



BSPS NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter, Term 4 Week 4 2019

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 the transition program is underway. These valuable sessions give our 2020 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 2020 Kindergarten students. 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.

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month we stop to remember those who have died as a result of war.

We invite you to join us at our commemorative assembly on Monday 11th November at 10:30 am in the school hall.



Important Time Change

Our Friday School Assembly will be held at 2.20 pm on Friday 22nd November & Friday 6th December

Community of Schools

High School Transition Day at BSPS

On Monday 25th of November, Year 6 students from 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 2020 and the adventures that await them.



New School Enrolment Policy 2019

A revised state wide Department of Education Enrolment Policy has been introduced. Under this policy, no school is permitted to accept out-of-area enrolments without following the department guidelines.

Each school has an enrolment cap which has been established by the Department of Education.

All new families (who are in-area) are required to produce a 100 point ID upon enrolment to ascertain their address.

All schools are required to form an enrolment panel, comprising of an Assistant Principal, a Teacher Representative and a Parent Representative. The Principal is not part of the panel, instead the Principal is required to make the final decision on enrolment and if required, manage the appeal process. Out-of-area enrolments will be considered by this panel if there are extenuating circumstances and a written application form must be submitted.

Invitation to Leadership Speech Assembly

We are extremely proud of students applying for leadership roles 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!

Boys' Speech Assembly

Monday 11th November at 2pm

Girls' Speech Assembly

Tuesday 12th November at 11.30 am

On Friday 15th of November all students will take part in a confidential vote to select our leaders for 2020.

Successful candidates will be announced at our school assembly on Friday 6 December morning assembly. 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 2020.



Date:

Event:

Mon 11 Nov	Remembrance Day Assembly 10.45 am
Mon 11 Nov	Boys Leadership Speeches 2 pm
Mon 11 Nov	Selective HS Application 2021 close
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
Tue 3 Dec	High School Transition Day
Fri 6 Dec	Shine Pin Assembly
Fri 6 Dec	Leadership Team 2020 announced
Mon 9 Dec	Whole School Picnic
Tue 10 Dec	Community Afternoon Tea
Wed 11 Dec	Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
Fri 13 Dec	Presentation Day
Wed 18 Dec	Leavers Assembly / Last day of School

Please make sure all **Permission Notes** are returned with Payment to the Office before the due date. Children are unable to attend these important social events without permission from their parents/ carers.



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 use appropriate language on the playground!

Whole School Picnic 2020

This year all students will be participating in an

‘End of Year School Picnic’

to celebrate the conclusion of the 2019 academic year. The picnic will be held at Carss Bush Park.

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Monday 9th December, 2019 Cost : \$

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

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.

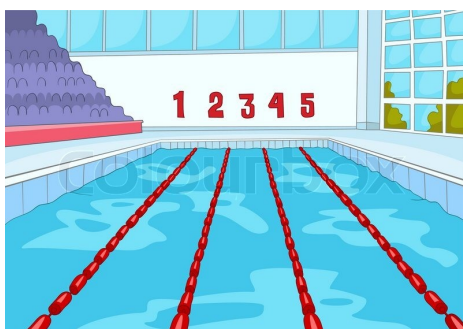
Please note: no cameras or electronic devices are permitted at the picnic. Parents and family members are welcome to join their children at the picnic, but will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from the park.

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.

Swimming Carnival 2020

The BPS Yr 1 - 6 school Swimming Carnival for 2020 is booked for Friday the 21st February 2020.

Notes will go out to students on the first day back to school and we ask all parents and carers to return them signed and with payment as soon as possible.



A huge thank you to all our incredible volunteers but a special shout out needs to go to Maggie and Seral our amazing Uniform Shop Coordinators.

Kindy Orientation, Teachers Appreciation Day, the amazing School Disco and all the other incredible things you do, thank you to all our parents who tirelessly, and with passion provide social and emotional opportunities for our school community to shine.

These events are impossible without parents and carers just like you giving up your time and driving these events.

WE NEED YOU !!!!!!!

We need your ideas, your vision, your enthusiasm to keep our P&C the vibrant association it is .

Please email the belmoresthsecretary@gmail.com

To add your name to the mailing list membership is only \$2.

Next Meeting is 9am Thursday 21st November in the community room.

The **Belmore South PS Uniform Shop** is run by the P&C and aims to keep the cost of school uniforms as low as possible for our community.

Open Every Tuesday 830 - 930am

BELMORE SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL



2019 NSW BASKETBALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

On Monday 28 October 2019, the Belmore South Bulldog Ballers attended the annual Basketball Championship Gala Day at Bankstown Basketball Stadium.

It was an intense day of playing basketball where each and every one of the boys played hard and worked well in the team to get a few wins. Even though the boys fought hard in every single game, we did not progress into the play off stage. Nevertheless the boys had a great time learning great sportsmanship, skill development and experiencing organised sport away from school.

I am very proud of the team for their dedication to coming to all the training sessions and trying their best at every opportunity. Well done Belmore South! Congratulations to the co-MVP winners –

BADR HELOU, ZAKARIYA HANS & MAALIK TAHA!



Year 4/5 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Tuesday 12th November at Parry Park

Friendly reminder to the 20 boys selected to represent our school for this terms Boys Soccer Gala Day. It will be taking place next Tuesday 12th November at Parry Park.

Please remember to drop of your child at Parry Park to meet Mrs Li at 8:30am and then pick them up at 2pm from the same location.

All students going are to ensure they wear their full sports uniform, school hat and sports shoes. They will also need to remember to bring their drink bottle, recess, lunch, soccer boots, shin pads and long white socks.

Many thanks in advance.

Mrs Li

Rainbow Disco

Last Friday, we held our annual disco in our school hall. This year, the theme was **rainbow**. Students arrived in colourful clothing and danced the afternoon away. Thank you to the P & C for the delicious sausage sizzle and to our Stage 3 students for fundraising at the event.



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



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 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
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'



Belmore South Public School

CLASS FORMATION FOR 2020

School Commences for Year 1 – 6 Wednesday 29th January 2020
Kindergarten Thursday 30th & Friday 31st 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

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: _____

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 _____

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
1300 827 500 OR VISIT 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 or visit 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

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

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

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 or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit 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 and the School Pass Terms apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/termsAndConditions

