

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Harmony Week - *Splash of Orange*

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Harmony Week is always celebrated in the week that surrounds the 21st of March and is focused on Australian multiculturalism. This year, Harmony Day will be on Thursday 21st which is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Let's celebrate with the colour orange—a splash of orange or orange T-shirt/clothes.

Developing talent in dance at BHPS

Each year, students audition for positions in our dance groups. There are two junior dance groups, A & B this year who will be trained by an external company as part of our Extension programs K-6. There is also a senior dance group who will be choreographed and trained by an external dance teacher. The junior & senior groups will audition to dance in the Spotlight Concert at Souths Juniors and the Senior dance group will dance at Showcase at the Seymour Centre, as well as audition for the Schools Spectacular.

In addition, this year, we are looking for male students to join a boys Hip Hop group which will hopefully perform at school and/or in one of the concerts already mentioned.



Dates for Your Diary

March

- 21 Orange Harmony Day
- 23 Purim weekend
- 25 NAPLAN finishes
- 29 Good Friday holiday
- 30-31 Easter holiday weekend

April

- 1 Easter Monday holiday
- 2 Year 2 Swim Scheme
Gateways Ignite
- 8-12 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 12 Last day Term 1
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

TERM 2:

- 29 Pupil Free Day
- 30 Students K-6 return to

Eggstra-ordinary Egg Challenge

Families are invited to submit imaginative creations in our eggstra-ordinary egg competition. Entries need to be in a regular **shoebox** (clearly labelled with name, class and title) and need to exhibit a word using decorated eggs and the prefix or suffix 'egg' for 'ex', for *eggsample*: *eggshibition*, *eggsercise*, *eggshausted*, *eggscuse*, *eggsecution*, *eggscclamation* and so on.

These will be displayed in the office foyer area. The challenge will be open from Monday 25 March and will close on Thursday 28, when prizes will be awarded for originality and creativity.



Sue Bennett
Principal



Merit Awards Week 7

Kindergarten: Charlie F, Lev B, Teddy M, Eliza O, Riley G, Nikki D C, Ziggy M, Layla T

Year 1: Wolfie L, Max K, Ben T, Phoenix T, Zac E, Carmel T, Annika H, James W, Sienna V, Ella O

Year 2: Diego C, Jai G, Ester G, Ariel A, Zaheen A, Sahara H, Elodie C, Mai H

Year 3: Georgia R, Levi C, Dean K, Leon A, Mason H, Alexa J S

Year 4: Zara M, Rosalie B, Oscar H, Maya R, Paxton D, Eloise K

Year 5: Joshua K, Talia F, Gonzalo C V, Congqi F, Manvini M

Year 6:
Charli M, Katie H, Hannah K, Charlie M, Lyla T

Italian:

Eliza O (YK), Ethan C (Y1), Evie R (Y2), Charlie G (Y3), Xavier B (Y4), Ashley McK (Y5), Layla C (Y6)

Hebrew:

Leo W (YK), Zac E (Y1), Theo B (Y2), Toby J (Y3), Aaron G (Y4), Cooper H (Y5), Michaela A (Y6)

Russian:

Roman R (YK), James P (Y2), Arielle P (Y3), Nicolette P (Y5)

Music:

Orlando W (Y1), Maddalina B (Y3), David F (Y4), Katie C, (Y6)

School Student Travel



Information for parents and students School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

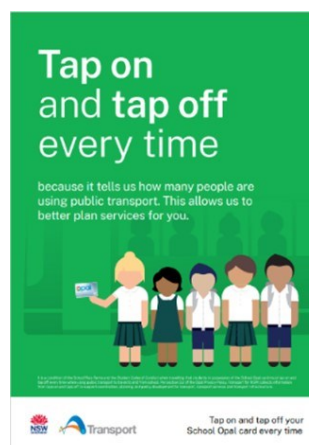
In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to [the student's](#) nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their child/youth Opal for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.



Meet your Prefects

Environment Prefect

Michaela A



Hi, I'm Michaela and I'm thrilled to be one of your Environment Prefects this year! I've been at this school since Year 4 and I've loved every moment of it.

I enjoy helping out in the garden and caring for nature. I've been in the Green Team for 2 years in a row and it's one of my favourite things to do at BHPS! I promise I will try to make all of your opinions heard and questions answered, so if you have any questions, don't be afraid to ask.

I can't wait to get fully involved and make this school an even better place than it already is! Along with David, I'm so excited to dive right into 2024 with you and be one of your leaders!

Fun facts about me: I was born in South Africa. I love to read, do drama and art and spend time outdoors.

I hope you now know a bit more about me and I can't wait to get to know you!

Environment Prefect

David L



Hi! I'm David and I am honoured to be your 2024 Environment Prefect! I have been at BHPS since Kindy, so I know a lot of stuff about our school! I have awesome friends and I have had many great opportunities here at our amazing school. I have lots of family at BHPS too! I have my brother and cousin in Year 3, two cousins in Year 5, and another cousin in Year 1!

I have been in SRC, public speaking, spelling bee and represented the school for PSSA cricket and AFL. Outside of school I love playing with my friends, swimming in my pool, reading or playing video games. Tennis, basketball and soccer are the sports I enjoy and I do these after school and on the weekend.

As your Environment Prefect, I would love to encourage you to throw your rubbish in the bin, don't waste and follow the school cooperation code SRE. I look forward to working with the Leadership Team to bring environmental initiatives to the BHPS community. This is something I am passionate about and want us all to take care of our environment and planet more.

Leadership in ACTION

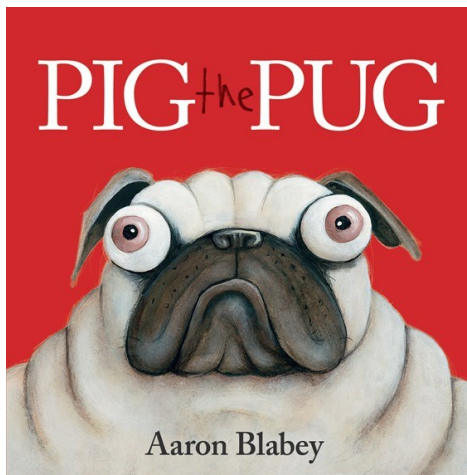


We look after our environment by emptying the recycle bins throughout the school.

Promoting **CREATIVITY, INNOVATION, CRITICAL THINKING & COLLABORATION** in Kindergarten

Writing

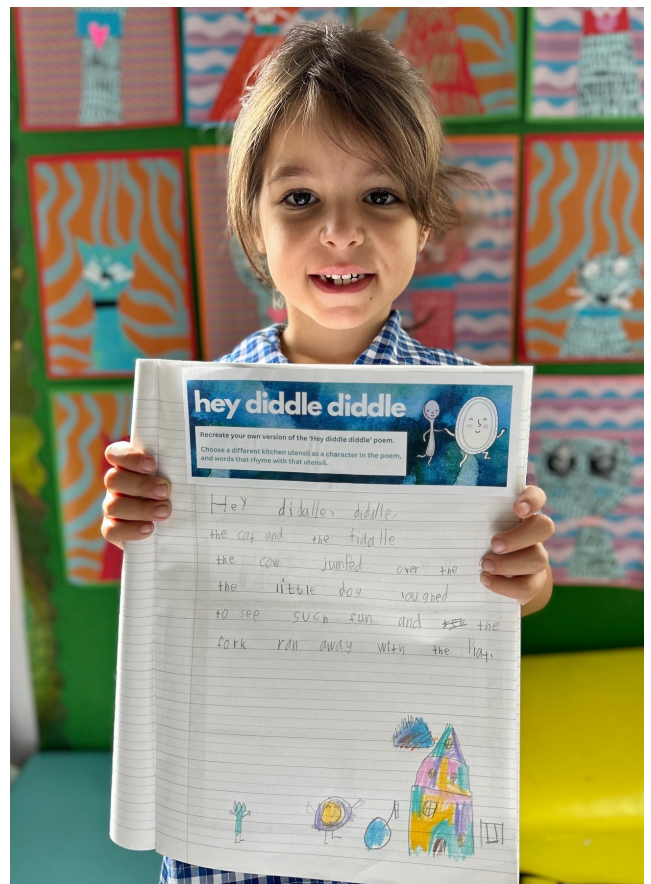
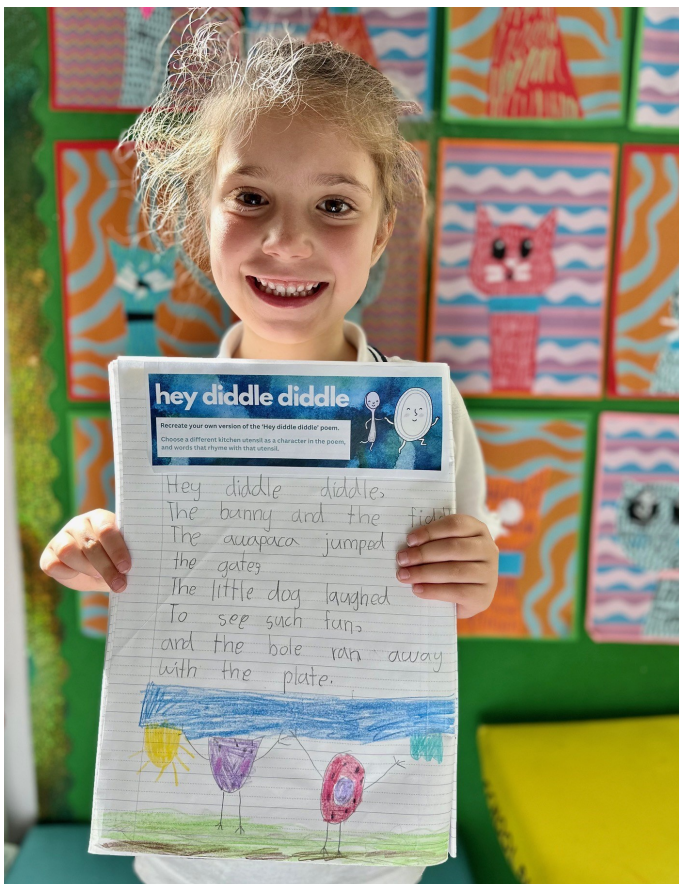
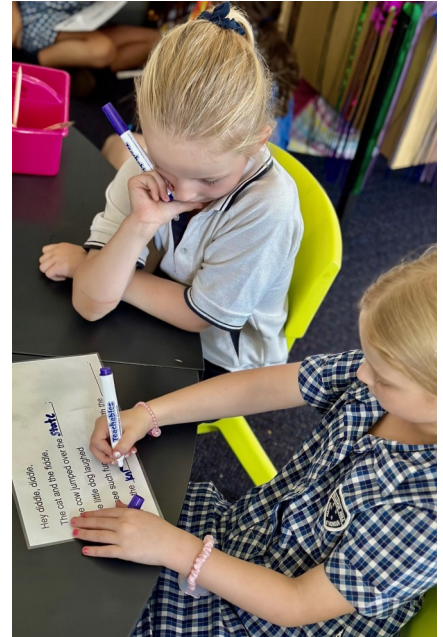
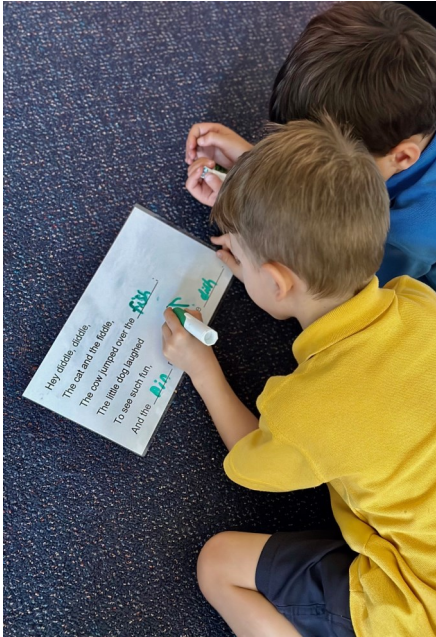
This week the Kindergarten students were exploring the book, Pig the Pug. The students loved using their imagination and creativity to design a new front cover for the book.



Promoting **CREATIVITY**, **CRITICAL THINKING** & **COLLABORATION** in Year 1

Reading and Writing

This week we noticed a text-to-text connection in the book that we were exploring, recognising that the book referred to the very popular nursery rhyme 'Hey Diddle, Diddle'. As we were exploring the textual concept of *Character*, we thought it would be fun to collaboratively recreate the poem some new funny characters.



Promoting a 'Culture of Thinking' in Year 3

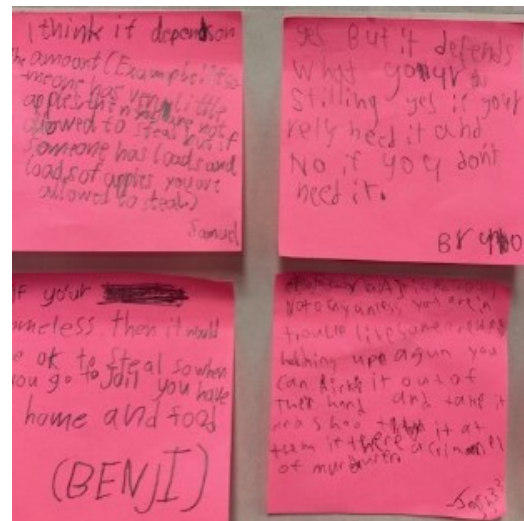
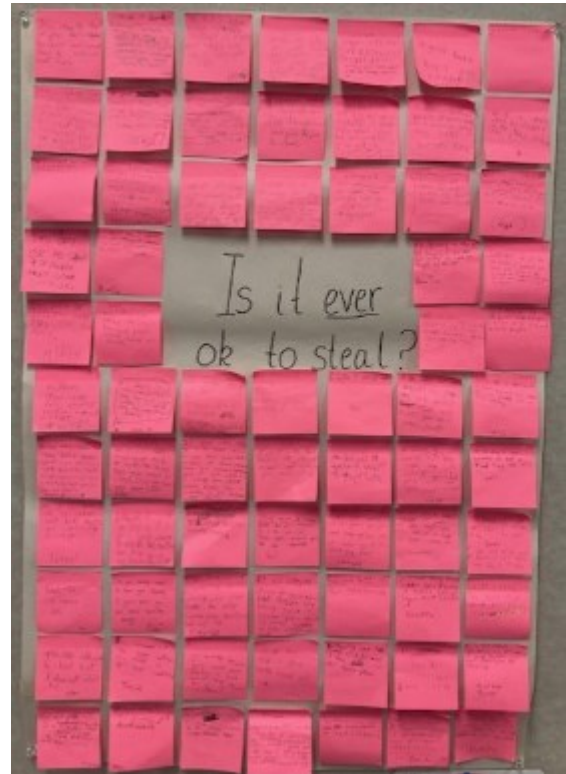
Is it ever okay to steal?

Year 3 are working on developing a 'Culture of Thinking' into our classroom to encourage all students to have deep, meaningful and lasting understanding of concepts through a process of critical and creative thinking. We have used many thinking routines in our daily lessons such as 'See, Think, Wonder' and 'Think, Puzzle, Explore' to cultivate a thinking disposition.

During our English lessons, we have been reading and writing about Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl.

Our big question for this unit is 'Is it ever okay to steal?'. The children collectively thought of high level answers, discussed both sides to this question and participated in a 'conscience alley'. We discussed that in some circumstances stealing might be acceptable, for example, Fantastic Mr Fox needs to steal from the farmers to keep his family alive and also the counter argument that the farmers have worked very hard to make a living so therefore stealing is not okay. We are continuing to revisit this big question in the coming weeks and together reflect upon whether our thinking changes or evolves.

Year 3 have also created detailed character descriptions, setting descriptions and some wonderful art work surrounding our text.



YEAR 5

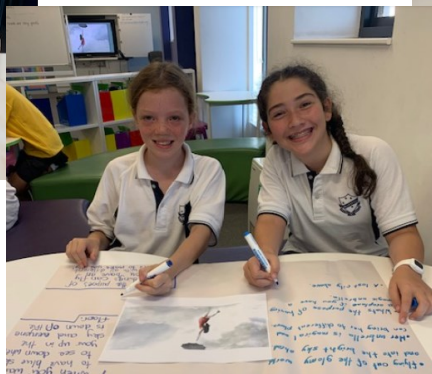
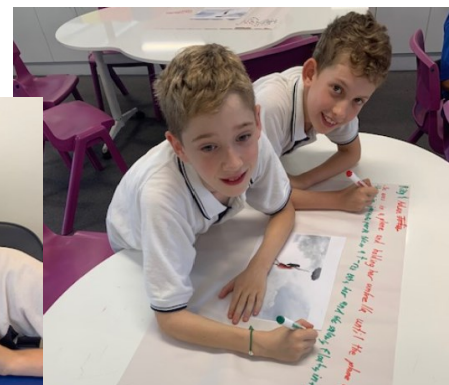
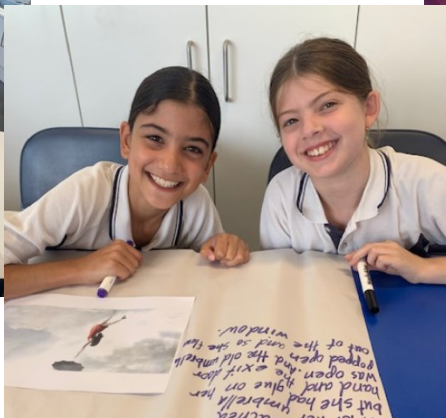
“PLANNING” FOR WRITING SUCCESS

The Power of Group Brainstorming

The most common question asked of authors is, **“Where do you get your ideas from?”** Ideas come from the subconscious (creative) part of the brain - alpha brain waves. Yet, the subconscious is the “lazy” part of the brain and it needs training and discipline.

To get great ideas that are original and powerful, you need to practise generating them. Then the ideas must be developed and ordered to create a “plan”.

- Year 5 practised brainstorming in groups and pairs - far more effective than working solo.
- We found our first ideas were not always the best - we had to dig deeper!
- We had to order the problems or events to build tension (pebble, rock, boulder).



YEAR 5

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Promoting **CREATIVITY**, **INNOVATION**, **CRITICAL THINKING** & **COLLABORATION** in sport

Zone Swimming

What a day !

Last week the spirit and camaraderie amongst the student body was outstanding! The atmosphere at the zone carnival 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.

I was absolutely thrilled to see so many students enter the pool with the aim being able to have a go. We are fortunate, that at Bellevue Hill we pride ourselves in playing, on participating and in developing a true love for the game.

Our students gave it their all in every event.

The Zone Carnival is seeded. This means times are submitted to the Convenor and students are placed into heats with other students of similar ability. It is very important to recognise that 85 % of our students are swimming in the top seeded heats. This means they are within striking distance of placing and progressing, something of which I am most proud and something that reflects the level of enthusiasm and commitment of our students.

This is I believe a credit to them and an achievement of which we can all be equally proud.

Our time is coming, and I am confident that with further training and commitment we can, and we will see our students progressing to the next level of competition.

I believe, and I will encourage our students to do the same.

Lets go Bellevue Hill... it's game on ... time to bring home the pennant



Promoting **CREATIVITY**, **INNOVATION**, **CRITICAL THINKING** & **COLLABORATION** in Sport

Soccer Talent

Three boys, Harry M and cousins Jonas H, Year 2 and Noah H, Year 6 have shown exceptional skills in soccer and have been selected to play for the Under 8 Australia Barcelona Academy team.

A world cup tournament is being held in Barcelona, Spain from 23 March - 1 April where they will be playing against other Barcelona Academies from all around the world.

Congratulations and best wishes to (L to R) Noah, Harry and Jonas.



Basketball Talent

Leah M, Year 5 and Jax B, Year 6 have excellent skills in basketball. They recently tried out for the Zone Basketball team and have been accepted to play at the Zone Carnival.



Congratulations
Leah and Jax

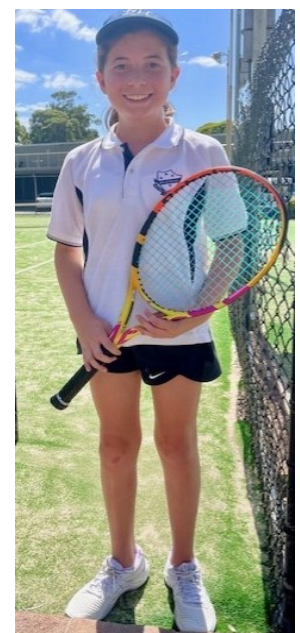


Tennis Talent

Jessie F attended the regional tennis trials as a zone representative. She showed exceptional skills both on and off the court.

Whilst she did not progress to the next round, she played some great tennis and most importantly had a lot of fun

Congratulations
Jessie.



BHPS Hero

Hunter N, Year 5, competed at Queenscliff on 7 March representing North Bondi nippers in surf and board races. His love of the water ensured that he had an amazing time with his peers. The nippers train as a team all through the year, so this was a great way to end the season. He was placed 4th in his heat and made it to the semi finals!



However, the day prior, during his nippers' training session, Hunter demonstrated remarkable courage and quick thinking. While in the water, he spotted a father and his 9 year old daughter struggling, caught in a rip.

Without hesitation, Hunter paddled over to them, offering his board as a safe haven for them to catch their breath. He waved for help from one of the water safety adults on shore who came to rescue the father safely to shore while Hunter put the girl on his board and brought her in to shore.

He has learnt so much at nippers - it's such a rewarding program.



JOIN THE BHPS BOYS HIP HOP CREW

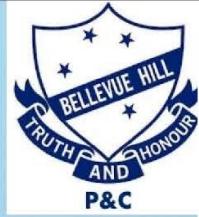


When: Mondays at lunch
Where: BHPS school hall
Instructor: Dan Hoadley
NO CHARGE

Open to all boys in years 3-6



Buy a special Mother's Day
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that supports you



Thank you mum for all your
unconditional love and support

BHPS Mother's Day Gifts

Kids, spoil a special mum (or grandma, aunty or another special mum) in your life with a thoughtful gift.

Order gift vouchers from:

<https://bit.ly/bhps-mothersday>

(ORDERS CLOSE ON 7 MAY!)

You can buy as many gift vouchers as
needed (if you have more than one
child or are buying for other special
mums in your life (grans, aunties etc).



**Vouchers will be redeemed by the
kids at the Mother's Day gift stalls
held during the school day on 8 and
9 May.**

**NOTE: No need to print out the vouchers as your child's
name will be on a list.**

Thank you for your support!

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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

To rsvp for training or more information please contact:

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

Please note: anyone interested in volunteering must have a current Working with Children Check.



TUTORS NEEDED URGENTLY!