

Principal's Report

Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) 2021-2024

After consultation from the parents, carers, teachers, students and broader community in 2019, the Bellevue Hill Public School's SIP will be published on our website in Term 2, in line with other public schools. Underpinned by the School Excellence Framework, it contains the strategic directions and associated improvement measures for the next planning cycle. Many thanks to everyone in the school community for your contributions.

Eggstra-ordinary Egg Challenge

Each year at Easter time, families are invited to submit imaginative creations in our Eggstra-ordinary Egg Competition. Entries need to be assembled in a shoe box, be clearly labelled with name, class and title and need to exhibit a word using decorated egg designs.

Using 'egg' as a prefix for eggsample: eggshibition, eggsercise, eggshausted, eggscuse, eggsecution, eggsclamation and so on. Below please see some of the entries that we have received. We are looking forward to receiving lots more this year!!



Sentral Parent Portal: updated App

The App was updated at the end of last year. The new App is **purple**. Can you please check your device and ensure that you have the new App.

The Sentral Parent Portal is BHPS's main communication tool. It is used for:

- school reports
- emails
- notifications
- notes
- newsletter
- school calendar
- recording student absences



Term 2 Dates

Some important dates to note in your diaries for Term 2. Please check the **Sentral Parent Portal** for a full calendar of events.

20 April:	students return to school	
23 April:	PSSA winter sport begins	
Week 3	Mother's Day Stalls	
9 May:	Mother's Day	
10 May:	NAPLAN online testing window opens	

Correction—Sporting Success

Last week, representatives from BHPS who were chosen for the Regional Boys Soccer team were announced but omitted Max K who has also been successful. Congratulations and best wishes Max.

Happy holidays

As our last day of term is next Thursday, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday! We look forward to welcoming all students back on Tuesday, 20 April for Term 2.

Sue Bennett
Principal

KIDS GIVING BACK

The next generation of generosity

HOMELESSNESS AND WOMEN'S SHELTER DRIVE

We're appealing to the generosity of our wonderful Bellevue Hill community to assist with this drive! Kids Giving Back need our help to collect these much-needed items for the homelessness community and women's shelters. These items will then be put together as care packs at the Kids Giving Back School Holiday Programs. See your class collection list below. Feel free to add extra items if you wish or a baby toy.



DRIVE DATES: 8 - 29 MARCH

YEAR K + 1 Women's Shelters Collection

KA - Baby wipes – small to medium size
KG - Baby wash
KV + 1DM - Nappy change mats
1P - Baby socks.

KB - Nappy rash crème – small size
KH - Nappies – newborn to 1 year
1CR - Baby singlets
1R - Baby wraps

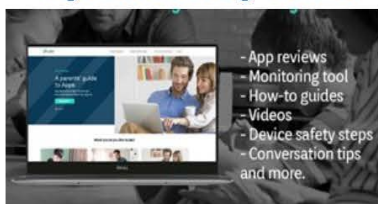
YEAR 2 - 6 Homelessness Collection

2C + 2L - Small packs of band aids
(20-25 size packs) + new baby toy
3V - Razors
3WB - Razors
4W - Wet wipes (small packs)
4K - Wet wipes (small packs)
5S - Sun screen (Small roll-on size)
6V - Hand Sanitizer (small pocket size)

2M - Emery Boards + new baby toy
2S - Tissues (pocket packs ONLY) + new baby toy
3P - Tissues (pocket packs ONLY) + new baby toy
4B - Face Masks (disposable or fabric)
5A - Lip balm + face wipes
5/6B - Sunscreen (Small roll-on size)
6BG - Men's socks (not short ankle length)

The Bellevue Hill PS SRC reps will be responsible for the collection of items in their classrooms and the leadership team will collect donated items from classes at the end of each week and place in the *Kids Giving Back* boxes.

Are you using our y-Safe Parent Cyber Safety Hub?



Last year our school partnered with one of Australia's leading cyber safety experts, ySafe, to provide you with support in managing your children's safety and time online. As a part of our partnership with ySafe, we have received our very own Parent Cyber Safety Hub. This Hub is a rich source of live information directly from ySafe's multidisciplinary team of cyber safety experts. You can access our Cyber Safety Hub using the link below:

<https://bellevuehill.cybersafetyhub.com.au>

About the Parent Cyber Safety Hub

The Hub includes expert advice on the most pertinent cyber safety issues and frequently asked questions around platforms like TikTok, Fortnite, Instagram, and more. There are app reviews with age and safety recommendations, along with a range of guides and resources to help ensure healthy boundaries around screen-time & gaming, and step-by-step instructions for using parental controls and filtering out inappropriate content.

FREE Device Monitoring Tool for Parents

ySafe has partnered with the parental control experts, Family Zone, to provide our parents with added cyber safety support in the form of Family Zone Insights. Family Zone Insights is a monitoring app that sends parents an alert if their child accesses risky or inappropriate content online. For more information about Family Zone Insights, and for instructions on how you can set up an Insights account, visit the Family Zone Insights page of our Cyber Safety Hub (under Cyber Safety Tech)

We are extremely excited to be able to offer you this level of expertise and support in an area that we know has been very challenging for many parents to manage.

What's in your child's lunch box?

This month students and teachers at Bellevue hill are inquiring into 'How nutritious is my school lunch?'

We encourage all students to take initiative to help pack their own healthy, waste free lunches. Teachers support students to develop good eating habits when sitting together on the circular mats.

Timetabled eating times before both recess and lunch play, allow nutrition and sustainable practices to be integrated daily.

To encourage waste free practices, students are asked to take home any rubbish, recycling or eligible composting materials, to be disposed of correctly at home.

Please leave lollies and sweets for home.

This chart outlines healthy lunch box ideas:

FRUIT (2 PIECES)	
SANDWICH, WRAP OR ALTERNATIVE	
DAIRY	
VEGETABLES (2 PIECES)	
FIBRE/GRAINS (Wholegrains)	
WATER	

Sun Safety

We are a sun-safe school. Students must wear their hats whilst outside. All students are asked to play in the shade if they have forgotten their hat. We ask that all students come to school with sun cream pre-applied. Sport teachers bring extra sun cream with them to carnivals or outside events.

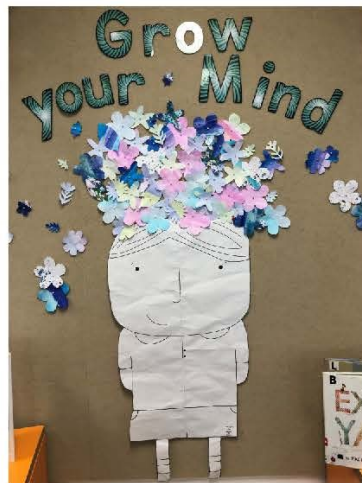


Student Wellbeing In the Library



Clubs are now in full swing during recess and lunch in the library, to encourage new friendships and the opportunity to dabble in something new. It is wonderful to see students from different grades working and playing so harmoniously with each other. We now offer STEM, Lego, Board Games, and Art & Craft groups, as well as quiet reading or drawing.

Thanks to the assistance of our weekly Art & Craft club, we now have a “Be Of Benefit” (B.O.B) display, for our new wellbeing books section.



This week during library lessons, working in pairs, we explored all of the picture books in our new Grow Your Mind section of the library, to identify the different personality strengths of the characters in quality children’s literature.



Some of the character strengths we identified in various picture books were:

- Kindness
- Empathy
- Persistence
- Respect
- Honesty
- Generosity
- Bravery
- Gratitude
- Generosity



Students genuinely enjoyed having the opportunity to read some of these quality books, which often get hidden amongst all of the books on the shelves.

We will be sure to spend more time with many of these books next term, given that they were so well received this week.

Wendy Balafoutis—Teacher Librarian



Celebrating Harmony And Diversity At BHPS



**On Thursday 1 April
(Last day of term 1)**



**It's mufti day so make sure you
wear an orange accessory and
bring a gold coin donation**



**In exchange you will receive an orange
ribbon to wear however you like**

**All donations will be given
to the Indigenous Literacy
Foundation**



PIC•COLLAGE

Term 1, Week 8 at BHPS is 'Upstander Week'

Upstander Pledge



'Helping Hand- Take a Stand'

1. Be a Buddy
2. Shift the focus
3. Stay calm and caring
4. Say 'That's not ok'
5. Be Inclusive

We will be Upstanders

We will treat others as we would like to be treated

We will promote, peace, respect, truth and honour

Bystander roles

There are many reasons a bystander may choose to act or not act when witnessing someone being bullied. Most reactions fall into one of these four groups.

Reinforcer Behaviours include laughing, cheering, encouraging	Assistant Behaviours include actively helping, such as blocking exits
Outsider Behaviours include silent observation that could be interpreted as approval	Defender or Upstander* Behaviours include active support for the person being bullied

*An UPSTANDER is someone who takes action or stands up when they witness someone being bullied or treated unkindly.



Merit Awards Week 8

Kindergarten: Harry D, Mark B-M, Leonardo G B, Arielle P Mc, Philipp C, Jake G, Joshua H, Archie S, Arlo G, Joel L

Year 1: Mark K, Jade P, Jade P, Lily J, Ryan X, Luka M, Vitoria U, Paxton D, Claudia D

Year 2: Danny A, Mia B-S, Amichai R, Reuben Z, Leah M, Mia E, Sophia L, Nicolette P

Year 3:

Year 4: Otis O'M, Bea D V, Stella N, Noam M, Kira M, Isabella B

Year 5: Amy B,

Year 6: Yotam F, Sienna G-S, John Z, Oliver S, Jamie B

Languages

Hebrew: Guy S, Layla N (YK), Nathaniel S (Y1), Levi T (Y2), Casey S (Y3), Jazzy G (Y4), Ethan M (Y5), Michelle F (Y6),

Russian:

Italian:

Music:

Dasha S (YK), Jodi F (Y1), Alba S, Bradley S, Millie R (Y2), Kahn G-G, Jessie F (Y3), Jazzy G, Stella N, Kira M, Kian O, Paz C, Eligah B (Y4), Maya D (Y5), Ari B (Y6)



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

and/or contact

Our BHPS school Ethics CoOrdinator
Claire Kemperman
Email: clairekemperman@hotmail.com

BHPS kids need your help NOW!



PARENT TUTOR PROGRAM

Bellevue Hill Public School runs a unique and essential Parent Tutor Program that caters for students who have not acquired the basic skills needed to become functional readers.

Children who have failed to learn to read in the first few years of schooling need intensive, systematic reading instruction if they are not to fall further behind, or even become complete non-readers.

Parents, grandparents and friends of BHPS can volunteer as much or as little of their time to give one on one support to children who qualify for the program.

The Parent Tutor Program is an extremely valuable program in our school that supports students learning to read. It involves the school and our community working together to help our children achieve their potential.

TRAINING WILL BE SUPPLIED AT THE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 9TH MARCH.

For more information or to register please contact:

Vivienne Beck – Parent Tutor Program Coordinator – vivienne.beck@det.nsw.edu.au

Please note: anyone interested in volunteering will need a current Working with Children Check.

TUTORS NEEDED URGENTLY!

