



**Term 4 Week 8**  
**4 December 2019**

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### Principal's Message

#### Recognition Assembly

We are looking forward to our K-6 Recognition Assembly on Monday (9 December 2019) of next week, commencing at 9.15am in the Hall. Parents of students receiving awards have been notified by email.

#### 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 to 5 will be performing as part of an item for each grade. The primary choirs will also be performing.

#### Year 6 Play

Parents and friends are welcome to join us for the Year 6 Plays 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.

#### Band Performance Night

We look forward to the Band Performance Night on Tuesday (10 December) of next week, commencing at 6.30pm in the Hall. All school bands will perform on this night.

#### Year 2 Transition Program

Year 2 enjoyed their visits to the Western Campus last week playing in a number of different play areas and visiting many of the classrooms.



## Talent Quest

We look forward to our Talent Quest to be held on the dates listed below. A note has been emailed home with further information:

Year 6 Grade Final	Thursday 5 December 11.00am
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 13 December 12.30pm
<b>School K-6 Final</b>	<b>Monday 16 December 11.30am</b>

## 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.



## Summer PSSA Finals

Congratulations to two senior AFL teams from our school who were in the Summer PSSA AFL final last week. The Orange team were the champions in a closely contested event.



## Year 7 Talented Academic Program 2021 Intake

The Northern Beaches Secondary College offers opportunities for high potential and gifted students. Further information is on Page 5 of the Newsletter.

## Last Day of School

K to 2 will be having a Fun Day at School and Years 3 to 5 will be having a picnic at Clontarf on Wednesday 18 December. Notes have been emailed home this week with further details. All students at 2.45pm will be part of a Farewell Arch for Year 6.

## NSW WIRES Emergency Fundraiser

On Thursday 12 December we will be collecting gold coin donations in support of the animals in most need from the bushfires for WIRES. Further information can be found on Page 7 of this Newsletter



## Schools Spectacular Screening on TV

A replay of the Schools Spectacular performance will be on Channel 7 this Saturday 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) Arabadoo (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 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 WIRES Fundraiser	8.15am 9.15am 11.30am & 1.40pm
	Friday 13 December	Student Semester II Reports home Kindergarten Talent Quest Final	12.30pm
Term 4 Week 10	Monday 16 December	Talent Quest K-6 Final Year 6 Farewell	11.30am 5.00am - 9.00pm
	Tuesday 17 December	Thumbs Up Celebration Day	
	Wednesday 18 December	End of Year Picnics Year 6 Farewell Arch Last Day of Year for students	2.45pm
	Thursday 19 December	School Development Day	
	Friday 20 December	School Development Day	

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 assembly:

**Tuesday 17 December 9:15am K to 6 students**

Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2
Edward Sexton Mae Xie Patrick Lily Conti	Olivia Cameron Aurora Gowenlock Lucas Korbel Lauren Polson Clancy O'Doherty Mitchell Valerio Charlie Watson	Dougie Nicholson Frankie Smith Emilia Baird Ben Barham Charlotte Bourgault Keilah Fryday

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Archie Thompson Lincoln d'Almeida Charli Singleton	Emily Fawcett Keiki Brigden Hatty Sawrey-Cookson Madeline Simmons Cai Jeffreys Jasmin Grant Sophia Gillam Alice Sinclair Sofia Lawrey Benjamin Polivka Olivia Cameron	Aidan Gilbert Katie Edgton Nela Hornikova James Pallant Joe Eggleton Chloe Breden Joe Smith Jasmin Greuter	Kiara Sloan Oliver Crofton Lukas Hoffman Alex Bolton Sophia Mooring Eliza Lyons Thea Ward Kristina de Montfort Toby Ryman Liam Llewellyn Charlie Easton

**Emily Rhodes**  
Deputy Principal

# Library News

## Premier's Reading Challenge

451 students completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. Students will receive their certificates from their class teacher. Of these: 27 received Gold Certificates for 4 years of participation and 24 received Platinum Certificates for 7 years of participation. The Platinum Certificates recipients are:

Isabel Almond	Makia Bailey
Max Byron	Lachlan Caruana
Isobel Christiensen	Kristina De Montfort
Mietta Dean	Toby Dorrian
Wilson Foo	Lily Griffiths
Tara Hollyoak	Molly Jones
Annabel Lynch	Sophie Lintvelt
Cillian McGrath	Amelia Murray
Lucie Oliver	Danika Simcic
Kiara Sloan	Sarah Sommerville
Michaela Woerlee	Charlie Easton
Tom Jones	Zachary Long

## Library is Closing for Stocktake

Please check your shelves for any books with the school's barcode on them and return them to the Library. Your child will receive an overdue notice if there are any books out in your family name.

**Teresa Souter**  
Teacher/Librarian



## OPPORTUNITIES HIGH POTENTIAL AND GIFTED STUDENTS

### Year 7 Talented Academic Program 2021 Intake

Placement in the Year 7 Talented Academic classes at NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer Campus and NBSC Mackellar Girls Campuses is subject to the child's eligibility to attend the school, submission of an application form and based on supporting evidence including the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test.

Please Note: Students eligible to enrol at NBSC Cromer Campus will be required to sit for the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) external academic test.

Placement at NBSC Manly Campus is based on a student's performance in the NSW Selective Schools Test.

**APPLICATION FORMS:** Download from the Northern Beaches Secondary College website - <http://www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au/> - go to Curriculum Opportunities/Yr 7 Academic Placement. These are also available on each campus' website.

#### CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

Friday 21 February, 2020 by 4.00pm

Students are required to sit the test at NBSC Campus designated as your local school

NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus - 27 Maretimo St, Balgowlah

NBSC Cromer Campus - 120 South Creek Rd, Cromer

NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus - 11 Campbell Pde, Manly Vale

Refer to *NSW Public School Finder* to confirm your designated local school

**ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST DATE: Thursday 19 March 2020 at 9.00am**

**Further information** regarding the Academic Placement Test, please contact:

NBSC Administration Centre	Sandra Bonello	T : 9939 6942
NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus	Melissa Smith	T : 9949 4200
NBSC Cromer Campus	Alanah Ferguson	T : 9981 1155
NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus	Wendy Mailey	T: 9949 2083

#### Other Talented Programs offered at NBSC

For information regarding other talented programs, visit the relevant campus websites:

NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus <https://nbscbalgb-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> (Talented Music Program)

NBSC Cromer Campus <https://nbsccromer-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> (Talented Music Program)

NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus <https://nbscmgirls-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>  
(Talented Athlete, Dance, Music and Visual Art Programs)

**NOTE: Enrolment into talented programs is subject to the child's eligibility to attend the school and the school's ability to accommodate the child.**



Thank You  
Breakfast

The staff of Balgowlah Heights PS  
invite all our volunteers to a  
**Thank You Breakfast**  
to show our appreciation of your support

12 December 2019 • 8:15 AM  
Outside Library, Western Campus

*Followed by Christmas Carols 9:15 am*

RSVP: 9 December 2019  
<https://bit.ly/2QWVVi9>



# NSW WIRES EMERGENCY FUND

Bring a gold coin to BHPS on

**Thursday 12 December**

All donations will go to WIRES for the animals most in need. Students are to wear clothes based on their grade Christmas Carols item.

Year 6 students may wear mufti.

**Thank you for your support!**



## P&C Voluntary Contributions

A huge thank you to all those families who have promptly paid the voluntary P&C Contribution included in the Balgowlah Heights Public School invoice. To the broader parent community please consider the benefits of contributing to your child's education journey. A financial boost goes directly to Learning Support, Enrichment and fabulous library resources (approximately \$90k per annum). According to the classroom teachers, these resources (including MacqLit, MultiLit, MiniLit) greatly assist them in providing an enhanced school experience for **all** students, but we cannot commit to these programs without adequate funding.

If you are unable to volunteer your time, this is a great way to show your support. Only \$50 per term - or whatever you can manage. Please contact your P&C team if you would like any further information about, or involvement in, our current projects and initiatives.

## Make-your-own Gingerbread House - Kits still available

Thank you to all who came along last Friday to the first Build your Gingerbread house evening. A lot of fun was had by all and beautiful creative houses were made. If you couldn't make it, we do have a few kits still available to take home, just buy a ticket on [Flexischools](https://www.flexischools.com.au/).



## Canteen Sub-Committee

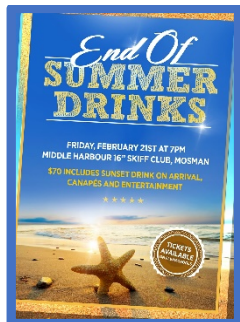
Are you interested in getting a little bit more involved with our canteen? We would like to set up a canteen subcommittee to support our amazing team. Please contact Diana or Alison at [bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com](mailto:bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com) if you have a bit of time to spare.

## 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 [www.ballybolt.com](http://www.ballybolt.com) or [Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/ballybolt) for more info, or drop the team a line at [ballybolt@gmail.com](mailto:ballybolt@gmail.com).

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



## Vacancy for P&C Secretary

Please contact Alison at [bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com](mailto:bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com) if you are interested in finding out more.

*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](mailto:bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com).*

## The P&C Team

Join our Facebook Group at [Balgowlah Heights Public School P&C](https://www.facebook.com/Balgowlah-Heights-Public-School-P&C) 



## Canteen News

Our canteen has now been certified as meeting the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy. Parents can take comfort that whatever they order for their children or whatever the children buy over the counter, they are developing good eating habits.

Please remember that the **CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** (Wednesday 18 December). However, if we have any frozen treats left over, we will sell them on the K to 2 campus, so please send your child in to school that day with some coins.

As the year draws to a close and we empty our pantry, fridges and freezers, there will be limited availability of some items and abundance of others. Please check the Flexischools menu for availability of any given item. Thank-you for your understanding.

**Sanja Vidaic & Kathrine Boulderstone**  
**Canteen Managers**

## Uniform Shop

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

Final delivery for all Uniform Flexischools and Online Orders is **Tuesday 10 December**.

**New Students** - the Uniform Shop will be **Closed for Stocktake** after **Thursday 12 December**, please make sure you have all your uniform items by this date.

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

**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 when 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](mailto:bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com)

## Arabanoo

### **End of Year Fete - Next Wednesday**

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

### **Swap Shop - Next Wednesday**

Back by popular demand is our swap shop! Children can bring in 3 items (toys, books or clothes) that they no longer use. If children have donated three items they are free to choose two items to swap in return for the donation.

### **Vacation Care - Book Now**

Our exciting summer program is out, please visit our website [click here](#) or the centre to grab a copy. OOSH in the Bush is almost full and the rest of the days have between 20 - 25 spaces available. The **early bird cut-off** date is the 11 December 2019.

### **Hygiene and Safety Rating – Excellent**

For the second year running we've been awarded an Excellent rating in hygiene and safety in the kitchen. A big thank you to Rob our chef and all the staff for maintaining excellent practises.

### **Junior Pick Up - Building Work**

Due to the building work being carried out on the junior campus we will be bringing the juniors onto the senior campus. Once this changes, we will let you know.

## Christmas Trees - Royal Far West

Fancy a real Christmas tree this year? Were raising money for Royal Far West in Manly, if you need a tree pop down to Royal Far West, 22 Wentworth Street, Manly. A fresh delivery is coming in this Friday, be quick - we sold out last weekend.

Were open for the next two weekends: Fridays: 3 - 7pm, Weekends: 8am - 4pm

A 2hr free car park is directly opposite or there's street parking. 5ft - 8ft trees from \$70 (Cinco stands \$45)

### Contact Us

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W - [www.arabanoo.com](http://www.arabanoo.com)

Rowan Friend

Centre Director

## Community



Join us at the 2019 Christmas Carols, and sing along with a Cummings candle!

*Manly*  
Thurs 5 Dec  
5-8:30pm

*Dec Why*  
Fri 13 Dec  
4-8:00pm

#Findyourjoy

Cummings

# CHRISTMAS TREES

◊ ROYAL FAR WEST ◊  
22 WENTWORTH ST

FRIDAYS 3<sup>PM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>  
WEEKENDS 8<sup>AM</sup> - 4<sup>PM</sup>

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Children's health, country-wide

Fundraising event, signs removed by 21st Dec





## Balgowlah Physie

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- Open Day Friday 31st January



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## Live Life Well @ School

### ACTIVE CHRISTMAS IDEAS

**Active** presents under the Christmas tree can help kids associate being active with having fun!

Active gift ideas:

- Toys such as balls, skipping ropes & hula hoops
- Bike, scooter, roller blades or a skateboard
- Trampoline
- Beach toys
- Basketball hoop
- Gardening tools
- Chalk for hopscotch



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## FREE BEACH MEDITATION SESSIONS AT FRESHWATER



Beginning 14th December  
then every saturday



6:30am - 7:00am



At Freshwater SLSC  
meet on the grass near the flagpole

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