

# The Governor's Gazette



## Marie Bashir Public School

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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<b>Term 1, 2020</b>	
9 April	Last Day Term 1
<b>Term 2, 2020</b>	
27 April	Staff Development Day
28 April	Student online learning to resume

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are all witness to a significant chapter in educational history-*The Education Revolution* as school students begin working remotely from their homes rather than in a school.

Despite the unforeseen challenges ahead of us, I want to reassure parents that the school staff are working tirelessly to make remote learning work and will endeavour to resolve problems. Our initial priority for students and staff is familiarity of learning online.

If parents or students have any feedback or concerns regarding the learning, I encourage parents to communicate directly with the class teacher via the school email address.

Email: [mariebashir-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mariebashir-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

This will enable us to ensure that your concerns are addressed as soon as possible. It also allows us to monitor the areas of concern for parents.

During this very busy time of educational change, I want to thank parents for their kind words of encouragement and support to the staff at Marie Bashir Public School.

I want to reassure parents who are essential workers that the school remains open for your child.

The 'Learning From Home' booklet has been sent home in the event that your child has no access to the internet. Students are not expected to complete both online learning and the 'Learning from Home' Booklets.

The last day of school term is Thursday 9 April. There will be no online learning during the school holidays.

Students return to school online from Tuesday 28 April unless otherwise notified.

**If school resumes face to face after the school holidays, students are asked to return to school with their winter uniform.**

**HAPPY EASTER!**



## EASTER RAFFLE

Mrs Kim dressed up as a unicorn to draw the Easter raffle on Friday 27 March 2020. She did an amazing job. The office staff will be in contact with prize winners. Prizes can be collected from the front office.

On behalf of the P & C and Marie Bashir Public School, I would like to express my gratitude to parents who kindly donated chocolates, baskets, Easter toys and wrapping.



## AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

As part of the school's student welfare program, each month at assembly, a student is named *Aussie of the Month* and presented with a certificate

Our Aussie of the Month for March is Faith in 3/4H. *Congratulations Faith!*



## YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION

Year 6 parents are reminded that high school applications are overdue. These need to be returned as soon as possible.

## HARMONY DAY

On Monday 23 March, Marie Bashir Public School celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day was established 21 years ago to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

Harmony Day is all about togetherness and kindness, about sharing experience and knowledge.

It was very exciting to see the students from Marie Bashir Public School wear their national dress. We are very fortunate to share each other's traditions, history, culture and food.

Thank you to all parents for supporting Harmony Day.





## PROCEDURE FOR RECORDING ATTENDANCE

The School has an ongoing obligation to maintain student attendance records. For the remainder of this term, we are following this process:

- We will mark the roll for students who are in attendance for school-based supervision.
- We will assume your child is learning remotely.
- **If your child is sick and therefore not learning remotely for the day, you will need to phone or email the school.**

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**Phone:** 8736 4400

The School will also be able to monitor your child's attendance once he/she has logged in and is learning remotely.

## TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY (TERM 1, 2020)

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 16 March and 3 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate,

please return the form to school by **13<sup>th</sup> March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

## SPORT

Congratulations to Marie Bashir Public School swimmers who represented our school at the WSPSSA zone.

A huge congratulations to the **Marie Bashir Junior Girls Relay** who not only won the relay and broke the record 2:43.00R (Rebecca Khalil, Chloe Kwak, Jiwoo Choi, Irene Jang) beating the 2010 Croydon record of 2:49.00. Well Done!

Congratulations to Alvin who was awarded 11 Years Boys Champion at the Zone swimming carnival and Jiwoo 2020 Junior girls Champion.



## 2020 ZONE SOCCER TRIALS

Congratulations to Zaynab who was selected from our zone to attend the Sydney East Soccer trials.



## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE AND / DIALECT TEACHERS

The NSW Department of Education provides EAL/D funding to all schools. The EAL/D teacher supports students whose first language is a language or dialect other than English. They also provide initial, on-arrival intensive English tuition for newly arrived students at the beginning and emerging levels of English language proficiency. The EAL/D teacher supports students in their classroom or withdraw them for personalised lessons. The EAL/D lessons are tailored to meet the specific language learning needs of students.

## 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 has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

## SCHOOL CANTEEN

The school canteen will not be servicing our students during the pandemic. Below is a message from the caterers.

*The ANTHONY CATERING Family would like to thank your community for the support and love that has been shown to our Canteen Staff and Management during these uncertain times.*

*We are sad that we cannot continue providing your community, we all hope that you all remain safe and we see you ASAP on the other side.*

*During these challenging and uncertain times, we have seen the widespread struggle of the broader Sydney community to obtain goods from local supermarkets. As a result of this, we see the opportunity to help our community by extending our foodservice offerings to the public. This will enable members of the public, particularly those that are vulnerable in the current health crisis, to receive goods via pick-up from our warehouse or by home delivery. Our home delivery service will be available to the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area.*

*Some of the products from our vast range include eggs, cheese, flour, sugar, oils, pasta, canned tomatoes and pasta sauces, prepared meals, frozen vegetables and seafood as well as pre-packed meat and poultry (both frozen and fresh) including our much loved kid friendly Chook'd range Chicken products.*

*We also offer a wide range of cleaning products, such as disinfectants and hand-wash (no toilet paper, unfortunately). For our full range, please visit our suppliers websites:*

<https://alfredfoods.com.au>

<https://islanderfoodservice.com.au>

*Although our products typically come in bulk, they could easily be shared amongst, family, friends and neighbours.*

*Please send us an email to express your interest or to place an order:*

[sales@anthony.com.au](mailto:sales@anthony.com.au)

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## COVEY SEVEN HABITS

The Students in Kindergarten through to Year 6 have been working towards our student welfare program- The 7 habits of Happy Kids-The leader in Me.

The **7 Habits** are **leadership** qualities all students can learn. Developing these **leadership** skills will prepare students for the future.

Developing leaders with 21st century skills is an innovative, school-wide model that enables educators to unleash each child's full potential.

I encourage you to talk to your child about these habits at home.

**Habit 1: Be Proactive**  
You are in Charge

**Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind**  
Have a Plan

**Habit 3: Put First Things First**  
Work First, Then Play

**Habit 4: Think Win-Win**  
Everyone Can Win

**Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood**  
Listen Before You Talk

**Habit 6: Synergize**  
Together is Better

**Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw**  
Balance Feels Best





# Tell Them From Me student survey Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

## 1. What is the *Tell Them From Me* student survey?

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey asks questions about factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other outcomes. It aims to help improve the learning outcomes of students. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the student point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

## 2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey questions relate to the following measures for **primary schools**:

Participation in sports and extra-curricular activities	Behaviour at school	Effective learning time
Use of ICT for learning	Homework behaviour	Teaching relevance and rigour
Sense of belonging	Interest and motivation	Perseverance
Positive relationships	Effort	Experience of being bullied
Valuing school outcomes	Skills and learning challenge	Advocacy at school
Positive teacher-student relations	Expectations for success	Positive learning climate

The survey questions relate to the following measures for **secondary schools**:

Participation in sports and extra-curricular activities	Homework behaviour	Expectations for success
Skills and learning challenge	Academic self-concept	Behaviour at school
Experience of being bullied	Truancy	Sense of belonging
Interest and motivation	Effective learning time	Aspirations: finishing Year 12, University, TAFE
Positive relationships	Effort	Teaching relevance and rigour
Wellness	Valuing school outcomes	Positive learning climate
Academic buoyancy	Advocacy at school	Advocacy outside school
Positive teacher-student relations	Use of ICT for learning	Perseverance

## 3. How have schools been selected to take part?

The survey is open to all NSW government schools at no cost to them. Your child's school has decided to participate.



#### 4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey will provide school principals and school leaders with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

#### 5. What does my child need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes less than 30 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, *The Learning Bar*. Schools will make computers or laptops available so that students can complete the survey during school hours.

#### 6. Does my child have to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped. Parents/students have a right to apply for access to, and correction of, a student's information.

#### 7. Will the school be able to identify my child from their responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will not be made available.

A small number of staff in the department's Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) will have access to individual student responses for the purpose of state-wide

analysis. Individual students' data will be held on a secure server with access strictly limited to CESE researchers. The researchers are interested in trends only – not in individual student responses. No student will be identified in any publication. No school will be identified unless they have given permission.

#### 8. What sort of analysis will be done on the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders can use the data to better understand the experiences and views of students at their school.

CESE will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the department, including performance data.

The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between wellbeing, engagement, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE's analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

#### 9. Can all school students participate in the survey?

The primary school survey is designed for students in Years 4 to 6. Schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in these year groups to participate. Secondary schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in Years 7 to 12 to participate.

#### 10. When will the *Tell Them From Me* survey happen?

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools at the end of Term 1 and (optionally) Term 3/4.





## What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) is part of the NSW Department of Education.

CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales.

CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education.

More information about CESE is available at: [www.cese.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cese.nsw.gov.au)

## What is *The Learning Bar*?

*The Learning Bar* specialises in research-based design and facilitation of student assessments and survey solutions for both primary and secondary students. The in-house research team led by the President, Dr J Douglas Willms, undertakes extensive projects used in the school system to affect national policy. It is against this research that the survey, *Tell Them From Me*, has become the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of the ten provinces. Globally, more than 6,300 schools and 5.4 million students have participated in the survey over the last twelve years.

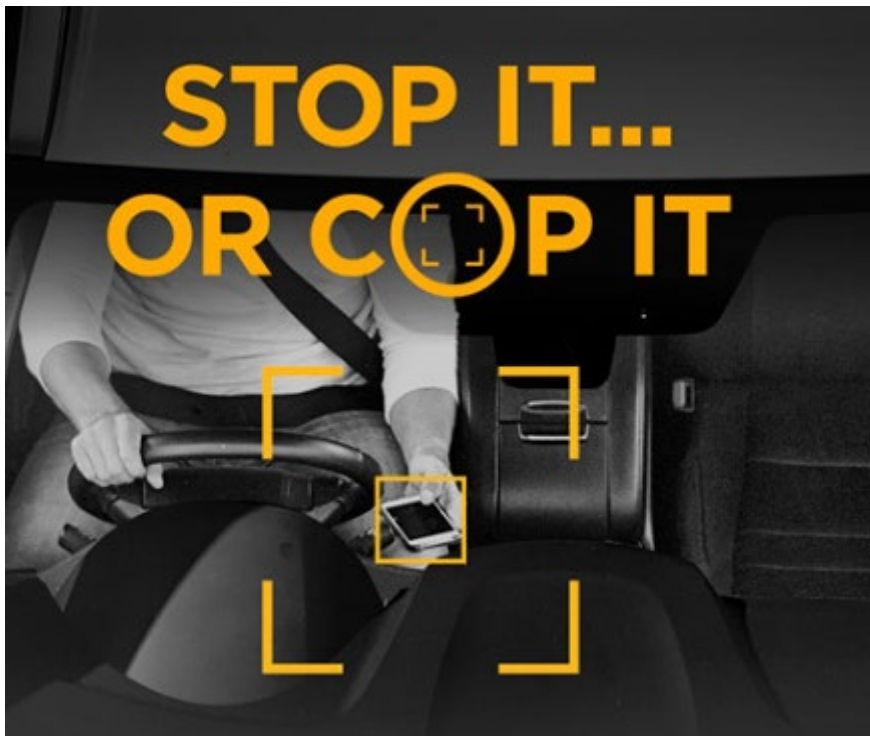
Dr Willms recently held the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Literacy and Human Development. He plays a lead role in the development of questions on student engagement for the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

For purely administrative purposes, *The Learning Bar* will also have temporary access to identifiable student responses to the survey questions. Other than *The Learning Bar* and CESE researchers within the department, identifiable student responses will not be disclosed to any other person or body other than as required by law.

More information about *The Learning Bar* is available at: [www.thelearningbar.com](http://www.thelearningbar.com)

If you have any questions about the parent survey, please contact CESE via email: [TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au) or by telephone: 1300 131 499.

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**If you are caught illegally handling your mobile phone while driving, you will receive a fine of \$344 and 5 demerit points**

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/mobilephones/technology.html>

**Make Every Journey a Safe One**



