

# 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 2, 2020</b>	
3 July	Last Day of Term 2
<b>Term 3, 2020</b>	
20 July	Staff Development Day
21 July	Students K-6 resume School Gymnastics program commences
30 July	ACU speech therapists commence practicum
7 August	Year 6 Fundraiser
25 September	Last day of Term

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Principal's Message

I congratulate all students on their educational performance and growth in learning during semester 1. I extend my gratitude to all teachers for their dedication to teaching and learning during the challenging times we have experienced this term. The period since we returned back to school after remote learning has been remarkably successful. Thank you to all our parents for ensuring the students return was smooth. I also extend my gratitude to our parents who have adhered to the restrictions and guidelines since our return.

As a result of the updated health advice and relaxed restrictions, I am pleased to let you know that Marie Bashir Public School is able to recommence the majority of school based activities from term 3.

From term 3:

- All curricular and extra curricular programs delivered by our teachers can recommence. This includes, choir, orchestra, SRC, dance, cheer leading and debating.
- Incursions/external providers relating to curriculum such as gymnastics.
- All school sport (not PSSA).
- Inter-school events and competitions such as debating.
- Scripture.

Changes can be made to the above updated advice if the current health situation changes.

I wish Ms Alfakhrany all the very best on the birth of her second child. Ms Alfakhrany commences her leave from term 2.

#### Aussie Of The Month

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

Our Aussie of the Month for June is Terence (5/6R) for always being inclusive, respectful and considerate towards fellow students and teachers. *Congratulations Terence!*



*Have a safe and Restful break!*

## School Times

As you are aware, the school has re-timetabled Year 3-6 classes to facilitate social distancing. This will continue during term 3.

### Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2

There will be no changes to the school day for students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. K-2 students will be expected to attend from 9:25-3:25pm.

### Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

**Students in Years 3-6 will commence school at 9am and conclude at 3pm.** Students in Years 3-6 will be supervised on the oval from 8:35am.

Parents are asked to notify the front office, if they are unable to pick up their child at 3pm.

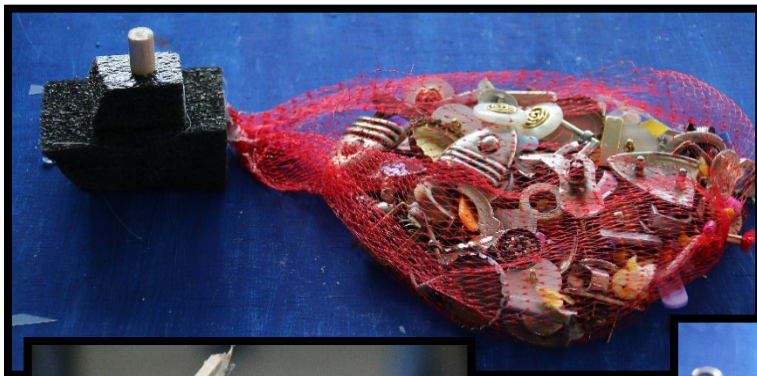
On all days K-6 students are to proceed directly to their classroom for the start of the school day.

## Supervision

Please remember that supervision commences at school at 9.00am and ceases at 3.25pm for students in K-2. For students in Years 3-6, supervision commences at 8:35 and concludes at 3pm. It is extremely unwise to leave your child unsupervised in the playground outside these hours.

## Stage 3 Art Work

Below are some images of stage 3 art work. *At 'A Crossroad'* is stage 3 art work looking at the issue of environment and sustainability. Each of the four stage 3 classes created different elements of a split globe that depicts a clean earth against a polluted one. This large scale multi-media work has a diameter of 2.4 metres, it is made using old computers, balsa wood and modelling clay amongst other materials.



## Enrolments for 2021

We are preparing the 'post out' packages for new children who will be starting in Kindergarten through to Year 6 at Marie Bashir Public School next year.

If you have a child who is eligible to start Kindergarten next year, you will need to submit an enrolment form. To be eligible to start school, children must turn 5 on or before 31 July, 2021. If you would like an enrolment form they are available from the school office or online from the DOE website.

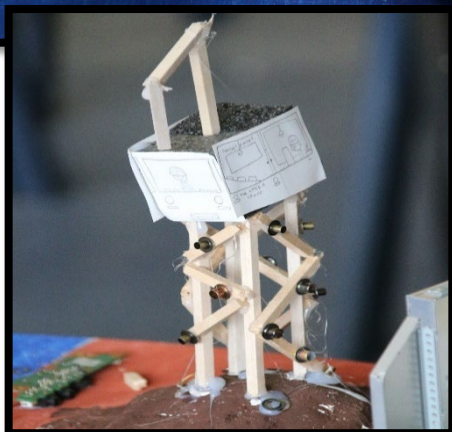
Please note that when the form is submitted it must be accompanied by documentary evidence of birth date. (e.g. Birth Certificate, Passport).

## Student Reports and Interviews

On Friday, 19 June, teachers provided written reports on student progress to parents. From Monday 22 June, parents were provided with the opportunity to speak with class teachers to discuss their child's progress. Thank you to the many parents who booked times with teachers. Your ongoing commitment and support are appreciated.

## Music Aviva

On Wednesday 24 June, the students K-6 enjoyed the Music Aviva performance via zoom. The group 'Dr Stovepipe's' provided the students with an entertaining performance.



### Gymnastics Program Term 3

A nine week gymnastics program has been organised for all students in Kindergarten through to Year 6. Gymnastics lessons will be conducted on a Tuesday or Friday each week, commencing 21 July, 2020. Gymnastics lessons will involve specialist instructors from 'Sports In Schools Australia' who will come to the school with all the equipment to work with the students. The 40 minute gymnastic lessons will be held with the class teacher present. Students are expected to wear their sports uniform.

The instructors from *Sports In Schools Australia* have requested student names for assessment purposes and to provide students with name tags.

The cost for the program is \$40.00. This money is not refundable if students are absent on gym day.

It would be appreciated if you could complete the permission note below and return it to the front office by Friday, 3 July, 2020.

Regards,

Jacqui Attard

Principal

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### **PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 3 JULY 2020**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby consent to my son/daughter/ward \_\_\_\_\_ participating in the GYMNASTICS PROGRAM once a week commencing 21 July and concluding 25 September.

I understand that Marie Bashir Public School will be providing Sports In Schools Australia with details of my child's name for assessment purposes.

I have enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ to cover costs (cash / cheque / eftpos available only prior to 2pm)

I have made an online payment – receipt number \_\_\_\_\_

For online payments, please submit the note the following school day.

Name of person paying for this excursion \_\_\_\_\_ (this is now a requirement)

Special needs of the child of which you should be aware (e.g. allergies)

To the best of my knowledge, he/she has no medical condition, physical disability or injury which puts him/her at risk in participating in the sport.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes can provide intellectual stimulation by grouping together high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be isolated from a suitable peer group. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

## New for 2021 entry

A Year 5 virtual opportunity class has been established at Aurora College for students in rural and remote NSW. Further information is available at <http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/>

## Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 16 September 2020**.

## How to apply

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2021, you need to apply between **Tuesday 9 June 2020** and **Friday 26 June 2020**. You will need to access the online application at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> . You must **not** use the child's email address.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the High Performing Students Team for assistance after **9 June 2020**. Contact details can be found on the web site shown below.

You must submit only **ONE application** for each student.

**Important – the school cannot apply on your behalf.**

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline Attard  
Principal

**THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS**

**You will need to register and then apply through the Department's website:**

**RETURN THE COMPLETED SLIP BELOW TO SCHOOL**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for opportunity class placement in 2021 .....Yes   
No

**If Yes**

I have internet access and will be applying online .....

**OR**

I do not have internet access and will use the public library to complete the application....

I understand that I need to register and then apply through the Department's website.

Signature of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS

## Understanding the rules



- Operate when the orange 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed.
- Legally the strongest marked pedestrian crossings for managing traffic and road safety in the local streets around schools.
- Offer more protection than zebra crossings.

## CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS

- By law **MUST STOP** their car at the stop line and wait until all pedestrians on the crossing and those about to step onto the crossing have crossed the road.
- **Minimum penalty \$330 and 3 demerit point. SCHOOL ZONE minimum penalty \$439 and 4 demerit points.**

## PEDESTRIANS

- Must walk between the two red and white posts on each side of the road and keep within that area.

**Children's Crossings are for your child's safety.  
Please drive carefully around school zones.**



For more information please visit:  
[www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au) or call 9748 9999

# FREE child car seat safety check



## 2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

**DATE:** Tuesday 16 & 30 June 2020  
**TIME:** 9.30am to 1.30pm  
**LOCATION:** Strathfield Park  
(Chalmers Rd Parking bays)

**Bookings Essential. Register Now.**  
For more information contact the Council's Road Safety Officer on (02) 9748 9605.



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