

## Principal's Report

### Meet the Teacher Sessions

This week, each grade hosted a *Meet the Teacher* session for families to 'meet' their child's teacher and hear about organisation and activities for the term ahead. We understand some parents were disappointed not to have a face-to-face meeting but even so, parent feedback has largely been positive about the ease of attending the meeting, the amount of information received, the introduction of each team, the ability to see the classroom and/or photos of the students and being able to have their questions answered.

Each team will provide their presentation to parents so that those who were not able to join in, will be able to see the information. Most of this information was provided in a newsletter before the information session.

One of the strengths of Bellevue Hill Public School is the relationship we share with our community and the interaction we normally enjoy for all school activities. Later in the term we are hoping to have more personal interaction with our community. We miss you!!

### Calendar Dates

for your diary



#### Feb:

- 19 PSSA Sport begins  
Scripture recommences at BH
- 22 NAPLAN practice tests commence
- 23 Tennis trials at Lyne Park  
Vision Screening for K students who have not been tested in preschool
- 25 Selective Test Centre info sent to parents  
AFL Zone Trials

#### March:

- 1 Year 2 & 3 Swim Scheme commences
- 3 Zone Swimming Carnival  
BH hosting GATEWAYS Eureka Challenge
- 4 BH hosting GATEWAYS Eureka Challenge
- 5 Year 2 & 3 Swim Scheme concludes
- 11 Selective HS Placement Test for Y7 2022

### P&C Camps

One of the highlights of our school year are the P&C camps organised and run by parents in Term 1 & Term 4 for families at Bellevue Hill PS. Unfortunately, last year, plans were disrupted with bushfires and COVID. However, this year the camp organisers are very eager to get a group together to be able to enjoy this community event.

They have managed to secure a new campsite, with almost exclusive rights for BH, clean & accessible amenities blocks, riverside access, a children's play area and a swimming pool!

Parents have organised a page called *Bellevue Hill Public School Camps* for parents to join on Facebook and receive up-to-date information. Get your camping gear ready. This promises to be for a very special weekend on 19 - 21 March. Many thanks to organisers & dads at BH - Greg Sher and Hilton Abkin.

### Go With The Flow in jeopardy

Another fabulous parent initiative at BHPS is the GWTF *Go With the Flow* (GWTF) traffic management system. Initiated many years ago to provide a safe pick up for students and a fabulous service for parents, it was also intended to prevent the dangerous habits of double/illegal parking causing traffic chaos.

However, this week parent behaviour is placing our GWTF system in jeopardy. The police who have often been present have warned the school that parents who are not abiding by the parking rules will receive fines and if this doesn't work, the whole GWTF area will need to be reviewed.

The problems are:

- Parents without a number parking in the GWTF line preventing the flow to occur;
- Parents double parking down Birriga Road past the GWTF area;
- Students not coming to the GWTF area quickly to be picked up and
- Parents not moving if students are not there.

**Please help us keep the children safe by ensuring the GWTF actually flows.**

**Sue Bennett  
Principal**

# Leadership

## SRC Presidents

### Lexi

My name is Lexi and I am excited to be your SRC President for 2021. I'm involved in many activities including drama, playing netball, singing and I've just started yoga too.

I enjoy public speaking and watching movies and just having a laugh with my friends. I have a brother, Josh in Year 2 and two cousins who also attend BHPS. I have been in SRC numerous times before and I am delighted to be the SRC President. I am looking forward to meeting and working with all the students at the SRC meetings so that together we can make the school even better than it already is.

Please come find me in the playground and come and have a chat with me, as I love meeting and having a chat with all the awesome students at BHPS.



### Rafael

My name is Rafael but you can call me Rafi. I am so excited to be your SRC President this year.

I started at BHPS well before kindergarten as my older brother and sister and all my first cousins came before me. They were all school captains and SRC presidents so I am happy that I can also play my part. I went on my first P&C camping trip when I was just six months old so Bellevue Hill is a huge part of my life.

Each morning I love coming to school, especially to see my friends. My favourite subject is definitely maths. Once a week I am on gate duty and look forward to greeting everyone. I will be at all the SRC meetings so if you have any ideas or questions please don't be shy and come and talk to me.

I have lots of ideas to make our school even better including an inter year handball and table tennis competition to raise money for charity.

There are so many exciting things to come in 2021 and I'm grateful that I will get to share these experiences with all of you.





## Swimming Carnival report

On Tuesday, 9 February our Primary (Yrs 3-6) swimming carnival was held at the Des Renford Aquatic Centre, Maroubra and the spirit and camaraderie amongst the student body was outstanding.

The atmosphere was electric! I believe it is these occasions that forge strong bonds amongst the students and serve to build a cohesive sense of unity and community spirit.

Of all the things I could report on I will only focus on two:

Firstly, I was absolutely thrilled to see so many junior students enter the pool with the aim being to have a go. I lost count of the number of times I asked students would they like to stop and they just shook their heads and kept going, testament to their spirit and a demonstration of resilience. Watching them swim regardless of the outcome reminded me of how fortunate we are at Bellevue Hill. We pride ourselves in playing on participating and in developing a true love for the game.

Another relates to a student who approached me and said that he would like to try to swim 50m. He asked if I would mind if he jumped in to have a go. I was thrilled to see him come forward and watched him walk to the marshalling area. He completed the event and couldn't have been happier. An outstanding achievement and one that I am sure you will also recognise as one worthy of our praise.

Sport is not about winning or losing, it's about being involved, supporting and encouraging each other and enjoying the moment. I couldn't have scripted it more perfectly.

What a carnival and what a great day!

Best regards,  
Mr. Rawson





# Student Wellbeing In Yr 3



## Getting to know the animals...

This year, BHPS have started a fantastic new wellbeing program 'Grow Your Mind'. Year 3 students have been getting to know the parts of our brains, which are represented by different animals.

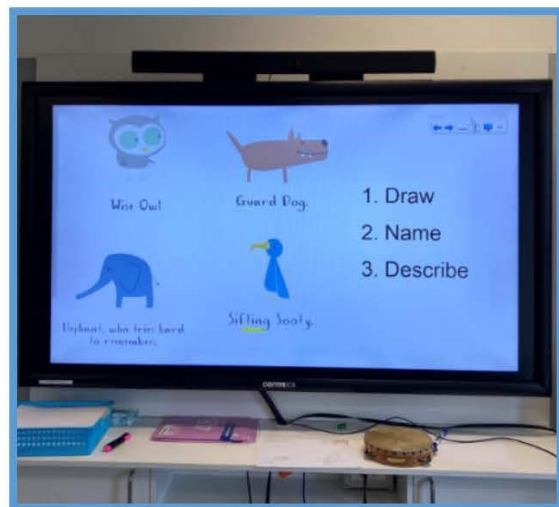
Mikah S: "Our elephant part of our brain helps us to remember things and lock information in for when we need to use it".

Lyla T: "Our wise owl helps us to make good decisions".

Liam: "Our guard dog is basically our guard. When we are in situations, it tells us to either fight, freeze or flee. It's our protective part of our brain".

Harry: "Our Sifting Sooty helps us to focus. We use our Sifty Sooty a lot at school".

The Year 3 students have been making posters of the animals that we can display around our learning space. Next, we will be focusing on how we can calm our 'guard dog' when we are feeling mad, overwhelmed or frustrated.





# P&C CAMP 19-21st March



## Who is ready to camp?

We feel we have outdone ourselves this year! Help us make this the best camping trip to date.

We have organised a camp site with:

Pretty much exclusive BHPS use

A clean and easily accessible toilet and shower block

A swimming pool, yes!! A swimming pool

Riverside access

A Volleyball court

A kids play area

And of course, a huge, green and tranquil patch of grass to camp on.  
All in under 90 minutes (65kms) from BHPS.

So, come camping with us at the Hawkesbury Riverside Gardens  
([www.hawkesburycaravanpark.com.au](http://www.hawkesburycaravanpark.com.au)) on the 19th to the 21st March 2021. We will post a booking link this week, but get all your BHPS mates in on this one - you won't want to miss it!

# ***You don't need to be “good at maths” to help your children with their maths***

by Doug Clarke | Tuesday 9 February 2021, 10:39 AM (AEDT)

## **HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN WITH MATHS**

Unlike secondary school, there's not much research evidence that "traditional" homework (doing more class work, finishing work set at school) makes much difference to student achievement in primary school. However, where homework is focused on family activities, children do much better at school.

### **Build on success**

Create the impression that learning mathematics well is desirable. Encourage effort and help your children see errors as part of the learning process.

### **Let them work things out**

People learn, not so much by being told things, as by working things out for themselves and linking new ideas to ideas they already have. You can help by asking your children questions, letting them work out answers for themselves, and then discussing their answers and strategies with them.



### **Be patient**

Children need time to think and time to answer. When asking your children questions or talking to them about mathematics, give them time. Be patient. Also, explain to older children that they need to give younger siblings time to answer questions, rather than always answering for them.

### **Talk about it**

Encourage children to talk. Talking about mathematics is an effective way of learning, especially when a mathematical situation arises naturally.

### **Speak the language**

Use mathematical words when you describe things. For example, instead of saying "the big red bucket", you might say "the 10-litre bucket". Instead of saying "the large packet of rice", you might say "the 2-kilogram packet of rice".

### **Don't rush**

There is no hurry. Children develop their mathematics skills gradually and there is no urgency about developing any particular skill. It's necessary to work progressively on helping them to learn mathematics. Start now, but there is no need to accelerate your child's development.

**Next Week: 10 practical ideas to help your children with mathematics**



## Merit Awards Week 4

### Kindergarten:

Dean K, Amaya G, Nina G,  
Charlie G, Alfie E, Levi C, Scarlet K,  
Nathan E, Grace C, Toby S

**Year 1:** Matan N, Rosalie B, Elijah O, Jodi F,  
Amilia K, Noah W, Fletcher H, Julia S A

**Year 2:** Theo Henderson, Eliana H, Levi R, Rose R,  
Nora R, Oscar W, Mikey O, Violet M,

**Year 3:** Lucas G, Magali D, Zachary P, Amber P,  
Dylan H, Leila K

**Year 4:** Aaron B, Jeevan M, Hannah S,  
Lily Rose O, Marcus G-S, Ashleigh K

**Year 5:** Calev B, Jayden L, Annika D B, James G,  
Poppy E

**Year 6:** Demi D, Mark B, Jamie L, Eden S, Riley P,

### Languages

#### Hebrew:

Addison H, Maya R (Y1), Reuben Z, Noah W (Y2),  
Galya F, Aiken L-I (Y3), Damon B, Jamie S (Y4),  
Gabriella B, Alec W (Y5), Lexi C, Jamie L (Y6)

#### Russian:

Mika K, Daniel D, Archibald C (YK), Fletcher H (Y1),  
Nicolette P (Y2), Ethan P (Y3), Adrian P (Y5)



### Starlight Super Swim

Caleb H in Year 3 is participating in the Starlight Super Swim to fundraise for sick kids. His goal is to swim 10 kilometres in a month. Caleb is swimming with his sister, Amalia (who is in Year 1), his mum, grandma and uncle.

They are three generations of swimmers who have joined the swim challenge.

Congratulations to Caleb and Amalia on your super efforts!





# 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:

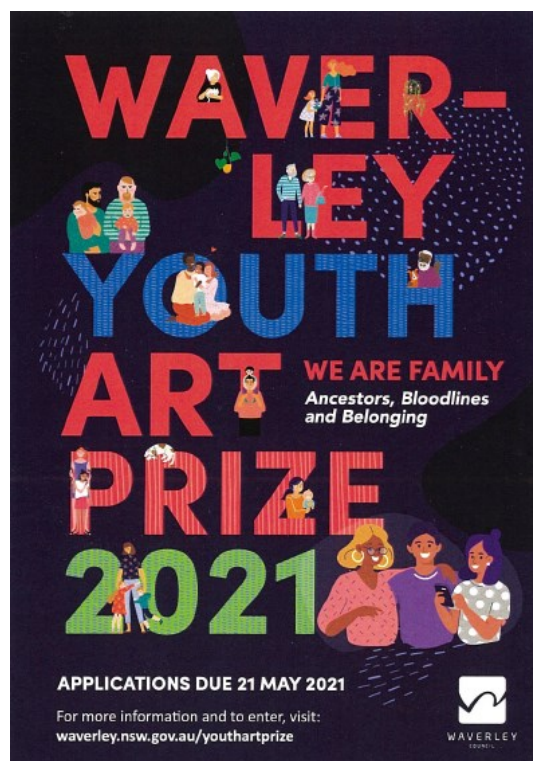
- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

## 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  
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The Waverley Youth Art Prize aims to encourage creativity in young artists from Sydney's eastern beaches. It is open to anyone aged between 9-18 years old who is living, studying or even simply playing in Sydney's east.

All entrants' work is hung so they get to experience the joy of being an exhibiting artist and see an audience appreciate their work. Young artists also go in the running to receive encouragement awards including art packs and vouchers to attend classes at local institutions such as the National Art School.

As you might be aware, the Waverley Youth Art Prize responds to a different theme each year. In 2021 the theme is **'We are Family- Ancestors, Bloodlines and Belonging'**. We are asking young artists to create an artwork in any medium which responds to this provocation.

The council are anticipating delivering the exhibition in the Waverley Library with the winners being announced online.

If you have any questions please contact the Visual Arts team through [visualarts@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:visualarts@waverley.nsw.gov.au) or call 9083 8790.





# South Sydney High School Information Session Year 7 2022

*South Sydney High School provides a challenging, well-rounded education that offers outstanding opportunities through to the HSC and beyond.  
Find out for yourself why SSHS is the right choice for your child.*

Information sessions: **7:30 am or 4:00 pm**

**Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th or Friday 5th March 2021**

- Attend the Principal's address
- Explore the Enrichment stream option
- View our informative virtual displays
- Engage with SSHS students and teachers
- Please book online at [trybooking.com/BOVDB](https://trybooking.com/BOVDB)



As per current NSW COVID guidelines, there are only 30 available places per session. Please book for **one parent/carer** to enable more parents to come. You can bring your child along, you do not need to book for them. Please be mindful that plans may change according to the COVID guidelines. We will keep you updated of any changes to our Information Sessions on our Open Day website.

In the meantime, visit our Virtual Open Day website for  
further information about our school!



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