

BSPS NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter, Term 4 - Week 4 2018

From the Principal's Desk

A big thank you to everyone who supports our school. I have been overwhelmed lately by the number of parents, staff and students who work tirelessly to support our school. Last week we hosted our Kindergarten Information Evening and our first Transition Day. These valuable sessions gave our 2019 parents the opportunity to meet other parents and teachers as well as be provided with key information regarding our school programs, school routines and uniforms. During the next few weeks additional sessions will be run to support our new 2019 Kindergarten students. They will get the opportunity to experience a range of exciting Kindergarten activities and meet their new classmates. A special thanks goes to our support staff and dedicated Kindergarten team led by Mrs Madzar, for all their efforts in ensuring a successful day. A special mention also to our wonderful uniform shop mums who are giving up so much time to ensure our new families have the uniforms and feel welcome in the BSPS community.

Kindergarten Orientation 2019 is underway, please come and see our office staff for an enrolment pack or visit the Department of Education link below

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a -public-school/enrolment/primary-school-enrolment





Belmore South Public School Starting school in 2019



Thank you to all the families who attended our very Special Remembrance Day Service today and to the Stage 2 students for such a wonderful presentation.

We ask everyone to take a minute silence this Sunday 11.11.2018 at 11am to remember all Servicemen and women who give themselves everyday for our country.



trade in your star awards ASAP

Please join us for our shine pin assembly to celebrate our students who shine by being Safe Respectful Learners!

Belmore South Public School Hall Wednesday, 21st November 2018 3:30 to 6pm

Art Exhibition presented by Students, Parents and Staff.

Join us to celebrate an afternoon of creativity, love and diversity.



Invitation to Leadership Speech Assembly

We are extremely proud of your child for applying for a Leadership role in 2019 and we thank you for supporting your child in this process. All candidates for leadership have been asked to present to the school, through a poster and a speech, how they are leaders who model our *Building Blocks* of Leadership:

Integrity Communication Responsibility Citizenship

Candidates have been asked to present a short speech (no more than 3 minutes) at a special assembly.

You are cordially invited to attend and support all our brave students as they share what leadership means for them at BSPS!

Girls' Speech Assembly ~

Monday 12th November at 1:55 pm

Boys' Speech Assembly ~

Tuesday 13th November at 12:00 pm

On Friday 16th of November all students will take part in a confidential vote to select our leaders for 2019. Successful candidates will be announced at our school assembly on Friday 23rd November at 2pm. Specific leadership roles will be announced at our special Presentation Day Assembly in week 9. We look forward to seeing you at the speech assemblies and congratulate every candidate as they support building a wonderful leadership team for Belmore South Public School in 2019.

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

Frid 9, 16 Nov	Kindy 2019 Transition
Fri 9 Nov	Special Assembly Armistice Day
Wed 21 Nov	Art Show
Fri 23 Nov	White Ribbon Day
Tue 4 Dec	High School Transition
Thur 6 Dec	Whole School Picnic
Mon 10 Dec	Presentation Day
Mon 10 Dec	Yr 6 Farewell
Wed 19 Dec	Leavers Assembly
Wed 19 Dec	Last Day of School Year

WHITE RIBBON 2018

Friday, 23 November 2018 Join our community as we walk in the sixth annual

"No Excuse for Abuse March"

'Community Partnership Against Violence' (CPAV)

committee is lead by Campsie Police Area Command .

Please sign up at the office if you will join us at this important event in our school calendar





Every fortnight, Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is part of our Gemstone Learning Team meetings. This is a time where students discuss areas of concern that need to be focused on to ensure our school's wide expectations and school rules of being safe, being respectful and being an active learner, are followed.

This fortnight, our focus is on:

- I wear my school hat in Area 3/4
- I sit on the seats if I do not have my school hat.



Uniforms

At Belmore South Public School we take great pride in our school uniform and it is wonderful to see the majority of our students wearing the correct items.

There has been an increase in students wearing incorrect items of clothing to school. Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform each day. Please remember that only school hats are permitted. If your child forgets their school hat, they will need to play in the shaded areas.

We ask that parents send their children to school in the correct uniform for safety.

Our wonderful parent volunteers run the uniform shop every Tuesday Morning 8:30 - 9:30 in the 3-6 building ground floor.

Please see the 2019 price list on page 8 of the newsletter.

WATCH OUT PARKING RANGERS ABOUT

As we move into the end of the year things get busy, there are places to go and people to see but the most important thing is to keep our students safe.

We have many parents call our front office complaining of receiving infringement notices. We urge all parents and carers to follow the rules and avoid the fines.



SUN SAFETY AT BELMORE SOUTH PS

As the weather heats up please make sure children come to school with their water bottle and school hat.

Our School's Sun Safe policy means

NO HAT - NO PLAY



Please ensure that students have their own hat every day so they can play.

Students should NOT share hats as this is how head lice spreads.

Contacts and Attendance

If you have changed your contact details, please ensure you have updated them at the front office.

It is important that we are able to get in touch with all parents / carers in the event that your child becomes ill at school.



Students must attend school every day, should your child be away please make sure you contact the office on 9759 4388

Before & After School Care

There is NO adult supervision at our school before 8:30 am and after 3:15 pm.

We understand that many parents have work duties, but ask families to make arrangements with extended family, friends or neighbours for the supervision of your child/children outside of school hours.

Alternatively register your child with the wonderful onsite **Before and After School Care** provider

TASK can be contacted on 1300 827 500 or visit task-kids.com.au



Community of Schools High School Transition Day at BSPS

Next Thursday (15th November) Year 6 students from our local schools will be joining BSPS students in a High School Transition Day. With support from our local high schools, students will explore how to solve problems at high school, learn some ways to organise themselves in their study and how to make new friends.

We look forward to a great day as our Year 6 students prepare for 2019.

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2020? You must apply online at



NSW SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2020

Opportunity Classes and Selective High Schools form part of the NSW Department of Education's commitment to identify and provide a range of opportunities for gifted and talented students in NSW.

For further information see the following link:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/giftedand-talented-policy

Key dates

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Application website opens

Monday 12 November 2018

Application website closes. You must apply by the due date. No late applications will be accepted.

High School 2019

Is Your Child Starting High School Next Year?

Here are some steps you can take to help your child start high school on a positive note:

- Be interested and enthusiastic about their move to high school
- Attend the high school orientation
- Make sure travel arrangements to and from the school are organised
- Organise your child's school uniform well before the first day of school
- Learn about school routines and timetables
- Help your child to develop good study habits
- Practise organisational skills
- Discuss emergency and safety issues
- Let your child know that you can trust them and that they can trust you

Whole School Picnic 2018

This year all students will be participating in an 'End of Year School Picnic' to celebrate the conclusion of the 2018 academic year. The picnic will be held at Carss Bush Park.

Thursday 6th December, 2018 Cost : \$10

Students are permitted to wear non-school clothing. Please ensure your child is wearing enclosed shoes, a hat and has appropriate sun protection, eg sunscreen.

Students are to bring a packed lunch with snacks and bottled water. The P&C will be selling sausage sizzles and snack items at the picnic. Please note: no cameras or electronic devices are permitted at the picnic. Parents and family members are welcome to join their children at the picnic, but will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from the park.

Teachers supervising the excursion will take a copy of your child's emergency contact and medical information from the office. If this information has changed, please update this with the school office as soon as possible. PUBLIC SCHOOL

MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Dear Belmore South,

A huge 'Thank you' to all our volunteers!!

FLURO DISCO

We would like to say a great big 'Thank you' to our amazing volunteer sausage sizzle team extraordinaire for preparing and cooking the food at the disco on Friday October 26th. Mr Henry, Mr Inanc Djemal, Seral, Maggie, Sonia, Maree and to Patricia and Sheree for selling so well with a smile. Thank you also to the High School volunteers for helping us out: Courtney, Seren and Josephine, and to Lala for helping organise, and to Evan for his support and supervision. It was truly a team effort.

Covering Books For the Library

Last week we successfully covered over 80 books in contact for the library. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who joined us to complete this task; Nirosha, Evan, Diana and Yasmina. We could not have done it without you. If you are interested in helping in Term 4,

details of upcoming Working Bees are outlined below:

Term 4 P&C-Run WORKING BEES

From 9.30am-11.30am EVERY SECOND TUESDAY Meet in the Community Room

Remember to Sign-In at the Front Office. WORKING BEE DATES:

November 13th & 27th

and December 11th.

At **Working Bees** we do odd jobs around the school to help the teachers and the students. Recently we covered books for the library, and in the past, we have helped in the garden. You don't have to be a part of the P&C to help. Just bring your sense of community and a willingness to join, and let's get busy supporting the school and our kids!

Thank you all for your continued support,

Your P&C Association

Basketball

In week 2, (22 October), Stage 3 participated in the annual NSW Basketball Tournament at Bankstown Basketball Stadium.

Entering the competition for the first time, we had 10 boys and 11 girls making up our two teams.

Over the last few weeks each team member trained three times a week learning and developing their skills to dribble, pass, shoot the ball and also learn strategies to play effective offense and defense.

Both teams played their best and even through we had some convincing wins it was not enough to place ourselves into the semi finals.



Nevertheless, each student had an amazing time, full of fun and laughter and we know that come next year, BSPS will bring the tournament trophy back to school!

Special mention to Nicholas Manetas and Sana Sakr for taking out the MVP (Most Valuable Player) awards for the boy's and girl's team respectively.

Well done to all Stage 3 students for their hard work and dedication for their efforts throughout the competition. I am very proud to be part of an enthusiastic and committed team.







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Basketball



Wiley Writers Festival











School students and



The smarter way for students to travel to and from school.





Transport

Introducing the School **Opal card**

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using the train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school endorses your application.

Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.



Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/ Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- · Concession fares across the Opal network
- Half-price travel after eight paid journeys each week*
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off [†]
- The Opal Transfer Discount doesn't apply when transferring between light rail and Sydney Ferries
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more and apply at **opal.com.au** or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find one in your area visit retailers.opal.com.au

Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a NSW/ACT Senior Secondary Student Concession Card, available from school and TAFE offices.

* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.

† The Opal Transfer Discount doesn't apply when transferring between light rail and Sydney Ferries



For more information call **131 500** or visit **transportnsw.info/school-students** C

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By ordering, using a School Opal Card you agree to be bound by the School Pass Terms and the Student Codes of Conduct, available at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts.

For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on **131 450**.

Sunday, 25th November 10-3pm

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Canterbury Boys

High School

