

Balgowlah Heights Public School

Excellence and Opportunity



Term 4 Week 7
27 November 2019

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Principal's Message

Year 5 Student Leaders

Congratulations to the students in Year 5 who presented School Leader speeches last week. The speeches were excellent. Students in Year 5 interested in a House Captain/Vice Captain role in 2020 will be provided with information later this week.



Christmas Carols

Parents and friends are welcome to join us for our Christmas Carols on Thursday 12 December, commencing at 9.15am on the basketball courts. All students in Years K-5 will be performing as part of an item for each grade. The Junior and Senior choirs will also be performing.

Year 6 Play

Parents and friends are welcome to join us for the Year 6 Play on Thursday 12 December. There will be two performances in the hall at 11.30am and 1.40pm.

Helpers Thank You Breakfast

We look forward to holding a Thank You Breakfast for all of parent and community helpers on Thursday 12 December, commencing at 8.15am. Invitations will be sent home early next week.

Year 2 Transition Program

This week the students in Year 2 will be commencing a Transition Program to the Western Campus. This will involve a number of lunchtime visits to become familiar with the play areas and a tour of the classrooms.

Talent Quest

We look forward to our Talent Quest being held on the dates listed below. A note has been emailed home with further information (please note change of date for Year 6 Grade Final):

Year 6 Grade Final	Thursday 5 December 11.00am
Year 5 Grade Final	Wednesday 4 December 1.05pm
Year 4 Grade Final	Friday 6 December 12.30pm
Year 3 Grade Final	Monday 9 December 1.05pm
Year 2 Grade Final	Tuesday 10 December 1.05pm
Year 1 Grade Final	Wednesday 11 December 1.05pm
Kindergarten Grade Final	Friday 6 December 12.30pm
School K-6 Final	Monday 16 December 11.30am

Sesenga Primary School - Tanzania

Recently, Eloise Atkins from Year 5 and her family visited Sesenga Primary School in Tanzania. Eloise shared a presentation with the students at a SRC Meeting of the school and its needs. As a result, we would like to assist the students with donating writing books, pencils, pens and other school supplies. If you would like to donate some of these items please forward them to our school by Monday 16 December 2019.



Schools Spectacular

Congratulations to Keira Sloan and Paige Hewlett for their wonderful performances as Featured Artist's and Makia Bailey and Madeleine Grattan who performed with the Sydney North Dance Ensemble at the Schools Spectacular last weekend. You can watch their performances on the Channel 7 on Sunday 7 December at 7pm.



Security Fence

Work has been completed on the school's security fence. As of Monday 9 December, the following practices will occur:

Entrance	Day	Time	Gate Action
Eastern Campus Main Entrance (Lewis St) Western Campus Main Entrance (Lewis St)	Monday-Friday	6.00pm-6.00am	Closed
Radio Ave Gates Beatrice St Gate Library Gate (Lewis St)	Monday-Friday	5.00pm-6.00am	Closed
Lewis St Gates (Northern end & Pram/Disabled access) Arabano (parents please use these gates)	Monday-Friday	7.00pm-6.00am	Closed
All gates except main entrances to Eastern and Western Campuses	Monday-Friday	9.30am-2.30pm	Closed
All gates	Weekend		Closed

Upcoming Events

Term	Date	Activity	Time
Term 4 Week 8	Monday 2 December	Years 3-6 Assembly (ICAS Awards English/Mathematics/Writing) Years K-2 Assembly	12.15pm 2.15pm
	Tuesday 3 December	Christmas Scripture Service - Years K-2 - Years 3 to 6	10.30am 11.25am
	Wednesday 4 December	Kindergarten Field of Mars Excursion Year 5 Talent Quest Final SRC	1.05pm 2.00pm
	Thursday 5 December	Year 2 (2J,2F, ½ 2L) Kimbriki Excursion Year 6 Talent Quest Final	11.00am
	Friday 6 December	Year 4 Talent Quest Final	12.30pm
Term 4 Week 9	Monday 9 December	Recognition Assembly Year 3 Talent Quest Final	9.15am 1.05pm
	Tuesday 10 December	Year 2 Talent Quest Final Band Performance Night	1.05pm 6.30pm
	Wednesday 11 December	Year 1 Talent Quest Final Senior Band @ St James Preschool	1.05pm 9.00am - 10.30am
	Thursday 12 December	Parent Helper Breakfast Christmas Carols Year 6 Play	8.15am 9.15am 11.30am & 1.40pm
	Friday 13 December	Student Semester II Reports home Kindergarten Talent Quest Final	12.30pm

Have a great week.

David Shuster
Principal

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Silver Awards for demonstrating the school values of respect, responsibility and personal best. The following students will receive their **Silver Awards** at the following assemblies:

Monday 2 December 12:15pm: Years 3 to 6 Students

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
James Stow Harvey James Bella Jayatilake Jack Reid Michelle Byron	Jacque Bennett Nikola Kyprianou Max Devenney Thomas Charlton Kinvara Lewcock Naomi Nichols	Eowyn Williams Zoe Humel Jarah Vinks Eloise Atkins

Monday 2 December 2:15pm: K to 2 Students

Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2
Hannah Lawson Arthur O'Brien Adelaide Daniel Mika Lim Sadie Aranchikov Tommy Wilson Olivia Johnson Ruby Edge Hugo Paul Ashley Singleton	Astrid Nixey Britt Dunne Amelia Bousie Tia Cook Sam King Zachary Beeton	Charles Riley Mia Davies Charlie King Chloe Cocks Harvey Cloke Kya Gerrish Ryan Hurley Noa Ierace Natalie Key

Emily Rhodes
Deputy Principal

Instrument Tryouts – there are still places to join the Band

Thank you to the students who participated in the instrument tryouts to join the band next year. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm – we are looking forward to working with you next year.

If you missed out on coming to the instrument tryouts, it's not too late to join. Please [access the website](#) for more information and register for an instrument tryout via the online form. If you have any questions please contact bhpsconcertband@optusnet.com.au.

ICAS Update

Congratulations to the following students who achieved a Distinction level result in the ICAS English, Mathematics or Writing Competitions. They will receive their Certificates at the Years 3 to 6 Assembly on Monday 2 December 2019 commencing at **12.15pm**. Participation, Merit and Credit Certificates will be handed out in class after the assembly. The High Distinction Awards will be presented at the Term 4 Recognition Assembly on Monday 9 December 2019 at 9.15am.

English Competition

Carla Anderson	Lucie Oliver
Evan Cahill	Hamish Olsen
Nancy Connell	James Pallant
Fleur Conole	Georgia Richards
Kaia Dawson	Thomson Ristoski
Aidan Gilbert	Sarah Sommerville
Zara Lee	Alexander Stanojevic
Liam Llewellyn	Thomas Stevens
Cooper MacDonald	Hana Sutherland
Annabelle MacLeod	Ava Wellings
Freja Nixey	Harriet Wessling
Zarina Nestel	Eowyn Williams

Mathematics Competition

Carla Anderson	Jude Hyland
Jonas Antolik	Liam Llewellyn
Niklas Barkhausen	Jessica Mace-Smith
Chloe Breden	Cillian McGrath
Tyler Brown	Chase McLean
Byron Cahill	Tommy Milcz
Henry Cannon	Zarina Nestel
Mylo Davies	Elliot O'Brien
Katherine Edgtton	Lucie Oliver
Joe Eggleton	James Pallant
Michael Elliott	Georgia Richards
Wilson Foo	Toby Ryman
Aidan Gilbert	Hatty Sawrey-Cookson
Beau Gowenlock	Oliver Sherlock
Angus Griffin	Jax Taylor
Daniel Hadwen	Nicholas Thornley
Lara Howlett	Kai Vinks
Rufus Hunter	

Writing Competition

Carla Anderson	Cooper MacDonald
Chloe Breden	Annabelle MacLeod
Katherine Edgtton	James Pallant
Joe Eggleton	Oliver Sherlock
Charlie Faircloth	Sarah Sommerville
Jasmin Greuter	Thomas Stevens
Daniel Hadwen	Hana Sutherland
Chloe Long	

How to access Online Reports

To access your child's ICAS reports online:

- Visit our website homepage www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments
- At the top of the homepage, click on the Results and Reports Portal.
- Click on Sign in under Student Results tab half way down the page.
- At the Student Result Login, enter your (student's) ten digit TAP-ID followed by your (student's) four digit PIN and then click Sign in. You will find your child's TAP-ID number and four digit PIN on the back of the certificate you will receive or towards the bottom of any of the student letters you have previously received from ICAS.

P&C

A Big Thank You

Thanks to everyone that came to our final P&C meeting and AGM for the year. A summary of our year will follow shortly, but on behalf of the P&C Executive Team we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that has volunteered this year - at events, at the canteen, uniform shop, ethics, reading groups... the list goes on. Our volunteers are a hugely valuable part of our school and we are very grateful for their commitment and time.

Canteen Sub-Committee

Are you interested in getting a little bit more involved with our canteen? We would like to set up a canteen subcommittee to support our amazing team. Please contact Diana or Alison at bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com if you have a bit of time to spare.

Make-your-own gingerbread house - Friday 29 November, 7 to 9pm in the School Hall

You can buy a ticket via [Flexischools](#) and then either attend the event and enjoy some good wine, company and confectionary crafting, or simply order a kit to take home. The cost is \$37 and includes the full kit plus icing/decorations, a drink and snacks.

Please contact Felicity Stevens if you have any questions or if you can help on the night at felicity.stevens.aus@gmail.com.



End of Summer Drinks - Friday 21 February 2020 at the Middle Harbour Skiff Club

Tickets are on sale via [Flexischools](#) for this lovely, social summer event. Get in early as it sells out quickly!

Don't Forget:

Collection and recycling of plastic bread bag closures

We started a collection of used plastic bread bag closures which are too small to put into your home recycling bin. This is an ongoing program so please keep collecting and bringing them into your child's classroom where they will then be bagged and sent to [Terracycle](#) for recycling.



If you have any questions about P & C events or initiatives, or would like to find out how you can get involved (we are always happy to welcome new volunteers and members!) please contact Billie, Alison or Diana on bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com.

The P&C Team

Join our Facebook Group at [Balgowlah Heights Public School P&C](#) 

Canteen News

The date for ordering Christmas Cupcakes has been extended to Wednesday 4 December, so Kindies won't miss out. The cupcakes will be delivered the following Wednesday.

Remember to give us your feedback (good or bad) so that we know what, if any, changes to make to the canteen (subject to the Healthy Canteen Strategy).

Sanja Vidaic & Kathrine Boulderstone
Canteen Managers

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours: Tuesday 8.30am - 9.30am
Thursday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

All new OC Students and Kindergarten Students 2020

There are only **5 days** left to purchase your Uniforms. Please make sure you have all your uniform items by last day **Thursday 12 December**.

School Holidays – closed and re-opening Thursday 30 January 2020 at 2.30pm

Signature Bears are now available to Order for **Year 6 students**. Please order via Flexischools or in person at the Uniform Shop.

Donations Please - Summer Uniform Items are running low, please consider donating your out-grown uniforms. Just leave them in a bag at the Uniform Shop door in the baskets provided.

Uniform Exchange Policy- Please take care opening packaging. If you are exchanging a uniform item, the item needs to be presented back to the Uniform Shop in its original packaging with tags attached, unworn and unwashed. There is no exchange on Second Hand items.

Loretta Mykityshyn
Uniform Shop Manager
bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Vacation Care- Filling Fast

Our exciting summer program is out, please visit our website or the centre to grab a copy www.arabanoo.com. The early bird cut-off date is Wednesday 11 December.

End of Year Fete - Farewell to our Year 6

Our Fete is back! Say goodbye to our Year 6s, have a boogie in our bush disco, go game crazy with all our stalls, with prizes for all. Bring along siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles for some super fun on Wednesday 11 December from 5pm - 6pm.

End of Year Survey Monkey – Results

Thank you to those 81 families that completed our “End of Year Survey”. Please find below the results.

- Christmas Vacation Care
11% of families who responded would require care for the 23 & 24 December 2019.
Due to this low percentage we decided to not open.
- The My Family Lounge App
Absences:
 - 8% of families use the app for notifying us of an absence - thank you
 - 43% found it difficult to navigate or didnt know they could do this.Bookings:
 - 24% of families use the app to book casual sessions
 - 49% email or call to book casual sessions*We have fed this information back to My Family Lounge and were hoping for an update to the app in the New Year. A user guide will be sent out in the New Year.*
- Before/After School Activities
 - 47% of families would like gymnastics
 - 37% Tinkertank
 - 16% happy with the current selection
 - Other comments were, tennis, creative writing and dance.*We are in the process of sourcing instructors and shuffling availability for Term 1.*
- STEAM Activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths)
 - There was a huge interest in all these types of programmed activities.*The programming team have been updated with this information and are planning accordingly.*
- Other Comments
 - Acknowledgement that your child has been picked up in the afternoon via an app notification - *Feedback send to Qikkids.*
 - Sunscreen Application - All children and required to put sunscreen on before signing in and having afternoon tea.

Broad Brimmed Hats and Sunscreen - High UV

A large number of children are repeatedly arriving to Arabanoo with no broad brimmed hat. Please ensure they have a broad brimmed hat (not cap). If your child has no hat we will hire one to them as per our policy and procedures or request they remain inside. The hat hire fee is \$5 per day (\$5.50 from 2020). If your child is sensitive to sunscreen please ensure they bring their own.

Staff Christmas Presents - Thank You

With the Christmas holidays in sight we have had a few parents ask us whether we will be organising an online gift for those families wanting to express their appreciation and say a thank you to all the staff at Arabanoo. In past years, families have very kindly bought gifts but we often end up with mountains of chocolates! As such, we have set up an online gift to manage the collection. We will combine the goodwill into a collection for staff to use in a way that they would prefer, e.g. gift cards or something similar. If you would like to contribute please [click on the link](#). Thank you and Merry Christmas

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