

# Balgowlah Heights Public School

Excellence and Opportunity



Term 4 Week 9  
11 December 2019

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## Principal's Message

### Staffing

At the end of this year we say farewell to a number of staff who are moving onto the next stage of their career having received a promotion or entering a new opportunity. Thank you to the following staff for the wonderful contribution they have made to the lives of many students at our school. We wish them all the best.

- Lauren Campling: Taking leave
- Alice Lovett: Promoted to Avalon Public School, Assistant Principal
- Jacquie McFarlane: Appointed to Miranda North Public School
- Teresa Souter: Retiring
- Meredyth Irvine: Journeying

### Student Semester II Progress Reports

All students in Years K to 6 will be provided with their Semester II Report on Friday (13 December) of this week.

### Student Stationery Requirements 2020

An email will be sent home this week detailing student 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. We are also introducing a "recycling" scheme for atlases and dictionaries no longer needed. Further information is on Page 9 of this week's newsletter

### 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 our parent and community helpers on Thursday 12 December, commencing at 8.15am.

## Band Performance Night

Congratulations to our 4 bands for their excellent performances last night. They all played so well and are of such a high standard.

Administering a band program is a big task – the program can only be successful with a team of people behind it. Thank you to all the parents who kept the bands running smoothly this year and the parents who helped at rehearsals.



## Thumbs Up Celebration Day

As part of our PBL Award system the students have voted for a 'Dress as a Celebrity' Day which will occur on Tuesday (17 December) of next week. On this day all students are welcome to dress in this theme.

## Talent Quest

We look forward to our Talent Quest final to be held on Monday 16 December at 11.30pm.

## Year 6 Farewell

We look forward to the Year 6 Farewell which will be held on Monday (16 December) at Balgowlah RSL from 5.00-9.00pm.

## Year 6 Farewell Arch

On Wednesday (18 December) of next week we will be holding a Farewell Arch for our departing Year 6 students. All parents and friends are welcome to join us at 2.45pm.

## Medications

We are reminding parents that before you leave school for the year could you please come to the school office to collect your child's medication.

## 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.





## NSW WIRES Emergency Fundraiser

Tomorrow (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 4 of this Newsletter.

## 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 10	Monday 16 December	Talent Quest K to 6 Final Year 6 Farewell	11.30am 5.00am - 9.00pm
	Tuesday 17 December	Thumbs Up Celebration Day Silver and Gold Assembly	9.15am
	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

# **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!**



## Senior Band performance at St James Pre-School

Today the Senior Band performed 3 songs for the children at St James Preschool. The Senior Band demonstrated the range of wood, brass and percussion instruments played in the band. The pre-school children thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Thank you Emma Clain and parents for supporting the performance.



## Band News

- **Join Junior Band 2020** – there is still time to register to join junior band next year. If you are interested, please send an email to [bhpsconcertband@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bhpsconcertband@optusnet.com.au)
- **Band Tryouts/Assessments for Band 2020** – will be held on January 28, the staff development day. Further details regarding timing will be sent out in late January.
- **Diary Date – Term 1 2020**
- Band Camp – Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 March 2020.

## Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their **Silver** or **Gold Awards** for demonstrating the school values of respect, responsibility and personal best. They will receive their **Silver or Gold Awards** at the following assembly on Tuesday 17 December at 9.15am. Gold Award students will attend a special morning tea with Mr Shuster to acknowledge their achievement.

K to 2 SILVER MERIT AWARDS		
Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2
Edward Sexton Mae Xie Patrick Lily Conti Charlie Adams Summer Easton Daisy Smith Mia Yeates Olivia Cui Raymond Bowes	Olivia Cameron Aurora Gowenlock Lucas Korbel Lauren Polson Clancy O'Doherty Mitchell Valerio Charlie Watson Joshua Quinn Zara Clarke Fleur Herbert-Jones Milana Ristoski Harry Smith Bailey MacDonald Annabel Griffin Jacob Vera Megan Holliday Hadley Anderson Isabelle Wicks Matilda Nowland Ethan Faircloth Max Oliver Fleur Peters Sebastian Richards Hugo Weston	Dougie Nicholson Frankie Smith Emilia Baird Ben Barham Charlotte Bourgault Keilah Fryday Pepita Campbell Maisy Sanderson Dylan Leyshon-O'Brien Ruby Squire Monica Doherty

3 to 6 SILVER MERIT AWARDS			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Archie Thompson Lincoln d'Almeida Charli Singleton Seren Hillberg Scott Isaac Anderson Stella Aranchikov Leo Charkos Fleur Conole Annabelle MacLeod Yasmin Offwood Ben Wilsher Lavinia Romani Lachlan Dutton Lucy Johnson Richard Gao Cooper MacDonald Ilona Heath Holly Pickles Henry Paul Zoe Clarke Lara Howlett Jake Cox Kaia Dawson	Emily Fawcett Keiki Brigden Hatty Sawrey-Cookson Madeline Simmons Cai Jeffreys Jasmin Grant Sophia Gillam Alice Sinclair Sofia Lawrey Benjamin Polivka Olivia Cameron Darcy Mennie Clara Rollo Zara Moore Oliver Riley Zoe Rheinberger Annabelle Bourgault Kai Vinks Alyn Korb Jacob Kimball Chloe Thomas Isabella Harvey Lyla Singleton Tommy Milcz Bertie Neal Claire McWilliam	Aidan Gilbert Katherine Edgton Nela Hornikova James Pallant Joe Eggleton Chloe Breden Joe Smith Jasmin Greuter Tyson Ely Grace Horton Archie Grimes Sebastian Conole Madison Harris Lachlan Edwards Maya Denoux Fintan Badell Felix Hamilton Leon Jessop Ethan James Helen O'Neill Kyra Mykityshyn Ella Larkin Sienna Conti Zoe Gordon Isabella Harris-Smith Blake Bartram Byron Cahill Carla Anderson Zarina Nestel	Kiara Sloan Oliver Crofton Lukas Hoffman Alex Bolton Sophia Mooring Eliza Lyons Thea Ward Kristina de Montfort Toby Ryman Liam Llewellyn Charlie Easton Isabel Almond Madeleine Grattan Sophie Lintvelt Max Byron Lily Griffiths Dan Hadwen Tomoki Waters Thomas Percival Grace McMullen Amelie Whitehead Charley Hookway Lucy Zaknic Max Griffith Luke Harper Molly Jones Sasha Laguna Sienna Rivers Kani Tebbutt Charlie McEwen Mietta Dean Tara Hollyoak Grace Woodward Isobel Christensen Annabel Lynch Michaela Woerlee Jax Taylor Alisa Tantisuwannakul Alexander Harvey Wilson Foo Ryan Baldwin Tahleo Arkell-Andrews Olly McDonald

GOLD MERIT AWARDS			
Year 1	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Charley Fowler	Eleni Leonov	Olivia Paul Charlotte MacLeod	Tamsin Gillam Amelia Murray

Emily Rhodes  
Deputy Principal



## Drive for Drought - 29/11/19 - 1/12/19 - Dubbo (via Gollan) and Tamworth

### Statistics:

- 1208 Km in our car
- 35 people and 1 dog came at least part of the journey
- 1 x 3-ton truck, 4 utes, 5 trailers, 10 other vehicles
- \$8,500 donated directly to Max and Jeni Zuber, the majority of which was spent on animal food supplies.

Estimated \$3,500 - \$4,000 donated to other participants on the drive that was spent on vouchers for farmers or on goods purchased for them in regional towns. We had some very grateful recipients of the contents of our vehicles. It was hard to quantify the amounts of the diverse supplies, but estimates were made that there were several thousand dollars' worth or several tons of water, food, toiletries, dog and cat food and animal medications plus a great assortment of Christmas snacks, cakes, gifts, beer and wine.

We did have couple of people take a wrong turn, one person got lost in Dubbo, 2 nearly ran out of fuel, one person fell over and we were in remote enough areas that phones had no signal and therefore no GPS system. We did not let a minor dust storm hinder our unloading in Gollan.

We did manage to largely fill up the storage capacity of the two centres we visited. One of these was in Gollan servicing the farming community around Dubbo and the other at Tamworth. There was an overwhelming feeling amongst the travelling group of an enjoyable task completed successfully and so almost all have already volunteered to come along on the next trip. It was obvious to all that, even if rain now comes in abundance, these rural communities are going to take years to recover from the effects of this drought, so we are already planning at least one more trip, likely in March 2020.

We actually had hundreds of people contribute goods, cash or vouchers (many anonymously) and we cannot thank everyone individually, but we are very grateful. Wishing you a very Happy Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe holiday.

### Jeni & Max and the fantastic team from Drive For Drive

PS: You can catch up with some of the pictures on our Facebook page Drive for Drought





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>



## P&C Voluntary Contributions

Does your child use the canteen, uniform shop, literature support, library, smart boards or the playground? All of these and more are organised and/or paid for partly or fully by our P&C. 100% of the funds from BHPS families go back to the school for things our kids need and this can only continue with our support. So thank you for paying the schools Term 4 statement of account. Please contact the school or your P&C team if you would like any further information.

## P&C Meeting Minutes

You can find all the minutes from this year's P&C meetings, including the last one on [25 November](#), as well as other P&C information, on the school website under [Supporting our Students/Parents, Carers and the Community/Parents' and Citizens' Association](#).

Look out for the President's end-of-year message coming to you soon by email. This will be a quick round-up of this year and all the initiatives and fundraising that you have supported through the P&C.

## Volunteers Needed

Please contact Alison at [bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com](mailto:bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com) if you would like to find out more about one of the following:

- **P&C Secretary Vacancy** - Join our fab (and yes, kinda fun) P&C Exec team! It will only take a few hours of your time per term but the role is incredibly useful for the proper functioning of the P&C.
- **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 [www.ballybolt.com](http://www.ballybolt.com) or [Facebook Page](#) for more info, or drop the team a line at [ballybolt@gmail.com](mailto:ballybolt@gmail.com)

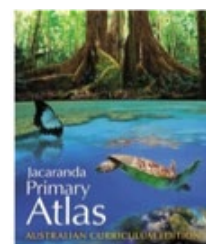
## 2020 Stationery – Dictionary and Atlas “Recycling”

Stationery lists for 2020 will be communicated this week. The following text books are required:

- Years 3-6: AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OXFORD DICTIONARY & THESAURUS 4<sup>th</sup> Edition
- Years 3-4: JACARANDA PRIMARY ATLAS 4<sup>TH</sup> Edition.

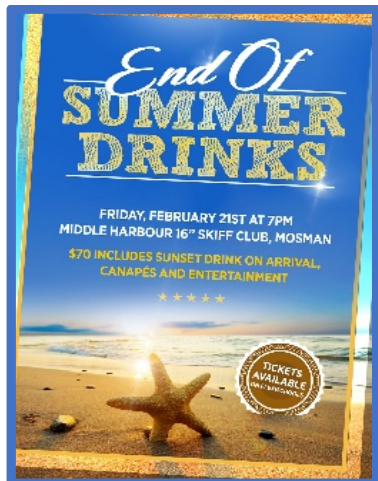
If any students no longer needing them would like to pass on their atlases and dictionaries to younger friends then please do so. Or alternatively, if you would like to donate them to the school to sell on second hand then please drop them into the school office from now to end of term. The stationery coordinator will then offer them for sale for \$10 with proceeds to go to the school P&C.

Any questions on donating or buying, please contact the stationery coordinator Gabrielle Kilpatrick on [bhpsstationery@gmail.com](mailto:bhpsstationery@gmail.com) or 0435-557-047.



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

Tickets are \$70 and are on sale via [Flexischools](https://flexischools.com.au) 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 [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

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.

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

## Uniform Shop

**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**.

- Thursday 12 December - Last day open at the Uniform Shop!
- Tuesday 17 December is **CLOSED** for Stocktake

**School Holidays – Closed.**  
**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 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)



*BHPS Girls Navy Shorts*

One week left of term! We hope to see lots of you at our end of year Fete today. Please find below a few last minute reminders. 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! Wednesday 11 December 5pm - 6pm.

### Swap Shop - Donate 3 items

A popular stall at the fete has been the swap shop. Children can bring in 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. We are asking parents to ensure the items are ones no longer used. Please bring items to Arabanoo so we can make a list of all the children donating.

### Vacation Care - Limited Spots

We have limited spots available for our summer vacation care, with Fun Fair, Christmas Party, Holiday Rockstars, Laser Tag and OOSH in the Bush already fully booked. Our early bird rate ends today (11 December). Booking forms are available on our website.

### Confirmation - Check your emails

If you've handed in your booking form you will have received a confirmation email. If you haven't received an email, please contact us.

### Contact Us

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Rowan Friend  
Centre Director

## Community



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

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

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

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# CHRISTMAS TREES

◊ ROYAL FAR WEST ◊  
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FRIDAYS 3<sup>PM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>  
WEEKENDS 8<sup>AM</sup> - 4<sup>PM</sup>

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Spend less time on screens and more time outside  
**making memories**

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 **Health**  
Northern Sydney  
Local Health District