



Term 1 Week 10
1 April 2020

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Principal's Message

Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times. The school staff also greatly appreciate the work you are doing to assist your children and to implement the programs of learning. Detailed below is information regarding our home (remote) learning programs.

Parent Video

A video has been created for your viewing outlining our remote learning strategies, resources and contact information. The link for viewing the video is: <https://youtu.be/pXGSDJkQpdg>

Student Check-in

During the next week teachers will be calling each family to check-in with your child. The focus of the call is to say hello to your child.

Home (Remote) Learning Delivery

The primary online learning platforms we will be using are SeeSaw (Years K to 3) and Google classrooms (Years 4 to 6). We will commence trialling these platforms next week with full implementation occurring in Week 1 next Term. We are also establishing communication protocols to assist you in contacting the teacher which will be forwarded to you in the near future. This will include a direct email contact for each teacher.

Technology Survey

It would be appreciated if all families could complete our Technology Survey (which can be found here: <https://forms.gle/7Ldsn41Je8Hu5aHg8>). The information gained will assist us in our remote learning planning. This will include the loaning of laptops or iPads if required.

Home (Remote) Learning Resource Pack

We are currently preparing resource packs for students to use at home for Years K to 4. The pack will include items such as handwriting charts, hundreds chart, dice, playing cards and multiplication charts. Further information on these packs will be emailed later this week.

Vacation Care Survey (Department of Education)

As we move toward the Term 1 vacation period the Department of Education's Before and After School Care (BASC) team has committed to collecting and collating vital information regarding vacation care. To support this process, we are asking that all families who require care for their children complete a survey regarding care arrangements for the upcoming holiday period.

The Department is working with vacation care providers to ensure that the needs of all families are met during the Term 1 holiday period.



Please complete the online survey to confirm your child/children's care requirements, which can be found here: <https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/school-holiday-care> by **COB Friday 3 April 2020**.

2021 Kindergarten Enrolments

If you have a child who will be attending BHPS Kindergarten in 2021 could you please request a ghosted enrolment by emailing the school office at balgowlah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the following information: Student Name and Date of Birth.

Band Program

We are currently investigating models of operation for the school band program. See further information in the School News section.

Scholastic Book Club Orders

Scholastic Book Club orders will be available for collection from the school office next week on Tuesday (7 April 2020) or Wednesday (8 April 2020) between 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

Upcoming Events

Term	Date	Activity	Time
Term 1 Week 11	Monday 5 April		
	Tuesday 6 April		
	Wednesday 7 April		
	Thursday 8 April	Last day of Term 1	
	Friday 9 April	Good Friday	

Our school will continue to keep you updated with information on our school practices and strategies through the weekly newsletter, email and the school app. In addition, you are welcome to contact me.

David Shuster
Principal

School News

Band Rehearsals Done Differently

Our Band Conductors have been working hard to devise a program that will give band members a 'band rehearsal' experience until we can all be back together. It's really important both musically and socially that band members continue to interact through band sessions on a regular basis.

The online sessions will be a different format to rehearsals, taking the form of sectionals with some follow up tasks for the Band members to complete. All of this will be delivered by our talented band conductors, Ray Hampton and Emma Clain as an independent initiative until rehearsals can start again. You can read more about the program and register to be part of the Band Online community [via this link](#).

Any questions, please contact bhpsconcertband@optusnet.com.au.



Recent Band Camp Photo



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Sydney Chess Academy

Chess coaching will be ceasing until the end of the Term due to the increased risk of COVID-19. For the last 3 weeks of Term, the classes will be delivered online. Sydney Academy of Chess will email details to all parents in the class.

Please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au if you are interested in more details.

P&C

The role of the P&C is to work together with the school to help support parents, carers and students. As our usual focus of fundraising for the school while connecting our school community is suspended for the time being, we would love to help bring BHPS families closer together online.

One such way is to join our private [BHPS P&C Facebook Group](#) which already has 339 members. Our goal is to have every parent and carer that is on Facebook join the Group!

This is a great place to share information about what's happening at the school or share stories and ways to connect and stay in touch safely. We are trying to keep this Group focused on the school community so if you have general messages that are more suited to a wider audience, we suggest you post them on the Balgowlah Heights Community Facebook Page instead.

Once you are an approved member you can post (these will be approved by a BHPS P&C moderator) and also leave comments. When you request to join, please just remember to answer the questions to confirm that you are a parent/carer of a child at the school and remember to specify your child's name and class.

Our P&C Executive Team is here to help during these challenging times. If you have any questions or concerns about anything please feel free to contact either Billie (bhpspresident@gmail.com), Alison (bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com), Diana (bhpsintheloop@gmail.com) or Nicole (bhpstreasurer@gmail.com). Wishing everyone the best in wellness and health.

The P&C Team

Join our Facebook Group at [Balgowlah Heights Public School P&C](#) 

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is now **closed until further notice**.

The Uniform Shop will **re-open** when school returns next Term, dependent on Department of Education advice, with extra opening days so everyone can get their Winter Uniform requirements.

Winter Uniforms

Girls Years K to 2:

- winter tunic or navy long pants
- winter blouse
- grey tights
- navy jumper or zip fleece
- navy BHPS tracksuit pants for sport

Girls Years 3 to 6:

- winter skirt or navy long pants
- winter blouse
- grey tights
- navy jumper or zip fleece

Boys Years K to 6:

- long sleeved polo
- long grey pants
- navy jumper or zip fleece
- navy BHPS tracksuit pants for sport (Years K to 2)

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Thank you to all families for letting us know your intentions for term 1 and vacation care. Rest assured when things return to normal you will be allocated your cancelled booking before we offer it to waitlisted families. Please find more information on this below.

We hope everyone's coping as well as can be expected with home schooling, we're certainly missing everyone here. Please find below our updated procedures.

- **Communication - Check emails**

As you can appreciate, we are managing operations day by day and we will do our best to give you notice of a closure, change to our program or opening hours. may be out of our hands and be at short notice. Please keep a close eye on your emails.

- **Department of Education - Survey**

A survey has been sent out from the Department of Education today to assess the state wide need for vacation care and is separate to Arabanoo's recent survey monkey.

- **No parents onsite - Sign in/out**

To reduce the amount of people on school site all sign in/out's will be conducted via the main entrance to the school. Staff will continue to sign your child in/out via the iPad. Please speak to the staff member on duty for assistance.

- **Temperature checks - 37.5 or above**

In order to keep children and staff as safe as possible, as of Monday afternoon, 30 March there will be temperature checks on all children before they enter the centre. If your child's temperature registers 37.5 or above you will be required to take your child home if in the morning or you will be contacted and required to collect your child as soon as possible if in the afternoon. Temperature checks of staff will continue before every shift.

- **Does your child have asthma? – Recommend to stay at home**

If your child suffers from asthma, we strongly advise keeping them at home during this period.

- **Social distancing - Maintain guidelines**

We are finding groups of parents congregating after picking up their child, please maintain the set social distancing guidelines with each other and staff.

- **Survey monkey - Please complete**

Thank you to those 142 families who completed the survey and for your feedback, this has been very helpful in determining how to proceed. As a result of the survey we are still opening during vacation care, more information can be found below under the 'vacation care' section.

- **Term time cancellations - Please email**

Thank you to all those parents who have let us know about cancelling your booking, if you no longer require your term time booking please let us know via email.

- **Will I get me spot back if I cancel? - Yes**

We will be honouring all current permanent family bookings when we open back up normally and will not offer places to new families until we hear from you, e.g., if you have a Tuesday afternoon booking in term 1 and you decide to cancel in term 1 you will be offered that Tuesday afternoon slot when we open back up normally (hopefully in term 2 sometime). An email will be sent out confirming further details closer the time.

- **Absences - An extra 20 days**

If you are receiving CCS and are worried about the amount of absences you've had recently, the government have announced they will be allocating an extra 20 absences to all parent's accounts, this is in addition to the already allocated 42. As far as we know this will be added automatically.

Vacation Care - Various

As mentioned, we are currently open for vacation care but due to the reduced numbers and guidelines the government have set, all excursions and incursions are cancelled. The programming team are putting together a super fun program in the meantime for those families requiring care.

- **Fees**

All vacation care fees will be a flat rate of \$75 irrelevant of when booked or activity and all cancellation or changes to booking fees will be waived.

- **Priority of bookings**

We will be prioritising families working in essential services and single parent families working to our capacity of 44 children per day.

- **Cancellation**

If you need to cancel your booking please let us know via email, there will be no charge for cancellations.

Financial FAQs

- 1. What happens to the fees I already paid should the school and Arabanoo close during term?**
Term fees paid for days when the centre closed due to NSW Department of Education's action will be refunded as soon as possible considering admin staff availability.
- 2. What happens to term fees already paid when my child(ren) can't attend Arabanoo due to illness?**
Arabanoo's current policy states term fees are payable for sick days. This measure will continue to apply and allows the centre to adhere to Child Care Management System (CCMS) policy in relation to absences.
- 3. What happens to term fees paid when I choose to keep my child(ren) at home?**
Arabanoo's current policy requires parents to give 2 weeks' notice when cancelling bookings. This measure will continue to apply and helps Arabanoo remain financially viable.
- 4. What happens to staff while the centre is closed?**
Arabanoo value their staff and always aims to support them to the maximum extent possible. All staff will receive individual communication about support and entitlements should the service be mandated to close.
- 5. How long can the centre afford to be closed?**
Arabanoo holds cash surpluses to meet any unanticipated reductions in revenue. The current buffer is considered sufficient to operate the centre with no revenue until the end of the calendar year.
- 6. When will I be charged for my autumn vacation care (VC) bookings?**
Arabanoo currently accepts VC booking requests, however, will only process these for payment once we're certain of opening. Operating under the principle of only charging parents for services provided any VC fees paid for days that did not proceed will be refunded as soon as possible.

Stay positive and we'll get through this together.

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