

THE HEIGHTS

Term 4 | Week 3 | 28 October 2020



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Balgowlah Heights
Public School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

World Teachers' Day

Our teachers at Balgowlah Heights Public School are a wonderful team who make a difference educating and inspiring our students. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make. World Teachers' Day is Friday (30 October) of this week.



Parent School Planning Survey

We are planning for a new school plan which will operate for the next four years at our school. To assist in determining our priorities we would very much welcome your opinions in the areas of:

- Programs
- Communication
- Student Wellbeing
- Student Progress
- School Motto

If you have more than one child at our school and have different experiences for each child you are welcome to complete the survey more than once. It would be appreciated if the survey could be completed by **Friday 6 November**. We currently have had 130 surveys completed. Our goal is 300. The results of the survey will be shared later this term. The survey link has been emailed to all families.

ICAS Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to all of the students who entered the ICAS Mathematics Competition. On page 4 of this week's Newsletter are the results.

Year 6 Camp

We wish the Year 6 students an enjoyable and engaging overnight camp at Collaroy on Monday (2 November) and Tuesday (3 November) of next week.

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Transitions

A number of transition programs are being instigated to assist students in their progression into a new stage of their schooling. These include:

➤ 2021 Kindergarten

- Two visits by new kindergarten students in Term 4
- Two parent information sessions (Adobe Connect)
- Information Packs
- Website with activities and videos
- Storybook

➤ Years 2-3

- Regular visits to Western Campus to play and visit classrooms
- Student Information Book

➤ Year 5 Opportunity Class 2021

- Orientation Session on Friday 29 January 2021
- Students commence Monday 1 February 2021
- Student Information Book

➤ Years 6-7

- High School Orientation Days (Term 4)
- Weekly students changed classes/teachers for a subject (Term 3)
- 2-day high school model-read timetable, change rooms/teachers (including change of clothes for PE) (Term 4)

Further information on these programs will be provided.

Learning Goal Folders

Learning Goal Folders will be sent home on Friday (30 October) of this week. The students, in conjunction with their teacher, have constructed learning goals this term in literacy, numeracy and wellbeing. In developing the goals, the students have also planned the steps needed to achieve the goal. The folders also contain Term 3 goal reflections. It would be appreciated if the folders could be returned to school the following Monday (2 November).

School Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to the students who took part in our school Public Speaking Competition. The grade winners were:

Grade	Winner	Runner-Up
Year 3	Natalia Key	Abbey Moore
Year 4	Chloe Ferreira-Gomes Henry Paul	
Year 5	Sienna Nowytarger	Elodie Melvin
Year 6	Olivia Paul	Carter Garner



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Selective High Schools 2022

Applications for students in Year 5 who wish to apply for a Selective High School (Year 7) in 2022 are now open. Applications close on **Monday 16 November** and must be completed online via link below. Late applications will not be accepted. An Intention to Apply letter has been emailed to all the Year 5 families providing further information.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Bicycle Safety

Detailed below is information from the Department of Education regarding riding a bicycle to school. If your child rides to school it would be appreciated if you could discuss the content matter with your child.

ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

Ride a bicycle safely

As younger children are still developing the skills needed to ride alone, the safest place to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards is within fenced areas.

Until children are at least 10 years old they should ride away from vehicles and driveways. As they are learning to ride it is important to ride or walk alongside them and talk about how to be a safe bicycle rider.

Children between 10 years old and 12 years old should ride away from busy roads.

Children under 16 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

Teach your children to be safe bicycle riders by getting them to always:

- follow bicycle road rules including:
 - ride to the left on footpaths
 - give pedestrians right of way on footpaths
 - watch out for cars entering or leaving driveways
- wear a correctly fitted bicycle helmet – it's the law
- wear bright-coloured clothing such as a vest so other road users can see them.

For older children, think carefully about the following when judging their ability to ride on their own:

- How safe is the travel route?
- What are their riding skills like?
- How aware are they of their surroundings in the traffic environment?
- How well can they manage unexpected hazards?

Your school will have procedures about students bringing bikes onto school grounds. Ensure your children follow these at all times.

For further support
Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education or visit education.nsw.gov.au and search for road safety education.



Upcoming Events

Term	Date	Activity	Time
Term 4 Week 4	Monday 2 November	Year 6 Camp at Collaroy Kindergarten 2021 Transition Activities (site opens) online	
	Tuesday 3 November	Year 6 Camp at Collaroy	
	Wednesday 4 November	Year 5 Student Leaders EOI Presentations	
	Thursday 5 November		
	Friday 6 November	Parent School Planning Survey due	
Term 4 Week 5	Monday 9 November	Kindergarten Orientation Group 1 Visit	9:30-10:45am
	Tuesday 10 November		
	Wednesday 11 November	Remembrance Day Kindergarten Orientation Group 2 Visit	9:30-10:45am
	Thursday 12 November	Kindergarten Orientation Group 3 Visit	9:30-10:45am
	Friday 13 November		

David Shuster | Principal



Mathematics ICAS - Assessments

In Term 3 students elected to sit the Mathematics ICAS assessment. These are online assessments designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. Congratulations to all participants. The following students received a Distinction.

Distinctions			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lucie Coventry Tristan Cowie Archie Rady Johnnie Thorne	Annabelle MacLeod Henry Paul James Stow	Alexander Burns Henry Cannon Loke Guedes Bengtsson Lachlan Holley Jude Hyland Samuel Petin Jaslyn Plummer Georgia Richards Oscar Rudner Jasmine Smith Jordan Truong Kai Vinks Cayden Ward	Niklas Barkhausen Byron Cahill Mylo Davies Charlie Denby Katherine Edgtton Aidan Gilbert Rufus Hunter Thomas Larcombe Oliver Sherlock Alexander Stanojevic Nicholas Thornley

Special congratulations go to the following students who were awarded a High Distinction which placed them in the top 1%. Their certificates will be presented at Recognition Assembly on Monday 7 December 2020.

High Distinctions			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Brigitte Bowes	Elliot O'Brien	Andre Kwok	Maxim Berberian Jarod Binley Finley Vaughan

**Kelly Lockhart | Deputy Principal Rel.
ICAS Coordinator**

Premier's Debating Challenge Update

Last Thursday, the BHPS Opinionators debated against Caringbah South Public School in our first round of the knockout regional competition.

The topic: *"That we should reduce school holidays to 8 weeks a year"*

A coin flip determined that the Opinionators would argue for the negative side. The debate centred around four big questions:

- Which would be better for learning?
- Which would be better for relationships with friends and family?
- Which would be better for student and teacher wellbeing?
- Which would be better for the economy?



In the end, BHPS Opinionators were able to convince the adjudicator that the status quo is just fine and that the change would lead to more harm than good and therefore they were awarded the debate. We look forward to our next debate against Leura Public School.

BHPS Expressers (Zone Champions)

Margot Connell
Thomas Stevens
Alexander Stanojevic
Byron Cahill

Laura Ewan | Kim Santer
Debating Coordinators

WELLBEING CORNER

Each week students learn how to be respectful, responsible and try their personal best as part of our positive behaviour for learning program (PBL). This week students will learn how to use reflection to achieve their personal best. Students will use scenarios to discuss the different ways feedback can be used to improve learning.

Personal Best

Learning Intention

We are learning to use reflection to achieve our personal best.



Success Criteria

- Reflect on our learning
- Use feedback and provide others with feedback

Positive Behaviour for Learning 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 Silver Award acknowledges students who have received a total of 7 mini merit awards this year and have exceeded Bronze Award level.

Silver Awards			
Year 1	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Maya Bell Hudson McGregor George McHardy Sophia Hogg Jovan Sarai	Madi Grzanka Pippa Sawrey-Cookson Owen Wellings Taya Wilson Harvey Cloke	Kaia Dawson Elliot O'Brien James Stow	Clara Rollo Eloise Lintvelt Samaya Jones Madeline Simmons

Emily Rhodes | Deputy Principal

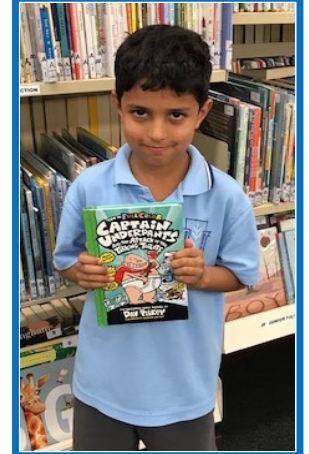


LIBRARY NEWS

Once again, thank you so much to all of our school community for making our Book Week Mufti Day so successful, light-hearted and fun.

Congratulations to the winners of the “bookworms” and “creatures in a jar” guessing competitions:

- Winners: Zara 5S and Elodie 5V
- Runners up: Makenna 5W and Lachlan 2F



For the remainder of the term we will conduct Book recommendations from students similar to the book talks that were in place as part of library lessons previously.

Happy Reading!

Roslyn Elliott
Teacher | Librarian

P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting Highlights

With only six parents attending Monday's P&C online meeting we urge you to try and find a way to participate in these very informative sessions. The meetings are only twice a term, last one hour and are a real opportunity to hear about important decisions and plans being made for our children and the school as well as share any questions or concerns.

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey on how to make the meetings more accessible. The timing seems to be an issue so we will discuss with the school to try and move it to 7:30pm next year in the hope that this will be more convenient and will encourage more parents to log on from home.

Some highlights from the meeting:

- Currently there will be 712 students and 28 classes in 2021 with five Kindergarten classes.
- All families will be informed which teacher their child will have for the following year at the end of term.



- 108 families have responded to the [Balgowlah Heights School Plan Survey](#) so far. 180 responses (33% of the total number of families) will make the survey results valid. Please make sure you complete the survey by this **Friday 6 November** to have your say on the various P&C and parent-funded programs.
- Transition measures such as booklets, videos, campus visits/orientation and websites are being implemented to help students transitioning into Kindergarten and Year 3. Year 6 will be experiencing mock high school timetables.
- Choir is still on hold due to COVID restrictions, but other activities will go ahead this term using a combination of video and in-person participation such as the Talent Quest, Y6 Mini Fete, Year 6 Play, planning for online Carols and end-of-year parties.
- 83% of school invoices have been paid. \$66k has been paid in P&C contributions so far this year which is in line with last year.
- The school is currently working on the new 4 year Strategic Improvement Plan and will also incorporate the results of the school survey. Read more about this in the detailed minutes.
- The P&C received another \$5,000 cash bonus from the ATO bringing the total to just over \$20,200. Canteen sales are down 30% while Uniform Shop sales are up 8%. We are also still eligible for JobKeeper to help pay the 7 members of staff in Canteen and Uniform Shop.
- The Treasurer and VP Communications roles will be vacant at the end of this year so we are looking for people to fill these roles.

Minutes from this Monday 26 October click on the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M6kfUSLdXmskGxhc42zgUpRBlae8fbIX/view?usp=sharing>

Minutes from Monday 07 September click on the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IPzZ4f3ALwTozdad31XRHUQlrmDz5nVT/view?usp=sharing>

The next and final meeting and AGM is on **Monday 23 November**.

World Teachers' Day this Friday 30 October

This Friday we will say a big thank you to our teachers on World Teachers' Day with a free coffee and cake from the coffee van paid for by the P&C on behalf of our school families.

Have your say on local road safety

The Northern Beaches Council is looking at road safety around schools and has a map where you can drop a pin and put a comment about safety concerns at a specific location. In particular the P&C are concerned about the lack of a safe way for children to cross Beatrice Street when using the netball courts exit of the school.

https://northernbeaches.mysocialpinpoint.com/northern-beaches-safe-schools?fbclid=IwAR366cebMqAXzstRwudWaqY5OllwYoKJ0LmvialNLVxk-vrz16DUPsxC9_E#/

Join the P&C

If you are interested in hearing more about the P&C Executive Team **Treasurer** or **Communications** roles, please contact Billie Ristoski, P&C President, at bhpspresident@gmail.com. The roles will be vacated at the start of next year so now is a great opportunity to participate alongside either Nicole or Alison to get a feel for the role, decide if it is right for you and learn the ropes.

If you have any questions about the P&C or would like to be involved in any way, please feel free to contact Alison at bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com. Like the [BHPS P&C Facebook Page](#) and join the private [BHPS Facebook Group](#) to keep up to date with P&C news and events.

The P&C Team



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



Opening Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am – 9:30am

Thursday: 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Uniform Shop Entry: please check in with the **Admin Office** for a **Uniform Shop Pass and sign in**.

Uniform Donations

If you have any outgrown **current** BHPS uniforms in great condition, please drop them off at the Administration Office. No hats, hair accessories or socks/hosiery. **Second hand** items are only available in person in the Uniform Shop.

Returns Policy

Within **28 days** of purchase for refunds or exchanges, together with a copy of the receipt. Returned goods will only be accepted in resale condition: unworn, unwashed, unmarked with tags attached in **original packaging**, not the classroom delivery packaging. Socks and hosiery must be unopened. There are no returns or exchanges on hats, hair accessories and second-hand items.

Loretta Mykityshyn | Uniform Shop Manager

bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com

ARABANOO NEWS

Christmas Dates - Confirmed

Thank you to the 130 families that completed our survey monkey regarding Christmas opening dates. We will be open on the following dates:

- Week 1: 17, 18 December
- Week 2: 21, 22 December
- Week 3: 5, 6, 7 January
- Week 4: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 January
- Week 5: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 January
- Week 6: 27, 28 January

Art Class - starting next week

Art classes start next week on Monday afternoons and open to all age groups. The children study various artists and techniques, including water colour painting, oil paints on canvas, pencil, and pastel drawings along with some Matisse inspired paper shapes art. All participants receive their own watercolours and paintbrushes to keep, along with some sketching pencils. Please contact us for a booking form.

2021 Enrolments - current families

The end of the year is fast approaching, and we need to know your requirements for Term 1, 2021. Please respond to the email that was sent out this week from admin@arabanoo.com



ARABANOO NEWS

Enrolments for 2021 - new Kindergartens

If you are wishing to send your child to Arabanoo next year (new kindergartens) and they are not enrolled, please do so via your My Family Lounge log in. Please **DO NOT** create a new enrolment if you have children already attending, simply add them to your existing enrolment.

28 for Twenty Eight - thank you

The children and staff are still going with their daily morning and afternoon meditation. Thank you to those families who have donated to Lifeline so far, we are almost at our target of \$560. Follow this link <https://lifelinenb.grassrootz.com/28-for-twenty-eight/arabanoo-oosh> to donate.

Parents/carers onsite - sign in/out

We are continuing to keep pick up and drop off at the main school gate and appreciate your patience while we get the children from their activity and bring them down to you for pick up. If there isn't a staff member on the gate please call the office and someone will pop down. The juniors will continue to spend the afternoon on the senior campus for the time being.

Contact Us

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Rowan Friend | Centre Director

COMMUNITY NEWS



WE'RE COVID SAFE

1-28 NOVEMBER

2020 MINI-MOS UNSTOPPABLE FUN RUN

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