

Balgowlah Heights Public School

Excellence and Opportunity



Term 2 Week 1
29 April 2020

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust you and your family had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break together. Thank you to the school staff for the work that has been undertaken in preparing for learning programs this term. Thank you also to parents for the work you have been doing in undertaking learning at home. We understand it is a challenging situation. Recently a number of announcements have been made by the Department of Education regarding learning from home and a managed return for students to school, commencing this term. Detailed below is a range of information to assist you.

Class Arrangements

For the first two weeks of Term 2 until Friday 8 May, our school will remain operational for students who need to attend. Where practical, parents are encouraged to implement learning from home. To support the continuity of education for students and increase face-to-face teaching a staged return to school model will be rolled out across Term 2. Included in this Newsletter on page 4 is the proposed model for the managed return to school which has been established by the Department of Education. Phase 1 will commence as of Monday 11 May. You will receive an email later this week detailing your child's set day at school. The days for each grade commencing Monday 11 May are:

Day	Grade
Monday	Half of the students in Years 1, 3 and 6
Tuesday	Half of the students in Years K, 2, 4 and 5
Wednesday	Other Half of the students in Years 1, 3 and 6
Thursday	Other Half of the students in Years K, 2, 4 and 5

School Website

The school website has all of our home (remote) learning materials. This includes modules of work, how to guides and our resource pack. [Click to access website](#)

Home (Remote) Learning Delivery

The primary online learning platforms we will be using throughout remote learning are:

Years	Platform	Suggested Operating Platform
K-3	Seesaw	iPad
4-6	Google classroom	Laptop



Teacher Availability

An email was sent to all families last term providing teacher email addresses relevant to your child's class. If you need to email a teacher it would be appreciated if you could do so between 8.00am to 4.00pm (Monday to Friday). These will also be the hours teachers respond to emails. Teachers will be involved with online learning during the following hours on school days:

Monday to Thursday	
9.00am	Morning check-in with students.
9.05am - 1.45pm	Teachers will be providing feedback to students. Usual breaks such as morning recess and lunch will be taken.
1.45pm - 2.45pm	Teachers will be collaborating and planning with colleagues. Students continue with learning programs but feedback will occur later in the day.
2.45pm - 3.05pm	Teachers will be providing feedback.
3.05pm	End of school day check-out.

Friday	
9.00am	Morning check-in with students.
9.05am - 12.45pm	Teachers will be providing feedback to students. Usual breaks such as morning recess and lunch will be taken.
12.45pm - 2.45pm	Teachers will be collaborating and planning with colleagues. Students continue with learning programs but feedback will occur later in the day.
2.45pm - 3.05pm	Teachers will be providing feedback.
3.05pm	End of school day check-out

New home (remote) module of work

A new module of work will be available on the school website at 4.00pm on each school Friday for the following week. We have made this change to allow parents to view the work program prior to the students commencing the activities. If you require a printed copy you are welcome to collect one from the school office. Please note that all students will undertake a single module of work. Practical resources and guides to help students learning from home are available at the department's Learning from home hub <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home>

Hygiene and Social Distancing Practices

This term we will continue to implement effective hygiene practices.

- Clean your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Sneeze or cough into your elbow or a tissue.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- The school has a non-contact thermometer. If your child presents to sick bay their temperature will be measured.



In addition to these practices we will be implementing the following social distancing practices:

- If bringing your child to school please say your 'good byes' at the school gate.
- In the afternoon at the end of the school day please do not congregate.
- The number of students in each classroom will be limited following the 4 square metre guideline.

Parent/Student Questions

This term we will be providing video updates for both students and parents on a regular basis. If you have questions you would like to ask you are welcome to email them to BalgowlahHeightsPS@hotmail.com.

Student Resources and Loaned Equipment

Students are requested to bring loaned equipment (e.g. iPad or laptop) and any items taken home such as stationery or books to school on their designated day.

Mother's Day Stall

The P&C are organising a Mother's Day Stall for Friday 8 May. Please see page 5 for further information.

P&C

The planned P&C Meeting for Monday 11 May has been cancelled.

Opportunity Class 2021

The Opportunity Class 2021 process for students who are currently in Year 4 has been delayed. We will provide information to you later in the year.

Term Overviews

This week we will be sending home by email a Term Overview for each grade. The Overview will detail the topics and concepts the students will be studying this term. Please note the Overview is a guide and the topics and concepts may vary. Printed below is an example.

Year 3 Term 2 Overview 2020											
Week	English			Mathematics		History	PDHPE	Science & Technology	Creative Arts	Japanese	PBL
	Spelling	Reading	Writing	Number and Algebra	Measurement & Geometry, Statistics and Probability						Learning disposition Persistence
1	Graphemes : u o	Students will read through a range of texts with a variety of intended audiences and purposes with a particular focus on persuasive texts.	Students will participate in activities to develop their skills in structuring their texts, engaging the reader, using effective vocabulary, paragraphing, and constructing sentences.	Whole Number	Length	During Term 2, students will continue the unit on Community and Remembrance. Key questions: • What is the nature of the contribution made by different groups and individuals in the community? • How and why do people choose to remember significant events of the past?	PE Year 3 Sport will continue on Fridays. During sport lessons, students will continue to develop fundamental movement skills through skill practice and modified games. They will train for and participate in the School Cross Country. Students will develop skills to support the Athletics Carnival (T3) in track and field, shot put, long jump, high jump, sprint run, ball games and novelty.	Classes will participate in weekly science lessons taught by Mrs Meredith Irvine. During Term 2, students will use science inquiry skills to investigate features of basic bridge types and design.	In Year 2 students participate in activities such as: Visual Art Creating artworks using a variety of mediums. Music Students will engage in lessons on the 6 elements of music. They will use movement, song and percussion instruments to demonstrate their understanding of these elements.	Students are learning to recognise and read the 46 basic characters of the Japanese hiragana chart to enable engagement in literacy tasks. Students have embarked on the Hiragana Karate belt challenge.	Personal Best Playground
2	Graphemes : h; j g ae dge										Personal Best Persistence
3	Graphemes : ai ay a e a	Modelled Guided Independent	Literacy Concept Imaginative - Persuasive	Addition & Subtraction	Length						
4	Graphemes : i ll	Super 6 Comprehension Strategies	Grammar and Punctuation - Adjectives - Adverbs - Subject-verb agreement - Past/present/future tense - Singular and plural nouns - Proper Nouns - Verb groups (compound verbs)	Consolidation	Area	Australian Museum Excursion • Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Pro Dates: • Monday 6 th May (week 2) • Monday 13 th May (Week 3) PD/H Over the semester, students will participate in the following health unit: 'Personal health choices' exploring nutrition, preventive measures, people and products that keeps us healthy.	Students work collaboratively using to build and program wedo robots. Term 2 – 3S			Respect Canteen
5	Graphemes : ee e ea y ey	English Textual Concepts									
6	Graphemes : m mm mb										Responsibility Assembly
7	Graphemes : ie y igh i ie			Patterns and Algebra	Two Dimensional Space		The Bounce Back program will also be				

School Development Days

The staff were involved in a number of worthwhile on-line learning modules on the School Development Days. These included learning on mathematics, assessment, personalised learning and technology.

Winter Uniform

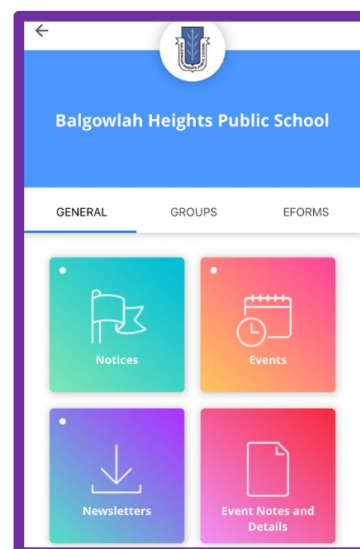
Thank you for your support by ensuring your child/ren wear their Balgowlah Heights uniform each day they are at school. The students wearing their school hat and black shoes, along with other items of the uniform look fantastic. It would be appreciated if all students could wear their winter uniform as of the beginning of this term. If you are waiting on uniform orders or the weather is warm, summer uniform may still be worn.

School App

Our School App is available free of charge and will provide you with information on school events. The App is SkoolBag and is available through the Apple or Android App stores.

The App will provide you with the following information:

- Calendar of Events
- Push notifications on reminders for upcoming events
- Push notifications advising you on changed circumstances e.g. PSSA sport cancelled
- School Newsletter
- Canteen link to Flexischools
- Notes
- School Policies



Upcoming Events

Term	Date	Activity	Time
Term 2 Week 2	Monday 4 May		
	Tuesday 5 May		
	Wednesday 6 May		
	Thursday 7 May		
	Friday 8 May	Week 3 remote learning module of work available on school website Mother's Day Stall	4.00pm TBC
Term 2 Week 3	Monday 11 May		
	Tuesday 12 May		
	Wednesday 13 May		
	Thursday 14 May		
	Friday 15 May	Week 4 remote learning module of work available on the school website	4.00pm

David Shuster
Principal

School News

Class photos are available to be collected from outside the school office on Tuesday or Wednesday from 2.00pm - 3.30pm.

The following group photos are available to view on the advanced life website www.advancedlife.com.au using the online access code **XW4 P5V ZN2**

- House Captains and Vice Captains
- Library Monitors
- Monitors
- School Leaders
- School Patrons
- Student Representative Council

PHASE 0**PHASE 1****PHASE 2****PHASE 3****PHASE 4****At all times**

- Schools are safe places for students, teachers and staff.
- All students engage with a single unit of work.
- Keep up-to-date with your school's communications to make sure you receive important messages about timetable changes.
- Any identified cases of COVID-19 will continue to be managed in line with health advice, including temporary school closures where necessary.

Learning from home

Practical resources and guides to support students are available at the department's [Learning from home hub](#).

Schools are open for families who need it.

- Families are encouraged to keep their children at home wherever possible, with no student to be turned away.
- Students who attend school are supervised only, not in their regular classes.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

Students at school at least one day per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

Students at school at least two days per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which days, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

Students at school five days per week, with social distancing measures.

- Students with increased health risks may continue to learn at home to suit their individual needs.
- Students remain in the same classroom for the day, break times can be staggered to reduce mixing between class groups.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

Students at school five days per week, with full school activities.

- Normal school breaks and entry/exit processes will resume.
- Infection control procedures will continue on a school by school basis.
- Communication to staff, students and families regarding NSW Health advice will continue.
- Continued communication to the Early Childhood Education sector regarding NSW Health Advice.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school one day a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which day of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school two days a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which two days of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school every day.
- Access community services run on school sites, where they are not restricted by Public Health Orders.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.
- Walk your child/children into and out of school while maintaining social distancing.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school every day.
- Participate in school excursions and inter-school activities.
- Use playground equipment at schools.
- Drop your child/children off at school as you would normally do.
- Participate in school based activities such as volunteering in classes and assemblies.
- Use services that usually operate at your school like canteens and other community run activities.

You must continue to

- Keep your child/children at home if possible.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

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- Support your child/children to continue to learn at home if they are required to learn remotely.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
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A managed return to school

Guidelines for families

Mother's Day Gift Stall – Friday 8 May

Our annual, much loved Mother's Day Stall will be a little different this year as most children are still doing remote learning from home. Tickets will be available on **Flexischools** from Thursday 30 April. A catalogue will be available soon for children to start thinking about which item they will choose from the Stall. Please look out for more information via In The Loop, Skoolbag and the [BHPS P&C Facebook Group](#) on the staggered Stall visit times next **Friday 8 May**.

P&C Meeting Term 2

Our first P&C meeting for Term 2 was scheduled to be on Monday 11 May. Unfortunately the P&C Federation has mandated that all meetings be cancelled for the time being while social distancing rules are in place. Look out for more information via In the Loop, Skoolbag App, the Newsletter and the [BHPS P&C Facebook Group](#). We are hoping to reschedule to later in the Term if and when the restrictions are eased and the Federation allows it.

Stay connected with your school community via Facebook

Make sure you join the private [BHPS P&C Facebook Group](#). Once you have requested to join and become an approved member you can post and comment (posts will be approved by a BHPS P&C moderator). When you request to join, please remember to answer the questions confirming that you are a parent/carer of a child at the school plus their name and class.

This is a great way to share fun online resources, stories about how to keep busy at home, keep up to date on information from the school, or take part in our online school community activities like our recent Virtual Easter Hat Parade.



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 (bhps treasurer@gmail.com).

The P&C Team

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

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open for **online orders only** at this time. Please place your order using the **Online Order Form** ([click here](#)) for pick up outside the Administration Office on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm - 3.30pm. Place your order before **11.00am** on either the Tuesday or Wednesday for pick up. The **Year 6 Leaver Jackets** can also be collected on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

Winter Uniforms

Girls Years K-2:	Winter tunic or navy long pants Winter blouse Grey tights
Girls Years 3-6:	Winter skirt or navy long pants Winter blouse Grey tights
Boys Years K-6:	Long sleeved polo shirt Long grey pants
Boys and Girls:	Navy jumper or zip fleece
Years K-2:	Navy BHPS tracksuit pants for sport

Any questions please email bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Loretta Mykityshyn
Uniform Shop Manager
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Canteen News

The Canteen remains closed. We apologise for any inconvenience. Please contact healthycanteenbhps@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sanja Vidaic & Kathrine Baulderstone
Canteen Managers

Arabanoo

Thank you for those parents who have contacted us already regarding Term 2 bookings. Our Term 2 structure is as follows.

- If you don't require Arabanoo care at the moment, you don't need to email us but please ensure to read the below information. Once again, if you had a permanent booking in Term 1 you won't lose your spot, just email us when you require them back.
- **If you would like to start bookings again in any capacity please email us stating Option 1 or 2 and day/start details:**
 - **Option 1:** Reinstate my permanent term 1 booking, starting from (date) e.g. 29 April
 - **Option 2:** Book in the following permanent sessions (days), (am or pm) and (date) e.g. Monday and Thursday afternoons and Tuesday mornings from the 4 May
 - **Option 3:** If you require a casual session, please book in via the My Family Lounge App (please see details below of how to use the App)
- Please be aware that families who had a permanent booking during Term 1, have priority of booking when days become full e.g. if your child attends permanently on a Tuesday afternoon in Term 2 but didn't in Term 1 and Tuesday becomes fully booked, you will have to give up that Tuesday afternoon booking and will be placed on the waitlist.

How to use My Family Lounge App

1. Download the 'My Family Lounge' App (Green splash symbol in the App Store)
2. Enter your QIKKIDS email address and password and sign in (email: admin@arabanoo.com if you don't know this)
3. Select sessions from the menu
4. Select one of your children's names
5. Select the Session and Year Group your child is in, e.g. Kindy
 - BSC = Before School Care
 - ASC = After School Care
 - Junior = K, 1 and 2
 - Senior = Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
6. You will now be viewing the calendar. (NB: You can only book up to 4 weeks in advance)
 - **Green** = Days available to book
 - **Blue** = Recurring permanent booking for your child
 - **Purple** = Casual bookings for your child
 - **Orange** = You have indicated that your child is going to be absent
 - **Red** = No bookings available
7. Click on an available day (**green**) on the calendar
8. Check the details of the casual day and read the Terms and Conditions- Press "Create Booking"
9. A pop-up will display advising the booking has been successfully created – Press "OK"
 - The selected day will change from available (**green**) to casual (**purple**)
 - The centre will receive a notification of this booking - no further communication is required

Marking your Child as Absent

- Click on your child's booked day (**blue**)
- Check the details of the day
- Press "Mark Absent"
- A pop-up will display advising the day has been successfully marked as absent
- Press "OK"
- The selected day will change from booked (**blue**) to absent (**orange**)
- The centre will receive a notification of this absence - no further communication is required
- Once you have finished using the App click on the menu top right of screen
- Select "Sign Out"

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A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a Mother's Day stall. The stall has a pink and white striped awning and is surrounded by various items for sale, including wrapped gifts, lollipops, and a jar of jam. The background is decorated with colorful balloons (yellow, pink, blue, green, white) and triangular bunting flags. The text is presented on a white, torn-edge paper overlay.

**MOTHER'S DAY STALL
FUNDRAISER**

FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020

Order by: Thursday 7 May 2020 via Flexischools

For each \$16 ticket you purchase you will make a \$5 donation to the P&C for the school. Your child will be able to 'shop' from a range of items at the stall.

presented by Balgowlah Heights P&C

The logo of Balgowlah Heights Public School, featuring a blue shield with a white stylized tree or plant in the center. The words "BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL" are written around the shield.