



# The Governor's Gazette

## Marie Bashir Public School

*Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow*

159 Albert Road  
Strathfield NSW 2135

Phone: (02) 8736 4400  
Fax: (02) 8736 4450

Website: [www.mariebashirpublicschool.com.au](http://www.mariebashirpublicschool.com.au)

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

Issue 9/2018

27 September 2018

28 September	Last Day of School Term
<b>Term 4, 2018</b>	
15 October	Students and Staff commence
17 October	3-6 Assembly
18 October	Chess
22 October	School Sports Photos
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

### 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 Stephanie is in 2N. *Congratulations*



#### Staffing Term 4

I wish Mrs Ling all the very best in term 4. Mrs Ling has accepted a Relieving Assistant Principal position at Mortlake Public School in term 4. Miss Ghi will be teaching 4LG whilst Miss Woods will be teaching EAL/D as well as taking on her role as School chaplain. Mrs Mourad will be Relieving Principal at Concord West Public School during the last week in term 3 and first week of term 4.

I would like to wish all students, parents and staff a safe and happy holiday.

#### Opera House Performance

Congratulations to Mrs Andrews, Mrs Kim, Miss Han and our School choir as well as Miss Skaff, Miss Tan and Miss Chan as well as our senior dance group who performed at the Sydney Opera House on Monday, 10 September, 2018. They were outstanding! It was an enjoyable experience for our students. The night was thoroughly enjoyed by students, staff and parents. I thank teachers and students for your commitment to the choir and dance group.



#### Book Week Parade

Thank you to Mrs Scully, Mrs Verolin and teachers for organising a very successful Book Week Parade and Book Fair. The theme for this year's book week was: Find your Treasure! The students and parents went to a lot of effort to dress up as their favourite book character. We thank our community for their support!





## Library News 2018

The Author Leigh Hobbs has just completed 2 years as Australia's Children's Laureate. He recently wrote an article stressing the role school libraries play in both literacy and pastoral care. At Marie Bashir, both in class time and in Reading club we seek to develop knowledge and love of literature a capacity to access information and to produce art works inspired by books.

Reading club also provides the opportunity for older children to nurture younger readers as their skills develop and to practice their own oral reading.

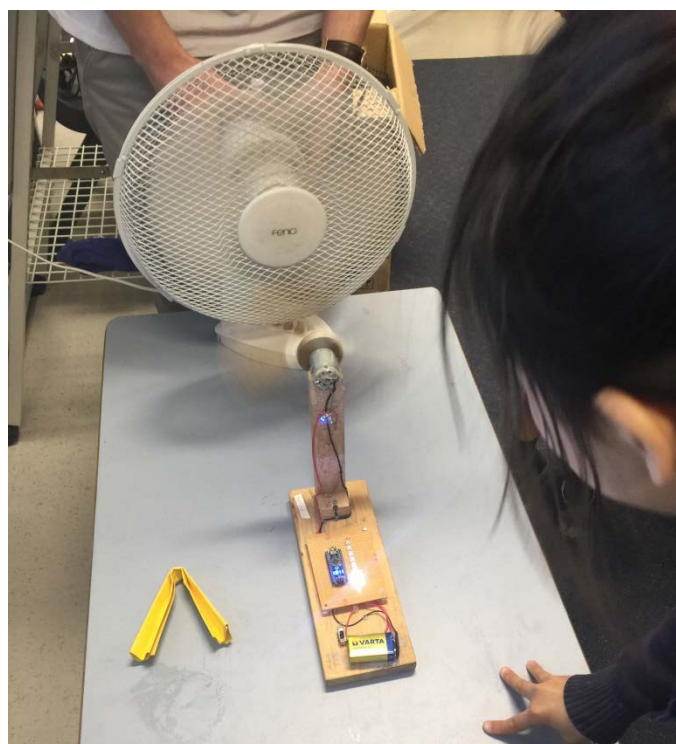
Our Library is open at lunch time, here children can come to read, sit, draw or write for the love of it. We also provide a variety of stimulating toys which encourage creativity and co-operation. These facilitate interaction and the making of new friendships. Leigh Hobbs states these activities develop a sense of self-worth as they are a refuge from expectation and nourish imagination. The library is a haven in the midst of our busy school life.

## STEM 2018

On Monday 10th September, 2018, 3B were fortunate enough to have a special visit from 5 Engineering students from Engineers Without Borders, UNSW. Together, students worked with their engineering mentors to design a blade for a wind turbine which they tested out.

It was a challenging task as students needed to consider the angle of the wind blade along with the design of the wind turbine. This collaboration has had a positive impact on students' skills in group work, views towards Engineering and how important STEM is in the real world in terms of energy production, sustainability and helping others.

We look forward to having Engineers Without Borders return to the school in future to work collaboratively with students on other modules.



## Public Speaking Finalists 2018

Congratulations to the Public Speaking finalists. They attended the Ultimo Public Speaking Competition.

Early Stage One : Jasmine(KS)

Stage one: Jasper (1S)

Stage Two: Hannah (4LG)

Stage Three: Liam (5/6S)

## Operation Art 2018

Congratulations to Ian Jang and Irene Jang. Their art work was selected for Operation Art 2018 and will be exhibited at the Armory gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from 15 September- 4 November 2018.

Congratulations is also extended to Grace in 2/3N. She was one of the 8-10 Year old finalists in the 2018 Threatened Species Art competition.

## NSW State Tennis Team 2018

Congratulations to Milana who was selected to represent the New South Wales PSSA tennis team in Adelaide during the 20-28 October. We wish her all the best!

## Tell Them From Me Survey

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the online 'Tell Them From Me Survey'. The results from the survey will assist the School to improve communication with parents and encourage parental involvement within the School and with their child's school work. The survey also provides us with significant information regarding the extent to which parents feel the school supports learning and positive behaviour and promotes a safe and inclusive environment. The information from the survey will be used for our 2019 planning.

## 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.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Marie Bashir Public School has 351 students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations! I would like to thank Mrs Scully for her encouragement.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Alec and Jade who competed at the Australian Tae Kwon Do Nationals in Bendigo.

Jade received a gold medal for gaining the title of National champion (blue belt, 8-9 year old , <25 kg) after winning her 2 fights.

Alec won a Silver (blue belt , 10-11 year old , <31 kg) after 2 wins and narrowly missing out in the final match.



## Enrolments for 2019

We will be posting packages after the holidays 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 as soon as possible. To be eligible to start school, children must turn 5 on or before 31 July, 2019.

If you would like an enrolment form they are available from the school office or online from the DEC website.

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

## 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.

## Science and Technology News

It is with great pleasure to announce that for the second year in a row- students at Marie Bashir Public School have been awarded first place in the DXC Coding Competition.

Calvin Yu, Eashan Kumar and Liam Sullivan, worked collaboratively over many weeks to develop their own game entry on Scratch for this very competition. The students have been awarded first place in the Sydney division for their age group and also, first place globally!

This is a great achievement from all the boys who have shown perseverance and great teamwork!

If you would like to participate in any STEM related competitions in 2019, please see Miss Ponto. All are encouraged to participate in 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](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or contact Mrs Attard.

## Premier's Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following Spelling Bee finalists:

Years 3&4 Junior Finalist 1: Aditya (4K)

Years 3&4 Junior Finalist 2: Justin (3N)

Years 5&6 Senior Finalist 1: Lucy (5/6S)

Years 5&6 Senior Finalist 2: Ahnaf (6K)

## Canteen News

I extend a huge thank you to our canteen volunteers:

Aparna (Anika B - 2/3N)

Bahia (Yasmine A - 1K)

Carol (Sabrina & Kiera K - 3B & 6K)

Christine (Jessica & Rachael Y - 2B & 5/6S)

Deeba (Zara S - KP)

Eman (Sophia & Layla E - 1M & 2H)

Fatmeh (Ali F - 4LG)

Gillian (Ethan L - 1M)

Hannah (Brooklyn O - KP)

Jing (Adam A - KP)

Jini (Jasper & Samuel Z - 1S & 2/3N)

Julia (Heidi G - 1S)

Julie (Darren C - 5/6S)

Kelly (Sam Y - 1S)

Layla (Ethem & Taner H - 1K & 3B)

Lingli (Alvin & Leo Z - 4LG & 5/6S)

Nisrine (Jana & Mohammed Y - 2H & 4LG)

Poornima (Samiksha R - 5L)

Raj (Jasmine C - 1K)

Stephanie (Matthew & Hannah L - KC & 4LG)

Sunny (Sooah - KP)

Trisha (Claire Y - 2H)

Vaibhavi (Ira P - 2/3N)

Vishna (Vansh R - KS)

The School is aiming to raise 30 ipads with the money raised in term 3 and 4.

**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**

.....

**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



.....

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_



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<sup>^</sup>.

### Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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/>

<sup>^</sup> 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'.





## **INFORMATION MORNING**

**Prospective Year 7 Students 2020**

**Tuesday 16 October 2018**

**at 9.15am in the School Auditorium**

Sydney Technical High School, established in 1911, has a proud tradition of student achievement. The school prepares young men who are scholarly and socially responsible. Features of the school include languages, music, visual arts, debating, public speaking and sport. Teaching and learning programs feature higher order thinking and are recognised as best practice in gifted education. The school actively promotes an environment in which student welfare, tolerance of others and strong community values support each student reaching his potential.

**Enrolments:** Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education. For further information contact the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 or email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au).

## **SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

686 Forest Road Bexley 2207

[www.sths.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sths.nsw.edu.au)

**Enquiries to the School: 9587 5899**

An Academically Selective School for Boys

## **STOP IT or COP IT**

From 17 September 2018, demerit points for using mobile phones illegally while driving have increased from 4 to 5. During holiday periods, the offence will attract 10 demerit points.

Fines will remain \$337 (\$448 in school zone).

The tougher approach to mobile phone usage comes as road toll continues to rise. Between 2012-2017, 175 crashes involving mobile phone usage resulted in 9 deaths and 50 serious injuries.

In the last financial year, 40,000 people were fined for illegal use of mobile phones.

Find out more by clicking link below:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/mobilephones/know-the-rules.html>

# FAMILY FUN DAY

at the New South Wales Parliament  
October School Holidays!

FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER  
10 AM TO 3 PM



Sausage  
Sizzle  
**\$3.00**  
per person

## Free fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament for children from 4 to 12 years.

Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers places rarely open to the public. Engage with roving historical characters and celebrate the 100 year anniversary of women becoming eligible for election to parliament and admittance to the legal profession in NSW.

## FREE ENTRY Activities

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

## Location

6 Macquarie Street –  
opposite Martin Place

**The public café  
will be open.**



## FREE ENTRY • All Welcome

E: [dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

[www.parliament.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au)

Parliament of New South Wales,  
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

**GROUP BOOKINGS  
FOR 10 OR MORE  
ESSENTIAL  
9230 2047**



# 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**





# FREE

## KIDS GARDENING CLASSES

11am Weekdays  
**Tues 2 - Fri 5 &  
Mon 8 - Fri 12  
October**

The Incredible

*World of  
Plants!*

An illustration of two children, a boy with red hair and a girl with black hair, peeking out from behind a large tree with green foliage. They are both smiling and waving. The boy is wearing a white shirt, and the girl is wearing a red and white striped shirt. The tree is on the left side of the poster, with its trunk and branches extending upwards and to the right. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. The bottom of the poster features a field of yellow daisies and green grass.

Pot  
your own  
seedling  
to take  
home.

Kids under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.



## Term 4 2018

All programs run once a week.

Free program for children aged  
**7-13 ABOVE A HEALTHY WEIGHT.**  
Children and parents/carers need to  
attend each week.

# IT'S FREE



After school,  
during term



Exercise with  
fun games



Learn about  
healthy eating



Build confidence  
& self-esteem

	Where	Address	Day & Time	Starts
GLEBE	Glebe PCYC	2-4 Minogue Cres (cnr The Crescent) Glebe 2037	Tuesdays 4.30pm-6.30pm	16 Oct For 10 weeks
ROSELANDS	Roselands Leisure and Aquatic Centre	Centre Ave Roselands 2196	Wednesdays 4pm-6pm	17 Oct For 10 weeks
STRATHFIELD	The Dutton Centre	40 Augusta St Strathfield 2135	Saturdays 10pm-12pm	20 Oct For 9 weeks

For more information and to register your child,  
**free call 1800 780 900 or visit [go4fun.com.au](http://go4fun.com.au)**