



The Governor's Gazette

Marie Bashir Public School

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4	
19 December	Last Day of School Term
Term 1, 2019	
29 January	Staff Return
30 January	Years 1-6 Return
5 February	Kindergarten Students Commence Tea and Tissues Morning Tea
6 February	3-6 Assembly
12 February	Swimming Carnival
13 February	K-2 Assembly 6:30pm P & C Meeting
20 February	3-6 Assembly
27 February	K-2 Assembly

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 thank our dedicated teachers, administration staff and our supportive P & C and community members.

I thank parents and community members who attended the Presentation Day Assembly on Monday 3 December 2018. Our guests were delighted to be part of this special occasion. Our guests included: Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir, State Member of Parliament for Strathfield – Ms Jodi McKay, Mayor of Strathfield-Councillor Gulian Vaccari, Mr Green President of Club Burwood, Dr Usha from Strathfield Rotary and Marie Bashir Public School P & C President- Mr Krebs.

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 2018 captains, Kiera and Darren for your leadership throughout the year. I congratulate our school captains for 2019- Eve and Yousef.

The Staff and I look forward to the opening of our new classrooms and the implementation of innovative and future focused programs for the 2019 school year. I trust that we as a community will continue together to strive for a quality education for the students at Marie Bashir Public School.

I wish all students, teachers and parents a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday.

Student Enrolments 2019

Our student enrolments for the 2019 school year will exceed 390. This means that we will have 16 classes to begin the 2019 school year. 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 Miss Chan and Ms Tan on their permanent appointment at Marie Bashir Public School. I congratulate Mr and Mrs Dalton who are expecting a baby in 2019. Mrs Dalton will be taking maternity leave from the commencement of 2019. I wish her all the very best!

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, 6 December. Thank you Mrs Butler and Mrs Le for organising this event and Miss Ng, Mrs Kim and Mrs Smith for organising the party games and movie in the night. Good Luck in high school!

Traffic

As you are aware the traffic on Albert Road before and after school is increasing. I encourage all families to walk to and from School in the new year.

Air conditioning

I thank two families for donating air conditioning units that were installed by Mr Julius. These units will cool two classrooms. We are extremely grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Principal's Excursion

Congratulations to the 3 students who attended the Principal's excursion to Ten Pin Bowling for earning 12 merit certificates throughout 2018. We had a great time!



Stewart House Concert

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



Garden Club

Thank you to our committed garden club who have worked hard to grow herbs and vegetables this year. They have also assembled a scarecrow. The students express their gratitude to Miss Polito and Mrs Owen.



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.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2019

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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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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