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Newsletter, Term 3 Week 8 2019

From The Principal's Desk

Congratulations Ms Rinaldi & Ms Madzar

Last week Ms Rinaldi and Ms Madzar received recognition for their outstanding contribution to Public Education at the Beverly Hills Principal's Network Award ceremony. It was a lovely to share the afternoon with them both as they received this well deserved award alongside many worthy recipients from across the Metropolitan South Operational Directorate.



I would also just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their wonderful support of our Multicultural Day Over the last week. Students, teachers and parents have worked together to showcase the wonderful rich learning community we have. A special thank to Ms Kim and her team for all their work in bringing this fabulous event together.

2019 MINISTER'S AWARDS

FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT –

COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS

We are extremely proud of Angelin Awale of Year 5 S3 Ngunnawal who on Monday night received a **Commended** Award from Sarah Mitchell, The Minister of Education as part of the 2019 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement – Community Languages Schools. This is a remarkable achievement and reflects Angelin's commitment to the study of Nepali.



New Staff Appointment Arabic Community Language Teacher

Following the recent Staffing Selection process, Mr Ahmad El-Taraboulsi has been appointed as the Permanent Community Language Teacher to Belmore South Public School. Mr El-taraboulsi is an experienced Arabic Community Language Teacher and brings a wealth of skills to the Belmore South Public School Community.

Swim Scheme Reminder

The School Swimming and Water Safety Program is a learn to swim program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

This program provides the opportunity for students from Years 2 – 6 to attend daily lessons over 10 consecutive days. Students who are unable to swim 25m in deep water, unaided, are encouraged to attend.

The program will be held from Monday 28 October to Friday 8 November 2019.

Students will be leaving school at 1.30pm and return by 3.15pm.

The total cost will be \$100, this includes the 10 days of bus fares and pool entry.

Swimming lessons are provided free of charge.

A permission note was sent home with all Year 2 – 6 students last week. There are limited places available, so if you would like your child to participate, please return their permission note and \$20 deposit or full amount of \$100 as soon as possible to confirm their place in the program.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2019

As you are aware, literacy and numeracy skills lay the foundation for success in learning and in life.

Each year the Premier's Reading Challenge encourages students to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. The challenge is not a competition, but a way to foster a love of reading for pleasure from kindergarten to year 9.

The 2019 PRC has now officially closed. 203 students from Belmore South Public School completed the challenge and will be awarded a certificate in Term 4. What a great result!

Thank you to all the parents who supported their children during this challenge.



WHAT'S ON AT BELMORE SOUTH PUBLIC

Date:

Event:

Tue 17 Sep	Zone Athletics Day 2
18-20 Sep	Stage 3 Camp
19 & 26 Sep	Yr 4 Swimming Program
Tue 24 Sep	S3 Fundraiser—Movies & Popcorn
Wed 25 Sep	K-6 Jump Rope 4 Heart
Fri 27 Sep	Shine Pin Assembly
Fri 27 Sep	End of Term 3
Mon 14 Oct	Beginning of Term 4



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

Healthy Harold Life Education

Our students love Healthy Harold.

Life Education are on a mission; to empower children to make safer and healthier choices. They achieve this through preventative health education.

They equip the next generation with the knowledge, skills and strategies required to make better choices but they cannot do it alone.

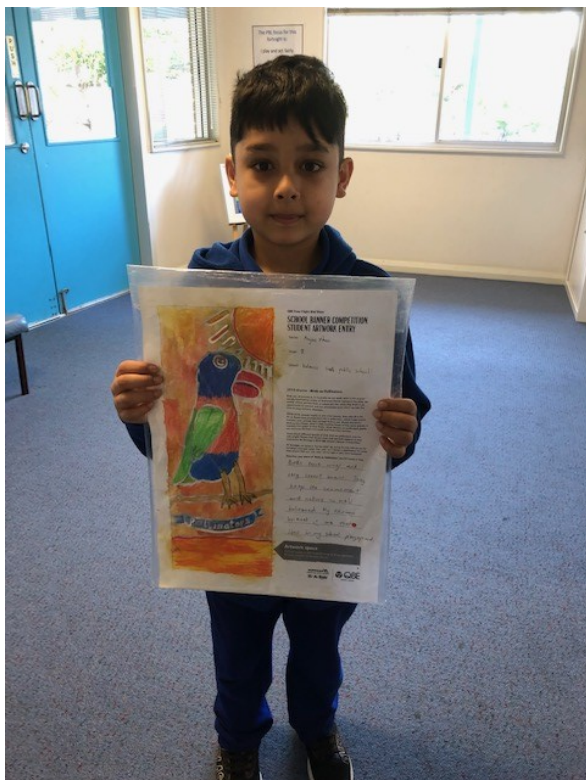
Adopting a **system-wide approach**, their program is most effective when used by the entire school community; students, teachers and most importantly you, the parents.

Please visit their website for great resources

<https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents/>



Taronga Zoo School Banner Competition

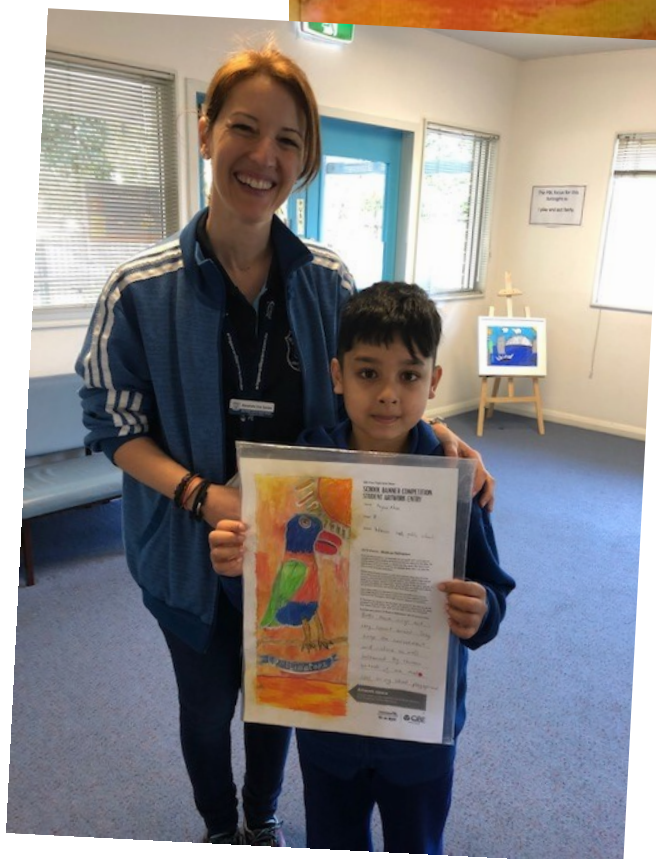


Aayan has won the Stage 2 category of the Taronga Zoo School Banner Competition! In Art Club students produced art works based on Australian Birds as Pollinators. Aayan from S2 Orana has won the Taronga Zoo Banner competition for Stage 2. His whole class will be given free access to the zoo, to all the artwork on the banners and to also have a special experience at the QBE Free Flight Bird Show.

Aayan's artwork will be published on banners which will be live in the grounds at Taronga Zoo Sydney in October!

Keep on being creative everyone.

Ms Alex



BOOK WEEK 2019.

What is your Secret Superpower?'

Reading is an essential skill. Reading teaches us about our world. Reading develops our imagination and empathy. Reading helps us grow mentally and emotionally. Reading increases our knowledge and therefore makes us smarter.

During term 3 of each year, our students at Belmore South Public School, listen to, explore and discuss books that have been nominated by the Australian Book Council. They also vote on which book they would like to win!

Belmore South also hosted a Book Fair organised by Scholastic Australia. Thank you to everyone in the school community for supporting our Book Fair. The profits will enable us to buy much needed non-fiction books for our school library.

On Thursday 22nd of August teacher's and students dressed up as their favourite book character. Parents and students are to be congratulated on their imaginative efforts. Everyone looked as if they had stepped out of a storybook! Thankyou parents for celebrating with us and joining in the fun!

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded a certificate and a gift voucher at the assembly:

Mohammed Khan, Lucy Miller, Bellal Hans, Youcef Bounachada, Kian Djemal, Jory Abuorabi, Hamza Matar, Logan Northwood, Charlotte Thapa, Ayah Bounachada, Maalik Taha and Aysel Acehan.

Finally, thank you to all students, staff and parents for another inspirational Bookweek.

Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Li



BOOK WEEK 2019



Combined Public Schools Music Festival

Our Senior and Junior dance students together with our Choir students represented our school at the Combined Public School Music Festival on Monday 2nd September. It was a fantastic night celebrating the many talents of students at Belmore South Public School. They were confident, courageous and shined like real superstars. Thank you to all the teachers involved for their hard work and to the parents for their amazing support.



MULTICULTURAL DAY





A huge shout out to everyone who made the Multicultural Day so special.

Organization, making food, serving food and working with our students on dances and cultural activities made this a day to truly remember.

We would name you all personally but it was such a team effort we would hate to leave anyone out.

What an incredible day.

It is amazing watching all these kids we met as Kindy and year 1s growing into such amazing school leaders.

Thank you to everyone who made today such a special day. With your food, your culture, your passion and love.

Next P&C meeting is planned for October 22nd at 6pm.





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 _____



Tell Them From Me student survey Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

1. What is the *Tell Them From Me* student survey?

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey asks questions about factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other outcomes. It aims to help improve the learning outcomes of students. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the student point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey questions relate to the following measures for **primary schools**:

Participation in sports and extra-curricular activities	Behaviour at school	Effective learning time
Use of ICT for learning	Homework behaviour	Teaching relevance and rigour
Sense of belonging	Interest and motivation	Persistence
Positive relationships	Effort	Experience of being bullied
Valuing school outcomes	Skills and learning challenges	Advocacy at school
Positive teacher-student relations	Expectations for success	Positive learning climate

The survey questions relate to the following measures for **secondary schools**:

Participation in sports and extra-curricular activities	Homework behaviour	Expectations for success
Skills and learning challenges	Academic self-concept	Behaviour at school
Experience of being bullied	Truancy	Sense of belonging
Interest and motivation	Effective learning time	Aspirations: finishing Year 12, University, TAFE
Positive relationships	Effort	Teaching relevance and rigour
Wellness	Valuing school outcomes	Positive learning climate
Academic buoyancy	Advocacy at school	Advocacy outside school
Positive teacher-student relations	Use of ICT for learning	Persistence

3. How have schools been selected to take part?

The survey is open to all NSW government schools at no cost to them. Your child's school has decided to participate.



4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey will provide school principals and school leaders with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

5. What does my child need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes less than 30 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, *The Learning Bar*. Schools will make computers or laptops available so that students can complete the survey during school hours.

6. Does my child have to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped. Parents/students have a right to apply for access to, and correction of, a student's information.

7. Will the school be able to identify my child from their responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will not be made available.

A small number of staff in the department's Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) will have access to individual student responses for the purpose of state-wide

analysis. Individual students' data will be held on a secure server with access strictly limited to CESE researchers. The researchers are interested in trends only – not in individual student responses. No student will be identified in any publication. No school will be identified unless they have given permission.

8. What sort of analysis will be done on the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders can use the data to better understand the experiences and views of students at their school.

CESE will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the department, including performance data.

The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between wellbeing, engagement, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE's analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

9. Can all school students participate in the survey?

The primary school survey is designed for students in Years 4 to 6. Schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in these year groups to participate. Secondary schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in Years 7 to 12 to participate.

10. When will the *Tell Them From Me* survey happen?

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools at the end of Term 1 and (optionally) Term 3/4.



What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) is part of the NSW Department of Education.

CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales.

CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education.

More information about CESE is available at: www.cese.nsw.gov.au

What is *The Learning Bar*?

The Learning Bar specialises in research-based design and facilitation of student assessments and survey solutions for both primary and secondary students. The in-house research team led by the President, Dr J Douglas Willms, undertakes extensive projects used in the school system to affect national policy. It is against this research that the survey, *Tell Them From Me*, has become the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of the ten provinces. Globally, more than 6,300 schools and 5.4 million students have participated in the survey over the last twelve years.

Dr Willms recently held the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Literacy and Human Development. He plays a lead role in the development of questions on student engagement for the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

For purely administrative purposes, *The Learning Bar* will also have temporary access to identifiable student responses to the survey questions. Other than *The Learning Bar* and CESE researchers within the department, identifiable student responses will not be disclosed to any other person or body other than as required by law.

More information about *The Learning Bar* is available at: www.thelearningbar.com

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact CESE via email: TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au or by telephone: 1300 131 499.

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

OSHC Responsible Person Required

A great opportunity has become available for a Responsible Person to work in a high quality Before Care, After care school service located in Belmore South Public School, Belmore NSW

The After School Klub (TASK) is based in the Inner West and is established in several schools.

TASK is an initiative created to help parents with educationally based activities, within a fun and flexible environment.

Required Skills and Qualifications:

- 1-2 years' experience in a similar position.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Sound knowledge of the National Quality Standards (NQS) and Regulations
- Current Working with Children Check
- Current Anaphylaxis, Asthma and First Aid Certificates
- Sound understanding of Child protection issues
- Desire to learn and lead a team
- Ability to work closely with the management to promote growth and development
- Strong Leadership skills
- Self-Motivated and ability to work unsupervised
- Great Team player
- Available 5 afternoons and 5 mornings.

We offer :

- High staff to children ratio's
- A flexible and innovative team
- Above Award wages
- A supportive working environment
- Potential to grow and influence with a company
- Close to public Transport

Please visit our website www.task-kids.com.au.

To apply please send your resume and cover letter to admin@task-kids.com.au

For enquiries, please call 1300 827 500

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





Energy & Water
Ombudsman NSW

Bring Your Bills & Community Expo

Earlwood

Supported by Sophie Cotsis MP,
Member for Canterbury



Residents are invited to join us for free, face-to-face support.

All welcome to drop in at this special event. Collect information and speak to specialist staff who will be available to assist in resolving problems with energy and water bills, council issues, outstanding fines, Centrelink and much more. NSW Trustee and Guardian will be available to speak about wills, enduring guardianship and powers of attorney.



Where

Canterbury Earlwood
Caring Association
15 Clarke Street,
Earlwood NSW 2206



When

Wednesday 2 October
9.00am - 2.30pm

What to bring

- Current gas and electricity bills
- Past gas and electricity bills
- Letters from providers
- Pensioner or concession cards



Services attending

- MetroAssist
- Sydney Water
- Canterbury Bankstown Council
- Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW
- Revenue NSW
- Department of Human Services - Centrelink
- NSW Trustee and Guardian
- Canterbury Earlwood Caring Association
- Housing Services - Communities and Justice
- Legal Aid
- LawAccess



ALL WELCOME - FREE EVENT

You can contact EWON to make an energy or water complaint.

☎ 1800 246 545 🌐 ewon.com.au
✉ complaints@ewon.com.au

📮 Reply Paid 86550, Sydney South NSW 1234
Level 11, 133 Castlereagh Street, Sydney

To speak to EWON using an Interpreter, contact the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450. People who are deaf, hearing impaired or who have a speech impediment can contact EWON through the National Relay Service on 133 677.

FAMILY FUN DAY

at the
NSW Parliament
October School
Holidays!

**FRIDAY
11 OCTOBER
10 am to 3 pm**

**MEMBER
FOR A DAY**

Member for a Day: What would you say?

**Free fun educational activities at
Australia's oldest Parliament for
children from 4 to 12 years.**

Follow the children's trail; enter the
guessing competition, participate in the
arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative
chambers and places rarely open to the
public; give your first speech as a
Member of Parliament in the chambers;
be entertained by roving musicians.

FREE ENTRY

Activities
10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location
6 Macquarie Street –
opposite Martin Place

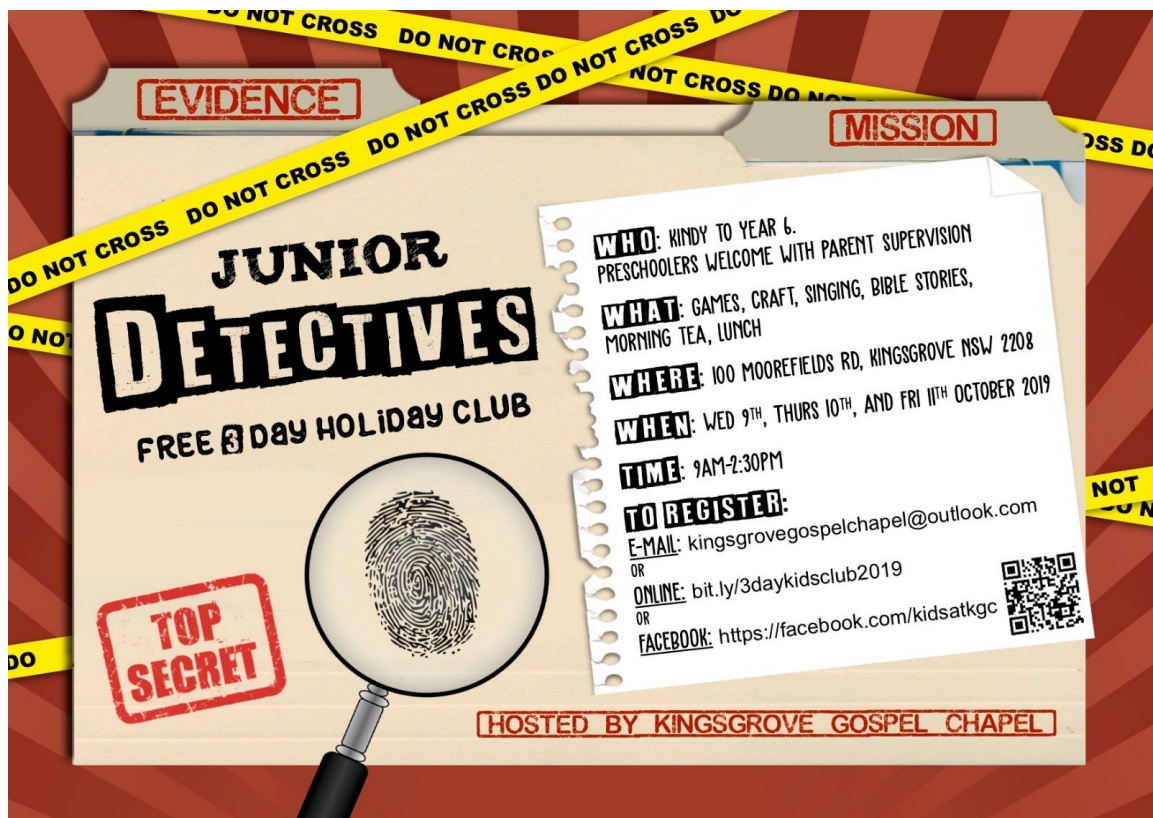
**The public café
will be open.**

Sausage
Sizzle
\$3.00
per person



FREE ENTRY • All Welcome
E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au
www.parliament.nsw.gov.au
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

**GROUP BOOKINGS FOR
10 OR MORE ESSENTIAL**
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Wolli Family Picnic

Sunday 15th September 10am to 2pm

Turrella Reserve, Finlays Ave Earlwood

Discover the hidden treasures of the Wolli Creek Valley
Join in short, guided nature walks to surrounding bushland
Have fun with children's games, craft and other activities
Bring a picnic to enjoy with family and friends

All Welcome

How to get there

Turrella Reserve is on the Two Valley Trail and easy walking distance of surrounding suburbs

Easily accessible by train and bus

Train to Turrella Station

Bus 423 to corner of Homer St and Minnamorra Ave (short walk to Finlays Ave Earlwood)

Street Parking locally

For Further information

Contact info@wollicreek.org.au

Wolli Creek Preservation Society Inc.
PO Box 270 Earlwood NSW 2208

www.wollicreek.org.au info@wollicreek.org.au

www.facebook.com/protectwollicreekvalley

twitter.com/wollipossum

www.youtube.com/user/wollicreekvalley/videos



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



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