



The Governor's Gazette

Marie Bashir Public School

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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| Term 4, 2018 | |
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| 24 October | K-2 Assembly |
| 25 October | Chess |
| 29 October | Albyn Road Pre School Visit |
| 31 October | 3-6 Assembly |
| 3 November | Marie Bashir Public School Fair |
| 5 November | Albyn Road Pre School Visit |
| 7 November | K-2 Assembly |
| 8 November | M'Arias (Music Recital) |
| 9 November | Stage 1 Field Of Mars Excursion |
| 14 November | 3-6 Assembly |
| 15 November | Stage 3 to Wakehurst Park |
| 21 November | K-2 Assembly |
| 22 November | Kindergarten Orientation |
| 26 November | K-2 Principal's Morning Tea |
| 27 November | 3-6 Principal's Morning Tea |
| 28 November | Perfect Speeches and elections Thank you Morning Tea for Parent Helpers |
| 29 November | Kindergarten Orientation |
| 3 December | Presentation Day |
| 6 December | Year 6 Farewell |
| 11 December | Principal's Morning Tea |
| 18 December | Stewart House Concert |
| 19 December | Term 4 Ends |



Principal's message

Welcome Back! I trust you all had an enjoyable and restful break with your children.

Now is the moment where we all share disbelief that we have only 7-weeks left until the term ahead of us reaches the end of the 2018 school year.

So much has been achieved, so much has to be done, and there is not much time left. Term 4 is always busy, exhausting and exciting as the year draws to a close.

New School Website

Please note, the school has a new website: <https://mariebashir-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>.

I extend my gratitude to Mrs Kim who has been working on updating the website.

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 September is Brooklyn. *Congratulations Brooklyn.*



NAPLAN Results 2018

Congratulations to all students who completed NAPLAN and teachers at Marie Bashir Public School for their contributions and commitment to teaching and learning. Students are to be commended for their efforts and results. The following is the NAPLAN results for 2018.

Year 3

The school's 2018 reading results revealed that in Year 3, 75.4% performed in the top two bands compared to 51.7% across the state.

The school's 2018 writing results revealed that in Year 3, 72.1% performed in the top two bands compared to 45.1% across the state.

The school's 2018 spelling results revealed that in Year 3, 75.4% performed in the top two bands compared to 50.4% across the state. No student performed in the last band.

The school's 2018 grammar and punctuation results revealed that in Year 3, 77% performed in the top two bands compared to 48.1% across the state.

The school's results for 2018 in numeracy revealed that in Year 3, 65.6% of the students performed in the top two bands compared to 40.9% across the state.

Year 5

The school's 2018 reading results revealed that in Year 5, 38.9% performed in the top two bands compared to 36.3% across the state.

The school's 2018 writing results revealed that in Year 5, 37.1% performed in the top two bands compared to 14.9% across the state.

The school's 2018 spelling results revealed that in Year 5, 38.9% performed in the top two bands compared to 35.8% across the state.

The school's 2018 grammar and punctuation results revealed that in Year 5, 36.1% performed in the top two bands compared to 34.8% across the state.

In numeracy in Year 5, 33.3% of students performed in the top two bands compared to 30.2% across the state.

Staffing Term 4

As you are aware, Mrs Ling has accepted a Relieving Assistant Principal position at Mortlake Public School for term 4. This appointment has been extended to December 2019. Miss Ghi will be teaching 4LG whilst Miss Woods will be teaching EAL/D as well as taking on her role as School chaplain until December 2018.

Marie Bashir Public School Fun Fair

Students, Parents and Community members are reminded that the Marie Bashir Public School Fun Fair will be held this coming Saturday, 3 November 2018 from 10am -4pm.

There will be many rides and food stalls for the whole family to enjoy. We look forward to seeing all families attend.

Presentation Day

Parents are asked to keep Monday 3 December aside for Presentation Day at **10.00am in the auditorium.**

At this ceremony some children will receive awards for the work they have done during the year and you will be entertained by the school dance group, orchestra and school choir.

I encourage all parents to attend this end of year celebration.

The ceremony will last for approximately 1 hour.

We look forward to seeing you.

School Sport Australia Tennis Championship

Congratulations to Milana who received a silver medal in the School Sport Australia tennis tournament held in South Australia. Well Done!!



Book Week Donations

On behalf of the students and staff, I thank parents for supporting our Book Week Parade and Donate a Book Scheme at the end of term 3. The School raised \$470 from the Donate a Book Scheme.

Festival Of Music 2019

If you have a child in Years 3 or 4, who would be interested in playing recorder at the Sydney Opera House at the Festival of Instrumental Music in 2019, please sign your child into the group. A note has already been distributed. This can also be found in the newsletter.

It is a wonderful experience, and a fantastic opportunity for students to start learning and performing a musical instrument, or adding to their musical skills. Recorder Ensemble rehearsals will commence on Thursdays at lunchtime, from Week 1 of Term 4.

Orientation

I look forward to meeting our new students for 2019 at the Marie Bashir Public School orientation day which will be held at the beginning of term 4- Thursday 22 November and 29 November 2018 at 9:45am.

On these days all children will also be placed in their class for 2019. Your child's teacher will not necessarily be your child's teacher in 2019. Children will be informed about who their class teacher is at the commencement of 2019.

Supervision

Please remember that supervision commences at school at 9.00am and ceases at 3.25pm. It is extremely unwise to leave your child unsupervised in the playground outside these hours. Any child who is repeatedly at school before 9:00am and will be sent to before school care where they will be charged a fee.

Ethics

Could you be an ethics teacher for Marie Bashir Public School?

Some of our current ethics teachers are moving on at the end of the year and we are seeking volunteers so that classes can continue next year.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available at **10:30am on wednesdays** each week.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Mrs Attard.

Selective High School Test

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on **Thursday 14 March, 2019**.

If you would like to apply for placement in a selective high school for your child you may do so by completing an application form online. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email), access to the internet and a printer. Online applications must be completed by **Monday 12 November 2018**.

Applications for entry in 2020 can be made online between **Tuesday 9 October 2018 and Monday 12 November 2018** at the following website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

For more information see attached form.



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You are invited to attend our
2018 Presentation Day Ceremony
To be held on
Monday, 3 December, 2018
in the School Auditorium at 10.00am.

At this ceremony some children will receive awards for the work they have done during the year and you will be entertained by the school dance group, school orchestra and school choir.

I encourage all parents to attend this end of year celebration.

The ceremony will last for approximately 1 hour.

We look forward to seeing you.

Free Entry



10AM - 4PM
SATURDAY, THE 3RD NOVEMBER

Lots of fun activities
at...
Marie Bashir Public School

Amusements Rides
International Cuisine
Gelato, Barista Coffee
Arts, Craft & Games
Fair Floss, Hobby Horse Race!



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[/http://mbpspandc.org.au/familyfunfair](http://mbpspandc.org.au/familyfunfair)



Recorder Ensemble Audition
Festival of Instrumental Music 2019

Dear Parents,

This year eleven students from Marie Bashir Public School represented their school community at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House, coordinated by the NSW Arts Unit. Marie Bashir Public School students have enjoyed taking part in this special event for a number of years.

All students from Years 3-5 are invited to come to the Music Room in the first half of lunch on Thursday of Week 1 Term 4, to audition to be part of this group for the 2019 Concert. If you and your child are interested in taking up this opportunity, please return the slip below to the office by Wednesday 17 October 2018, Week 1, Term 4.

As a member of the Recorder Ensemble, students enjoy the fun of learning and performing with hundreds of students from schools across NSW at the Sydney Opera House, along with the opportunity to gain or hone valuable skills such as playing a musical instrument, enhancing memory, expressing feelings, recognising sequences and structures, all of which strengthen students' learning experiences in their school environment.

Rehearsal Times: Rehearsals will be held on Thursday lunchtimes throughout Term 4 in 2018, and Terms 1-3 in 2019, in the Music Room. Students will rehearse in the first half of lunch, then will have time to play outside.

Concert Date: The Concert dates are not yet confirmed, but will most likely take place in Term 3 of 2019. A letter will be sent home once this information is known.

I look forward to seeing students in Week 1 of Term 4, Thursday lunchtime, to audition for this group!

Best regards,
Georgina Andrews

Music Teacher

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RECORDER ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS
Festival of Instrumental Music 2019

Please complete the slip below and return to the Front Office by **Wednesday 17 October**

I would like my child _____ in Class _____ to audition for

the Recorder Ensemble on **Thursday 18th October 2018, in the Music Room, first half of lunch.**

Parent Name _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Not Returning To Marie Bashir Public School In 2019

We are now starting to consider the arrangement of classes for 2019. As you would be aware, schools are staffed according to the number of children who enrol at the beginning of each year. To assist in our planning, we need to know of any children currently in K to Year 5 who will **not be returning in 2019**. If you know your child will not be at Marie Bashir Public School next year, would you please complete the form below and return it to school as soon as possible.

Please note that if your child will be returning to school after the first day of term (i.e. Tuesday, 29 January 2019) you will also need to notify the school in writing otherwise your child cannot be allocated to a class.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,

Jacqui Attard
Principal



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**ONLY RETURN THIS NOTE IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ATTENDING MARIE BASHIR
PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 2019**

Child's Name: _____

2018 Class: _____

My child will be enrolling in another school and not returning to Marie Bashir Public School in 2019.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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High Performing Students Unit

Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in

2020

Thinking of applying for a
government selective high school for Year 7 entry in
2020?

You must apply online at
[https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/
selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-
classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



Key dates

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Application website opens

Monday 12 November 2018

Application website closes. You must apply by the due date.

Thursday 28 February 2019

Test authority advice sent to all applicants

Thursday 14 March 2019

Selective High School Placement Test

Friday 5 July 2019

Placement outcome information is sent

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There is more information at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

Parents should check this website for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website for information before you contact the Unit.

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit[^].

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au Telephone: 1300 880 367 Fax: 02 9266 8435

Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

[^] In this document, the High Performing Students Unit will be referred to as the Unit.

'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply

on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. The application website opens at that link on **9 October 2018** and closes on **12 November 2018**. **You must apply before the closing date.**

There are no paper application forms. 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 Unit for assistance after

9 October 2018.

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

Remember: the tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline Attard

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL. This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2020 through the High Performing Students Unit website between 9 October 2018 and 12 November 2018.

Yes

No

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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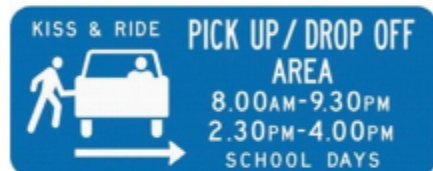
KISS AND RIDE ZONES

Understanding the rules

Kiss and Ride zones are for your child's safety, your convenience and to minimise congestion and confusion

RULES

- Kiss and Ride zones and 'No Parking' zones operate under the same conditions – may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes.
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of vehicle.
- Zone applies only during hours of operation.



REMEMBER

- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE:** to assist with traffic flow, drivers should remain in the car whilst children get in and out. Children should travel with bags in the car (not in the boot).
- **BE TIMELY:** if your child does not get in or out of the vehicle within 2 minutes, you must leave and re-enter the No Parking zone.
- **STAY IN SEQUENCE:** don't cut in the queue. Drop off or pick-up your child close to the top of the zone, allowing vehicles following you to enter the zone in an orderly manner.
- **CHILD SAFETY:** please ensure children get in or out of the vehicle on the kerb side. The back seat is the safest seat for children to travel in, regardless of the make of vehicle. Ensure children have their restraints securely fastened before driving off.
- **NO U-TURNS:** Do not make u-turns in busy school zones. They are dangerous and put children at risk. Fines and demerit points apply.

Kiss and Ride Zones need cooperation to ensure the safety of all children. Please drive carefully around school zones.

Do something life-changing this year

Teach ethics at your
local school



For around an hour a week, you can teach an ethics class at your local school and help children develop skills for life.

Ethics classes support children to develop the skills they need to voice their opinions, consider the ideas of others and to make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

In ethics classes, children discuss ethical issues using an approved curriculum designed for each age group and include topics such as Laziness, Voting, How can we work out what's true? and Imagining how others feel.

Volunteers are needed now to teach ethics classes at a school near you. Training and support is provided.

Only about an hour a week

Find out more at
PrimaryEthics.com.au

Facts: Mandarin Chinese is the most spoken language in the world (1 in every 5 people in the world speak it) and Australia's second most spoken language after English; **Chinese is the most commonly taught language in NSW primary schools**; **China is Australia's largest trading partner** and the world's second largest economy; learning Chinese also enhances cognitive abilities by using both sides of the brain! ***Are you preparing your child for success in the 'Asian Century' by learning Chinese?***

ChiFUNese is one of the most innovative and popular Chinese language programs held at 50+ schools and centres around Sydney. Our students feel happy and inspired to learn because it's fun and easy!

If you are interested for your child to attend a weekly 1-hour before/after-school Mandarin Chinese class at your school from **2019 Term 1**, please **complete the Expression of Interest form at chifunese.com.au/eoi/ by Fri 16th Nov 2018**. Lesson fee depends on student numbers. Get **FREE access to online learning for a year** simply by expressing interest!

The ChiFUNese difference:

- **Multi-sensory learning** through games, crafts, and fun activities;
- **Small sized classes** for maximum engagement and participation;
- **Cultural enrichment** through Chinese festival celebrations;
- **Multimedia online learning** for additional practice at home;
- **Feedback and support to parents** including student reports;
- **Team of professional teachers** who are experienced and passionate.

