

THE HEIGHTS

Term 4 | Week 6 | 18 November 2020



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Balgowlah Heights
Public School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

P&C

The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Monday 23 November. Based on updated Department of Education COVID-19 guidelines, parents will be able to attend this meeting in person in the library (limit of 30 adults-registration required). The meeting will commence at 7.00pm. Discussion topics include:

- 2021 Planning
- School Plan Survey results

To register please click here: <https://forms.gle/PXQgg4UZJ6TsjPkk7>. This link also provides the opportunity for you to detail questions you would like addressed.

A zoom link for the meeting is provided below for parents who wish to participate from another location.

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/63643930801?pwd=T2RGQjRrOTI0dDRnRG5JS2NLNGRMDz09>

Term 4 Invoices

School Invoices were recently emailed home detailing program contributions which covers educational programs, teaching/learning materials and the P&C Voluntary Contribution. Further information is provided with the invoice.

Year 2 Students | Band Experiences

This term the students in Year 2 will have a number of opportunities to learn about our school bands. These include:

- Viewing a Band Rehearsal (18 November 2020)
- Trialling instruments of interest (24 November 2020)

Further information is on page 3 of this week's Newsletter regarding the instrument try-outs and Band Information for parents.



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Parking

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that when parking in the streets around our school you do not obstruct neighbour's driveways. In particular your assistance in Radio Avenue is requested.

Year 6 Mini Fete

We look forward to the Year 6 Mini Fete on Friday 27 November. All students K-6 will have the opportunity to be involved in this event. An email has been sent home providing further details on donations that are requested and the Fete. A sausage sizzle will be held during the fete. A note will be emailed separately.

Talent Quest

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

Year 6 Grade Final	Tuesday 24 November	12:45pm
Year 5 Grade Final	Monday 30 November	12:45pm
Year 4 Grade Final	Tuesday 1 December	12:45pm
Year 3 Grade Final	Friday 4 December	12:45pm
Year 2 Grade Final	Monday 7 December	12:45pm
Year 1 Grade Final	Tuesday 8 December	12:45pm
Kindergarten Grade Final	Friday 11 December	12:45pm
School K-6 Final	Monday 14 December	11:30am

Upcoming Events			
Term	Date	Activity	Time
Term 4 Week 7	Monday 23 November	Kindergarten Orientation Group 1 Visit P&C (AGM)	9:30-10:45am 7:00pm
	Tuesday 24 November	Year 2 Instrument try-outs Year 6 Talent Quest Final Year 2 Western Campus play visit	7:00-9:00am 12:45pm 12:45pm
	Wednesday 25 November	Kindergarten Orientation Group 2 Visit Year 2 Western Campus play visit	9:30-10:45am 12:45pm
	Thursday 26 November	Kindergarten Orientation Group 3 Visit	9:30-10:45am
	Friday 27 November	Year 6 Mini Fete (Canteen Closed)	
Term 4 Week 8	Monday 30 November	Year 5 Talent Quest Final Year 2 Play visit to Western Campus	12:45pm 12:45pm
	Tuesday 1 December	State High Schools Orientation Day Year 4 Talent Quest Final Year 2 Play visit to Western Campus	12:45pm 12:45pm
	Wednesday 2 December		
	Thursday 3 December	Year 4 Waste Audit	
	Friday 4 December	Year 3 Talent Quest Final Year 2 Play visit to Western Campus	12:45pm 12:45pm

David Shuster | Principal



Waste Free Wednesday Winners | Week 5

Congratulations to our Years K-2 and Years 3-6 class winners for being Waste Free in Week 5. Well done to the rest of our school. Let's keep working on having zero waste

Years 3-6 Winner | 4K



Years K-2 Winner | KW



Rosie Caruso | Sustainability Coordinator

Join The 2021 Band Program

The BHPS Band Program is excited to invite all students (Year 2 and upwards) to join the Band next year. Next week we will be holding instrument tryouts to determine which instrument is the best fit for your child. We have developed a COVID safe approach to allowing the students to take part in the tryouts safely including specially designed mouthpieces which can be cleaned between uses, social distancing and hand sanitising.



If you would like to find out more about our wonderful band program and register to attend the tryouts, please access the BHPS Band website [via this link](#). You will find a Junior Band Handbook which will answer most of your questions about the Band Program, so please read it, but if you have more questions join us on our BHPS Band Q&A session. Details below:

Date: Thursday 19 November

Time: 6.30pm

Zoom link: <https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/67886388251?pwd=K0VUSEZhSzIXOTYzMUwzU1RTb0c4Zz09>

Any questions about Band can be directed to bhpsconcertband@optusnet.com.au.



Premier's Debating Challenge Update

Last week the BHPS Opinionators debated against Leura Public School in the second round of the knockout regional competition. The topic: *"That we should put smart students into separate classes at school"*.

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

- Which would be better for educational outcomes, both for individual students and the cohort as a whole?
- Which would be better for student and teacher wellbeing?
- Are the financial costs associated with the change worth it?

In the end, Leura Public School were able to convince the adjudicator that students would be better off with the change and therefore they were awarded the debate. Well done to the Opinionators for a very successful Premier's Debating Challenge tournament. We wish you all the best for your future in debating at high school.

BHPS Expressers (Zone Champions)

Margot Connell
Thomas Stevens
Alexander Stanojevic
Byron Cahill

Laura Ewan | Kim Santer
Debating Co-ordinators

WORN UP

BHPS is partnering with WORN UP to recycle old school uniforms to make them into acoustic tiles or school desks. The yellow recycling container will be located outside the Admin Office on the Western Campus for you to drop off old uniforms.



WELLBEING CORNER

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			
Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 3	Year 4
Indy Gerrish Callum Ford	Milla Clarke Alexander Houlihan Zachary McCoy Lily Conti Emma Ross Sophia Panagakis Billie Smith Anna Connell Raymond Bowes	George Harvey Evelyn Taylor	Henry Paul Ilona Heath Gretel Balmain

Emily Rhodes | Deputy Principal

Kindness

Last week, BHPS embraced World Kindness Day and participated in classroom activities with a focus on making kindness the norm.

The following photos show classes enjoying adding love hearts, with kind messages or describing what kindness means to them, to our interactive display.



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The Science of Kindness reminds us of the benefits of acts of kindness. <https://www.youtube.com/embed/O9UByLyOjBM>. We encourage you to continue to make kindness the norm.



“No act of KINDNESS no matter how small is ever wasted.” - AESOP

Michelle Cruickshank | Katherine Wassink | Wellbeing Team

The State Library of NSW has a wonderful array of online learning and resources. Many of the physical resources have been digitised and are available to the public. Anyone who is a resident of NSW can join for free.

With the holidays fast approaching the State Library is offering a Creative Kids Box which can be ordered through them using the state government \$100 voucher. Just order online at NSW Government website or the State Library website/learning.



A little bit of housekeeping: Just a reminder a number of BHPS library books are finding themselves being returned to Manly Library. I know our busy world can lead to mix ups, but can we please check the correct books are being returned to our library. Any books that you thought may have been returned may have ended up there. Check with the library team to clarify any overdues.

Happy reading!

Roslyn Elliott
Teacher | Librarian

P&C Meeting and AGM | Monday 23 November

The final P&C meeting of the year plus the AGM is this coming Monday 23 November at 7pm in the school library. We are excited to be able to host up to 30 people in person again. The meeting will also be live streamed via Zoom.

Please register your interest to attend and select your preferred option: [click here](#). Agenda items include:

- 2021 Planning
- School Plan Survey results
- Nominations for P&C Executive roles

Gingerbread House Kits available now on Flexischools

Grab a Gingerbread House Kit on the [Flexischools homepage](#) and help raise funds for the school with \$8 from every kit going to the P&C. Each kit includes the Gingerbread House pieces (egg, dairy and nut free), a base board, piping bag with icing, cellophane, ribbon and lollies.



Don't miss out as there are only a limited number available! All kits will be delivered to your child's classroom on Friday 27 November.

P&C Secretary | Vacancy

We are looking for a parent to step in and join the exciting and interesting world of the P&C in the role of Secretary. Having a law background could be beneficial but is certainly not essential. This voluntary role involves a few hours a month to:

- Prepare P&C meeting agendas, advertise the meetings and take and distribute the minutes (twice a term);
- Maintain official records of the P&C Association such as the constitution, by-laws, rules of subcommittees, Incorporation Certificate, ABN details, list of financial (voting) members and Attendance book.

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 Billie Ristoski at bhpspresident@gmail.com.

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



CANTEEN NEWS

Parents, please note that the canteen will be **closed on Friday 27 November** in support of the Year 6 mini-fete. Flexischools service has been switched **off** for that day.

Sanja Vidaic | Kathrine Baulderstone
Canteen Managers
healthycanteenbhps@gmail.com



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**

NEW IRON-ON PATCHES are back in stock, come check them out at the Uniform Shop! Pop them on your hats and fleeces!

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**



Uniform Donations

If you have any summer uniforms that no longer fit, please drop them off at the Administration Office. Seeking size 4's.

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



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

Booking forms will be available next week on our website. Kindergarten children joining us in the new year can be booked into the Arabanoo Vacation Care Program from Tuesday 5 January. Children moving into Year 3 in 2021 will be counted as a Year 3-6 child from the 5 January, they will be booked in as a Year 2 child for the December program. Children going into year 7 can attend Arabanoo in the January school holidays as well.

Sad farewell and new arrivals - staff changes

We have a few new faces joining the Arabanoo team and have said a sad farewell to Mica. Mica has left to explore Australia in her fantastic bus called Miles, we wish her all the best and are very thankful for all the positivity and energy she gave to Arabanoo. Recently joining us is Emma who is studying primary teaching and Jed and Ellie who have loads of enthusiasm and several years' experience running activity camps.

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 log into QK Enrol with your My Family Lounge log in details. Please **DO NOT** create a new enrolment if you have children already attending, simply add them to your existing enrolment.

Christmas Trees & Markets – Royal Far West

Fancy a real Christmas tree or a stroll round some local markets this Christmas? For the past two years Rowan and team have sold Christmas trees in Manly, raising money for Royal Far West children's charity. This year there will be freshly cut Radiata Pine, potted Blue Spruce and Douglas Fir.

100% of tree profits and market stall holder fees go directly to Royal Far West. Pop down and help us hit our \$10k target. If trees aren't your thing, then maybe the new Christmas Markets will be. Shop local this Christmas, with local stall holders selling handmade/sourced Aussie goods. Pre-order your tree to avoid missing out. Find out prices, reserve your tree, who's at the markets, operating dates and more here www.aussiechristmastrees.com.au



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.

Rowan Friend | Centre Director

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GIANT BOOK FAIR

Brookvale
St Augustine's College
Federal Parade

December 10-13

Thursday 11-7, Friday 9-7,
Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-3

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Chess classes at Balgowlah Heights Public School!

- It doesn't matter if you're a total beginner or a chess champion, everyone is welcome!!
- Chess classes for Balgowlah Heights Public School (Years 3-6) students are held on Tuesday from 12.55 pm to 1.40pm.
- If your child is interested in taking part, you can email: enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for an enrolment form.
- For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

SUPPORT FAIRLIGHT MANLY
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SAT & SUN
5-6 Dec

6.30am
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