



# The Governor's Gazette

## Marie Bashir Public School

*Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow*

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2, 2019	
29 April	Staff Development Day
30 April	Students Return
1 May	Years 3-6 Assembly
7 May	School X Country
8 May	Years K-2 Assembly
9 May	Mother's Day Stall Recorder group to Rehearsal
14- 16 May	NAPLAN
15 May	Years 3-6 Assembly P & C Meeting
20 May	Stage 1 Public Speaking Finals
21 May	Stage 3 Boys to Homebush Boys (Linkages Program) Stage 2 Public Speaking Finals
22 May	Years K-2 Assembly
23 May	Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals
24 May	Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Finals
29 May	Years 3-6 Assembly
5-7 June	Music Camp
10 June	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
12 June	Years 3-6 Assembly
19 June	K-2 Assembly 6:30pm P & C Meeting
20 June	Cup Cake Stall Year 6 Fundraiser
24 June	Parent/ Teacher Interview
26 June	3-6 Assembly
3 July	K-2 Assembly
5 July	Last Day of School Term

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all students, parents and staff members. I trust that everyone has had a restful and enjoyable break.

This term, we will continue our strong emphasis on the public speaking skills of students and look forward to further extending our teaching

and learning programs in our newly refurbished rooms.

I wish all students, teachers and parents a rewarding term ahead.

I welcome back Mrs Natoli who will teach each Wednesday on a variety of classes and 4M on Fridays.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

The Staff Development Day on Monday 29 April provided staff with the opportunity to update their first aid skills-CPR and anaphylaxis.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students are reminded to return to school after the school holidays wearing their winter uniform. Please label your child's clothing with their name for easy identification. Students are required to wear navy blue knitted jumpers as part of their school uniform. Jumpers with brand name logos displayed and other coloured jumpers are not to be worn to school. I encourage all students to wear the school blazer in term 2 as the weather gets colder. Blue sports jackets are to be worn on sports day **ONLY**. They are not to be worn with the school uniform.

## OPPORTUNITY CLASSES

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2020, you need to apply soon. You will 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 **Tuesday 30 April 2019** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

The application website opens on **Tuesday 30 April 2019** and closes on **Friday 17 May 2019**. You must apply by the due date.

Please see information below for more details.

## ANZAC DAY

Thank you to all the students and teachers who attended the ANZAC Day dawn service at Burwood Park. Anzac Day is a most significant national occasion and it is important that this significance is conveyed to the current generation of Australians. Our students and teachers are great ambassadors for Marie Bashir Public School. I was extremely proud of them.

Thank you to Mrs Le who organised the school ANZAC service on Thursday 11 April, Eve and Youssef who led the assembly and all students who brought in flowers for the wreath. The assembly provided students with the opportunity to reflect on what ANZAC means. I thank Mr Green, President of Burwood RSL and Mr Sullivan who addressed the assembly.



## Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and talented 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 opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 31 July 2019**.

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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 Team for assistance after **30 April 2019**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

**Remember:** The tear-off strip 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 by next Friday.

**Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS.** 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 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE:**

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

I intend to apply for opportunity class placement in 2020. Yes ☐ No ☐

I understand that I need to register and then apply through the department's website. Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, either:

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 ☐

Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# CHESS!!

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134

Office: (02) 9745 1170

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Marie Bashir Public School is held on Thursdays from 8:30am to 9:25am, starting on 2 May 2019.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

## CHILDREN WITH SOCIAL ANXIETY WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM TREATMENT.

Macquarie university is offering children who have social anxiety with programs.

All assessments and treatment is at the Center for Emotional Health Clinic, Macquarie University.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.mq.edu.au/about/campus-services-and-facilities/hospital-and-clinics/centre-for-emotional-health-clinic/programs-for-children-and-teenagers>

Any families that would like to apply for the subsidised treatment for Social Anxiety should click on "Cool Kids for Social Anxiety". Here is a direct link:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2317168/CoolKidsSocial?source=social>





FREE PLAYGROUP

FOR

PERSIAN/FARSI SPEAKING FAMILIES

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**THIS GROUPS OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO:**

- Builds long term friendships as your children grow and learn fun things, discover, create, improvise, build confidence and express feelings.
- Find out about what services and supports are available in local area for mothers and their children.

**When:** Tuesday 10:30am – 12pm  
(during school terms)

**Where:** Burwood Community Welfare Services:  
2 Wyatt Ave  
Burwood 2134

**For more information & registration contact:**

Maria on: **(02) 9744-1866**

**Free Morning Tea**

This project is proudly presented by Burwood Community Welfare Services Inner West Family Support Service

**B**URWOOD  
**C**OMMUNITY  
**W**ELFARE  
**S**ERVICES INC.



Are you preparing your child for success in the 'Asian Century' by learning Chinese? Facts: **Mandarin Chinese is the world's most spoken language** with 1 in every 5 people in the world speaking it, and the second most spoken language in Australia; in NSW primary schools, Chinese is the most popular LOTE program; China is Australia's largest trading partner; and **learning Chinese enhances cognitive capabilities by using both sides of the brain** (whilst most other languages including English, French, Spanish etc only use the left side of the brain)!

ChiFUNese is the leading provider of Chinese language education at 60+ schools and early learning centres around Sydney. Our students feel happy and inspired to learn because it's fun and easy!

Classes at Marie Bashir Public School are held on **Tue 8.15am-9.15am**. To enrol, please go to [www.chifunese.com/enrol/](http://www.chifunese.com/enrol/). Get a **\$100 discount** for the ChiFUNese Mandarin classes by applying for a **Creative Kids voucher** at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher> and email the voucher details to [admin@chifunese.com](mailto:admin@chifunese.com) to redeem.

### The ChiFUNese difference:

- **Fun, multi-sensory learning** through games and hands-on activities;
- **Clever mnemonics** for remembering pronunciation and characters;
- **Small classes** for maximum engagement and participation;
- **Cultural enrichment** through Chinese festival celebrations;
- **Multimedia online learning** for additional practice at home;
- **Support and feedback to parents** including student reports;
- **Team of professional teachers** who are experienced and passionate.

