



# The Governor's Gazette

## Marie Bashir Public School

*Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow*

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<b>Term 3, 2019</b>	
27 September	Last Day of Term
<b>Term 4, 2019</b>	
14 October	Term 4 Commences
22 October	Music Aviva Concert
23 October	Music Aviva Concert
24 October	Art Show
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 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



### 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 Dev is in 2C.

*Congratulations Dev!*



### Staffing Term 4

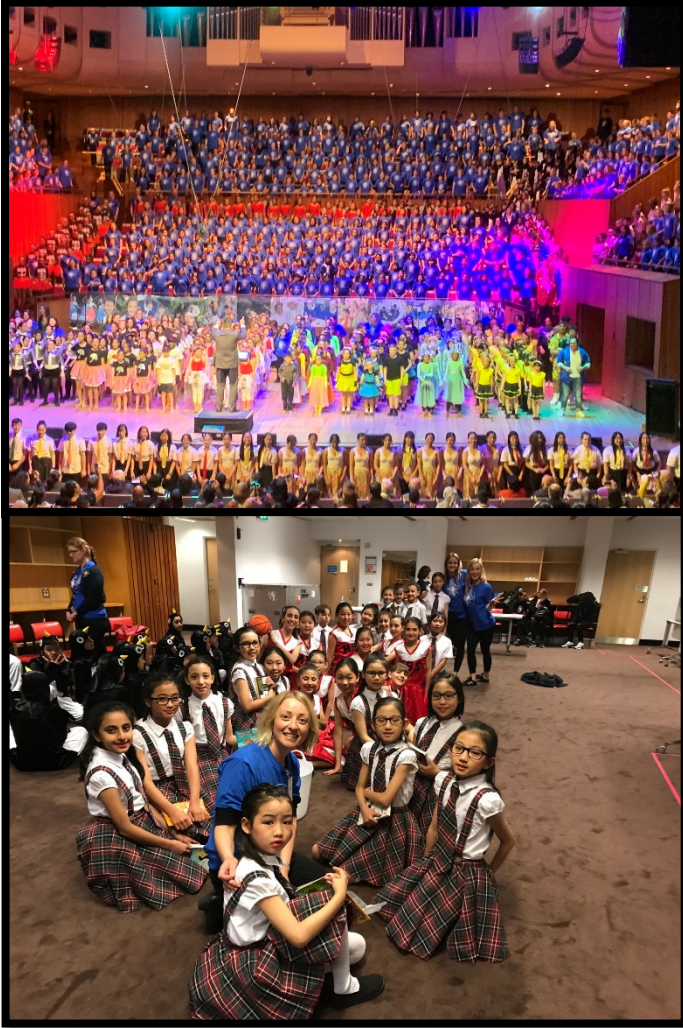
I wish Mr Bray all the very best in term 4. Mr Bray has accepted a Relieving Assistant Principal position at Burwood Public School in term 4. A teacher will be appointed to 5/6B during the school holidays.

I congratulate Mr and Mrs Smith who are expecting a baby in March 2020.

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

### Opera House Performance

Congratulations to Ms Le, Ms Ng, Mrs Christaki and Mrs Smith and our School dance group as well as Miss Han, Miss Ghi and Ms Andrews together with our senior choir who performed at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday, 29 August, 2019. They were outstanding! It was a night to remember. The students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the experience of performing in one of Australia's biggest icons. Many thanks to teachers and students for their ongoing 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: *Reading Is My Secret Power*. We were fortunate to have a special guest 'The Cranky Bear'. The students, teachers and parents went to a lot of effort to dress up as their favourite book character. Thank you to parents who donated over \$400 worth of books to the library. Your generosity is appreciated. We thank our community for their support! We all had a lot of fun!



### Stage 3 Science Program

This term, Stage 3 students have had the opportunity to work with High School mentors from Strathfield Girls, Homebush Boys and St Patrick's College. They have been enjoying hypothesising, testing and recording data with the guidance of their mentors. Please come and join us at the Science Fair date to be advertised early in term 4.



## Summer Uniform

Children are asked to wear their summer uniform after the October holidays.

## Tell Them From Me Survey

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the online 'Tell Them From Me Survey'. The survey will be open until Friday, 27 September. 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 2020 planning. To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/mbps2019>.

## Public Speaking Finalists 2019

This semester, Marie Bashir Public School participated in the Metropolitan South Operational Directorate Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition. I commend our four school finalists on their outstanding speeches. Congratulations to Naomi (KB) who was the winner for Early Stage 1 in our network. Thank you to Miss Ghi, Mrs Kim, Ms Skaf and Mrs Christaki for their commitment to our public speaking program and for providing the opportunity for students to compete.

Early Stage One: Naomi (KB)

Stage One: Aadya (2H)

Stage Two: Samuel (3T)

Stage Three: Lang 5/6B



## Operation Art 2019

Congratulations to Ian Jang and Irene Jang. Their art work was selected for Operation Art 2019 and will be exhibited at the Armory gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from 14 September- 16 November 2019.

## Festival Of Music 2019

Attention all recorder players and parents! There are now places available in the MPBS Recorder Ensemble. As a member of the ensemble, you will have the opportunity to play at the Opera House concert in 2020.

If you would like to audition for the ensemble, please come to the Music Room on Wednesday, 23 October (Wk 2, Term 4) in second lunch.

You will be asked to play a piece you know from class which Ms Andrews will elect, then you will play some recorder games.

There are spots available for Descant 1, Descant 2, Tenor and Bass Recorder.

*Ms Andrews*

## 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.

## Enrolments for 2020

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, 2020.

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

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

## Kindergarten 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.

On these days all children will also be placed in their class for 2020. Your child's teacher will not necessarily be your child's teacher in 2020. Children will be informed about who their class teacher is at the commencement of 2020.

## NAPLAN Results 2019

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 commended for their efforts and results. The following are the NAPLAN results for 2019.

### Year 3

The school's 2019 reading results revealed that in Year 3, 59.6% performed in the top two bands compared to 51.7% across the state.

The school's 2019 writing results revealed that in Year 3, 80.8% performed in the top two bands compared to 55.1% across the state.

The school's 2019 spelling results revealed that in Year 3, 75% performed in the top two bands compared to 52% across the state. No student performed in the last band.

The school's 2019 grammar and punctuation results revealed that in Year 3, 65.4% performed in the top two bands compared to 56.4% across the state.

The school's results for 2019 in numeracy revealed that in Year 3, 47.1% of the students performed in the top two bands compared to 39.9% across the state.

### Year 5

The school's 2019 reading results revealed that in Year 5, 45.1% performed in the top two bands compared to 36.1% across the state.

The school's 2019 writing results revealed that in Year 5, 43.1% performed in the top two bands compared to 17.6% across the state.

The school's 2019 spelling results revealed that in Year 5, 54.9% performed in the top two bands compared to 37.6% across the state.

The school's 2019 grammar and punctuation results revealed that in Year 5, 56.9% performed in the top two bands compared to 37.4% across the state.

In numeracy in Year 5, 43.1% of students performed in the top two bands compared to 29.8% across the state.

## 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.

## Stage 1 Powerhouse Museum Excursion

On Monday, 16 September, Stage 1 attended an excursion to the Powerhouse museum to support their literacy and history unit.



## Art Show

Marie Bashir Public School's Biennial art show will be held on Thursday 24 October from 4pm-6pm. Art works completed by the students will be displayed in the auditorium. Parents will have an opportunity to purchase their child's art-work. In addition, each class will auction a large class art-work. The auction will commence at 5pm. We look forward to seeing all families and students.

## Premier's Spelling Bee

A big congratulations to our student representatives who participated in the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals on Wednesday, 11th September.

In the junior primary division Samuel (3T) reached level 4 and Justin (4G) reached level 7. In the upper primary division Ian (5/6B) reached level 2 and Sarah (5/6LK) reached level 10, finishing in 3rd place overall. Well done to these students for their fantastic efforts!



## 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.

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.

## Speech Pathology Students 2019

Our gratitude is extended to Bronwyn and the ACU speech pathology students who have been working with our students once a week this year.

During Speech Pathology Week the students from ACU and their educator organised some talking and listening games for the school kids at recess. Lots of boys and girls matched descriptions to pictures, thought of different categories starting with the same letter or solved some brain teasers.

Speech pathologists help people with communication problems in the following areas:

Speech sounds – pronunciation. SP's can help when speech sounds are produced incorrectly.

Language – receptive language involves comprehension/understanding of language, while expressive language involves talking in sentences.

Phonological Awareness - the ability to identify individual sounds in words. This skill is strongly linked to success in early reading and writing.

Stuttering - interruptions to the flow of speech in the form of repetitive sounds (eg. f-f-f-ish), hesitations (eg. f..... ish) or blocks (nothing comes out at all).

Eating and drinking - The muscles of the mouth and neck move our tongue, lips and mouth to create sounds used for speech.

Voice - Speech pathologists treat both children and adults who have issues with using their voice due to problems with the vocal folds (vocal cords) in the larynx (voice box).

You do not need a referral from a doctor to see a speech pathologist. If you are worried about your child's talking and listening talk to the class teacher or learning support staff at school.



# The *Tell Them From Me* parent feedback survey (Term 3, 2019)

To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/mbps2019>.

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

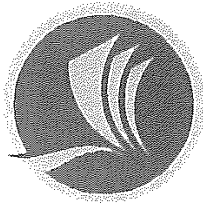
Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between **2nd September** and **27th September**. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

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Miss Kim  
Organising Teacher



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## Art Show Pre-order Form

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our Art Show will occur on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm-6pm in the school auditorium. As part of the Art Show, each K-6 student will be producing an individual artwork which parents will have the opportunity to pre-purchase. There is no set price for the artworks and parents can choose how much they would like to donate for their child's artwork.

Pre-purchased artworks will be available to be taken home the day after the Art Show. All proceeds raised on the day will go towards P&C school initiatives.

In addition, each K-6 class will exhibit a large class artwork. You will be able to bid on these artworks at an auction on the day of the Art Show.

Kind Regards,  
Art Show Coordinators

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### REPLY SLIP for Art Show Pre-order form

Please return this slip along with payment to the front office by (DUE DATE)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:

Cash

Online Payment - Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Pre-order Art

*For online payments, please submit the note the following school day.*

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_



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'



**Recorder Ensemble Audition  
Festival of Instrumental Music 2020**

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 2020 Concert. If you and your child are interested in taking up this opportunity, please return the slip below to the office by Wednesday 23 October 2019.

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.

**Concert Date:** The Concert dates are not yet confirmed, but will most likely take place in Term 3 of 2020. A letter will be sent home once this information is known.

I look forward to seeing students in Week 2 of Term 4, Wednesday 2nd half lunchtime, to audition for this group!

Best regards,  
Georgina Andrews  
**Music Teacher**

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**RECORDER ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS  
Festival of Instrumental Music 2020**

Please complete the slip below and return to the Front Office by **Wednesday 16 October**

I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ in Class \_\_\_\_\_ to audition for

the Recorder Ensemble on **Wednesday 23 October 2019, in the Music Room, second half of lunch.**

**Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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DON'T  SCARED

Come along to our FREE

# Kids Gardening Classes

11am Mon 30 Sept - Fri 4 Oct  
& Tues 8 - Fri 11 Oct

No classes will be held on Mon 7 Oct

Kids under 5 must be accompanied by an adult



## Before and After School Care Have your say

The NSW Government is committed to increasing the provision of before and after school care.

Have your say at

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc>

Online feedback closes December 2019



# 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](http://PrimaryEthics.com.au)

# Welcome to Term 4 BBQ



**When:** Friday, 18 October 2019

**Time:** from 3.45pm

**Where:** Strathfield Park

**Cost:** Free

Feel free to bring along siblings, salads and sweets to share (but you don't have to) kindly be mindful of allergies.

We will use the same BBQ facilities behind the Orange and Green slide tower and will be serving from 4pm.

To ensure all members of our community can participate, we will be providing Halal beef, chicken and vegetarian sausages.

**Helpers are Needed in two shifts: 3.00 – 4.00pm & 4.00 – 5.00pm**

*Many hands make light work! This allows our parent volunteers to spend time with their family.*