

# Balgowlah Heights Public School

Excellence and Opportunity



Term 2 Week 3

## School Events

### Next week ...

#### Monday

K-6 Assembly 2pm

#### Wednesday – Friday

Year 6 Canberra



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## Principal's Message

I hope all of our mums and carers had a special day on Sunday. The P & C Association's Mother's Day Stall was once again a spectacular success due to the effort of Mrs Robyn Nowytarger, Mrs Minna Howlett, Mrs Helen Jones and their team of helpers. A huge thank you to all involved.

### 2018 Operation Art

Each year schools across NSW are invited to participate in Operation Art, an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW Department of Education. The Art program provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through an exhibition at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park in Term 3.

We have some very talented young artists at BHPS and it was a very difficult decision for the judges to select 4 artworks from the class submissions. Congratulations to the following students whose artworks were submitted:

- Matilda Nowland KK
- Lucie Oliver 5M
- Zoe Grant 6F
- Amber Ortega 6C

### Tell Them From Me Survey

Towards the end of last term students in Years 4, 5 and 6 completed the 'Tell Them From Me' online survey. The survey provides valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. A summary of results will be presented to staff, students and to parents at the Week 8 P & C Association Meeting on Monday, 18 June. Key findings included:

- 97% of students valued school outcomes, believing schooling is useful in everyday life and will have a strong bearing on their future
- 93% of students reported they tried hard to succeed in their learning
- 92% of students had positive relationships, with friends they can trust who encourage them to make positive choices
- 89% of students felt the school staff hold high expectations for all students to succeed
- 93% of students have a high rate of participation in sports with an instructor at school and 67% of students have a high rate of participation in art, drama or music groups, in extracurricular activities.

### Winter School Uniform

The Girls' Winter Uniform grey plaid skirt is for Years 3-6 girls only. K-2 girls are requested to wear the grey plaid tunic or navy trousers as outlined in the Parent Handbook 2018.

### Steward House 2018 Donation Drive

This week we are issuing envelopes to families asking for a \$2.00 donation to Stewart House. All envelopes returned to the school will be entered into a draw to win a \$4,000 family holiday. Envelopes should be returned to the school by Tuesday, 22 May 2018. Stewart House is a charity supported by the school and the Department of Education.

### News from the eSafety Commissioner

The following information was sent to the school from the Youth Liason Officer, NSW Police, Dee Why. Please follow the link provided for further information <https://www.esafety.gov.au/iparent>

Whether you're a parent, carer, aunt, uncle or grandparent it can be a difficult task keeping up with young people and technology or even knowing when and how to start the conversation about online safety in your household.

Meet **Screen Smart Parent Tour** – our new interactive self-reflective tool that helps parents and carers of pre and young teens keep on track with online safety.

The virtual tour takes you through six important online topics including **social media, screen time, personal information, inappropriate content, cyberbullying** and **contact with strangers**. Each topic offers practical tips and advice on how to allow children to explore safely and manage online issues if they arise.

## School News

### Cross Country

The Years 3-6 Cross Country will be held on Monday 28 May. Please note, student will be able to order their lunches through flexi schools on this day.

### Attendance

This week we released a draft copy of the our revised Attendance Implementation Plan. The plan outlines the school's strategies and processes for the implementation of the Department of Education's Attendance Policy and is available on the school's website. Should you wish to comment on the document please address your comments to the school's email before 1 June 2018.

### Application for Extended Leave

Consistent with the Department's policy, families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, please discuss this with the school's principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. It should also be noted that absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

### Applications for Year 5 Placement in an Opportunity Class in 2019

Applications for Year 5 Placement in an Opportunity Class in 2019 close this **Friday, 18 May 2018**. Late applications will not be accepted.

To apply please log on <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

For further information please contact the Opportunity Class Placement Unit by email at [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au) or by telephone on 1300 880 367.

### Parent Information Morning

Parents of 2019 Kindergarten children are invited to attend our Parent Information Morning on Wednesday 30 May at 9.30am in the school hall. This meeting provides parents with essential information about our school and includes a school tour.

We encourage attendance at all the sessions to ensure your child has a successful start to school in 2019.



## BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

### Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Program

**Parent Information Morning**  
Wednesday 30 May 9:30-11:00am

**Kindergarten Orientation Dates**  
Wednesday 24 October 9:30-10:45am  
Thursday 1 November 9:30-10:30am  
Monday 12 November 2:00-2:45pm  
Thursday 22 November 9:30-11:00am





## School Photographs

Group photos are available to view and order online via the [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) website. The online access code is **XW4 P5V ZN2**. Alternatively, an envelope can be collected from the Western Campus from Thursday, 3 May until Thursday, 17 May. All envelopes must be returned to the Western Office for collection by Advanced Life by Friday, 18 May.

Parents may order the following group photographs:

- House Captains and Vice Captains
- Library Monitors
- Monitors
- School Leaders
- School Patrons
- Student Representative Council (please note there are 2 versions of this photo)
- Stage 1 Choir
- Stage 2 and Stage 3 Choir

Group photos are also on display in the school office. For more information please contact Ms Emily Rhodes, Deputy Principal.

## Notes Emailed to Parents

Tuesday 15 May      Term 2 — Year 2 Sports Day - Changed to Thursdays commencing tomorrow, Thursday 17 May  
Term 2 — Gymnastics Program (5L, 5M, 6/5T, 5SC, 2S, 2V and 2M)  
Term 2 — Kindergarten Gymnastics Program  
Term 2 — Dance Program (4P, 6F, 3K, 3R, 3E, 6C and 6D)

## Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 18 May

Don't forget that this Friday, 18 May is Walk Safely to School Day. So why not escape the kiss and drop rat-race for a day by parking a block or two away and walking the extra distance to school.



## Student Wellbeing – Respect, Responsibility, Personal Best

### Thumbs Up for a Positive Playground

A new playground award system has been introduced this term to acknowledge and celebrate positive playground behaviours. Students who are observed being respectful, responsible and demonstrating their personal best during eating time, assemblies, play time and when lining up will receive a thumbs up token.

Students are able to use their token to vote for a PBL celebration day. This term the SRC have selected 3 celebration day options, a crazy hair day, a crazy sock day or a mufti day. The event that has the most tokens will go ahead in Week 5 of this term to celebrate our school expectations.



## Canteen

Thank you to all the volunteers this week. We have had a few dads in the canteen over the past couple of weeks – fantastic work thank you! There is just two more weeks left of Manpower May, so c'mon guys get your names on the roster!

The weather is getting colder. The chicken noodle soup available on Tuesdays and Thursdays is a popular choice amongst the kids. Banana bread has been added to both the recess and lunch menu.

Year 2 is rostered on to volunteer next week. However, we welcome anyone from any year level to sign up if you are free. The link is <http://signup.com/go/xevzzhH> Next Monday, 21 May is Millin's Sausage sizzle day! Sausages in a hot dog bun can be purchased through Flexischools for \$3.00. Please send us any suggestions or recipe ideas.

Gill, Tess, Robin, Cath, Sam, Sanja  
**Canteen**

## Music Madness Trivia Night

**Saturday 16 June from 6.30pm – TABLES ARE SELLING FAST!**

### Our very own professional host!

The talented Holly Brisley is a TV presenter and actor having graced our TV screens for the past 20 years. Holly's biggest role to date is mum to two BHPS students. We are fortunate to have Holly host this year's Music Madness Trivia Night. Holly will also be joined for a surprise performance by a musician from a well-known 1980's party band. No more clues! Join in the fun on **Saturday 16 June from 6.30pm** and book your table of 10 today through [Flexischools](http://Flexischools) for just \$65 per person. If you can't get a table of 10 - don't let that stop you! Contact our official fairy godmother Heather Bennett on [htmbenn@bigpond.net.au](mailto:htmbenn@bigpond.net.au) or 0411 511 782 and she can help you find a way to go to the ball!



### Mother's Day Stall – A great success!



A massive well done to everyone involved in the fantastic Mother's Day stall this year. The gifts were beautiful and of such high quality. The children loved choosing something special and mums and grans seem to have thoroughly enjoyed receiving them. Thanks to everyone who contributed by buying gifts. Sales exceeded last year's so we were able to raise more than \$3,500 for the P & C fund. Special thanks to all our sponsors: Revlon, Arbonne, Sas & Co Hair Balgowlah, Whileaway Guides, Zumba Fitness Balgowlah and Sydney Classic Boat Charters. Please also consider donating to the UNHCR using the envelope provided in the bags.

And of course a huge thank you to Robyn Nowytarger, Minna Howlett and Helen Jones for organising the stall and also to everyone who helped with promotion, sponsorship and with the stall on the day: Bianca Thomson, Billie Ristoski, Juliet Rennie, Carly McMillan, Sheridan Paul, Karen Davis, Michelle Mortlock, Penny Scott, Lara Nestle, Sam Franz, Belinda Mellowes and, last but not least, the office ladies for printing flyers and managing queries.

### Millin's Butcher

School sponsor and sausage sizzle supplier. Order a sausage for your child for a chance to win a \$50 voucher.

We are delighted to announce that local Balgowlah Heights free-range butcher Millin's have become a proud sponsor of the school. We are very grateful for their support and as part of this partnership Millin's will be donating vouchers for our upcoming Trivia Night, and there will also be a sausage sizzle lunch option twice a term via the usual lunch menu in Flexischools. Every child that orders a \$4 sausage in a bun will be entered into a prize draw to win a \$50 Millin's voucher.

The first one is this Monday 21 May. Don't forget to order by 9am on the day via [Flexischools](http://Flexischools) for your chance to win! If there are any Dads out there who can spare an hour or so, why not come and help David, the P & C President, to fire up the BBQ and serve some bangers? Contact [David Young](#).



### The P & C Team

## Arabanoo

### There's no such thing as bad weather...

...just bad clothing. The nights are closing in and there's a winter chill in the air. Please ensure your child has a warm jumper, hat and any other warm clothes as we will still be playing outside at Arabanoo. The Juniors have the option at 3:45-4pm to participate in indoor activities on the Eastern Campus but most are still choosing to play outside.

### Save the Date - Thursday 31 May

We will be running a family afternoon event at the end of the month. There will be challenges, quizzes and yummy food. Watch this space for more details.

### AGM - 20 June 2018

Arabanoo's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 20 June 2018 at 7pm at Arabanoo. All members are welcome to attend meetings. The AGM is an opportunity for new members to be elected to the Committee.

### Changes to Billing Cycle

The Government is launching the New Childcare Package on July 2 2018. To align with current industry practice and launch of the New Child Care Package, fees will be processed 2 weeks in advance. Final fortnightly invoices were sent out from Hubworks and Direct Debits were processed on Monday 30 April. We are currently updating Qikkids with your billing information and there was **NO** Direct Debit on Monday 14 May. In order to minimise the cash flow impact on families on transitioning to this cycle this billing policy will be rolled out as follows:

14 May	Not billed
21 May	3 weeks in arrears
28 May	1 week in arrears and 1 week in advance
4 June	2 weeks in advance
18 June	2 weeks in advance
2 July	2 weeks in advance

Please check your junk mail and email settings if you do not receive your statements as they are issued directly from Qikkids. Please remember to complete and forward the Debit Success Form if you have not already done so and continue to update us with any changes in Credit Card or Bank details as they occur.

As always please contact us if you have any questions.

**Rowan Friend**  
Centre Director

## Community News



The Manly Rotary Club are again opening the streets of Manly for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Manly Scenic Fun Run on Sunday, 3 June at 8am starting and finishing on the beach-front opposite the Corso. All ages and levels of fitness are welcome whether you run the 10km or walk the 2km or 5km. Full details on the website <http://www.manlyfunrun.org/> and follow the prompts to register.



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