



BSPS NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter, Term 4 Week 6 2019

From The Principal's Desk

What a busy few weeks we have had at BSPS.

Last Friday we had our last Kindergarten Transition session. These sessions help our new and existing families with the move to BSPS, with the aim of providing information, getting to know other families and teachers as well as becoming familiar with the physical layout of the school. Thanks to the team of people who have made this happen – the office staff, our kinder teachers, Mrs Madzar, our senior students and our wonderful P&C uniform shop ladies.

We have only a few weeks left this term and have a large number of up and coming events. Can families please check bags regularly for notes and also look at the school and P&C Facebook pages to ensure you are aware of all of the dates and times for up and coming events.

PRESENTATION DAY 2020

The Staff and Students of
Belmore South Public School

Invite all our Families and Friends to attend

2019 Presentation Day

Friday 13th December, 2019

9:30am

2020 School Terms

To assist in planning your holidays, please find listed the school terms for next year.

Term 1

Tuesday 28 January to Friday 10 April

Term 2

Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3

Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October to Friday 18 December

School Development Days occur on the first day of Terms 1, 2 & 3 and the last two days of Term 4.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school on a daily basis is required by law. If your child is sick or you have a situation arise where you are unable to send your child to school for a day or more, you are required to inform the school of the reason why your child is not attending school.

When your child is absent you need to provide in writing an explanation as to why your child has been absent. This should be returned on the same day your child arrives back at school. If your child is absent for 3 days or more, a phone call to the school is required.

The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) visits our school on a regular basis and checks the class rolls. If your child has had unexplained absences, the HSLO may contact you therefore it is important that all absences are explained as soon as your child returns to school.

Important Time Change

Our Friday School Assembly will be held at 2:20 pm on Friday 22nd November & Friday 6th December

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE

ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

The 40km/h speed limit in school zones operate between 8.00 – 9.30am and 2.30 – 4.00pm on school days.

Please be aware of the time or you could get fined.

Children can be unpredictable and hard to see. It is important that parents and carers observe local school safety initiatives when dropping off and collecting children. Penalties are high and loss of demerit points apply for all fines. The worst penalty is knowing that you've caused an injury to a child.

If you are crossing the road with your child, please be aware of traffic. Remember that watching children is never enough. Keep your child safe by holding their hand as you cross the road.

We also remind all parents and carers, for our children's safety please do NOT park in the school carpark at any time.

SAFETY DRILLS There will be a Lockdown Drill during lunchtime on **Wednesday 27 November**. Drills such as this are essential so that in the event of an emergency all staff and students are well practised in what they do.

Lockdown is a procedure used when there is an immediate threat to the school e.g. school intruder.

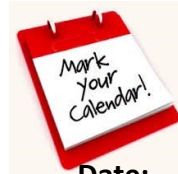
Lockdown minimises access to the school and secures staff and students in rooms. As part of the procedure, everyone must remain in a room until the situation has been declared safe by an authorised person such as the Principal or Police Officer. If you hear our emergency siren on the day, please do not be alarmed.

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>



Date:

Tue 3 Dec

Fri 6 Dec

Fri 6 Dec

Mon 9 Dec

Tue 10 Dec

Wed 11 Dec

Fri 13 Dec

Wed 18 Dec

Event:

High School Transition Day

Shine Pin Assembly

Leadership Team 2020 announced

Whole School Picnic

Community Afternoon Tea

Yr 6 Farewell Dinner

Presentation Day

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.

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



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 Play and Act Fairly

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.

Monday 9th December, 2019 Cost : \$ 11

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.

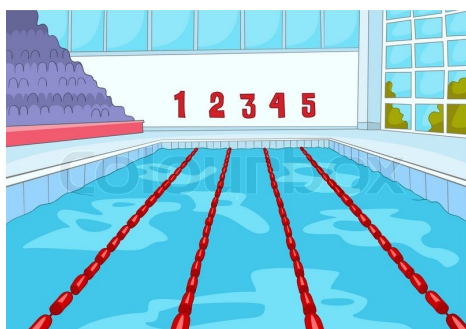
Please note: no cameras or electronic devices are permitted at the picnic. Parents and family members are welcome to join their children at the picnic, but will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from the park.

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 BSPS 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.



To thank our incredible community for all the help and support you have given the P&C this year we will be providing a free BBQ at the School Picnic this year.

Sausage sizzle, drink and fruit will be available for all children on the day.

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

Special Meeting

9.30 am Tuesday 10th December

Community room.

Casual Vacancies are declared for the following positions

Treasurer, 2 x VP

Please consider putting your name forward for one of these rewarding positions.

Membership of \$2 must be paid a minimum of 2 weeks

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.

This is only possible with parent commitment and we desperately need volunteers! If you can spare an hour on Tuesday mornings during term we would love and appreciate your help.

Open Every Tuesday 8.30 - 9.30am

BELMORE SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL





2019 Swim Scheme and Water Safety Program

In weeks 3 and 4, students from Year 2 to Year 6 participated in the *School Swimming and Water Safety Program* at Roselands Aquatic Centre. It was a fun-filled 10 days of learning to be safe and having fun around the water.

Students were initially assessed to confirm their abilities and then were grouped accordingly. Students swam either in the shallow or deep end according to their skill level. During the lessons, they had to demonstrate such skills as walking through water, blowing bubbles, submerging, facedown swimming and freestyle swimming. Further to this there was teaching of competitive and survival strokes, games and doing a variety of drills and skills to best enhance their learning and development.

Students have put in a lot of effort over the course of the program where they are now more confident. This allows them to have fun safely in and around the water. Their stroke techniques have improved significantly and they have more knowledge of water safety skills.

As Australians, we spend a lot of our time in and around the water; it is a big part of our culture. For this reason, it's important that we learn water safety and survival skills, so that we can continue to enjoy aquatic activities.

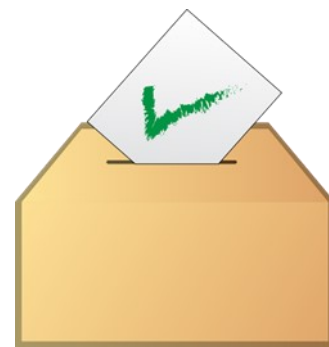
Mr Bordador and Mrs Li

2019 Swim Scheme and Water Safety Program



Student Leadership Election

Last Friday, Belmore South students voted for our student leaders for 2020. Our school hall was set up just like a real polling place with polling booths and ballot papers. Congratulations to all our leadership candidates for their hard work and bravery during this process. The student leadership team for 2020 will be announced on Friday 6th December.



Talent Quest 2019!

The annual BPS Talent Quest will be held on

Tuesday, 17th December 2019 at 9:15am.

Auditions will be held each Wednesday in the library at lunch time, beginning Week 5. Students will be allocated a specific day.

Final auditions will be held Wednesday 11th December at lunch time.



Students may show their talent by playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing or acting. They may show their talent on their own, with a partner or in a group. Students must bring their own music on a USB to auditions. The judges will be looking for-

- 1. Appropriate lyrics**
- 2. Well – rehearsed**
- 3. Entertaining**
- 4. Uniqueness**

Mrs O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)

No Excuse For Abuse Lakemba March

Join Belmore South Public School and the wider community walk against abuse on

Friday 29th of November

Meet for a 5pm registration at Gillies St Lakemba to be ready to march with your school community at 6pm.

If you arrive late please find us on the march route from Gillies St, down Haldon St, and to Parry Park.

Help us build respectful relationships and say NO to verbal and physical abuse.





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



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

