
Bondi Public School

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Bulletin

Thursday 17th October 2019

Dates for your Diary

October

- Fri 18th – Movie night from 5pm
- Wed 23rd – Kindergarten transition 9.30am
- Wed 23rd – Specialist Program review focus group at 2.30pm
- Thu 24th – Extra-curricular group photos
- Fri 25th – 5G hosting assembly
- Wed 30th – Musica Viva
- Wed 30th – Stage 3 surfing starts (6B & 5P)
- Thu 31st – Stage 3 surfing starts (5/6R, 5G & 6Y)

Dear parents and carers,

It's great to be back at school! Term 4 at Bondi PS is always super exciting with so much to look forward to and anticipate over the next nine weeks.

Tomorrow night is the P&C's **movie night** – third time lucky! Gates will open at 5pm, with Early Man being shown on the top field at 7pm. A gourmet BBQ, popcorn and icy poles will be available from 5pm and don't forget to pack a rug and some comfy pillows. The P&C have requested that no chairs are to be used as they will block everyone's view.

The **Sculptures by the School** event is fast approaching on Friday 1st November from 3.30pm – 6.30pm. Every class is creating a sculpture for the event and individual entries are encouraged. On the evening you can stroll around the school or visit any of the four artist workshops that your child can participate in. The P&C have organised some delicious food that will be on sale, so make sure you bring some cash so that you can enjoy the evening.

Online entries:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScP1DGzFsSix8i5GpnZrdJ26gHcDXW1QuirEVLB1j48r-Y8Sg/viewform>

Thank you to those parents who joined us for the first **Specialist Program review focus group** on Wednesday morning. The review is taking place in response to a discussion that took place at the P&C meeting around the prospect of introducing a new Science/Makerspace specialist program into our school. A Makerspace is a space dedicated to hands-on creativity, in which students use physical and digital tools to encourage them to think, create, experiment, build and invent.

Our current specialist programs are:

- Mandarin
- Music
- Philosophy

This year we added a science component to the music program. This was because Mr Bowden took extended leave in 2019. As he is returning next year, the program will revert back to just music.

If there is enough community support for a Science/Makerspace Specialist Program, **one of our existing programs will no longer be offered.** Please come along to the next focus group that will be held at 2.30pm on October 23rd to have your say and be a part of the decision making process. If you're unable to make the session, we will also be sending out a short survey to identify the views of the wider school community. All of our staff and students in Years 2-6 are also involved in this review.

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for your child in Year 7 in 2021? The application website is now open and will close at **10pm, 11 November 2019**. You must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

As of Monday October 28th, **Miss Hart will be teaching 5P** for the remainder of the year. Miss Pedron has accepted the role of Relieving Assistant Principal, Positive Behaviour for Learning and we wish her all the best.

Next Thursday the school photographer is returning to take **photos of student groups**. Please make sure your child is sent to school in full school uniform if they were part of the following:

- Senior Band
- Training Band
- SRC Semester 1 & 2
- School Captains
- DanceSport
- Deputy Librarians
- District Athletics, Cross Country & Swimming
- House Captains (Bring Sport Shirt to change into)
- Debating Teams – Junior & Senior
- Senior Choir

The **organisation for classes for 2020** is underway and I would like to be transparent about how we complete the process. As students are placed into classes a wide range of factors are taken into account. The decision is based on: a combination of academic needs, social skills, combinations with other students, the degree and number of student needs within a cohort, medical conditions and teaching and learning styles. Parents occasionally put forward requests during this process. This year, they are to be made in writing to your child's teacher by no later than Friday 1st of November. The organisation of classes is a professional decision and although all requests are considered there is no guarantee that they will be accommodated.

Olivia Parry
Acting Principal

BPS 1950s BASH**SILENT AUCTION PRIZES WANTED**

Saturday 9th of November is the date of the **BPS 1950s Bash**. The night will be filled with fun, laughter, music and games... AND the online SILENT AUCTION!!!

Year 1 and 2 parents **need your assistance to collect as many donations as possible** - we accept **BIG PRIZES** - think *Holidays, Flights, Spa Days* - we accept **small prizes** - think *candles, Keep Cups, cafe vouchers* - and anything **in between** - think *artwork, apparel, restaurant vouchers, experiences* - all donations are gratefully accepted!!

Please ask local businesses, friends and family if they have something they could donate. Big or small - all donations are welcome!

The Silent Auction will be live two weeks prior to the event. Please contact Michelle at michellecaley@gmail.com for further information.



2020 school travel applications now open

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if* they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have *not* been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.



Awards & Achievements -

- Honor roll x3
- Excellence in Debating x3
- Straight A's
- Citizenship Award
- UNSW Award for Environmental Engineering & Maths
- Excellence in Maths Olympiad
- Top of year history
- Top of year english
- Maths Distinction
- Excellence in Music

TUTORING AND HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Bondi Public School is held on Mondays from 1:15pm to 2:00pm, starting on 14 October 2019.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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