Balgowlah Heights Public School



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Principal's Message

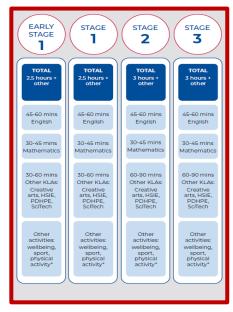
Class Arrangements

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. Phase 1 will commence as of Monday 11 May. You received an email last 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

Suggested Curriculum Requirements for Learning from Home and School

The table below outlines the recommended time allocations for students participating in learning at school or at home.



On Friday we will publish on our school website a list of additional activities which students may undertake. Please note these activities are optional and would not be submitted to the school.





Staffing

Mrs Mawbey is taking maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the best for the next chapter of their life.

Michael Carr-Greig Webinar - Schooling from home and navigating family relationships

The Northern Beaches Council is providing a zoom webinar for parents with Michael Carr-Greig on schooling from home and navigating family relationships. The webinar will be held on Wednesday 20 May at 6.30pm. Michael Carr-Greig is a psychologist and specialist in adolescents and mental health. The presentation will cover:

- Strategies to support your child's learning from home
- Maintaining balanced and healthy family relationships
- Addressing challenges and strategies for dealing with uncertainty

The link for registration is: Click Here

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, except when they are face-to-face teaching:

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

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 guidelines.

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, headphones 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.

Canteen and Uniform Shop

Our school canteen and uniform shop will be opening as of next week. Further information is provided on page 7 of this week's Newsletter.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2021

In Terms 2, 3 and 4 of this year we will be providing a number of opportunities for children commencing school next year as part of our Kindergarten Transition Program. These include:

>	Parent Information Night (7.00pm - 8.00pm)	Wednesday 27 May (using Adobe Connect)
>	School Tour (9.30am - 10.30am)	Thursday 20 August
>	Orientation Visits	Wednesday 21 October
		Thursday 29 October
		Monday 9 November

To assist in our planning, it would be appreciated if enrolment forms for siblings of current students who are commencing school next year could be completed and forwarded to the school Office. The Parent Information Night will be held using Adobe Connect. Further information will be emailed to parents.

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 3	Monday 11 May Tuesday 12 May Wednesday 13 May Thursday 14 May Friday 15 May	Mother's Day Gift Collection Week 4 remote learning module of work available on	4.00pm
		the school website	
	Monday 18 May		
Term 2 Week 4	Tuesday 19 May		
	Wednesday 20 May		
	Thursday 21 May		
	Friday 22 May	Week 5 remote learning module of work available on the school website	4.00pm

David Shuster Principal

School News

Band Online - Up and Running

Last week our Band students took part in their first band rehearsals via Zoom. The students were excited to see their conductors and embraced the sessions with enthusiasm, adapting easily to the online environment. If Band students would like to be part of the Band online sessions please find out more on our website – www.bhpsband.com.









Congratulations

Congratulations to Taylor Journeaux in 5L who is a finalist in a 'dream car competition'.



P&C

Mother's Day Gift Stall - Friday 8 May

Mothers Day gifts are selling quickly! You have until the end of this Thursday 5 May to choose a beautiful gift for Mum, Grandma, Aunty or a special family friend from a great selection via Flexischools. Click here to view the catalogue to see the different options.

Gift Stall options: beach bags, drink bottles, bracelets, earrings, wine tumblers, face and body products, scarves, Karma Kups, tapas sets or stemless tumblers and most come in a variety of colours.

\$5 from every purchase goes towards the P&C fund to support our school learning support programs and other student resources.











Gift collection: To pick up your gift/s please come to the "Kiss and Drop" area on the Western Campus on **Friday 8 May**, stay in your car and one of the Mothers Day Stall team will come out to help you. If you are coming on foot please go to the Western Campus Office area.

To make it easier on the team and to ease car congestion please try and come during one of the two following slots:

Date: Friday 8 May

Time: Surnames A to M (8.30am - 10.30am) Surnames N to Z (10.30am - 12.30pm)

If you are unable to come during any of these times, please contact bhpseventsteam@gmail.com so we can liaise with you to organise a time to collect your gift.

Thank you to our sponsors Nordic Fusion, Morris Co Design, HP Constructions, Dapper and Boss (visit their new store at Stocklands Balgowlah) who have donated money to the P&C as part of our Mothers Day fundraiser. Lets support these local businesses during these challenging times. Thank you also to our sample sponsors WHITEGLO and Pukka for their donations into the Mother's Day Gift Bags this year.

Mother's Day Craft

<u>Click here</u> for some Mother's Day craft ideas for the kids to do. Remember you can share them on our <u>BHPS P & C Facebook Group</u>.

Stay connected with your school community via Facebook

Make sure you join the private <u>BHPS P&C Facebook Group</u>. 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.

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).

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**. Please place your order using the **Online Order Form** (click here) **or Flexischools**, there is no classroom delivery at this time. Orders can be picked up from outside the Administration Office on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm - 3.30pm.

Year 6 Leaver Jackets are also available for collection from outside the Administration Office on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

Winter Uniforms

Girls Years K to 2: Winter tunic or navy long pants

Winter blouse Grey tights

Girls Years 3 to 6: Winter skirt or navy long pants

Winter blouse Grey tights

Boys Years K to 6: Long sleeved polo shirt

Long grey pants

Boys and Girls: Navy jumper or zip fleece

Years K to 2: Navy BHPS tracksuit pants for sport

Any questions please email bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Loretta Mykityshyn Uniform Shop Manager bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Canteen News

Were happy to announce that the canteen will re-open from Monday 11 May, albeit serving a limited menu until school is back in full swing. Head over to Flexischools to see the range of food available to order. Sandwiches and toasties will be available every day. In addition: Mondays - sushi; Tuesdays - pizza; Wednesdays - sushi; Thursdays - pies and sausage rolls.

All food (both recess and lunch) will need to be ordered via Flexischools as there will be no counter service for the foreseeable future. Delivery of food to the students will also be contactless.

Were looking forward to once again serving the kids healthy fresh food, and we thank you for your understanding during these testing times. Keep well and safe everyone.

Sanja Vidaic and Kathrine Baulderstone Canteen Managers

Arabanoo

Were looking forward to seeing more of your smiling faces as the school transitions to one day a week. Our bookings are gradually increasing but our policy remains the same in the fact that if you can keep your children at home, please do so.

We greatly appreciate those families who have been in the position to be able to keep their children at home and hope its not too long until we see everyone again. Weve loved being able to help those families who are not able to keep their children at home and weve been having heaps of fun and adventures over the past 6 weeks. Please read below for an Arabanoo update.

Parents/Carers Onsite - Sign in/out

To reduce the amount of people on school site all sign in/outs will continue to be conducted via the main entrance to the school. Staff will continue to sign your child in/out via the iPads. Please speak to the staff member on duty for assistance. If there isnt a staff member on the gate please call the office and someone will pop down.

Temperature Checks - 37.5 or above

We will still be carrying out temperature checks on all children before they enter the centre. If your childs 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.

Term 2 Bookings - Email us

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

My Family Lounge App - 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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Community

Special Education in Ethics- Remote Learning

Primary Ethics "Bites" available online: Primary Ethics lessons remain on hold until its deemed safe to have volunteer teachers return - in the meantime, Primary Ethics has prepared "Primary Ethics Bites", a weekly discussion topic that parents can download anytime. New topics will be added each week for Years K to 2 and Years 3 to 6. See the link: https://primaryethics.com.au/education/ This weeks topics are: Years K to 2 "What a whale might know" and Years 3 to 6 "Animals in Captivity". Try them out at the dinner table tonight! They are available to all students not just ethics students.

Special Religious Education - Remote Learning

The Catholic Diocese and Anglican Diocese have created a series of online lessons that can be accessed via the following links: **Catholic SRE online**: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/ministries/ccd/curriculum/learning-from-home-sre-lessons, **Anglican SRE online**: https://cepconnect.com.au/learningathome/

The Catholic Parish of North Harbour and Anglican Diocese of Sydney send best wishes to the children, families, and staff of Balgowlah Heights Public School community.

