

THE HEIGHTS

Term 4 | Week 9 | 9 December 2020



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Balgowlah Heights
Public School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Staffing

At the end of this year we say farewell and give our best to a number of staff who are moving onto the next stage of their career having received 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.

- Maria Naylor (retiring)
- Shannon Bligh (transferring to Mascot Public School)
- Jacquie Daddo (promoted as School Administration Manager at Manly Village)
- Lucie Mellowes

Student Semester 2 | Progress Reports

All students in Years K-6 will be provided with their Semester II Report on Friday (11 December) of this week. Included with the Reports will be your child's Term 4 Learning Goal Reflections.

Student Stationery Requirements 2021

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. The students in Years 1-6 will bring home this year's stationery by the end of term.

Christmas Carols

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we will not be able to hold our Christmas Carols this year in its usual format. Instead we will be filming a performance from each grade which we will send to all families on Monday 14 December 2020.

Talent Quest

We look forward to our Talent Quest Final to be held on Monday 14 December at 11:30am.

Year 6 Farewell

We look forward to the Year 6 Farewell which will be held on Monday 14 December at Balgowlah RSL from 5:00-9:00pm.

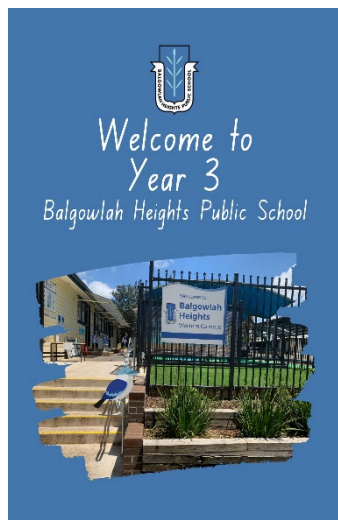
Year 6 Farewell Arch

On Wednesday (16 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 on Lewis Street near the main entrance to the Western Campus.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Year 2-3 Transition

As part of our Year 2-3 Transition program we have produced a book which provides information on the Western Campus for the students, the type of extra-curricular activities operating, play areas and the list of teachers Year 3 will be taught by. The book will be sent home with students on Monday (14 December) of next week.



Welcome to Year 3, some things might be different to last year.



Lucky the Kookaburra would like to show you around. Can you spot me on every page in this book?

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Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best are our school expectations.

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

PERSONAL BEST



When I follow the expectations, my teacher might give me a thumbs up token

or a mini-merit award



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Think big and grow tall

we cannot wait to see you all.

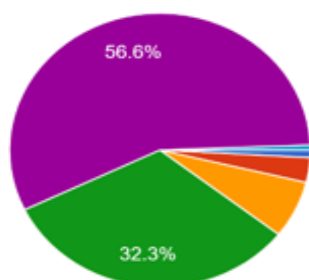
Year 3 2021

Parent School Survey

During last month and this month, we are providing information from our School Survey which 341 parents kindly completed for us. If you would like a full copy of the survey, which includes comments, please contact the school.

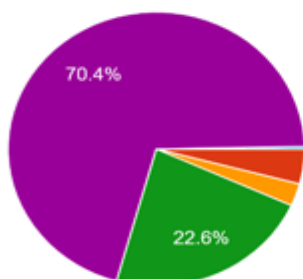
Detailed below are the results for student progress.

Parent/Teacher Term 1 Information Nights



- No value
- Limited value
- Neutral value
- Value
- High value
- Not aware/Not applicable

Parent/Teacher Term 1 Interviews

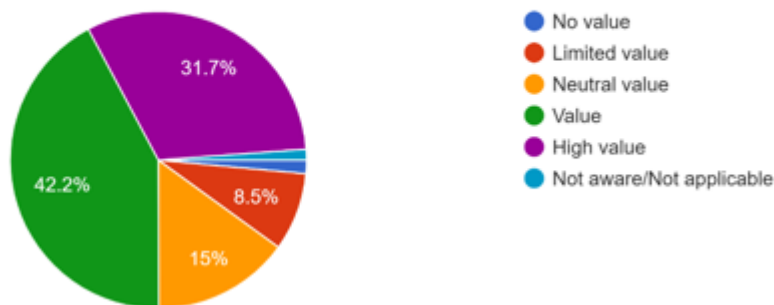


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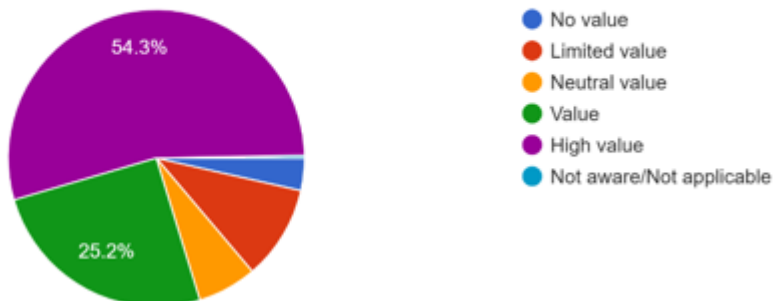


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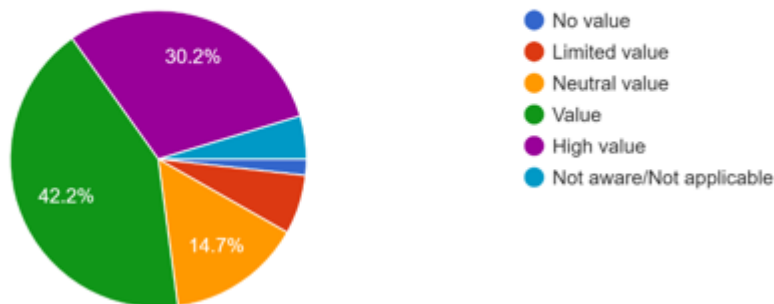
Term Overviews



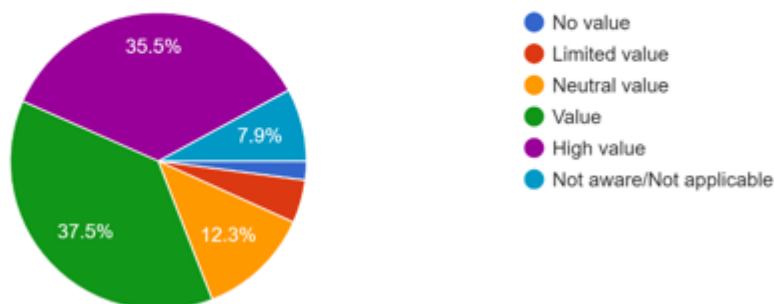
Student Progress Reports (Semester I and II)



Learning Goal Folders



Parent Information Nights (e.g. Mathematics Night, K-2 Reading Session)



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Student Progress Analysis and Recommendations

- Parent/Teacher Term 1 Information Night highly valued
- Term 1 Interviews highly valued
- Term Overviews valued
- Progress Reports highly valued
- Learning Goal Folders valued
- Parent Information Nights valued
- Consideration of an additional Parent/Teacher interview in Term 3
- Student reports to be more personalised
- Work samples linked with learning goals

School Uniform-Shoes

It would be appreciated if all students are attired in their Balgowlah Heights school uniform. 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.



Upcoming Events			
Term	Date	Activity	Time
Term 4 Week 10 2020	Monday 14 December	Talent Quest K-6 Final Year 6 Farewell	11:25am 5:00-9:00pm
	Tuesday 15 December		
	Wednesday 16 December	Party Day Year 6 Farewell Arch	2:45pm
	Thursday 17 December	School Development Day	
	Friday 18 December	School Development Day	
Term 1 Week 1 2021	Tuesday 26 January	Australia Day	
	Wednesday 27 January	School Development Day	
	Thursday 28 January	School Development Day	
	Friday 29 January	Students in Year 1-6 commence Term 1 (except for Year 5 OC)	9:00am
		Opportunity Class Orientation Day Kindergarten Best Start	11:00am


David Shuster | Principal



WELLBEING CORNER

Positive Behaviour for Learning Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Gold and Silver Awards for demonstrating the school values of respect, responsibility and personal best. Gold Award students will attend a special morning tea with Mr Shuster next Tuesday 15 December to acknowledge their achievement.

Gold Awards			
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Annabelle MacLeod	Max Devenney Samaya Jones Sofia Lawrey Eleni Leonov Cai Jeffreys Zara Brown	Rufus Hunter	

Silver Awards			
Year 1	Year 3	Year 4	
Evie Grzanka James Connor	Emilia Baird Marcus Melvin Ruby Squire Matthew Brooks	Archie Thompson Lincoln d'Almeida Matilda Whitehead	
Year 5	Year 6		
Jesse Bray Kai Vinks Vincent Maloney Naomi Nichols	Joe Eggleton Nicholas Thornley		

Emily Rhodes | Deputy Principal



Waste Free Wednesday Winners | Week 8

Congratulations to our Years K-2 and Years 3-6 class winners for being Waste Free in Week 8. Well done to the rest of our school. Let's keep working on having zero waste.

Years 3-6 Winner | 5V



Years K-2 Winner | 1J



Rosie Caruso | Sustainability Coordinator

BHPS String Program | Years 1 and 2 Students - Sign up for 2021

Did you know that Balgowlah Heights Public School has a Strings Programme! We have 2 groups, the Beginner Strings, a group class for absolute beginners in Years 1 and 2 only and The String Ensemble for children from any year who have already started learning and are having private instrumental tutoring.



We are now open for expressions of interest in joining these groups in 2021. You can find more detailed information on the BHPS Band Website <https://www.bhpsband.com/strings> including the Strings Programme Handbook.

After you have read the handbook if you still have questions, join us our zoom Q&A session on Wednesday 9 December at 6.30pm. Access the session via this link - [click here](#)

Junior Band 2021

If you are interested in joining our band program in 2021 please access the [BHPS Band website for more information](#). Contact bhpsconcertband@optusnet.com.au if you any questions.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH POTENTIAL AND GIFTED STUDENTS

Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education Academic Placement Test 2022 Intake

Placement in the Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education classes at NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer and NBSC Mackellar Girls Campuses is subject to the child's eligibility to attend the school, submission of an application form and based on supporting evidence including the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test.

Please Note: Students eligible to enrol at NBSC Cromer Campus will be required to sit for the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) external academic test.

Placement at NBSC Manly Campus is based on a student's performance in the NSW Selective Schools Test.

APPLICATION FORMS: Download from the Northern Beaches Secondary College website - <http://www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au/> - go to Curriculum Opportunities/Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education Academic Programs. These are also available on each campus website.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

Friday 19 February, 2021 by 4.00pm

Students are required to sit the test at the NBSC Campus designated as their local school
(Refer to *NSW Public School Finder* to confirm designated local school)

NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus - 27 Maretimo St, Balgowlah
NBSC Cromer Campus - 120 South Creek Rd, Cromer
NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus - 11 Campbell Pde, Manly Vale

HP&GE ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST DATE: Thursday 18 March 2021 at 9.00am

Further information regarding the Academic Placement Test, please contact:

NBSC Administration Centre	Sandra Bonello	T : 9939 6942
NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus	Melinda Smith	T : 9949 4200
NBSC Cromer Campus	Alanah Ferguson	T : 9981 1155
NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus	Wendy Mailey	T: 9949 2083

Other High Potential & Gifted Education Programs offered at NBSC

For information regarding other talented programs, visit the relevant campus websites:

NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus <https://nbscbalgb-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> (Talented Music Program)

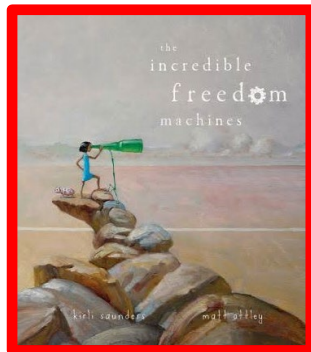
NBSC Cromer Campus <https://nbccromer-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> (Talented Music Program)

NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus <https://nbscmgirls-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
(Talented Athlete, Dance, Music and Visual Art Programs)

NOTE: Enrolment into High Potential & Gifted Education programs is subject to the child's eligibility to attend the school and the school's ability to accommodate the child.

LIBRARY NEWS

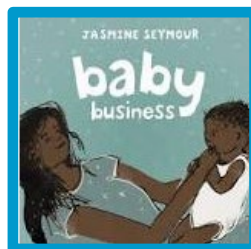
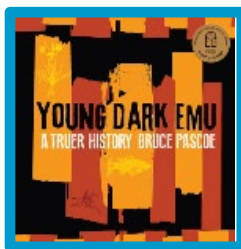
What a fantastic year in the library! Here are a few highlights captured this year. The wonderful Indigenous author Kirli Saunders and her book "The Incredible Freedom Machines". Students responded in drawing their own Freedom Machine and Kirli liked them on Instagram.



Who could forget the fantastic Chicken Divas from National Simultaneous Storytime?



It was a great year for Indigenous authors and creators with a significant number being nominated for Book Week 2020.



All in all a thoroughly enjoyable year. Looking to the future, the Library team are doing a little re-designing of the library to enable ease of access, featured books and read and relax areas.

Once again, I would like to thank the P&C and the whole school community for their support of the library. It is very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful holiday and Happy Reading!

Roslyn Elliott
Teacher | Librarian



President's Summary Report

2020 has been a unique and challenging year - [click here](#) to read the End-of-year President's Report which summarises the work of the P&C in 2020.

Our top 3 highlights for 2020:

1. Voluntary P&C contributions came in at 60% - a similar level to 2019.
2. We secured new sponsors with [Beachside Orthodontics](#) and [Balgowlah IGA](#).
3. We had great success with our online Mother's and Father's Day stalls despite the restrictions - thank you to Robyn Nowytarger and her family for making these happen.

Also, check out the minutes from our last P&C meeting of the year [click here](#)

Thank you to our Sponsors

We would like to thank our sponsors for their ongoing support of our school.

- Balgowlah Automotive
- Millin's Free Range Butcher
- Beachside Orthodontics
- IGA Balgowlah Heights



P&C meeting 2021

Be informed, inspired and part of the school community in 2021 and join us for the first P&C meeting on Monday 8 February 2021 (Term 1, week 3).

P&C Secretary - vacancy

Looking for something new in 2021? We are looking for a parent to join the exciting and interesting world of the P&C in the role of Secretary.

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 at bhpspresident@gmail.com.

Seasons Greetings

We would like to thank all the volunteers that have helped us during the year - your time, commitment and enthusiasm is truly appreciated. Best wishes to all the volunteers, parents, teachers and staff for a joyous festive break and a New Year filled with peace and happiness.



If you have any questions about the P&C or would like to be involved in any way, please feel free to contact Billie at bhpspresident@gmail.com or Tam 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

As the end of the year approaches, we are winding down our stock. If things become unavailable, we apologise in advance. We have a very limited number of large pies on offer this Friday (only 7) but plenty of mini pies (about 40).



This is the last week of daily hot food. Next Monday and Tuesday we will have sandwiches and sushi available on both days.

Wishing you and your family all the very best for the holiday season. We are very much looking forward to welcoming volunteers back in the canteen in 2021. Keep your eyes peeled for the roster at the beginning of the year.

The last day of operation of the canteen will be **Tuesday 15 December**.

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



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours

Tuesday: 8:30–9:30am

Thursday: 2:30–3:30pm

CLOSED: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Last Shop Open Day of Term : TOMORROW (10 December)

Closed: Tuesday 15 December

RE-OPEN: Tuesday 2 February 2021 – 8:30-9:30am



- **Uniform Shop Entry** - Please go to the Administration Office for a **Uniform Shop Pass and sign In**
- **Volunteers** - A **BIG** thankyou to all the fabulous volunteers who helped out in the uniform shop this year. You are Awesome!!!!
- **Flexischools** – Orders are now **CLOSED for 2020**, the next Flexischools order will be delivered Tuesday 2 February 2021

YEAR 6 – Tomorrow (Thursday 10 December) is the last week to grab your Leaver Bear in-store from the Uniform Shop if you would like one.

Kindergarten 2021 - Please make sure you have all your uniform requirements for your Kindergarten starter, last day is tomorrow, Thursday 10 December! The Uniform Shop is Closed during School Holidays and re-opens Tuesday February 2nd 2021.



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Second hand donations - Please consider donating your outgrown uniform items to the Uniform Shop, there is great demand for second hand items at this time.

Just drop off in a bag at the Administration Office.
All items unable to be sold will be recycled through the Worn-Up program.

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

16 days until Christmas



Summer Vacation Care | early bird ends today

Booking forms are available on our website. Please note our office is closed from Wednesday 23 December to Tuesday 5 January 2021. If you need bookings for the first week of January, please get your booking form in **before Wednesday 23 December**. Our early bird cut off is today, **Wednesday 9 December**. Kindergarten 2021 children can be booked into the Arabanoo Vacation Care Program from 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.

Summer Vacation | FULL DAYS

- 17/12 - Rolling Coaches
- 18/12 - Laser Tag
- 12/01 - Laser Tag & Rainbow Day
- 20/01 - Rocket Masterclass & Bouncy Castle and Bouldering
- 22/01 - Science Fun Day & Surfing
- 27/01 - Rolling Coaches
- 28/01 - Games 2U

All other days have availability but some are close to being full

Summer Vacation | CLOSE TO FULL

- 07/01 - Tinkertank
- 14/01 - Connect to my country



Enrolments for 2021 | check your email

Mariah has been sending out spots for 2021, keep an eye on your email and respond so we can offer other families places if you no longer require care.

Parents | carers onsite - Sign in | out

We're 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

Contact Us

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M - 0421 014 308

E - admin@arabanoo.com



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



TENNIS AND COMBINED SPORTS CAMP



www.bareenatennis.org.au



PRIZES!!!

Phone: Oliver 0403 833 293

CAMP 1: 4th – 8th Jan 2021

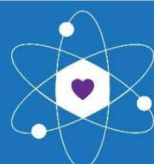
CAMP 2: 11th – 15th Jan. 2021

CAMP 3: 18th – 22nd Jan. 2021



COVID SAFE
SPORT COACH / OFFICIAL

Edwards Chinese Medicine Clinic
02 9948 1600



eye • heart • science
Igniting young minds to think

Young Investigators Hands-on Science Club

Term 1 2021

Registrations now open

CREATIVE KIDS
REGISTERED PROVIDER
Check the EYH logo for more

Suitable
For K-6



Balgowlah Heights Public School hands-on science club

TERM 1 TOPIC: Great Scientists!!

Experiments will include crystals, radioactivity,
dinosaur poop and much more!!!

When: Mondays 7:30 to 8:30am

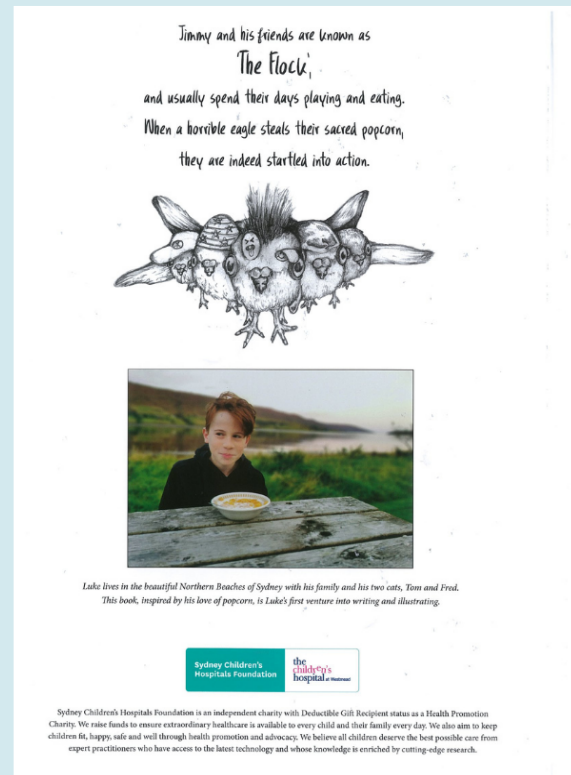
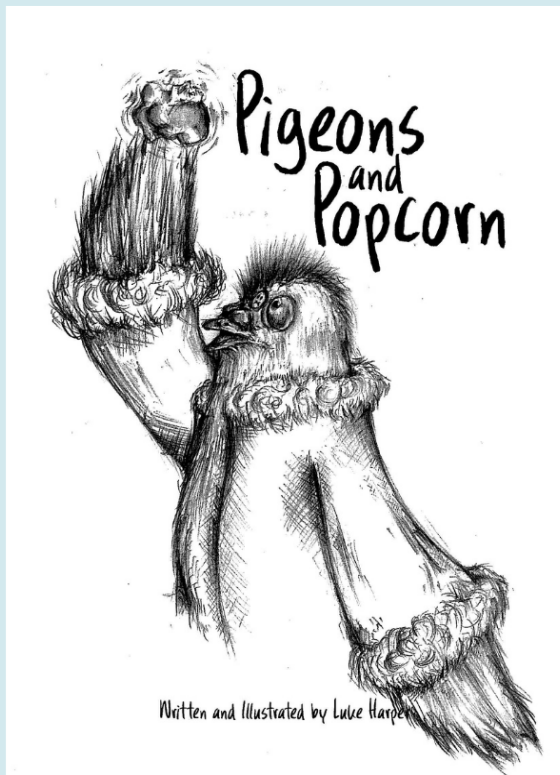
Dates: 1 Feb - 29 Mar

Where: On site

Cost: \$220 (CK vouchers accepted)

<https://www.eyheartscience.com.au/term1-2021>





When Luke Harper was in Year 5 at BHPS, he won the Child Writes Competition, as an illustrator. Ultimately, he ended up writing AND illustrating this brilliant picture book, 'Pigeons and Popcorn'. Luke is now in Year 7 at Balgowlah Boys HS and his book has been published in hard copy and is ready for sale. All proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation.

Please support this wonderful cause by getting your very own copy of 'Pigeons and Popcorn' for just \$10 (cash only). The book would make a great Christmas gift or keepsake – a small memory of BHPS and perhaps a personal link to a future famous illustrator/author!

Books can be purchased at the office or from Mrs Chester on the Western Campus and Mrs Daley on the Eastern Campus.



COMMUNITY NEWS



DATES: 20.21 & 22ND JANUARY, 2021
TIME: 5 to 9 Yrs old 9:00 to 12:00pm
10 to 14 Yrs old 1:00 to 4:00pm
VENUE: Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre
AGES: broken into age groups
COST: \$105 (if camp is cancelled, total refund)

NO SINGLE DAYS MUST PAY FOR 3 DAYS
PLEASE BRING LIGHT SNACK & WATER

Due to Covid-19 restrictions there will be limited numbers, & No spectators. MWBA Will provide sanitised balls on the day. No balls to enter the stadium.

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BMZIY](https://www.trybooking.com/BMZIY)



MWBA PINK BALL

TERM 1 2021

FOR GIRLS 7-12 YRS WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN BASKETBALL SKILLS WITH FEMALE COACHES.

DATES: SAT 6th Feb to 27th March, 2021

TIME: 1:30-2:30 PM

VENUE: NORTHERN BEACHES INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

COST: \$100 INCLUDES A PINK BALL

Only 40 tickets available due to covid restrictions.

Active kids vouchers welcome.

Please email voucher to: mwba@manlybasketball.com.au with your child's DOB and a code will be sent to you to void payment.

To Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMTPR>



Dates: Sunday 7th Feb to 28th March, 2021
Time: 9:00-10 am
Ages: 5-10 years old, boys & girls
Cost: \$160 New Participant (includes \$45 starter pack + pth)
\$110 Returning Participant
Venue: NBISC, Jacksons Rd, Warriewood
Head Coach: Jerome Lee
Booking: <https://ausiehoops.com.au/find-a-program>



LEARN HOW TO IMPROVISE and take your music to another level.

Northern Beaches Secondary College offers an Improvisation Program (Music) like no other. Students learn how music works and how to improvise. They learn to make their own music - finding their 'voice' - by combining theoretical understanding and how to put it into practice.

Throughout the **Improvisation Program @NBSC Music** students learn about scales, modes and harmony and how to use these in various music styles (such as rock, jazz, blues, classic, pop). They practice basic to advanced improvisation in a small band with individualised tuition.

If your child enjoys playing an instrument in a band setting and likes a challenge, then the **Improvisation Program @NBSC Music** is for you!

2021 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

Visit the Northern Beaches Secondary College website, College Opportunities, for further information and to download the application form.

<https://nbsc.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Improvisation Program @NBSC Music



SEAFORTH NETBALL CLUB 2021 REGISTRATIONS OPEN JANUARY 1ST!

WE WANT YOU!!

Calling ALL 7/8 Year Olds,
Netta's, Juniors 10+
& Senior Players
COME JOIN our Fabulous,
Club in 2021.

Registration Information will be posted on our
NEW Website very soon

<http://seaforthnc.nsw.netball.com.au>



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