



# The Governor's Gazette

## Marie Bashir Public School

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| Term 4, 2019 |                                                                  |
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| 29 October   | Linkages Program Homebush Boys                                   |
| 31 October   | Year 6 Fund Raiser- Spider Drinks                                |
| 4-5 November | Stage 2 Camp                                                     |
| 6-7 November | Canberra Year 6 Camp                                             |
| 11 November  | Year 5 Camp                                                      |
| 14 November  | Kindergarten Orientation                                         |
| 21 November  | Kindergarten Orientation                                         |
| 25 November  | Principal's Morning Tea with Gold Award Recipients               |
| 27 November  | Volunteers Thank you Breakfast<br>Prefect Speeches and Elections |
| 28 November  | Year 6 Fundraiser- Super Doopers                                 |
| 2 December   | Presentation Day                                                 |
| 5 December   | M'Arias- Music Recital                                           |
| 5 December   | Year 6 Farewell                                                  |
| 10 December  | Principals Excursion with Platinum Award Recipients              |
| 18 December  | Last Day of School Term                                          |

### Principal's Message

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

It is hard to believe that Term 4 is well underway and the end of the school year is just two months away.

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.

However, all the hard work and effort is for a purpose: to see students grow, improve their learning outcomes, be engaged in school and be set on the path to be independent, lifelong learners.

I would also like to congratulate Miss Chan on her wedding Miss Owen on her engagement during the school holidays.

### 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 October is Nikita (KB).  
*Congratulations Nikita.*



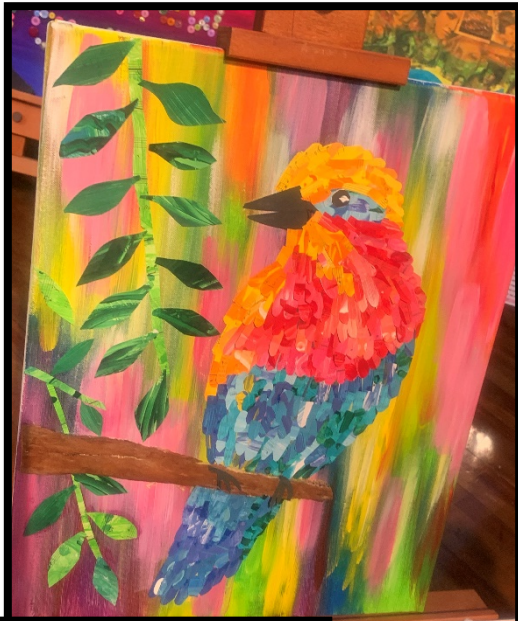
### Staffing Term 4

As you are aware, Mr Bray has accepted a Relieving Assistant Principal position at Burwood Public School for term 4. Mr Credentino will be teaching 5/6B for the remainder of 2019. Welcome Mr Credentino to Marie Bashir Public School as well as Mr Yeo who will be working with as an EAL/D teacher on Stage 2.

## Marie Bashir Public School Art Show

Congratulations to Mrs Smith and our very dedicated teachers for a very successful art show. The individual and class art works were of a very high standard.

A special thank you is also extended to our parents and citizens association as well as parents and the community for your support.



## Debating Team

This year the MBPS Senior Debating team of six (Ian Tang, Hannah Li, Lang Nguyen, Celine Shadid, Yasmeen Shadid and Dhillon Bhatia) participated in the Granville, Holroyd and Strathfield School Education Areas Debating Competition. Throughout the year, the team met three times a week to prepare arguments to support their team's case for each debate, developed ideas to rebut the views of their opponents and practised presenting their speeches. With the high commitment of the dedicated students, they successfully won all of the debates in the Strathfield Network division and claimed the undefeated title and progressed to the Semi Final competition. The semi-final debate was against Sherwood Grange Public School and the topic was 'People should stop visiting zoos because animals are kept captive' with MBPS being the negative side. Although the affirmative side took the win, it was a close debate with our team presenting exceptional arguments. They are to be commended for all of their efforts and achievements. Well done students and our debating teacher coaches- Mrs Tan, Mr Merlino, Mrs Christaki and Mrs Moi!



## Presentation Day

Parents are asked to keep Monday 2 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.**

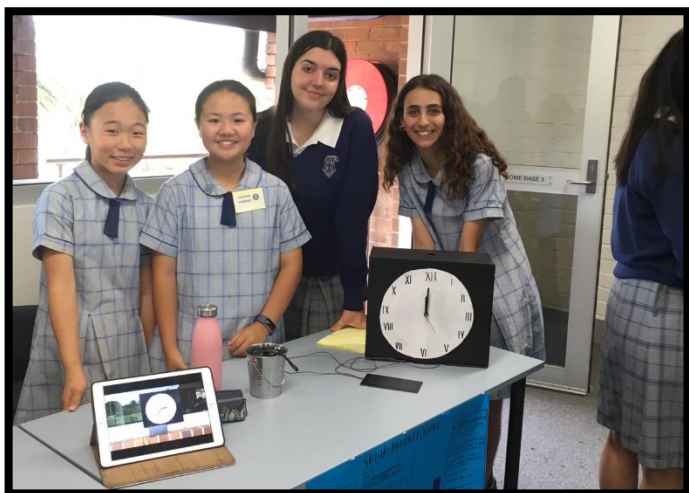
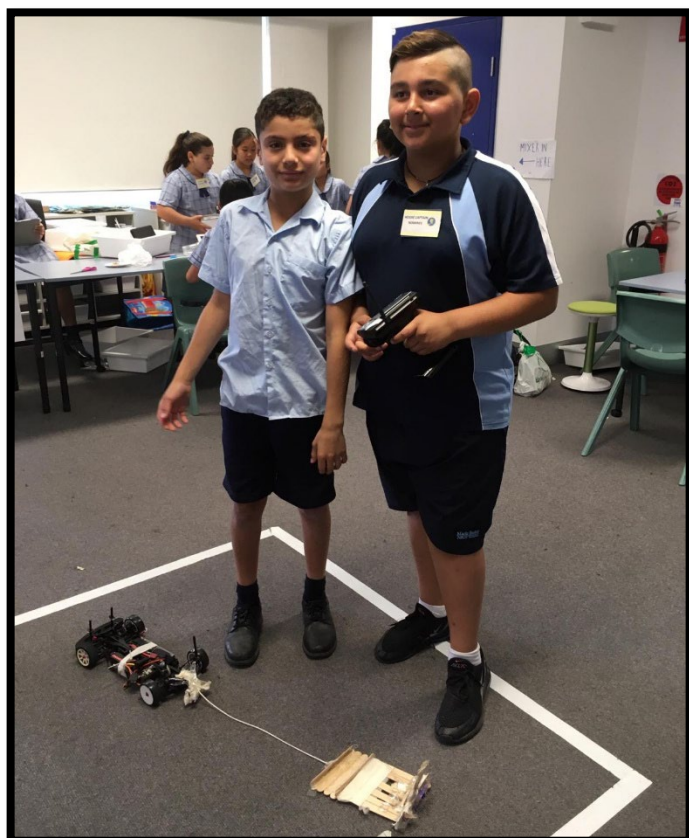
The ceremony will last for approximately 1 hour.

We look forward to seeing you.



### Stage 3 Science Fair

Stage 3 students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the Science Fair on Monday 28 October. The students worked in collaboration with MacQuarie University on the MyScience Program. Strathfield Girls High School, Homebush Boys High School and St Patrick's College provided student mentors to guide the students in their inquiry investigations.



### Orientation

I look forward to meeting our new students for 2020 at the Marie Bashir Public School orientation day which will be held at the beginning of term 4- Thursday 14 November and 21 November 2019 at 9:45am.

Children will be informed about who their class teacher is at the commencement of 2020.

### 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.

### Selective High School Test

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on **Thursday 12 March, 2020**.

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 11 November 2019**.

Applications for entry in 2021 can be made online between **Tuesday 8 October 2019 and Monday 11 November 2019** 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  
2019 Presentation Day Ceremony  
To be held on  
Monday, 2 December, 2019  
in the School Auditorium at 10.00am.*

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

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## ***Not Returning To Marie Bashir Public School In 2020***

We are now starting to consider the arrangement of classes for 2020. 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 2020**. 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. Wednesday, 29 January 2020) 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 2020**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2019 Class: \_\_\_\_\_

My child will be enrolling in another school and not returning to Marie Bashir Public School in 2020.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Education

High Performing Students Team

## Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools

# in 2021

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2021?

You must apply online at:

[education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://www.education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)

### Key Dates

Application website opens:  
**8 October 2019**

Application website closes:  
**10 pm, 11 November 2019**  
You must apply before this deadline.

Test authority advice sent to all applicants:  
**27 February 2020**

Selective High School placement test:  
**12 March 2020**

Placement outcome information sent overnight on:  
**4 July 2020**

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**Please read this booklet carefully before applying.**

Parents should check the website at [education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](https://www.education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc) regularly throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.



The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team\*.

#### Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, 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/>

#### Please Note:

\* In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

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





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## Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live. 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 12 March 2020**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, 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 late-September 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on **8 October 2019** and closes at **10pm on 11 November 2019**. **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 8 October 2019.

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

Return the completed slip on the next page to Marie Bashir Public School by next Friday 18 October.

**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>

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## Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

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

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2021 through the High

Performing Students Team website between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019. Yes

No

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



## THE ARTS UNIT

# APPLICATIONS OPEN!



## 2020 NSWPS Millennium Marching Band

**Available to public school students in Years 7-12**

The NSW Public Schools Millennium Marching Band is one of The Arts Unit's many ensembles within the Department of Education. It is a dynamic group full of energy and drive with a focus on fun and entertainment. The Marching Band provides a unique opportunity for students from Years 7-12 to make new friends and perform both nationally and internationally. Rehearsals are one weekend each month at Galston High.



This YouTube link shows students an insight into what the band is all about. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSCwbjK17sA>

You can also see more photos and videos of the band at <https://www.facebook.com/nswmmb/>

I would encourage you to invite your talented students to apply to be part of this exciting and unique ensemble for NSW Public School students.

### **APPLY TODAY**

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-ensembles/millennium-marching-band>

**Join us for our open rehearsal - Saturday 30 November at Galston High School, 9:00am-3:00pm.**

For further enquiries please contact Katrina Andrus [katrina.andrus@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:katrina.andrus@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone 0409 929 908.

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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.**



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

# 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**



# School Travel - Term 4 2019

Stay up to date with Opal and ticketing changes for school travel

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## 2020 school travel applications now open

To assist with any enquiries you may receive regarding student travel applications, we have provided some information below.

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if* they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have *not* been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

## School travel application endorsements

It is not uncommon for applicants completing the online form to make mistakes, particularly entering their name or date of birth instead of the students. This may be due to an auto-fill function on a device or just human error. We ask that school administrators pay special attention to the information supplied by applicants which come through in the school portal. If the information supplied does not match your records or the student is not yet enrolled, please do not endorse the application. By selecting 'no' the application will be referred back to the applicant to correct and resubmit.

In the event that school administrators endorse in error, it would be appreciated if you could advise our SSTS team as soon as possible so the application can be intercepted before an Opal card or travel pass is issued.

To contact us about an endorsement error, please go to: <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback> and select feedback about: 'school student transport scheme' and then select 'application updates'.

If school administrators require access to the school portal to endorse student applications, please request an account at <https://appln.transport.nsw.gov.au/portal/requests/account/school>

If you have staff that have left the school recently and had access to the school portal, please let us know at <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback> and select 'school/operator portal' and then 'remove existing user access' so their access can be removed.

## Sydney Light Rail update

The new Sydney Light Rail is due to open in December 2019. This means that students will be able to travel by light rail between Circular Quay and Randwick Junction (the Kingsford branch is due to open in March 2020).

From Monday, 14 October 2019, applicants will be able to select light rail as a mode for new applications. Eligible students will be able to travel for free to and from school or college on the new Sydney Light Rail from the beginning of the 2020 school year.

For students currently travelling on a School Opal card under the SSTS, there is no change. Students will still be able to tap on and off to travel on any mode of transport to get to or from school or college.

The Sydney Light Rail team will be in contact with schools in the area to provide further information.

