



The Governor's Gazette

Marie Bashir Public School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4	
18 December	Last Day of School Term
Term 1 2020	
27 January	Public Holiday
28 January	Staff Development Day
29 January	Years 1-6 Return to School
4 February	Kindergarten Commence School
7 February	P & C BBQ
13 February	Meet the Teacher Afternoon
18 February	Swimming Carnival
19 February	Scripture Commences
24 February	Parent Information Session- NAPLAN
25 February	Leadership Day
12 March	Selective High School Test
19 March	School Photo Day
8 April	ANZAC Assembly
9 April	Last Day Term 1
10 April	School Holidays Commence

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal's Message

It is always special to end the year with a celebration. Presentation Day was a big day which enabled the community to celebrate the achievements of all students and also enabled us to publicly acknowledge our dedicated teachers, administration staff and our supportive P & C and community members.

Thank you to our talented dance group, orchestra and choir groups for your performances at the Presentation Day ceremony. You were all outstanding!

My appreciation is extended to our 2019 captains, Eve and Yousef for their leadership throughout the year.

I congratulate our school captains for 2020:

Hannah and Chi.

Congratulations to our sports captains for 2020:

Bligh- Alana and Clare

Hunter- Zaynab and Aditya

Phillip- Jacob and Ali

King- Salma and Rukaya

MAY YOU HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE 2020 SCHOOL YEAR.

Student Enrolments 2020

Our student enrolments for the 2020 school year is 400. This means that we will have formed 17 classes in 2020. If you know your child will not be at Marie Bashir Public School next year, would you please inform Mrs Butler at the front office as soon as possible.

Staffing

I congratulate Ms Mourad on her temporary appointment as Deputy Principal at Burwood Public School. I congratulate Mr and Mrs Smith, Mr and Mrs Morgan as well as Mr and Mrs Moi who are all expecting a baby in 2020. Mrs Smith will be taking maternity leave from the commencement of 2020 whilst Mrs Moi will remain with us until 21 February. I wish Miss Woods all the very best on her appointment to Neutral Bay Public School, Mr Credentino on his appointment to Homebush Public School and Miss Fong on her appointment to Wentworth Point Public School. A special tribute is extended to Mrs Scully on her retirement. I welcome back Ms Jordan, Mrs Dalton and Mrs Alfakhrany on their return to Marie Bashir Public School in 2020.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 students and teachers had a fantastic time at the Year 6 farewell held at Canterbury Leagues Club, Belmore on Thursday, 5 December. Thank you Mrs Butler and Mrs Le for organising this event. All the very best in high school!



Music Recital

Thank you to Mrs Andrews and the administration staff for organising an excellent music recital. The students played extremely well. We have many very talented students.



Principal's Excursion

Congratulations to the students who attended the Principal's excursion to Ten Pin Bowling for earning 12 merit certificates throughout 2019. We had a great time!



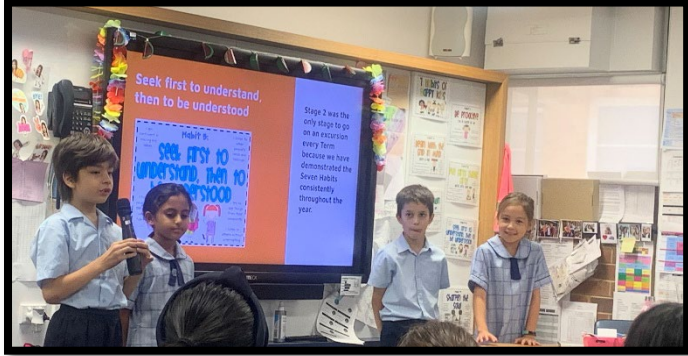
Kindergarten Graduation

Congratulations to all Kindergarten students on their graduation and thank you to parents, grandparents and friends who attended the special ceremony.



Director, Educational Leadership, Strathfield network

On Monday 9 December, students in Kindergarten through to Year 6 presented the School's program on 'Student Voice' to Maria Serafim, Director, Educational Leadership, Strathfield Network. Student voice is an approach to education that values the perspectives, experiences and aspirations of students. Student voice helps shape and enrich our school and community and actively influences our decision making.



PSSA Teams

Congratulations to our junior girls' t-ball team and senior boys softball team who made it in to the finals. Due to the poor air quality, the grand finals were cancelled and all semi-finalists were awarded champions. I thank the teachers who coached the teams and students for their commitment.



Stewart House Concert

Congratulations to all the students who performed at the Stewart House concert. It was an excellent concert.



Commonwealth Bank, Strathfield

Thank you to the Commonwealth Bank for presenting the school with a \$500 donation.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2020

To ensure children are prepared for class learning activities in 2019, we have provided a list of resources they will need which you may obtain in the holidays. ***These items need to be labelled with your child's name.***

CLASS RESOURCES

STAGE 1 (YEARS 1-2)

12 x Glue sticks (Individually labelled)
1 X Box of Tissues
1 X Paper towel
1 X Sunscreen to be kept in bag
2X Display Folders
6X Whiteboard Markers
1X A4 96 page Ruled Workbook
Handwash
Headphones (Purchased from the uniform shop)

CLASS RESOURCES

STAGE 2 (YEARS 3 & 4)

Lead pencil and sharpener OR a pacer with a few spare leads
Coloured pencils
Glue stick
Scissors
Eraser
Highlighters
2 x whiteboard markers
Expanding Folder or A4 Folder
Ruler – **rigid please, not bendy plastic**
Post it Notes
Dictionary & Thesaurus (small)
Textas, roll up crayons and/or colouring pencils
Headphones (Purchased from the uniform shop)
2GB USB drive
Box of tissues - to add to class pool
Hand Wash - to add to class pool

CLASS RESOURCES

STAGE 3 (YEARS 5 & 6)

1 X A4 96 page homework book
2 X A4 plastic sleeved manila folders to store homework and sheets in class.
2 black pens/2 blue pens/2 red pens (not felt tip)
3 HB pencils
2B art pencil
Sharpener and catcher
2 x glue stick
Scissors
30cm ruler – showing millimeter
1 x erasers
Clear contact – to cover class books
Coloured pencils
Textas/ highlighters
Black permanent marker (bullet tip)
Macquarie School Dictionary
Thesaurus
Library bag – may be purchased from uniform shop
Excursion Bag – may be purchased from uniform shop
Headphones/ earphones-may be purchased from uniform shop.
Box of tissues - to add to class pool
Hand Wash - to add to class pool
Paper towel roll – to add to class pool
Roll on Sunscreen to be kept in bag

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Introducing the School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using the train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school endorses your application.

Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- Half-price travel after eight paid journeys each week*
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off †
- The Opal Transfer Discount doesn't apply when transferring between light rail and Sydney Ferries.
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more and apply at opal.com.au or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find one in your area visit retailers.opal.com.au



Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a NSW/ACT Senior Secondary Student Concession Card, available from school and TAFE offices.

* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.

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For more information call 131 500 or visit transportnsw.info/school-students

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For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.

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