, in 2021, Year 2 & 3 will be involved in this program of free lessons every day for five days from 1—5 March.

**Sue Bennett**  
Principal

# Leadership

## Vice Captains

### Ari

Hi, I'm Ari I am one of your Vice Captains for 2021.

Some of the things I enjoy doing are building Lego, making origami, playing sports, especially soccer and cricket. I also enjoy watching and supporting the best football team, Liverpool FC.

My grandfather and uncles also went to Bellevue Hill Public School and I am proud to follow the family tradition. I started at Bellevue Hill Public School in Year 2 and everybody was so friendly and welcoming which helped me settle in very quickly. My brother, Elijah, who is now in Year 3 has been at Bellevue Hill Public School since Year K and it's great to have him here with me.

So far the leadership team has been a fantastic experience. I have already enjoyed greeting many of you at the gates in the morning and putting up the flags. I am here for all of you, so please come find me in the playground at recess or lunch to say hi or if you need anything. I am excited about a new program called "Random act of Kindness" which was started last year.

It was great seeing all the students this week participate in the swimming carnival and I am looking forward to an amazing year ahead especially the cross country, the athletics carnival and musical with you all!



### Lulu

Hello! My name is Lulu and I am one of the BHPS Vice Captains for 2021. I am so excited and extremely happy to have been chosen for this position. I am committed to working hard and doing my best for our great school.

I am a loving sister to Arianna in Year 4 and my parents tell me that I am a great daughter! :) My favourite sports are netball and touch football and I love to sew and read. I also do drama, karate, piano and sewing as extracurricular activities. I am busy but I'm learning to manage my time and not to crack under pressure!

At university I want to major in business and politics and I'm also interested in fashion design. I am independent and can achieve anything if I put my mind to it! I will encourage all the students at BHPS to think this way too. We have been learning about our brain in Grow Your Mind lessons so I'm sure this will help us all better understand how we can deal with our emotions and to become successful in the future and contribute to our community.

Ari and I will be reminding kids to wear their hats when in the sun.

So **Slip Slap Slap** remember to wear your hat. The sun is strong, and we are in the middle of summer, so always wear your hat when at sport and at recess and lunch.



## Safer Internet Day

This week we had 'Safer Internet Day'  
Here is some valuable advice from the online team at *Safe On Social*.

When your child reaches 10 – 11yrs (or even earlier), they may start asking for their first smartphone and to use social media. So here are ten things to keep your Tweens safe online:

1. If your child is asking for a phone, make sure that you get them to do a little presentation, or write a small project sheet, on a topic of cyber safety every week in the lead up to getting their phone.
2. Think about the age recommendations; it is not illegal for a child to use social media under the age of 13yrs with their parents' permission. But they need to remember to update their age on any site that has asked for it when they actually turn 13yrs. Like Facebook, for example. This way, the app will not think they are older. As an extreme example...if your child signs up to use Facebook when they are 10yrs, and they have to lie and say they are 13yrs...so by the time they are 15yrs if they haven't adjusted the year they were born, the app will think they are 18yrs. Then they can get a Tinder account as it relies on Facebook for verification!
3. Teach your kids to think twice before they accept a friend request. Just because someone is a friend of their big brother or sister or cousin who goes to another school does not mean they should let them into their life.
4. Engage with them about their favourite social media app and get them to teach you about it so you can at least know the basics. Get them to show you how to block and report so you can be sure they know how to.
5. Be a good role model. Keep your screen time in check. There is no use banning the phones from bedrooms if you go to bed with yours each night, for example.
6. Help them to check and manage privacy settings. This is something you can do together when they are younger by making it a shared experience.

7. Think twice before "sharenting." Do not post photos of your kids in school uniform or school events or holding certificates with their full name and school name on it. You are letting the whole world know where they go to school. This can happen by "checking in" or geotagging a school as well.

8. Ask them first when you are about to share their photo. Let your kids be involved in the decision making on whether they are ok with you posting a photo of them or not as young as possible. This will teach them to ask others first before they post pictures as they grow up.

9. Put healthy boundaries in place. Don't ban them from their device if they forget to do a household chore or are naughty for something totally unrelated to their device. Do not take it off them if they speak up about something that has happened online because you are scared either. This is the quickest way to drive all the conversations that you want to be having underground. Instead, if you have a healthy boundary like all devices are banned from the bathroom or bedroom. So when they are caught with their device in either place, you ban them for a week. This way, they will learn that it is safe to speak up about what is going on online without punishment unless they break the rules about device use.

10. Respect the classifications. The average age of a gamer is 35yrs old. Classifications are there for a reason. It is not ok for a child under the age of 18yrs to be playing R Rated games...even with their parents!!! If your child is playing online games, set healthy boundaries around time playing as well. All of the other tips above also apply to gaming.





## ***Kids Giving Back from BHPS***

Kids Giving Back is a charity whose mission is to create the next Generation of Generosity.

The programs are delivered for children 6-18 years old and their families, and offer opportunities to assist vulnerable people in the community.

Embracing the concept of making a contribution back into community, the programs deliver a range of volunteering experiences to assist students acquire empathy, experience altruism and achieve a sense of belonging.

Kids Giving Back at present provides service learning programs for 87 schools as part of the curriculum or as one of their enrichment activities.

While we were enjoying a well-deserved rest over the school holidays, students from our school were participating in community volunteering programs at Kids Giving Back.

The contribution of our students has resulted in over *3700 meals and resources* being prepared and distributed during the December /January school holiday period.

Our students have undertaken these opportunities in their leisure time and program facilitators have been unanimous in their praise for the enthusiasm and engagement of all our young volunteers. Eleven charities were assisted as a result of their work which supports the homeless and vulnerable in the community.

Congratulations to the following students participated in one or more of our programs during these school holidays:

**Alexis C    Ilana L    Jamie M    Georgia E**

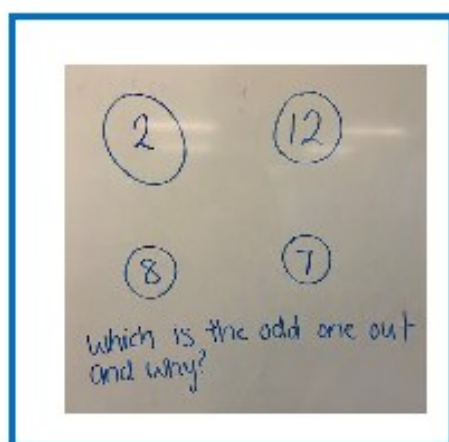
**Jaimee A    Gemma W    and    Sienna G-S**



## Promoting **CREATIVITY**, **INNOVATION**, **CRITICAL THINKING** & **COLLABORATION** in Yr 2

### Number Talks in Year 2

Number talks are daily maths activities that allow students to have meaningful and highly engaging conversations about mathematics. This week, Year 2 have been engaged in the number talk 'which is the odd one out'.



These numbers talks have been a truly transformational culture shift where students of all learning abilities feel empowered to contribute to classroom discussions.

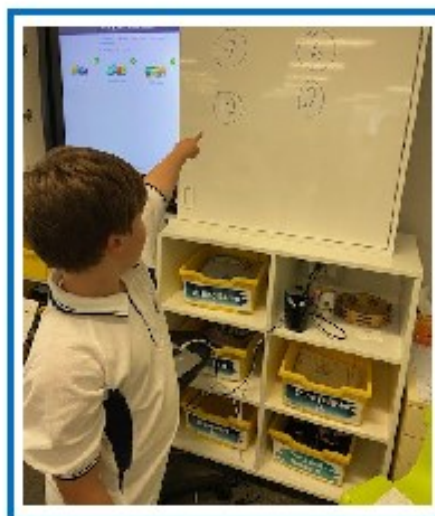
The Grow Your Mind animal, Sifting Sooty (the Reticular Activating System in our bodies), has been switched on as we focus into our daily maths lessons.



"I think 12 is the odd one out because it has two parts" - Sophia L

"I think 7 is the odd one out because it's an odd number" - Leon T

"I think 12 is the odd one out because it's the biggest number" - Nicolette P







**Swimming  
Carnival  
Yrs 3-6  
2021**

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## Merit Awards Week 3

**Kindergarten:** Shane S, Ivy K, Evie B, Jake K, Amelia S, Toby J, Dasha S, Archie C, Layla N, Josh T

**Year 1:** Nittai Z, Marlee C, Claudia D, Miles W, Matan N, Amalia B, Maya C, Ori V

**Year 2:** Aiden S, Aline M, Riley S, Harley B, Celine G, Reggie C, Eden W, Joshua K

**Year 3:** Caleb B, Hannah G, Ethan G, Vivienne L, Noor A, Jake A

**Year 4:** Chloe G, Rachel J, Janna S, Isabella P, Raquel S, Stella N

**Year 5:** Gabriella B, Jeremy S, Nate M, Anastasia L

**Year 6:** Luka B, Joa D W, Jaimee A, Lior B

### Languages

#### **Hebrew:**

Leo Leeder (Y2), Zachary P (Y3), Carmel S (Y4), Calev B (Y5)

#### **Russian:**

Mika K (Yr K), Fletcher H (Yr 1), Nicolette P (Yr 2), Magali D (Yr 3), Zac F (Yr 5)



## Vaucluse Award

Every year, the Hon Gabrielle Upton donates two awards to the students at BHPS, one award for Stage 2 and one award for Stage 3.

In 2020, Gabrielle was unable to be present at our awards ceremonies, however, she has made time in her busy schedule to meet with Ronen Barski, Year 6 2020 and present him with his award, pictured below with his brother, Mark in Year 3.



Another student, Sophie Antic is scheduled to meet with Gabrielle to receive her award as well in the near future.

We thank Gabrielle for her generosity each year.

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We have now allocated a class parent to all of the classes and we thank those parent coordinators for volunteering.

## DON'T BE LEFT OUT! WE NEED YOUR DETAILS!

Your class parent is now putting together a class list so we need your details asap!

This Parent Contact List is used for many things - passing on info from the P&C and the school about upcoming events, organising play dates and birthday parties.

It's so simple - all you need to do is fill out this quick form with your details:

**<https://bit.ly/bhps-parents21>**

## MEET YOUR CLASS PARENTS FOR 2021

Thank you to those wonderful parents who have already volunteered as class parents!

<b>KA</b>	Simita Banerjee	simitab@gmail.com	<b>3V</b>	Bridget Muir	bmuir83@gmail.com
<b>KB</b>	Nicola Schie	nicola.schie@gmail.com	<b>3P</b>	Lisa Peles	lisapeles@yahoo.com
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# Primary ETHICS

We are seeking volunteers to 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

Could you be an **ethics teacher** for Bellevue Hill Public School?

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

Our BHPS school Ethics CoOrdinator

Claire Kemperman

Email: [clairekemperman@hotmail.com](mailto:clairekemperman@hotmail.com)



## OPEN NIGHT

ONLINE  
8th March  
2021

Rose Bay Secondary College has a proud record of high academic achievement, an inclusive environment and a reputation for excellence. Our curricular and extracurricular activities empower students to strive for their personal best. Our values of Opportunity, Achievement and Community are shared by all our students and staff.

### Our HSC Achievements 2020

- Ranked 95th in the State
- Ranked 7th overall in the Mathematics Standard 2 course
- 5 HSC All-Round Achievers
- 88 Achievers on the Honour Roll
- 144 courses on the Distinguished Achievers list



**Ariella Zilka,**  
School Captain 2020

Rose Bay Secondary College's motto of 'Opportunity, Achievement, Community' genuinely encapsulates my fantastic high school experience. The opportunity-rich environment of Rose Bay provided me and my peers with a multitude of both academic and extracurricular initiatives that went beyond the traditional schooling experience. These opportunities set the foundation of not only friendships, but a cohesive link between year-groups, students, and teachers, creating a welcoming and inclusive environment. The school fostered a sense of pride and high expectations, allowing us to strive for our personal best and celebrating the diverse talents of all the students. The genuine care and companionship between the students and the incredibly supportive teachers created a community support and trust. The diverse opportunities Rose Bay offered me, the personal achievements I gained, and the amazing school community I was a part of will forever hold a place in my heart.

### Congratulations Class of 2020

Some of our high achievers and their destinations

 <p><b>College Dur Gabe Joseph</b> HSC All-Round Achiever <b>99.06</b> Coop Scholarship (Marketing), UNSW</p>	 <p><b>Mia Sturges Giddy</b> HSC All-Round Achiever <b>98.3</b> B. Arts (English), USyd</p>	 <p><b>Miranda Cao</b> HSC All-Round Achiever <b>97.16</b> B. Social Work/ B. Arts, USyd</p>
 <p><b>Stan Richards</b> HSC All-Round Achiever <b>98.9</b> B. Ad Science, UNSW</p>	 <p><b>Henry Darke</b> <b>98.1</b> B. Actuarial Studies, UNSW</p>	 <p><b>Keanu Harris</b> <b>98.26</b> B. Pre Med, UOW</p>
 <p><b>Elsie Gillespie</b> HSC All-Round Achiever <b>98.56</b> B. Arts/ B. Ad Stud. Pol and Int Relations, USyd</p>	 <p><b>Annabelle Chapman</b> <b>97.8</b> B. Pharmacology, UTS</p>	 <p><b>Gil Goodman</b> <b>96.9</b> B Mathematical Science, ANU</p>

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