

THE HEIGHTS

Term 4 | Week 4 | 4 November 2020



**Balgowlah Heights
Public School**

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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) of this week. We currently have had 262 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.

Term 4 Invoices

School Invoices will be sent home this week detailing program contributions which covers educational programs, teaching/learning materials and the P&C Voluntary Contribution. Further information will be provided with the invoice.

Transitions

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

▪ Kindergarten

We look forward to our 2021 kindergarten students attending our school for two visits during the next three weeks.

Our Kindergarten 2021 website is now open which provides the students with the opportunity to view videos and undertake a number of activities. The students can post these activities to our school using our new mailbox in Radio Avenue.



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▪ Years 2-3

Year 2 commenced their transition activities this week. This involved Year 5 students taking the Year 2 students on a tour around the Western Campus. This will be complemented in upcoming weeks by classroom and playground visits.



NAIDOC Week

To celebrate NAIDOC week, Balgowlah Heights Public School will participate in a range of activities both inside and outside the classroom. The theme "*Always Was, Always Will Be*" recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

To engage with this year's theme, students will enjoy a native plant treasure hunt with Clarence Bruinsma and Adam Byrne, learning about how these plants have been cared for and utilised prior to European settlement. They will also view a short virtual assembly and complete a range of classroom activities. We look forward to sharing photos with you next week!

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>

Year 6 Camp

The Year 6 students enjoyed an excellent camp at the Collaroy Centre. Thank you to Miss Caruso, Mrs Coyle, Mr Gardner, Mrs Lynch and Miss Park for their time and energies.



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Australian Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to all of the students who entered the Australian Mathematics Competition. On page 5 of this week's Newsletter are the results.

ICAS Spelling Competition

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2021 School Year

To assist in planning please be aware that the Department of Education has recently announced that students will recommence the 2021 school year on Friday 29 January. Arrangements for kindergarten students and the Year 5 Opportunity Class will be provided separately.

Eastern Campus Passive Area

Our Eastern Campus passive area has been upgraded with new grass for the students.



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 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.



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Upcoming Events

Term	Date	Activity	Time
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		
Term 4 Week 6	Monday 16 November	Year 5 Student Leaders Speech writing 2022 Selective High School Test Applications close	
	Tuesday 17 November		
	Wednesday 18 November	Year 5 Student Leaders Speech Presentations Opportunity Class Test	
	Thursday 19 November	Taste of Mackellar (Year 5 girls)	
	Friday 20 November		

David Shuster | Principal



Australian Mathematics Competition

Distinctions	
Year 5	Year 6
Cayden Ward (Best in School) Henry Cannon Daria Coleman Georgia Gao Sullivan Grell Lachlan Holley Jude Hyland Saskia Mold Samuel Petin Georgia Richards Luca Snehor Jordan Truong	Maxim Berberian Jarod Binley Byron Cahill Dexter Carr Mylo Davies Katherine Edgtton Jessica Mace-Smith Zarina Nestel Elliot Snow

Spelling Bee ICAS - Assessments

In Term 3 students elected to sit the Spelling Bee 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 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elliot O'Brien James Stow	Alex Burns Henry Cannon Lily Casanova Menou Georgia Gao Sanika Gupta Lachlan Holley Elodie Melvin Oscar Rudner Kai Sawaki Jasmine Smith	Jarod Binley Dexter Carr Zoe Humel Rufus Hunter

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 5	Year 6
Daria Coleman Taylor Journeaux Jaslyn Plummer Georgia Richards	Carla Anderson Maxim Berberian Aidan Gilbert Thomas Stevens

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



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 show respect in the classroom and playground. Students will use scenarios to discuss what respect looks like, feels like and sounds like with a specific focus on the skill of active listening.

Respect	
Learning Intention	Success Criteria
<p>We are learning to show respect in the classroom.</p>  <p>We are learning to show respect in the playground.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen respectfully when others are speaking. • Raise your hand to talk. • Be polite, say “please”, “thank you” and “excuse me” • Share and take turns. • Help others. • Put your things away. • Be ready to learn. • Walk in designated areas. • Play fairly, follow the rules.

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 2	Year 3	Year 5
Freya Sanderson Olivia Gibbs Arthur O'Brien Liam Watson Chloe Cobon	Megan Holliday	Natalia Key Kya Gerrish Cleo Gerber Isabella Egan Tallulah Devenney Saara Pietilainen Abbey Moore Maxine Weir Violet Vaughan Maddie O'Driscoll Lucie Coventry Valentina Contreras	Nikki Kyprianou Kinvara Lewcock Gemma Weir

Emily Rhodes | Deputy Principal



WELLBEING CORNER

World Teachers' Day was recognised on Friday 30 October to celebrate quality teaching and inspirational teachers.

At Balgowlah Heights Public School we are fortunate to have hardworking and dedicated teachers that are supported by a wonderful whole school community. A special thank you to our generous P&C for acknowledging our BHPS staff by providing special treats from our resident barista, Heather (HB Mobile Coffee).



Teachers celebrating World Teachers' Day - 'A Bright Future'

Michelle Cruickshank | Wellbeing Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

This week I have been, reading, viewing, participating and reflecting on the excellent production that is the Children's Book Council of Australia AAA conference- Information Texts in the Digital Age.

Authors, creators, illustrators, publishers, State Library of NSW services are all providing inspiration.

In next week's Newsletter I will provide some highlights of the conference which will delight all those who love reading for information.

I will leave you with a wonderful quote by acclaimed Australian author, Tim Winton.

Happy reading!

**Roslyn Elliott
Teacher | Librarian**

"Readers are leaders. Readers are friends. Readers are dreamers. Readers are weirdos. Readers are rebels. And I say thank goodness for readers. For where there are readers, there's hope."

TIM WINTON



IGA comes on as a new P&C Gold Sponsor

We are delighted to announce that Balgowlah Heights IGA have become Gold Sponsors of the P&C with a \$2,000 contribution per year. We are incredibly grateful to have their support to help us continue to fund our projects, particularly in these challenging times. Thank you to Bill and his amazing team!



Balgowlah Heights

P&C Executive Team vacancy

The VP Communications role will become vacant at the end of this year so we are looking for a parent to step in and join the exciting and interesting world of the P&C. The voluntary role involves a couple of hours per week to:

- Draft the P&C section of the school Newsletter (what you are reading right now)
- Post news and updates on the P&C Facebook Group and Page
- Draft the weekly *In the Loop* email Newsletter and distribute via the Class Coordinators.
- Help to communicate fundraising events as and when they start happening again

It's a great opportunity to be more involved in the school and to make friends within the great P&C Team and the wider parent community. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Alison Pignon at bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com or Billie Ristoski at bhpspresident@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about the P&C or would like to be involved in anyway, 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

Last classroom deliveries of Flexischools and Online Orders

Tuesday 8 December (orders taken until midday Monday 7 December)

Last shop open day of Term

Thursday 10 December 2:30-3:30pm

Uniform Shop Entry

Please go to the Administration Office for a **Uniform Shop Pass and sign In**

Label Your Uniforms

Remember to use "Stuck on You" for all your school labels to earn \$\$ for BHPS! www.stuckonyou.com.au Code: **BHPS NEW**

Don't Forget

White polos and navy shorts are in this summer.





UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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

2021 Enrolments - current families

Thank you to all those families who have already responded with your requirements for 2021. Please respond to the email that was sent out last week from admin@arabanoo.com regarding requirements.

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 - \$589.68

A huge thank you to those families who have donated to Lifeline and helped us reach our target of \$560. We raised \$589.68. We are continuing with our meditation and making it part of our daily routine.

PMC - 11 November 2020

We have our termly Parent Management Committee meeting next Wednesday via zoom. If you would like to join and are a member of our association, (all Arabanoo parents are), please contact us and we can send you the link.

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. 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.

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Rowan Friend | Centre Director

