Balgowlah Heights Public School



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Principal's Message

I wish all families a merry Christmas, happy new year and a wonderful holiday period. To families who are finishing at our school this year and to our 107 Year 6 students, we wish you all the best for the future.

Student Stationery Requirements 2020

An email has been sent home this week detailing student stationery requirements we would like each of the students to have for the beginning of next year. Significant work has gone into making the lists as common as we can across the school to reduce wastage and reducing the number of items to be purchased. The items on the list may be purchased from your choice of retailer or through Humphreys if you wish.

Christmas Carols

Thank you for your support of our Christmas Carols last week. It was wonderful to see so many parents and friends join us. Thank you to Mrs Mawbey for organising the event and all of the staff for preparing the students.



Year 6 Play

Congratulations to the Year 6 students for their entertaining plays presented last week. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers for all of their work in preparing the students.



Helpers Thank You Breakfast

Last week we enjoyed a Thank You Breakfast for all of the parents and friends who have helped us this year at school in so many different ways. Your assistance and support is very much appreciated.

Band Performance Night

Congratulations to the students in the Junior, Senior, Concert and Stage bands for their excellent performances at the Band Performance Night last week. The Stage band also performed at the Balgowlah Community Club last week in style.





Talent Quest

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our Talent Quests. The students and staff performed well and entertained the crowds who watched.





Year 6 Farewell

Thank you to Mrs Reardon, Mrs Woodward, Mr Joyce and all the parents who assisted the Year 6 teachers for organising and providing an excellent Year 6 Farewell. The students had a great time.





Gold Merit Awards

This week we had the honour of presenting our first Gold Merit Awards of the year. Congratulations to Charley Fowler, Tamsin Gillam, Eleni Leonov, Charlotte MacLeod, Amelia Murray and Olivia Paul.



School Uniform-Shoes

It would be appreciated if all students are attired in their Balgowlah Heights school uniform next year. This includes black shoes (no white soles, coloured brand markings or coloured laces) to be worn on all days other than the nominated sport days. Your assistance is appreciated.



Upcoming Events

Term	Date	Activity
	Monday 27 January	
	Tuesday 28 January	School Development Day
Term 1 Week 1 2020	Wednesday 29 January	Students in Years 1-6 commence Kindergarten Best Start commences
	Thursday 30 January	Kindergarten Best Start
	Friday 31 January	Kindergarten Best Start

Have a wonderful Christmas and holiday period.

Sign up for Band 2020

Go to www.bhpsband.com.au to find out how you can join our wonderful band program

Band Assessment Day - for those continuing with band in 2020

Tuesday 28 February in the School Hall. Times for the assessment day will be communicated late in January. Assessment criteria and more details on the website - <u>www.bhpsband.com/band-assessments</u>

Leaving the band program?

We hope everyone will be continuing in band next year but if you are leaving the school band please let us know us know via bhpsconcertband@optusnet.com.au.

P&C

Presidents End of Year report

<u>Click here</u> for the President's end-of-year report. This is be a quick summary of the work of the P & C this year and all the initiatives and fundraising that you have supported through the P & C and your contributions.

Volunteers Needed

Please contact Alison at <u>bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com</u> if you would like to find out more about one of the following:

- **Kindergarten 2020 drinks organiser** Do you have a child starting in Kindy next year? We'd love someone to take on the very straightforward role of liaising with the RSL to organise the welcome kindy drinks which will take place in early March.
- Join the 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.

Bally Bolt 2020 – Sponsors Wanted!

Calling our network of contacts! Do you know of a local business interested in promoting itself to the local Balgowlah community?

The Bally Bolt Fun Run and Fair, taking place on Sunday 22 March 2020, is seeking sponsors. There are plenty of ways to get involved, including a stall at our Fair, a chance to appear in regular social media updates, a logo on our race bibs or an opportunity to appear on a Bally Bolt leaflet with 10,000 coverage in local suburbs. Check out our website <u>www.ballybolt.com</u> or <u>Facebook Page</u> for more info, or drop the team a line at <u>ballybolt@gmail.com</u>

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

Tickets are \$70 and are on sale via <u>Flexischools</u> for this relaxed, social summer event. Get in early as it sells out quickly!

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 <u>bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com</u>.

The P&C Team Join our Facebook Group at <u>Balgowlah Heights Public School P&C</u>





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

Flexischools and Online Order delivery is now **CLOSED** until **Tuesday 4 February 2020**.

<u>School Holidays – Closed.</u> <u>Re-Opening Thursday 30 January 2020 at 2.30pm.</u>

Donations Please - Summer Uniform Items are running low, please consider donating your outgrown 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 <u>bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com</u>



BHPS Girls Navy Shorts

Arabanoo

Management Contact - Mariah Veerbeek

Mariah will be acting Centre Director until Friday 20th December 2019. If you have any enquiries please contact her - admin@arabanoo.com

PMC Thank you - Our wonderful committee

A huge thanks to our fabulous volunteer parental committee who do a great deal of work behind the scenes at Arabanoo. Kate Sellick, Holly ODris coll, Jack Grundling, Sarah MacLeod, Scott Griffin, Carl Petch and Claire Daniel.

Vacation Care

Please check below for important information regarding this summer's vacation care.

Confirmation

If you havent received a confirmation of your Vacation Care booking please contact the Arabanoo office as we may have missed your form.

<u>Availability</u>

The following days have limited availability and all other activities are fully booked:

- 8th Kayaking
- 13th Escape Hunt & Hyde Park
- 14th Rainbow Warriors
- 16th Botanical Garden
- Drone Coding
- 17th Magic Madness
- 21st Adventures of Detective D
- 23rd B.Luck & Sons
- 24th Elizabeth Farm
 - Science

Please remember:

- 1. A broad brimmed hat (we have them for hire if you forget to bring one)
- 2. Morning tea
- 3. Lunch
- 4. A refillable water bottle
- 5. Ensure your child wears enclosed shoes
- 6. Activity specific clothing e.g. swimmers

Dont miss the bus

If you have booked your child in for an excursion please make sure to arrive at least half an hour before the bus departs. Bus departure times are stated on the Whats On Form (Available on our web site)

Opening Hours

Opening hours during Vacation Care are 7.30am - 6pm.

Change of venue

Please note that after our Cook4Good excursion on 22nd January we will be heading to Paddington Reservoir Gardens instead of Centennial Park.

Staff Gift - Thank you

Thank you so much for all your generous contributions towards the staff gift this year. The staff have loved reading through the lovely comments and will be off to the Boxing Day sales to find some bargains!

Extra-Curricular - New Activities

We are excited to announce some new activities in Term 1, 2020, including in the mornings

Mornings: Tuesday - Skater HQ Wednesday - Mindfulness and Mediation Thursday - Tinker Tank

Afternoons: Monday - Yoga and Mindfulness Tuesday - Gymnastics Wednesday - Eye Heart Science Thursday - Skater HQ Friday - Karate

Booking forms and more information will be available from the end of January. Your child can attend these activities if they are booked in for the session the activity takes place.

Christmas Operating Hours - Happy Holidays Please note, the Arabanoo office is closed from 20th December - 7th January.

Contact Us T - 0299 486 722 M - 0421 014 308 E - <u>admin@arabanoo.com</u> W - <u>www.arabanoo.com</u>

Rowan Friend Centre Director



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Live Life Well @ School



Makes 6-8 trees

Ingredients: 1/4 watermelon

Method:

For more ideas,

search 'Christmas' at

healthy-kids.com.au

- Slice the watermelon into triangles of 2cm thickness and 10cm base width, leaving the rind on.
- 2. Trim the rind of each triangle to make a tree stump.





watermelon Christmas trees at end-of-year class parties.

Handy tip:

Serve these cute