

The Governor's Gazette



Marie Bashir Public School

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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Term 1, 2020	
28 January	Staff Return
29 January	Years 1-Year 6 students return
29 -3 February	Kindergarten- Best Start Assessment
4 February	Kindergarten students commence
5 February	Years 3-6 Assembly
7 February	P & C Barbeque
12 February	K-2 Assembly P & C Meeting
13 February	Year 6 Fundraiser Meet the teacher afternoon
18 February	Swimming Carnival
19 February	Scripture commences Years 3-6 Assembly
21 February	Principals to tour Marie Bashir Public School Summer PSSA commences
24 February	Parent Information Session (NAPLAN)
26 February	Scripture K-2 Assembly
27 February	Leadership Day
4 March	Scripture Years 3-6 Assembly
6 March	Clean Up Australia Day
11 March	Scripture K-2 Assembly
12 March	Selective High School Test
18 March	Scripture Years 3-6 Assembly P & C Meeting
19 March	School Photo Day SRC Fundraiser
23 March	Harmony Day
25 March	Scripture K-2 Assembly
1 April	Scripture Years 3-6 Assembly
7 April	Bilby Hunt
8 April	Scripture ANZAC Assembly
9 April	Last Day Term 1 Years K-2 Assembly

27 April	Staff Development Day
28 April	Students Return Wingara Staff Twilight Professional Learning Parent Seminar

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal's Message

I extend a warm welcome to all students and their families! I trust that you all had a restful break and enjoyed quality time with each other. A special welcome is extended to the kindergarten students and their families and the new students enrolled in Years 1-6.

Happy Lunar New Year to all our families celebrating this festival.

I would like to acknowledge the work and efforts of staff at Marie Bashir Public School who gave up their time during the holidays to plan for the year ahead.

We are all committed to ensuring that our students are valued and cared for.

In 2020, we will continue to focus on children's educational progress as well as their wellbeing. Central to what we do is to strive to make certain that each student is engaged, challenged and become independent learners. Our commitment to ensuring the students have a well- rounded education will be reflected in the future focused teaching and learning programs. In addition to our strong focus on literacy and numeracy, The Crown Foundation and the Packer Foundation will continue to fund the School's art program. The students will also be involved in a music program coordinated by our music teacher Ms Andrews.

STEAM will also be an emphasis for all classes with Mrs Morgan and Mrs Simpson.

I welcome back Mrs Gorham, Mrs Cartledge, Ms Ling, Mrs Alfakhrany and the following new staff: Miss Yang, Miss Mercer, Miss Monevski and Mrs Simpson.

Marie Bashir Public School houses the department's Home School Liaison Officers- Nevine Atlagic, Geoff Watson and an Out of Home Care Officer, David Harcourt- Norton. These officers are located in the office under the auditorium.

We will start the year with 17 classes for 2020 as we prefer to settle children into their routines as quickly as possible.

The class teachers in 2020 include:

Mrs Nelly Tan	Relieving Assistant Principal Kindergarten KT Class Teacher
Mrs Angie Kim	KA
Miss Stefania Polito	KP
Miss Sara Skaf	Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 1 2S
Miss Tracy Ho	1H
Miss Neha Deo	1D
Miss Kylie Chan	2C
Miss Angela Blekos	2B
Miss Bronwyn Owen	3B
Miss Sarah Yang	3Y
Miss Rebecca Han	3/4H
Mrs Katherine Moi	Stage 2 Assistant Principal
Miss Monevski	4M
Miss Ghi	4G
Mrs Erin Li	Stage 3 Assistant Principal &
Mrs Mona Alfakhrany	Relieving Stage 3 Assistant Principal 5/6LA
Miss Sharon Ng	5/6N
Miss Rebecca Mercer	5/6R
Mr Merlino	5/6M
Mrs Georgina Christaki	EAL/D Stages 2 & 3
Mrs Carol Parella,	EAL/D Early Stage 1
Miss Lina Ponto	EAL/D Stage 1
Mrs Julie Hetherington	LAST Early Stage 1 and Stage 1
Mrs Lauren Cartledge	LAST Stage 2
Mrs Gorham	LAST Stage 3
Ms Letitia Ling	Library
Mrs Alexandra Morgan	Science (K-Year 4 RFF)
Mrs Daphne Simpson	Science (5-6 RFF)
Mrs Letitia Ling	Art
Mr Howard Matthew	Resident Artist

Ms Georgina Andrews	Music
Ms Katherine Gudgeon	School Counsellor
Mrs Wendy Butler Manager	School Administrative
Mrs Renee Colussi	School Administrative Officer
Mrs Erica Verolin	School Administrative Officer
Olivera Tomova	School Administrative Officer
Mr Igor Balov	General Assistant
Mrs Diane Owen	Support Teacher Learning Officer
Mrs Sindhu Panicker	Support Teacher Learning Officer
Santhi Nandigama	Support Teacher Learning Officer

The staff and I look forward to working in partnership with students, parents and the community to achieve outstanding results across all sections of our school.

I trust that we, as a school community will settle in to the general life of the School and that you will enjoy being part of our school community. I encourage parents to be involved in their child's learning by volunteering your time at school or talking to your child about the school day.

For new parents, the newsletter will be distributed monthly via email. As of the next newsletter, hard copies of the newsletter will only be made available at the front office and via email. Please complete and return the attached form requesting your email address.

Health Plan

If your child is an asthmatic or has an allergy, you are asked to provide the school with an asthma/health plan. Parents are also asked to notify the school to indicate whether their child will be carrying their Ventolin in their school bag or whether it needs to be kept in the front office.

Scripture Classes

There are six scripture classes offered at Marie Bashir Public School in 2020. The scripture classes include: Judaism, Catholic, Anglican, Hindu, Islam and Greek Orthodox.

Primary Ethics (for Year 2 ONLY).

If you wish to change your child's scripture class, could you please inform the office.

If you are interested in teaching ethics, could you please contact Mrs Attard.

Attendance Guidelines

Regular School attendance of students is encouraged. Parents are asked to phone the School or notify the School of their child's absence through flexibuzz. If your child is absent for three or more days a doctor's certificate is required.

Assembly

Marie Bashir Public School will conduct a formal assembly each week to present students with awards. Each class is rostered to present assembly in order to build their confidence and self-esteem to speak in front of an audience.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 assemblies will be conducted each odd week on a Wednesday from 2pm-2:30pm, commencing Wednesday 12 February.

Years 3-6 will be conducted each even week commencing Wednesday 5 February.

Houses

There are four sport houses- Phillip, Hunter, King and Bligh. These are named after the first four Governors of New South Wales. Each student is allocated to a specific House and can earn points for his/her house through sporting endeavours. Each house will have a House Captain who is usually a senior student. Siblings will be placed in the same house.

School Leadership

Elections for our school captains were conducted at the end of 2019 and school captains were announced-

Hannah and Chi

Captains 2020.

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

Parent Supervision

Supervision commences at 9.00am (in the quadrangle for all students) and ceases at 3.25pm.

If students are late to school, parents must accompany their child to the office to obtain a late note before their child proceeds to class. The late note needs to be presented to the class teacher by the child. Children are not to go to the classroom without a late note.

It is extremely unwise to leave your child unsupervised in the playground outside these hours.

You are also reminded that if you are supervising your children in the playground after school they must be visible to you at all times and they must abide by the school's safety rules. To avoid any injuries, please discourage your child from playing on the fixed play equipment and walking or jumping on the silver seats in the playground.

Parent Visitors

Parents are requested **not** to visit classrooms or approach class teachers during class hours or whilst teachers are on playground duty. If volunteering in a classroom, parents are expected to sign in at the front office and wear a visitors badge during their visit. Teachers have been advised to direct any inquiries, parents or visitors without badges to the front office.

If you would like to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher, please telephone the school office.

Please do not follow your child's class to the classroom. This can be disruptive and does not help your child to settle.

NAPLAN

Each year the students in Years 3 & 5 complete a basic skills test called The National Assessment Program In Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This year the test will be conducted online from the 12-22May.

An information session regarding NAPLAN has been organised for Monday 24 February 2020 from 10-11am in the Stage 3 computer lab (top floor in block D). This information session will be conducted by Ms Le

Student with Allergies

We have students enrolled with nut allergies. Parents are asked to pack **peanut free/ nut free/ sesame seed free lunches** for their child. This will ensure a safe school environment for students who have nut and sesame seed allergies.

Healthy Recess and Lunch

I encourage all parents to pack a healthy morning tea and lunch for their child. Fruit, crackers, sandwiches and a rice salad are examples of food you need to pack. **Do not send chocolate, lollies, sweet biscuits and chips.** These are treats you can keep at home.

Sunscreen

Parents are asked to apply their child's sunscreen each morning. Students will have the responsibility to re-apply if they wish at recess or lunch time.

Behaviour Modification Program

The flow chart below is an overview of Marie Bashir Public School's Behaviour Modification program for Kindergarten through to Year 6. Please note the program will be applicable for a year. Each year the children start with a clean slate.

If a child's conduct is of concern, class teachers will call parents before a letter goes home.

Swimming Carnival

A swimming carnival has been organised for students in Years 3-6 and children turning 8 in 2020 who are in year 2. The annual swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday, 18 February 2020 at Enfield Pools. Parents are invited to attend. Volunteers are required. **Please note:** All students in Years 3-6 will be attending the carnival.

Students Leaving School With Another Parent

Parents are advised to write a letter to the class teacher if there is a change of person picking their child up in the afternoon.

Parents and Citizen's Association (P&C)

The first P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday February 12 at 6:30 pm in the school library. I encourage all parents to attend.

Permission Notes and Payments

All permission notes and payments that need to be returned to the school are to be placed in the white box in the front office unless otherwise stated on the note. Receipts will be issued for payments.

Take Your Holidays When We Do!

Parents and teachers are concerned when students fall behind in their studies because of long absences. Families who plan to travel should do so during the school holidays. Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Communities expect all students to be at school during the school term. Principals no longer have the authority to exempt a child from attendance at school due to a family holiday.

School Holidays for 2020 are:

9 April until 27 April

6 July until 20 July

26 September until 11 October

Summer holidays begin Thursday 17 December

Hats

Students are reminded that they are required to wear their school hat to school, at recess and during their lunch break. Students who do not have a hat will be required to play under the covered area or in the shade.

Road Safety and 'Kiss and Ride'

At the beginning of the year, it is necessary to remind parents about safe and appropriate places to drop off and pick up their children at school. The school has a pick up and drop off zone at the front of the school. **Please note that this is strictly a 'kiss and ride' zone and you are not permitted to leave your car in this area.**

Please respect our neighbours and do not park in their driveways or contrary to road notices.

Never double park or call your child across the road. Never do a u turn in front of the school and Never use the school driveway. Parents are asked to drive to the end of Albert Road where they can safely turn their vehicle at the cul de sac.

A few steps on your part could save your child's life. Infringements for parking offences around schools have considerably increased and rangers will regularly supervise parking in the area. Please see note below for more details.

Bikes and Scooters

Students are asked to wear a helmet if they ride their bike or scooter to school. Bikes and scooters can be kept in the enclosed area under the stairs beside the Out Of Home Care room during the school day. Students are not permitted to ride bikes or scooters in the school grounds before and after school.

Uniform

The uniform shop is open each Wednesday from 9am-10am. It is situated on the left hand side of the driveway.

Parents are reminded that students are expected to have a blue school bag with the school's logo which can be purchased from the uniform shop.

Chess Coaching

Sydney Academy of Chess is running chess coaching/chess club at Marie Bashir Public School in

2020. The classes will be held each Thursday before school from 8:30am- 9:25am, commencing 6 February.

Chess is a valuable activity for children, developing their logical thinking skills, concentration and discipline, as well as being a source of much enjoyment! What better way to combine learning and fun!

Chess notes are available from the front office. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02)97451170.

Canteen

I am pleased to announce that the canteen will open from week 2, Monday, 3 February 2020. The canteen will be run by 'Anthony Catering'. The canteen will be open 5 days a week as a trial in term 1.

Lunch orders can be made online only.

1. Go to www.flexischools.com.au
2. Select register option and enter your email address
3. You will be sent an email, click on the link to complete
4. Fill in your details on the registration form and submit
5. Add your students, select their school and class

Students may purchase breakfast and morning tea over the counter. A menu is attached below.



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All parents are invited to attend

Meet the Teacher Afternoon

Thursday 13 February 2020

at

4:30pm

Parents are invited to the school auditorium for an introduction to staff and a short talk.

At 5pm, you will then be invited to your child's classroom where the class teacher will provide an outline of class procedures and expectations for the year.

At the end of the talk (approx 5:30pm), a bell will ring, so that if you have more than one child you can move on to the next teacher who will repeat the talk for the second group of parents.

We look forward to seeing you.

Regards

Jacqui Attard

29 January 2020



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Parent Information Session

on

'NAPLAN'

Monday 24 February 2020

at

10:00am- 11:00am

In the Stage 3 Computer Lab

Top Floor in Block D

We look forward to seeing you.

Regards

Erin Li

Assistant Principal

29 January

CORONAVIRUS

Dear parents and caregivers

I am writing with reference to the novel coronavirus situation, updating my correspondence to you on 27 January 2020.

The NSW Ministry of Health and NSW Department of Education have recommended that any student who was travelling in China (including Hong Kong) over the past 14 days should not return to school this week, as the coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks.

Students who returned to Australia more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school this week.

There has been a small number of cases of confirmed Novel Coronavirus in New South Wales.

In accordance with national public health guidelines, exclusions only apply for those who are a:

- Confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus – exclude until medically cleared
- Close contact of a confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus – exclude for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case

Close contact is defined as living in the same household, 15 minutes face-to-face contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus in any setting, or sharing a closed space with a person with confirmed coronavirus for more than 2 hours.

The Ministry of Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. Advice about not attending school would be provided to these close contacts by the Ministry of Health.

Consistent with current guidelines, staff and students who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice if any child becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the Ministry of Health as appropriate.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and take advice received from NSW Ministry of Health and NSW Department of Education to ensure we are responding to the situation appropriately.

Parents with concerns can contact their local Public Health Unit on **1300 066 055** for advice or visit the dedicated NSW Health information page at:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx

Anyone who develops a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath within 14 days of travel to Hubei or contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus, should immediately isolate themselves from other people, contact their GP or local emergency department or call the healthdirect helpline **1800 022 222**.

Please notify the School if you are keeping your child at home so we can best support the students during their absence and after their return.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Kind Regards

Jacqueline Attard
Principal
28 January 2020

学校答家长问
2020年1月29日

感谢您的电子邮件或查询。

澳大利亚卫生部对父母和受影响员工的最新建议是：

- 任何人如果与新州任何已确诊的新型冠状病毒（Novel Coronavirus（2019-nCoV））接触，那么在接触之后必须在自己家中隔离14天；
- 从中国湖北省回来的旅客，在离开湖北省后必须在自己家中隔离14天，除非是去寻求个人医疗服务。

属于下列情况的学生和教职员工**不要**去学校：

- 在过去的 14 天里曾去过中国中部的湖北省。他们在离开中国之后 14 天内不应回学校或托儿机构，因为冠状病毒的潜伏期可能长达两周或者
- 正在接受医学评估或者
- 被诊断出感染了新型冠状病毒或者
- 与确诊的新型冠状病毒患者密切接触。卫生部已经建立了程序来发现与在澳大利亚确诊的患者有密切接触者。

另外，NSW 卫生部和 NSW 教育部还**建议**：

- 在过去 14 天内去过中国香港或湖北省之外其他地方的学生或教职员工，在离开中国（包括香港）之后 14 天内不应回学校或托儿机构，因为新型冠状病毒的潜伏期可能长达两周。

返回澳大利亚已经超过 14 天、而且没有任何症状的学生，可以在本周回校。在新南威

尔士州，已经有少数病例确诊为新型冠状病毒。

卫生部已经建立了程序来发现与在澳大利亚确诊的患者有密切接触者，而且会建议这些亲密接触者不要上学。

根据现行的准则，患有呼吸系统疾病而感到身体不适的教职员工和学生都应留在家里，直到症状消失。根据我们目前的做法，如果有孩子感到身体不适，我们会执行感染控制准则，遵循卫生部在必要时提出的建议。

感谢您询问这方面的问题。我们将继续密切关注局势，遵循 NSW 卫生部和 NSW 教育部的建议，以确保我们对局势作出适当的回应。

电话口译服务

如果您需要更多信息，请打电话向校长查询。如果您需要口译员来协助您查询，请致电 131 450 给电话口译服务处，要求使用您语言的口译。

MUSIC PROGRAM 2020

Marie Bashir Public School is pleased to offer a music tuition program where music lessons will take place on the school premises before and after school hours or during lunch break. We offer the following choice of instruments for tuition: violin, cello, guitar, piano/keyboard and drums/percussion. For the first time next year we are introducing brass tuition – trumpet and trombone. When choosing an instrument for your child, you may take into consideration the following points:

1. Your child's preference should be considered. Some children have a very strong attachment to a particular instrument. If this is the case, you should follow their preference because they are more likely to be motivated to practice and will probably make greater progress.
2. Consideration should be given to the child's physical make-up and size. For example, some children are not big enough to manage certain instruments comfortably at certain ages.
3. Please also be aware that some instruments such as the piano/keyboard offer limited opportunities for children to join the orchestra or band.

While it is hoped that Marie Bashir Public School will be able to build an instrument library for hire in the future, students wanting to participate in the music program at this stage are asked to purchase their instrument of choice or rent it. Note: this does not apply to drums/percussion students. For more information, please contact Erika Verolin on erika.verolin@det.nsw.edu.au

How Parents Can Facilitate Progress

Parents can encourage their child with their musical studies in many ways. The most important is to organise your child into a regular practice routine. This should preferably take place at a set time each day – before school, after school or in the early evening. Beginners should aim to start with approximately ten to fifteen minutes each time. The rate of progress and the amount of pleasure derived from playing an instrument depends largely upon the amount of practice and the concentration and effort that are applied during the practice routine.

A child's interest will sometimes wane during the course of their tuition; however it is very important to maintain continuity of lessons during these periods and to encourage home practice at all times!

Student Absence

As our music tutors are employed part-time, it is often not possible to make up lessons missed due to student absences. If the tutor is not able to give the full number of lesson in the term/year, a credit will be given to cover the difference. A credit will not be given for lessons missed because, for example, a child forgets to attend the lesson, is ill, or has a dental appointment. Lessons are made up at the tutor's discretion and will only be made up if it is possible to do so.

CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT

Please read the following terms and conditions of Marie Bashir Public School Music Program. In signing the Application Form, you agree to these terms and conditions.

1. Commencement of Tuition

The *Application Form for Private Music Tuition* should be completed and returned to the School Office. The tutor will contact you regarding lesson times and information regarding purchase or rental of a suitable instrument, if necessary. Upon enrolment, an annual **Music Administration Fee** of \$30 is charged by the Music Program to cover expenses such as photocopying and stationary costs and general maintenance. This fee is non-refundable.

2. Commitment to Tuition

To build up an effective musical foundation, **all children who enter the music tuition program must assume a commitment to lessons until the end of the current school year.** Music tutors will render their own accounts at the beginning of each term and fees are payable directly to the tutor concerned by the date on the invoice. ***If not paid by this date, tutors may choose to discontinue tuition.***

3. Payment of Tuition

The following conditions apply to all instrumental lessons:

- Lessons must be paid for **in advance** for the term ahead.
- No refunds will be given for lessons discontinued during the term. In the case of a student going on holiday or leave during the term, the lessons will still be charged or the position forfeited.
- In case of tutor absence, the fee will be adjusted.
- Fees as detailed below:

Private lesson fee - 30 minute lesson (one lesson per week) \$38 per lesson

Shared lessons fee - 2 students (one lesson per week) \$25 per lesson

A year long course - consisting of a group lesson with 6-8 students for beginners learning all four instruments Guitar, Keyboard, Drums and Percussion. Instrument hiring included (one lesson per week) \$15 per lesson.

4. Termination of Tuition

If a child decides to withdraw from lessons, notice must be given **in writing by the parent/carer on or before the last day of term to the Music Program.**

APPLICATION FORM FOR PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION 2020

(One application form per student)

STUDENT NAME: _____ CLASS _____

Parent /Guardian 1: _____ ph: _____

Email: _____ mob: _____

Parent /Guardian 2: _____ ph: _____

Email: _____ mob: _____

Please tick the instrument on which you wish to commence lessons:

Private Lesson:

Cello Guitar Keyboard Piano Violin Flute

Drums

Trumpet (Yrs 3-6) Trombone (Yrs 3-6) Alto Saxophone (Yrs 3-6)

Shared Lesson - 2 Students Trumpet Trombone (Yrs 3-6)

A year long course consisting of a group lesson with 6-8 students for beginners learning all four instruments Guitar, Keyboard, Drums and Percussion.

State any previous experience on this instrument _____

- I have read and agree to the terms of the "Conditions of Enrolment" of Marie Bashir Public School Music Program and have discussed them with my child/ward.
- I give my permission for the above named student to begin lessons.
- For private lessons, I understand that the cost of lessons is \$38 per lesson, Shared lessons \$25 and a group lesson is \$15 and that I will be billed directly by the music tutor at the start of each term. The **tuition fees are due and payable by the date stated on the invoice.**
- I enclosed the Music Administration Fee of \$30 payable to the school office in order to join the Music Program. This Administration fee is an annual fee and must be paid by all students.

Parent/Guardian1 signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian2 signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this signed form and \$30 for your Music Administration Fee to the School Office and your tutor will contact you.



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General Permission to Publish and disclose information

Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

I am seeking your permission to allow the school/Department of Education and Communities to publish and/or disclose information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child's name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child's work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child's information may be published or disclosed include but are not limited to:

- Public websites of the Department of Education and Communities including the school website, the Department of Education and Communities intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis
- Department of Education and Communities publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department's websites
- Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter
- Local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.

Please complete the permission slip and return to the school ASAP.

Yours sincerely

Jacqui Attard

Principal

Marie Bashir Public School

Permission to Publish

I have read this permission to publish and:

Tick the appropriate box

I give permission

I do not give permission

to the school/Department of Education and Communities to publish information about my child as described above, including in publicly accessible communications.

This signed permission remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.

Child's name:

Parent/carer/caregiver's name (please print):

Parent/carer/caregiver signature:Date: _____

RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

New Families

Our newsletters are sent out to our school community via email. Electronic distribution is a much better method of communication with families as it allows the school community to enjoy a coloured and more extensive newsletter without the environmental impact of substantial paper usage.

We would appreciate it if you could take a minute or two and fill out the slip below so we can add you to our school newsletter email list. The school will only use this email list to send out school newsletters and your email address will not be displayed.

Only one slip needs to be completed per family. If more than one family member would like the newsletter emailed, please write in the second email address on the slip below.

If you do not receive the next newsletter via email and have handed in the slip below, please first check your junk mail. If it hasn't come through, please let the school know so we can update our email list.

Our school newsletter will be accessible on our school website, which can be found at: www.mariebashirpublicschool.com.au

I would like to have the newsletter emailed to me

Name of child: _____

Class: _____

Name and class of sibling(s): _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Email address: _____

Please return to your child's teacher ASAP

Welfare Policy

Management of Problem Behaviour

<i>Classroom</i>	<i>Playground</i>
Two warnings – verbal reminders	Two warnings – verbal reminders
Quiet area – Time limit determined by teachers (age appropriate)	Quiet area in the playground (silver seats) - Time limit determined by teacher on duty (age appropriate)
<i>If problems behaviour continues OR if problem behaviour is deemed serious by classroom teacher.</i>	<i>If problems behaviour continues OR if problem behaviour is deemed serious by executive on duty</i>
<u>Yellow support slip</u> Written/oral conference at Support Desk in another classroom. Student remains for remainder of session. Slip and reflection sheet sent to class teacher for student file.	<u>Green support slip</u> Written/oral conference at Support Room 1st half of lunch. Slip and reflection sheet sent to class teacher for student file.
<u>Three support slips (in a year)</u> Parent/carer notified by phone. Class teacher sends letter home to parent/carer, and records return slip.	
<u>Additional three support slips (6 in total in a year)</u> Interview with parent/carer and class teacher	
<u>Additional three support slips (9 in total in a year)</u> Interview with parent/carer, class teacher and principal. Learning Support Team informed. Individual Behaviour Plan (IBP) for the student – weekly review of IBP. At this level, student safety will be considered when excursions off school site are planned.	
<u>If IBP is working</u> Parent/carer notified by phone. Decision made about need for ongoing IBP	<u>If IBP is not working</u> Interview with parent/carer, class teacher and principal. New IBP Weekly review
	In-school suspension. Formal suspension may be considered.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Auditions for Choir, Orchestra and Recorder Ensembles will begin for 2020 in Week 4 (19 February)

Ensembles will be held at the following times:

Orchestra - Thursdays 8.25am in the Music Room

Senior Choir - Wednesdays 8.30am in Music Room

Recorder Ensemble - Wednesdays 1.15pm in the Music Room (first half of lunch)

All students are welcome to come and audition for these groups. If successful in gaining a place in an Ensemble, it is necessary for a full commitment to be made. A role will be taken at each practice. This helps all the students support each other in achieving a satisfying level of performance. If your child will be away from Ensemble due to illness please contact the office to let us know.

Orchestra

The orchestra is for students who learn an instrument privately at a Grade 2 or higher level. If your child would like to join the orchestra, they can attend the first rehearsal on Thursday 20 February 8.25am in the Music Room, and be prepared to play one piece and one scale as an audition.

Choir

Senior Choir is open to Students in Yrs 5 & 6

Students in the Senior Choir will sing at the Opera House at the end of August at the regional performing arts concert "Our Spectacular". If your child would like to join Senior Choir, they can come along to the audition on Wednesday 19 February 8.30am in the Music Room ready to sing a well known tune (such as Happy Birthday or Advance Australia Fair) as an audition.

Recorder Ensemble

This group is open to students in Yrs 4-6, and requires practice outside rehearsals in order to be ready to perform at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House at the end of July. Any student who loves playing recorder and feels confident may come on Thursday 20 February to the first rehearsal to play a melody known from class as an audition.

Please fill out the following form and return to the office to indicate that your child would like to join an Ensemble.

We're looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, performing and fun.

G Andrews

MUSIC TEACHER

J Attard

PRINCIPAL



MARIE BASHIR PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU



BREAKFAST & RECESS

● Plain Toast - 1 Slice	\$1.00
● Plain Toast - 2 Slices	\$2.00
● Raisin Toast	\$3.00
● Cheese Jaffle - Half	\$2.00
● Cheese Jaffle - Full	\$3.00
● Ham & Cheese Jaffle	\$3.50

SANDWICHES & WRAPS

● Vegemite or Jam	\$3.00
● Cheese	\$3.00
● Cheese & Vegemite	\$3.00
● Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
● Egg, Lettuce & Mayonaise	\$4.50
● Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
● Salad	\$4.50
● Cheese & Salad	\$5.00
● Tuna, Lettuce & Mayonaise	\$4.50
● Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
● Chicken & Salad	\$4.50
● Chicken, Lettuce & Mayonaise	\$4.50

	<u>1/2 Wrap</u>	<u>Full Wrap</u>
● Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$4.00	\$5.50
● BBQ Meat Lovers Wrap	\$4.00	\$5.50
● Ham, Cheese & Pineapple Wrap	\$4.00	\$5.50
● Cheese & Spinach Wrap	\$4.00	\$5.50
● Chicken Twister with Lettuce & Mayo	\$5.00	

BIG CRUNCH SUSHI - Gluten & Dairy Free

● Chicken Teriyaki & Cucumber Roll	\$4.50
● Tuna & Cucumber Roll	\$4.50

SALADS

● Fruit Salad Tub	\$3.50
● Water Melon Tub - Seasonal	\$3.50
● Garden Salad - Vegetarian	\$5.00
● Greek Salad - Vegetarian	\$5.00
● Greek Salad with Grilled Chicken	\$5.50
● Garden Salad with Grilled Chicken	\$5.50
● Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken	\$5.50
● Tuna Salad with Corn, Lett, Carrot & Cues	\$5.50

HOT FOOD

● Homemade Veg Fried Rice	\$4.00
● Lean Sausage Roll	\$4.50
● Lean Fat Pie	\$4.50
● Corn Cob	\$2.00
● Baked Chicken Nuggets	\$4.50
● Home Made Lasagna	\$4.50
● Nachos - Thursday Only	\$5.50
● Home Made Pasta Bolognese	\$4.50
● Home Made Pasta Napolitana - Vegetarian	\$4.00
● Home Made Pasta & Cheese - Vegetarian	\$3.50
● Beef Ravioli Napolitana	\$4.50
● Honey Soy Chicken with Steamed Rice	\$4.50
● Hokkien Noodles with BBQ Pork	\$4.50

SNACKS

● Red Rock Deli Sea Salt Chips	\$2.00
● Carrot and Celery Sticks - Vegan	\$3.00
● Carrot, Celery Sticks, Hummus & Wrap Bread	\$4.00
● Mini Banana Bread	\$2.00
● Low Sugar Jelly Cups - Dairy Free	\$2.00
● Fresh Apples or Oranges	\$1.00
● Home Made Mini Muffin	\$2.00
● Home Made Mini Cookie	\$2.00
● Fresh Yoghurt & Whole Berries	\$4.00
● Twisted Frozen Yoghurt	\$3.00
● Quelch Juice Tubes - Dairy Free	\$1.00
● 100% Frozen Fruit Juice Cup - Dairy Free	\$2.00
● Ice Mony Chocolate	\$2.00
● JATZ Minis	\$2.00
● Koala Lightly Salted Popcorn	\$2.00

DRINKS

● Sanitarium Up + Go	\$3.00
● Plain Milk	\$2.00
● Bottled Water	\$2.00
● 100% Apple Juice 200mL	\$3.00
● 100% Apple Black Currant Juice 200mL	\$3.00
● Apple Crush	\$2.50
● Hot Chocolate	\$2.00
● Moove Chocolate or Strawberry Milk	\$3.00

LEGEND ● Everyday Foods
● Occasional

Marie Bashir Public School Canteen accepts online orders using Flexi Schools - Setting up an online account is easy!

* For any Gluten Free Sandwiches add 50c

* All Sandwiches and Wraps can be Toasted - No Charge

* All Sandwiches are made using Wholemeal sliced bread

* All Tortilla Wraps are Wholemeal

* All Cheese is Mainland Reduced Fat Tasty Cheese

* All Chicken is Marinated in Garlic/Mustard and is Baked

1. Go to www.flexischools.com.au

2. Select register option & enter your email address

3. You will be sent an email, click on the link to complete

4. Fill in your details on the registration form & submit

5. Add your students, select their school & class"

OUR KITCHEN IS ALLERGY AWARE

According to the new Healthy School Canteens Strategy of NSW you should fill at least % of your menu with Everyday snacks, meals and drinks, with Occasional items making up % of your menu. * <https://healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.edu.au>

Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

Combines
learning
with fun!



Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Marie Bashir Public School Chess Classes, 2020

Thursdays 8:30AM - 9:25AM

Term 1	Cost: \$105	6th Feb - 9th Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$105	30th Apr - 2nd Jul
Term 3	Cost: \$105	23rd Jul - 24th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$94.50	15th Oct - 10th Dec

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at
www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code **AB6WXVWLVO** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term. No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for. For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery)

To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment

Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$45 [SPECIAL OFFER]	
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$41 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$33 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock – Cost: \$76 [Recommended for All Ages]	

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a free chess set or workbook 2 valued at up to \$33. Offer expires 31st March, 2020.



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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 †
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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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