



# BSPS NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter, Term 4 Week 2 2019

## From The Principal's Desk

Welcome back to school. It is wonderful to see our students, staff and parents organised and eager for our final term of 2019. We have a large number of events happening this term so please ensure you check bags for notes and try to follow online via School and P&C Facebook pages.

Today is World Teacher's day and can I take this opportunity to thank the dedicated, talented and passionate staff we have at BSPS for the things they do everyday to nurture the development of all the students in their care.

## Early Arrival of Students

Supervision of students before school begins at 8.30am. There is no adult supervision before this time and we are unable to ensure the safety of children in the playground. We well understand that many parents have work commitments which require them to leave early for work. You may be able to make arrangements with friends or neighbours for the supervision of your child/children before school. Alternatively you can register your child with our Before and After School Care TASK who can be contacted on 1300 827 500 or visit [task-kids.com.au](http://task-kids.com.au)

## Not Returning in 2020 ?

To assist us in planning for 2020 , could you please notify the front office if your child will not be returning to Belmore South Public School next year. This does not include Year 6 students going to high school next year.

## DISCO FEVER

The Annual Belmore South Public School Disco sees students, parents and teachers getting together to create a wonderful, social and fun event for our kids.

The Disco is on **Friday 1 November** from 4pm - 6pm in the School Hall. All children **must be accompanied by their parents or carers** and the Disco is only for students of Belmore South Public School, K - 6.

Keep your eyes open for notes in bags and ways you can participate on the day.

During the Disco, Year 6 will be fundraising for their end of year celebrations. **Please support our students with donations of icy poles, small wrapped lucky dip prizes, hair accessories or sticker tattoos. Please leave your donations at the front office.**

## Application for Extended Leave

The Department of Education no longer accepts family holidays and travel as reasons for exemption from school. These days off are now considered as absences and an application for a 'Certificate of Extended Leave for Travel' must be applied for through the school office and approved by the Principal.

**The application needs to be made a minimum of 10 school days prior to the commencement of travel.**

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/Student-Attendance-in-Government-Schools-Procedures-2015-word-version.docx.docx>

## HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY

All Year 6 students who are enrolled in a government High School for 2020 should receive information from their High School in relation to the state-wide Transition Day. This year it is being held on **Tuesday 3 December**. Details of the time, what to bring, what to wear and where to meet vary between each school. Please check with your child's High School if parents are required to attend the day or not, as some schools like parents to stay with their child to get important information. Families are responsible for transport to and from this Transition Day.

## High School 2020

### 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



### Date:

### Event:

Mon 28 Oct	S3 Basketball Gala Day
Mon 28 Oct	Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Session 6 pm
28 Oct - 8 Nov	Swim Scheme Program
Fri 1, 8, 15 Nov	2020 Kindergarten Transition Program 9.30 am - 10.30 am
Fri 1 Nov	Disco 4pm
Fri 1 Nov	Student Leadership Applications Due
Thur 7 Nov	K-6 Count us in Assembly 12.15 pm
Mon 11 Nov	Remembrance Day Assembly 10.45 am
Mon 11 Nov	Boys Leadership Speeches 2 pm
Tue 12 Nov	Year 4 Boys Soccer Gala
Tue 12 Nov	Girls Leadership Speeches 11.30 am
Fri 15 Nov	Student Leadership Elections
Fri 15 Nov	Shine Pin Assembly

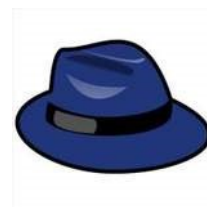


Every fortnight, Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is part of our Gemstone Learning Team meetings. This is a time where students discuss areas of concern that need to be focused on to ensure our school's wide expectations and school rules of being safe, being respectful and being an active learner,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

**This fortnight, our focus is on:**

**I will wear my school hat**

**in all outside areas**



**Parents please ensure your child wears a school hat every day and that it is clearly marked with their name.**

**There are many hats in lost property that we are unable to return as they do not have names on them.**



### Sports in Schools Australia (SISA) Gala Day

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of October, Belmore South Public School took part in a Sport In Schools Australia (SISA) Sports Gala Day for about 2 hours in the morning. All students in K-6 took part in 12 mini games focusing on teamwork and active play. Despite the warm weather, the students always had a smile on their faces and were enjoying themselves! As a reward for their hard work, they were all given a cold ice block afterwards. Also, thank you to all the teachers for running the different stations on the day.

Mr Hines and Mrs Li



**BELMORE SOUTH  
PUBLIC SCHOOL  
P&C**

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting on Tuesday night.

The Disco is this week so please come and see any of the team or email [belmoresthpresident@gmail.com](mailto:belmoresthpresident@gmail.com) if you would like to lend your support on the afternoon.

We thank everyone for your incredible support this year and look forward to seeing you all at the final 2019 meeting on

**Thursday 21st November at 9: 05 am in the Hall**

The P&C have held monthly meetings over a variety of times to better accommodate our community and we thank all parents and community members who have turned up.

Office bearers are reminded of By Laws Cause 16 : Positions will be declared casual vacancy when an officer has been absent without notice for 3 consecutive meetings.



# Taronga Zoo

On a sunny Thursday in Week 2, Stage 2 Orana visited Taronga Zoo Sydney as part of the Taronga Zoo Banner Competition. We were able to see many different animals such as seals, giraffes, elephants, tigers, snakes and many more. Our class was given a special opportunity to see the beautiful view of the Sydney city. Aayan Khan saw his artwork displayed on a banner at the zoo.



# NSW SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2021

## Please See below—notes went home last week



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](http://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**

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

Parents should check the website at [education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](http://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'





# FIND STUFF @ YOUR LIBRARY FOR PARENTS!

Is your child starting high school? We can help.

Bring your child and come along to these information sessions. Demonstrations will cover how to use online catalogues, data bases, research skills, e-Books and more.

**When:** Monday 18 November

**Time:** 6.30pm

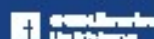
**Where:** Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre

**When:** Tuesday 26 November

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Where:** Campsie Library and Knowledge Centre

For more information, call 9707 9708.





# Belmore South Public School

## CLASS FORMATION FOR 2020

**School Commences for Year 1 – 6 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020**  
**Kindergarten Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> & Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

Dear Parents,

We are in the process of arranging and planning classes for 2020.

The number of students enrolled at the school impacts on the class formation and the number of teaching staff appointed at the school.

To help with our organization, it would be appreciated if we know of any children **not returning next year** to Belmore South Public School. Could you fill out the form below and send it back to school as soon as possible.

If your child is going to be **late in returning** to school after the holidays it would be helpful if you could send in travel itinerary with this form before the end of the term so that they can be included in our numbers at the beginning of the 2020 school year.

Lurlene Mitchell  
PRINCIPAL

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My Child/children \_\_\_\_\_ of class/s \_\_\_\_\_

Who are currently enrolled at Belmore South **will not be returning** to Belmore South Public in 2020.

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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My Child/Children \_\_\_\_\_ of class/s \_\_\_\_\_

Will be **returning back late** to school in 2020.

Estimated date of return \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

A BETTER START PROGRAM INITIATIVE



# CARING FOR A CHILD WITH DISABILITY?



## You are invited to a free workshop for parents run by the Better Start team at Carers NSW

Come to a free event for all parents and guardians of children with disability aged up to 12 years old.

Gather information and strategies to support you and your child.

All NDIS questions answered. It does not matter if you have a plan or not. Everyone welcome.

Meet other parents and chat about your experiences.

Local speakers include:

- ECEI partners (0-6 age group NDIS)
- Local Area Coordinators (7+ age group NDIS)
- Local Disability Advocacy Agency
- NSW Dept of Education

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know.

### EVENT INFORMATION:

**WHEN:** Wed 27 November 2019  
8:30am - 2:00pm  
(Registration 9:15am)

### WHERE:

Carterbury Hurststone Park RSL Club  
20-26 Carterbury Road  
Hurststone Park NSW 2193

**RSVP:** The Better Start Team

**CALL US:** 1800 242 636

**EMAIL:**

[betterstart@carersnsw.org.au](mailto:betterstart@carersnsw.org.au)

**COST:** Free

Morning tea and light lunch will be provided, tell us if you have any allergies or dietary requirements.

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[www.carersnsw.org.au](http://www.carersnsw.org.au)

[contact@carersnsw.org.au](mailto:contact@carersnsw.org.au)

CARE LINE 1800 242 636

PO Box 715 North Sydney NSW 2059



# The After School Klub – TASK



TASK is Belmore South's provider of before and after school care at school. We operate in the school hall from 6:30am-8:30am & 3pm-6pm, every day of school term

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE SESSIONS

TASK is open mornings from 6:30am until 8:30am: breakfast is provided

TASK is open afternoons from 3pm-6pm: afternoon tea, activities & homework included

All children at school OUTSIDE regular school hours must be in the care of an adult to ensure their safety.

Families can enrol anytime - <https://belmoresouth-task.hubworks.com.au>

Costs vary, depending on your family's level of subsidy

**Most families will pay between \$2.90-\$7.90 per morning & \$4.42-\$12.06 per afternoon once subsidy is applied.**

## HOLIDAY CARE OPTIONS

TASK operates at Marrickville West, Wilkins Public, Yeo Park Public, Taverners Hill Public during school holidays.

ALL children from Belmore South (actually any primary school) are welcome to attend TASK Holiday Program at any TASK service. All children attending must be enrolled: <https://www.task-kids.com.au/holiday-care>

## OUR STORY

TASK was started in 2013 by Madi Morrison and Suzanne Tucker – two mums with 3 children each. We were experiencing the chronic shortage of after school care at our own school in Sydney's Inner West. We began as a small homework club – with 5 children (3 of them ours!) with one educator in a classroom. Our aim was to create a place that combined care, play and homework after school. In 2015, we became approved providers of out of school care. We have grown over six years and now operate in Newcastle, the Central Coast, Tweed Heads and Sydney in 15 schools across the public and independent/catholic school systems. **TASK is an ethically private service** – we channel monies back into our programs, people and resources. Madi and Suzanne are joint and equal owners of TASK. We employ 120 people – all of them from the local communities in and around the schools at which we provide service. Anyone wanting to work with us, please send us a resume. We love spending time with kids and love seeing them try new things, make new friends and develop new skills. We are passionate about improving, every day.

**Madi, Suzanne and the TASK Team**

LOOKING FOR FUN + AFFORDABLE  
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE IN YOUR AREA?

- SAFE & FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT
- DO A BIT OF HOMEWORK

HAVE A LOT OF FUN!

- REBATE AVAILABLE!
- GOVT APPROVED PROVIDER
- COST VARIES PER SESSION

EMAIL US AT [ENROL@TASK-KIDS.COM.AU](mailto:ENROL@TASK-KIDS.COM.AU)  
1300 827 500 OR VISIT [TASK-KIDS.COM.AU](http://TASK-KIDS.COM.AU)

THE  
AFTER  
SCHOOL  
KLUB



# Carols by Candle Light IN THE PARK

## & CHILDREN'S Christmas Party

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2019

Memorial Park, BROCKLEHURST LANE,  
KINGSGROVE. With a large assortment  
of food outlets.

**Entertainment by:**

Platinum Harmony

The Oh Rats Show (Sydney Puppet Theatre)  
and the The Rock n Soul Choir



**Kingsgrove RSL Club Members can  
purchase Children's Showbag Tickets,  
\$5 Each**

(Ticket holders receive battery candle, entertainment  
and show bag). Due to our organising schedule all  
tickets must be collected by 15/11/19.

PARK OPENS FROM 5:30PM | SHOW FROM 6:00PM | FINISHED BY 9:30PM | FREE ADMISSION





## ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.**

# Drive and park safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

### For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at [education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education](http://education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education) or visit [education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au) and search for road safety education.

When travelling in a car ensure your children:

- use a booster seat if they are aged between 4 and 7 years old – it's the law
- are correctly buckled up in their seatbelts
- always get in and out of the car through the 'safety door' – the rear door on the footpath side of the car
- are never left alone in the car.



**Up to 6 months**  
Approved rear-facing  
child car seat



**6 months to 4 years**  
Approved rear- or  
forward-facing child  
car seat



**4+ years**  
Approved forward-  
facing child car seat or  
booster seat



**145cm or taller**  
Suggested minimum  
height to use adult  
lap-sash seatbelt



**IMPROVE Strength**

**PERFECT Posture**

**DEVELOP Core**

**MAXIMISE Fatloss**

**REMOVE Pain & Strain**

*Female Functional Fitness*

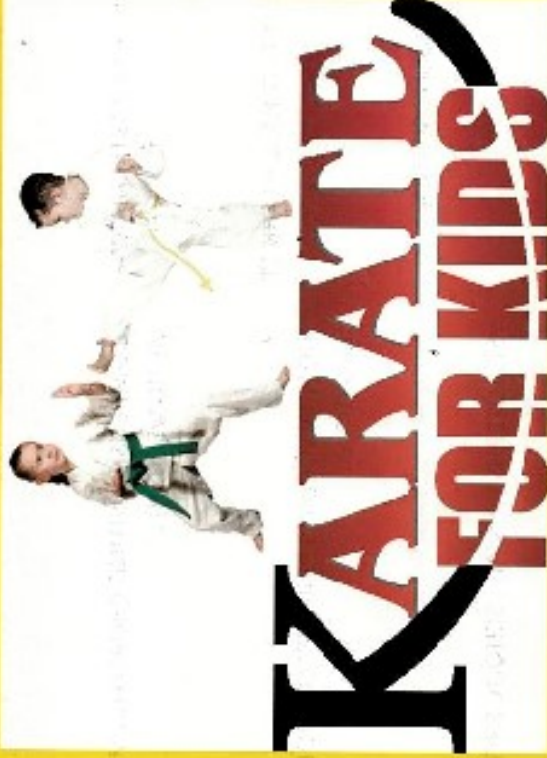
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**AGES 4-12**

**FOCUS AND DISCIPLINE  
HEALTH AND FITNESS  
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STRENGTH AND FLEXIBILITY**

**ALL IN A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT**

**JOIN NOW AND GET A FREE KARATE  
UNIFORM WORTH \$80.00 FREE!**

(Conditions Apply)

**ONE LESSON A WEEK \$12.00**

**TWO LESSONS A WEEK \$20.00**

**ALL LESSONS ARE FOR 1 HOUR**

**KARATE FOR KIDS**

**SEMPAI CONSTANTINE MICHAEL**

**MOBILE NO: 0431 272 319**

**CALL NOW AND BOOK YOUR CHILD IN A CLASS NEAR YOU**

**BRIGHTON LE SANDS PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**  
MONDAYS 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**BELMORE SCOUT HALL - LARK ST**  
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS  
3:30PM - 4:30PM

**CHULLORA PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS  
5:15PM - 6:15PM

**CONCORD WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS  
5:15PM - 6:15PM

**ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS  
3:30PM - 4:30PM

**FOREST LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
3:30PM - 4:30PM

**GREENACRE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS  
5:15PM - 6:15PM

**HOMBEUSH UNITING CHURCH (2, MEREDITH  
ST HOMEBUSH)**  
THURSDAYS  
3:30PM - 4:30PM

**HOLY INNOCENTS PRIMARY SCHOOL-  
CROYDON**  
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS  
5:30PM - 6:30PM

**ST. JOSEPHS PRIMARY SCHOOL-ENFIELD**  
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS  
3:30PM - 4:30PM

**PADSTOW HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
MONDAYS & THURSDAYS  
5:30PM - 6:30PM

**PADSTOW PARK  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL**  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
3:40 - 4:40PM

**PENSHURST WESLEY UNITING CHURCH**  
WEDNESDAYS  
5:15PM - 6:15PM

**KARATE FOR KIDS SEMPAI CONSTANTINE MICHAEL: 0431 272 319**

# The School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using metro, 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 is 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](https://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 [apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts](https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts)

### 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 can 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 (metro/train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off†
- 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 at [transportnsw.info/opal](https://transportnsw.info/opal) or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit [transportnsw.info/opal-retailers](https://transportnsw.info/opal-retailers)



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 offices.

\* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.

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

#### Privacy

For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at [transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal-opal-privacy-policy](https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal-opal-privacy-policy) and the School Pass Terms [apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/termsAndConditions](https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/termsAndConditions)

