Balgowlah Heights Public School



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Principal's Message

School Planning 2020

In the near future we will be commencing the process of organising classes for 2020. If you will be moving from our school at the end of this year it would be appreciated if you could complete the eForm *"Not Returning to BHPS in 2020"* on the Skoolbag App or on the link <u>"not returning to BHPS in 2020"</u>. Also if you have any special social considerations you would like the school to be aware of in planning classes (e.g. siblings close in age) you are welcome to send a letter/email to me providing details by Friday 27 September.

Tell Them from Me Parent Survey

You are invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey designed for parents and carers. This survey focuses on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices.

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of our school community. We will use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning. This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary.

If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children's experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once. You can access the survey in your own time, between 18 September and 18 October 2019.

Go to the site below on your computer or tablet: <u>Click on Link</u>

More information on the Partners in Learning Survey can be found on the NSW Department of Education TTFM website: <u>https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au</u>

Recognition Assembly

We are looking forward to our K-6 Recognition Assembly on Monday (23 September 2019) of next week, commencing at 9.15am in the School Hall. Parents of students receiving awards have been notified by email.

Parent Focus Groups

Thank you to the parents who took part in our Focus Groups. The ideas and suggestions presented will be shared and discussed next term.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 have been provided with their NAPLAN Report for parents. If you would like to discuss your child's report you are welcome to contact the school. In Term 4 at the P&C Meeting on Monday 28 October 2019 we will provide a school NAPLAN presentation.

Concert Band - Primary Proms - Brindabella Concert

Congratulations to the Concert Band and Mr Hampton for their excellent performance at the Sydney Town Hall at the Primary Proms - Brindabella Concert this week.



Year 6 Mini Fete

Congratulations to the Year 6 students and their teachers for their organisation and creative stalls at the Year 6 Mini Fete.





Ensemble Night

We look forward to our Ensemble Night on Thursday (19 September) of this week in the School Hall, commencing at 6.30pm. On this night the Years 1/2 Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Recorder Group and String Ensembles will perform. A note providing further information has been forwarded to all parents.

Parent Mathematics Night

Thank you to the 50 parents who attended our Mathematics Information Night. From the feedback we received we will be holding similar evenings in the future.

Trivia Night

We look forward to our Trivia Night to be held on Saturday 21 September. Further information is on page 5 of this week's Newsletter.

Summer PSSA/Year 6 Surf Skills and Volleyball/School Sport Years 3-6

Summer PSSA, Year 6 surf skills and volleyball and school based sport for students in Years 3-6 recommences on Friday (20 September) of this week. Details of these programs are as follows:

• PSSA Summer sports of Cricket, AFL, T-Ball, Softball, Eagle Tag, Newcomb and Volleyball. Students depart school at 12.30pm and return to school by 3.00pm

Battle of the Bands

We wish the students in the Senior Band all the best for their participation in the Battle of the Bands being held at Balgowlah North Public School on Sunday (22 September 2019) of this week from 10am – 12 noon.

Upcoming Events

Term	Date	Activity	Time
	Monday 23 September	Recognition Assembly Debating Camp	9.15am
Term 3 Week 10	Tuesday 24 September	Debating Camp	
	Wednesday 25 September	Kindergarten Art Gallery Excursion	
	Thursday 26 September		
	Friday 27 September	Last day of Term 3	
Term 4 Week 1	Monday 14 October	Students commence Term 4 Year 2 Swimming School commences	
		Years 3-6 Assembly	2.00pm
	Tuesday 15 October	Year 2 Swimming School	
	Wednesday 16 October	Sydney North Athletics Year 2 Swimming School	
	Thursday 17 October	Year 5 Leadership Day Year 2 Swimming School	
	Friday 18 October	Year 2 Swimming School Summer PSSA Round 7	12.30pm

Have a great week.

David Shuster Principal

School News

2019 Regional Spelling Bee Finals

Last Wednesday 11 September, Balgowlah Heights Public School had 4 representatives at the Regional Spelling Bee Finals held at Castle Cove Public School.

Congratulations to Carla Anderson (5P) who was runner-up.

An amazing achievement also to Kaia Dawson (3M), Zachery Long (6L) and Georgia Richards (4S) who should be very proud of their efforts last week.

Miss Daly Spelling Bee Coordinator



Sustainability Monitors 'Thank You' Morning Tea

The Sustainability Monitors and Leaders will be given a special morning tea on Tuesday 24 September to say thank you for helping to reduce waste at our school.

The students voluntarily give up some of their recess or lunch time to teach others which bins to use when disposing their rubbish. The school has substantially reduced its waste this year, which wouldn't be possible without the dedication of our Sustainability Monitors and Leaders. Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time.

Miss Veney, Miss Liggett, Felicity Stevens, Annalies Hodge and Monica Leffler

Library News

The well-known author, Andrew Daddo and illustrator, Stephen Michael King visited our school last week. Years 5 and 6 were very fortunate to attend the Library for their presentation.

The students were entertained with many stories from Andrew and received hints on drawing from Stephen. Both presenters have many published books and have made an immeasurable contribution to Australian Literature.





Teresa Souter Teacher/Librarian

Student Achievement

Last weekend Chase McLean was awarded third place in the NSW State Titles for Martial Arts - Kata Division. He qualifies for the 2020 Australian Titles in November. Next month he represents Australia at the Oceanic Titles in New Zealand.



P&C



VIKING'S FEAST TRIVIA NIGHT – Prizes! Fun! Trivia! Music! Pig on a spit!

Don't miss your chance to win an amazing raffle prize

Raffle tickets are on offer to everyone via Flexischools - including friends and family, even if you/they aren't going on the night. Just make sure you enter the name of the person they are for so they can claim their prize. Tickets are \$5 for 1, \$20 for 5 or \$50 for 13.



If you have any questions please contact Winni at <u>arohawinikerei@gmail.com</u>. Keep an eye out for details of the auction items and prizes in In the Loop and on our P&C Facebook page. All profits from the Trivia Night will go towards the school Masterplan projects. In particular, the creation of an outdoor classroom area outside the School Office on the Western Campus.

Helpers Needed

We need your help to make this a wild night to remember! Can you give a little of your time before, during or after the event?

- fill in your details on the google sheet <u>here</u> or contact <u>natasha.harrras@outlook.com</u>
- please contact Sharmila at <u>sharmilanormington@gmail.com</u> if you are able to help with AV on the night or can video the event

Dress-up discount

The best-dressed table wins a prize! For last minute Viking Helmet purchases (yes, we know there will be many) – don't miss the 10% discount offer from <u>CostumeBox</u>. They are conveniently situated in Brookvale so if you order online by 4pm you can collect the same day. Just use the code **BHPS10** and 10% of every sale also goes to the School P&C.

P&C Roles up for grabs

We are looking for two people to fill the following vacancies:

- **Grants Researcher** your job will be to sign up to alerts about community and government grants for which we might be eligible and complete the applications. This is a key role as we are currently missing out on thousands of dollars of potential grant funds that could make a big difference to our children's school environment.
- Band Treasurer working with Caroline Fechner (Band Manager) and Nicole Larcombe (P&C Treasurer) you will
 oversee all Band accounts.

Both of these roles should only take a few occasional hours of your time and would be a huge contribution to the school P&C. Please contact Alison at <u>bhspvpcomms@gmail.com</u> for more information.

If you have any questions about P&C events or initiatives, or would simply like to find out how you can get involved and help out (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

Like us on Facebook at Balgowlah Heights Public School P & C

Uniform Shop

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

Time to check that those summer uniforms fit for next Term!

Kindergarten 2020 Orientation

Volunteers please! If you can spare an hour for fitting Uniforms on the new Kindy kids next Term, please come and join us! Use the link to register Link to Register Kindy Kids Fitting

Orders

This is the last week for orders via the online Order Form located on the school website or Flexischools. The Uniform Shop will be closed during school holidays and re-open Tuesday 15 October 2019.

Loretta Mykityshyn Uniform Shop Manager <u>bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com</u>

Arabanoo

Vacation Care

Please note that the Early Bird Rate finishes today (Wednesday 18 September) so make sure to get your booking form in by Thursday morning. Horse Riding, Koori Kinnections and Calmsley Hill City Farm are fully booked while MasterChef, the Opera House and Exploring Science are filling up quickly. Important: if you haven't received a confirmation of your vacation care booking please contact the Arabanoo Office as we may have missed your form.

Opening Hours Vacation Care

A friendly reminder that Arabanoo's opening hours are slightly different during Vacation Care. We are open from 7.30am - 6.30pm.

New Staff

We would like to welcome Marco Herbert, Kristy Buckley and April Griffiths to our Arabanoo Team! They are joining us as casual educators and they are looking forward to being part of our school community and getting to know you all!

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Hannah Goodeve Acting Centre Director

Community



Community



mission!

Fruit & Veg Month is all about linking eating fruit and veg with good times, superheroes/ powers and adventures! Many schools will be supporting kids to eat more fruit and veg.

Fruit and Veg

- Friday 27th September

Try to sneak a few extra vegies in the lunchbox or

- Add chopped/grated
- Keep cut vegie sticks in the fridge
- Offer variety—it can take some kids up to 10 tastes of a veg before they come around

Did you know? Only 5% of Australian children and adults eat enough fruit and veggies.

For more ideas, search 'more fruit and vegies' at healthykids.nsw.gov.au



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