

Balgowlah Heights Public School

Excellence and Opportunity



Term 2 Week 4
20 May 2020

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Principal's Message

We look forward to, and are excited for, all students returning to school as of Monday 25 May for face-to-face teaching. Included with this Newsletter is information from the Department of Education on page 4 regarding:

- School attendance
- Reporting and assessment
- School activities
- School cleaning
- School grounds

If you require further information you are welcome to contact the school.

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 (7.00-8.00pm)	Wednesday 27 May (using Adobe Connect)
School Tour (9.30-10.30am)	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.



**BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS
PUBLIC SCHOOL**
Kindergarten 2021
Orientation Program



 **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT** Adobe Connect - [Click to register](#)
Wednesday 27 May 7.00-8.00pm
Adobe Connect Parent Information Night - [Click for how to join](#)
<https://connect.schools.nsw.edu.au/kindergarten2021/>

 **SCHOOL TOUR** - [Click to register](#)
Thursday 20 August 9.30-10.30am

 **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DATES**
Wednesday 21 October 9.30-10.45am
Thursday 29 October 9.30-10.45am
Monday 9 November 9.30-10.45am

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Student Semester 1 Reports

The Department of Education has provided schools with revised guidelines for Student Semester 1 reports for this year. This will involve the following:

- A simplified written report (A-E grading scale not included) that provides information on progress and achievement in learning provided both at school and at home.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews.
- The Semester 1 Report and interviews will be provided early in Term 3.

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.
- Students are required to have a drink bottle. The school bubblers are non-operational.

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.
- At the end of the school day please do not congregate and collect your child from the school gates. In Radio Avenue we will have the double gates open in addition to the other gates. Kindergarten students will conclude their day at **3.00pm** until further notice.
- Please follow the Kiss and Drop Zone regulations to allow families to depart in the afternoon expeditiously.

Wellbeing

In returning to school a number of wellbeing practices will be undertaken to assist the students. These include classroom activities focussed on relationships and emotions. In the playground we will be instigating a number of social skills activities.

Upcoming Events

Term	Date	Activity	Time
Term 2 Week 5	Monday 25 May	All students return to school	
	Tuesday 26 May		
	Wednesday 27 May	Kindergarten 2021 Parent Information Session (Adobe Connect)	7.00-8.00pm
	Thursday 28 May		
	Friday 29 May		
Term 2 Week 6	Monday 1 June		
	Tuesday 2 June		
	Wednesday 3 June		
	Thursday 4 June		
	Friday 5 June		

David Shuster
Principal

Return to School and Traffic Safety

As the students will be returning to school full time from next Monday 25 May, and parents are not permitted on campus, it's likely that traffic will be a bigger issue than usual at drop-off and pick-up times.

Please remember these guidelines to ensure we keep our children safe if you are driving to school:

- Park in a nearby street and walk - this is by far the safest and easiest way to avoid traffic around the school grounds.
- If you have to use the Kiss and Drop zones, drop your child earlier if possible from 8.45am to help stagger arrivals.
- Keep to the legal two minute waiting rule in the Kiss and Drop areas at drop-off and pick-up so everyone has a chance to stop and pick up their child.

PBL News

Each week students learn how to be respectful, responsible and try their personal best. This week's focus is learning to do our personal best online.

Personal Best	
Learning Intention	Success Criteria
We are learning to do our personal best online.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take pride in my work• Complete and submit tasks on time• Ask my teachers for help if I need it• Strive to learn at every possible opportunity

Positive Behaviour for Learning – Celebration Day

Students who are observed being respectful, responsible and demonstrating their personal best during eating time and play time receive a thumbs up token.

Students use their token to vote for a PBL celebration day. This Term the selected 3 celebration day options include:

- Mufti Day
- Dress as a famous person
- Extra sports lesson

The event that has the most tokens will go ahead in Week 10 to celebrate our school expectations.



A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

This guide is for parents and carers

Information has been updated as at 19 May 2020, until further notice.

Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school.

Reporting and assessment

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (week 6, Term 3).

This may be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Schools are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with you before the written report is issued.

School activities

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

What children can do:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Year 11 and 12 students may attend classes/activities relating to subjects available on other campuses
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. Year 10 and 11 work-placement is able to proceed from Term 3 2020.
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

What students can't do:

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Work experience
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Use hydrotherapy pools
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.

School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.

School grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Your school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

Your school will provide advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually.

Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal.

Out of school hours care can continue to operate.

Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.

Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise

P&C Sponsor Lead Role Vacancy

Would you like to lend a hand and help the P&C team raise funds to improve our children's educational experience? We're looking for a Sponsor Lead to liaise with existing and potential sponsors and help us explore the best way to build partnerships with our local community businesses. If you're interested to hear more, please contact Alison at bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com.

Canteen and Uniform Shop are Open for business!

Tired of making lunches and snacks every day? Make the most of the school canteen and order recess and/or lunch via [Flexischools](#) by 8.30am. No counter service but there is a limited menu of hot food and sandwiches every day. More information about volunteer helpers will be coming soon.

The [Uniform Shop](#) is also now open again on Tuesdays 8.30-9.30am and Thursdays 2.30-3.30pm. Try-ons are allowed but only one parent and child in at a time. Online and [Flexischools](#) orders will be delivered to classrooms on Tuesdays.

Stay connected with your school community via Facebook

Make sure you join the private [BHPS P&C Facebook Group](#). 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 (bhpsstreasurer@gmail.com).

The P&C Team

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

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours: Tuesday 8.30-9.30am
Thursday 2.30-3.30pm

The Uniform Shop is back **open** and serving one customer at a time for your Winter Uniform needs.

Socks and Tights

- The **Winter Tunic (Years K-2)** and **Winter Skirt (Years 3-6)** can be worn with either the BHPS grey tights or white ankle socks. White ankle socks for sport.
- **Boys in Years K-6** wear the BHPS grey with blue stripe socks with the uniform and white ankle socks with the sport uniform.

Flexischools and Online Orders will be delivered **Tuesdays** to classrooms. Second hand uniforms are in short supply, if you have any outgrown current BHPS uniforms in good condition, there is a donation basket outside the Uniform Shop.

Any questions please email bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Loretta Mykityshyn

Uniform Shop Manager

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Canteen News

With the full re-opening of schools next week, the canteen will be operating every day, starting from next Monday 25 May.

The menu will remain a limited menu for the time being, however sushi will now be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Head over to Flexischools to see whats on offer.

Thank you to all the wonderful people enquiring about when they can return as volunteers to the canteen. We miss you, however we still have to follow the health guidance, and so for now, well have to miss you a little longer.

Sanja Vidaic and Kathrine Boulderstone
Canteen Managers

Permanent Bookings - Staffing Ratios

Thank you to those parents who have contacted us regarding reinstating your Term 2 booking. As our numbers increase it becomes even more important to give us as much notice as possible if you would like to reinstate your booking. We roster our staff weekly so last-minute bookings may not be able to be accepted for a few days due to staff ratios. If you email us on Monday 25 May stating that you require your Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday permanent bookings to start from the 26 May you may not be able to start until the following week so we can roster on enough staff.

Casual Bookings - Email for PM bookings

Please email us to request a casual afternoon booking rather than using the My Family Lounge App. To book for a morning session please continue using the App.

How to Book a Permanent Term 2 session - Email us

If you would like to start bookings again in any capacity please email us stating Option 1 or 2 and the specific details.

- **Option 1:** Reinstate my permanent Term 1 booking, starting from(date) e.g. 25 May
- **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 25 May

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.

Seamstress Needed - Cushion Cover

We are on the lookout for a seamstress to stitch up a very large cushion cover for our new cubby area. If you know of anyone please send them our way.

AGM – Wednesday 27 May 2020

Arabanoo's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 27 May 2020 at 7.00pm **virtually via ZOOM**. The AGM will be followed by an ordinary parent management committee meeting. Arabanoo is a not-for-profit incorporation operated by a volunteer committee of parents. All members are welcome to attend the meetings. The AGM is an opportunity for existing and new members to be elected to the Committee. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact the Arabanoo Office.

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 isn't 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 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.

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