

Balgowlah Heights Public School

Excellence and Opportunity



Term 2 | Week 7
10 June 2020

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Principal's Message

Our students have settled in well to the recommencement of face-to-face teaching this term. We continue to undertake wellbeing activities to assist the students. We look forward to talking with you at the P&C Meeting next week (Monday 15 June at 7pm) and at Parent/Teacher Interviews, which commence on Monday (15 June). Further information on these events are detailed below.

P&C

The next meeting of the P&C, on Monday 15 June, will be held using Adobe Connect. The focus of the meeting will be discussing current school practices due to COVID-19 restrictions. These include:

- Student welfare practices
- Outside providers, including Band
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Student Semester 1 Reports
- NAPLAN
- School events such as Athletics Carnival and Education Week Open Day
- School Invoices
- ICAS Competitions

To register for the meeting please click on the link below. This link also provides the opportunity for you to detail questions you would like addressed.
<https://forms.gle/L33E4AAFxdioptSA7>

Opportunity Class (OC) Applications

Applications for Opportunity Classes in 2021 opened on Tuesday 9 June and will close on Friday 26 June. An email has been sent home to Year 4 families providing further information. The website for applications and further information is
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/updates>

We will be holding a Parent OC Information Session today (Wednesday 10 June) at 7.00pm using Adobe Connect. As part of this session we will be outlining changes to the process for this year. Information on this Session has been emailed to parents.



Student Semester 1 Reports | Parent/Teacher Interviews

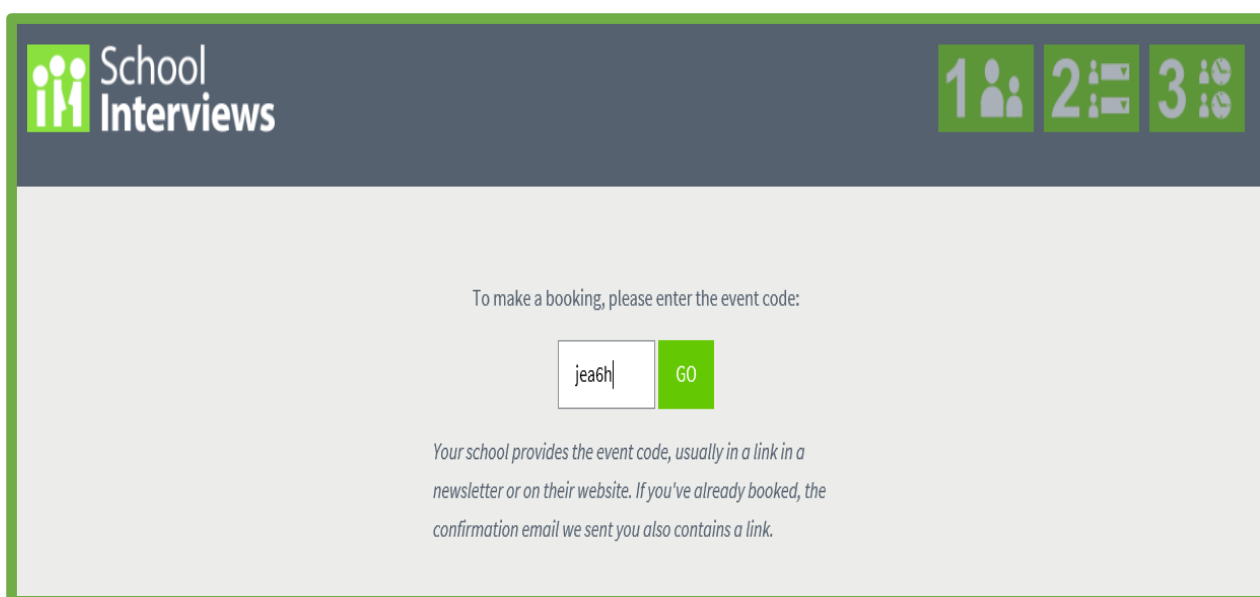
As a lead up to our modified Student Semester 1 Reports, which will be sent home on Friday 14 August, we will be holding Parent/Teacher Interviews the fortnight commencing Monday 15 June. This will be a valuable opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into our return to school, discuss remote learning progress, share with you assessment information and areas of focus for the future. We will be using an online booking system for interviews. For parents who do not have internet access please contact the office with a choice of two preferred booking times. The interviews will be undertaken by telephone or Zoom (Zoom instructions can be found on page 4 of the Newsletter). Interviews will be 10 minutes in duration.

- Bookings open: Friday 5 June 4.00pm
- Bookings close: Thursday 11 June 3.00pm

URL: www.schoolinterviews.com.au

- Event code: **jea6h**
- Enter your details, including your interview preference (telephone or Zoom)
- Select the teachers you wish to see
- Select the appointment times that suit you best

When you click 'finish', your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews until **Thursday 11 June (3.00pm)**.



To make a booking, please enter the event code:

jea6h GO

Your school provides the event code, usually in a link in a newsletter or on their website. If you've already booked, the confirmation email we sent you also contains a link.

ICAS

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) are annual competitions held for students (Years 3-6) in English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling. The competitions are designed to test students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. An email has been sent home with further information. Entry for the ICAS competitions closes on **Friday 17 July**.

Registration and payment for the ICAS competitions is **only** through the ICAS website. The link for registration and payment is detailed below.

School access code is: YWM296

Parent page link: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Registration and payment closes: Friday 17 July 2020

Important: Please enter your child's name accurately into the system as it will appear on their ICAS certificate.

Chicken Pox

We have recently had a few instances of chicken pox reported to the school.

Upcoming Events

Term	Date	Activity	Time
Term 2 Week 8	Monday 15 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews commence P&C Meeting (Adobe Connect)	7.00pm
	Tuesday 16 June		
	Wednesday 17 June		
	Thursday 18 June		
	Friday 19 June		
Term 2 Week 9	Monday 22 June		
	Tuesday 23 June		
	Wednesday 24 June		
	Thursday 25 June		
	Friday 26 June	OC Applications close Parent/Teacher Interviews conclude	

David Shuster
Principal

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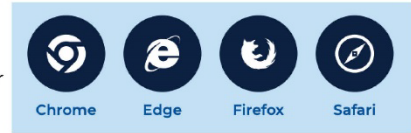
Interview

Information

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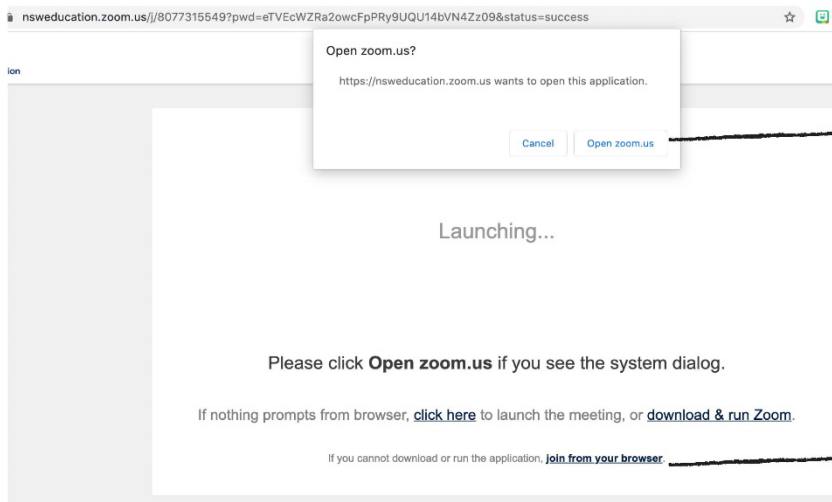
You will need to download Zoom and create an account to have your interview with your child's class teacher.

Please ensure you have done this prior to your interview time and check that it is working.



2. CONNECT TO MEETING ROOM USING LINK

Using the link provided (at the time of booking your interview) you can access the teacher's private meeting room.



Run through **desktop app** (this generally works best!)

Run through **internet browser**

3. WRITE YOUR NAME

When prompted to write your name, we ask that you please write your first and last name so that teacher's can be sure they are meeting with the correct person at the correct time.

Join a Meeting

Your Name

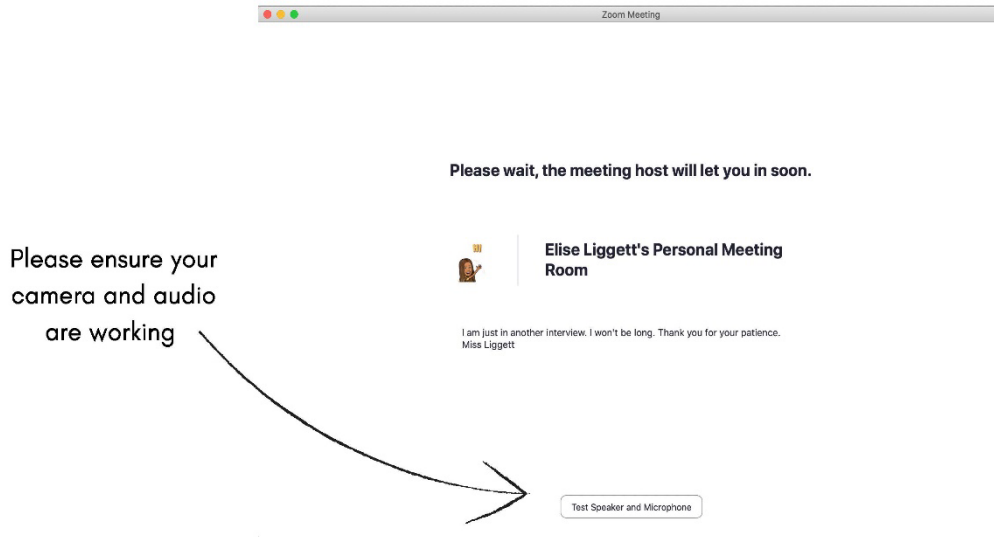
4. ENTER PASSWORD

The password to enter the meeting room is **bhps20** (all lowercase and all one word).

5. THE WAITING ROOM

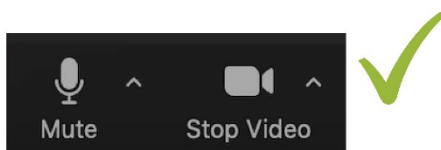
Once you have successfully entered the password you will be taken to the 'Waiting Room' where the teacher will be notified you have arrived.

At your scheduled meeting time the teacher will 'Admit' you to their meeting room for your interview. When you reach the meeting room (see below) we appreciate your patience as the teacher may be in another interview.



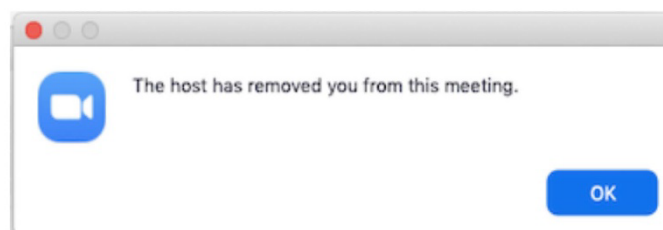
6. BEING ADMITTED- INTERVIEW

When you are accepted into the meeting you can turn your camera ON/OFF by clicking on the microphone or video camera icons in the bottom left. Please trial this before your interview to save time during your interview.



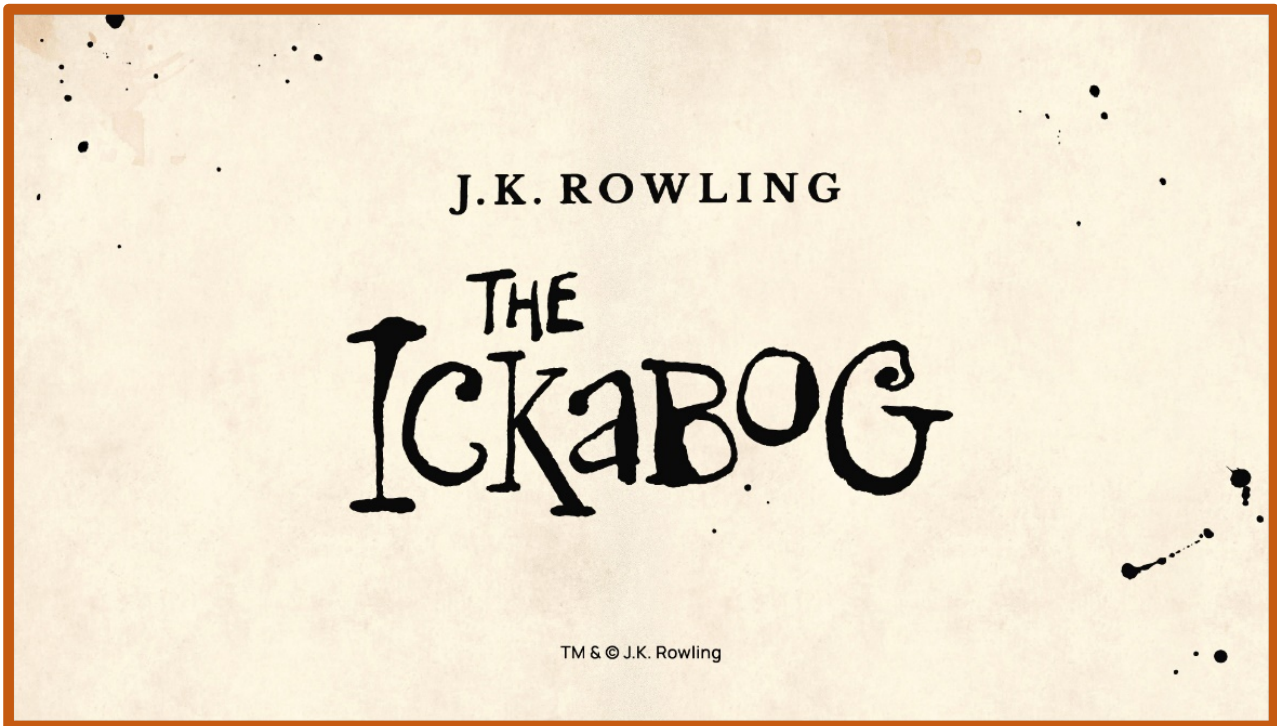
7. END OF INTERVIEW

At the end of your interview the teacher will remove you from the meeting. To ensure confidentiality of other parents you will not be able to re-enter the meeting room.



Thank you so much for returning books to our library. There are still a number of books outstanding, so if you could look for any books that may be at home and return them to the school. Overdue notices will be printed soon. If you believe a book or books have been returned please contact me in the library. Book borrowing continues during class time.

Some exciting news for Harry Potter and J.K. Rowling fans! J.K. Rowling is releasing her new book "The Ickabog" chapter by chapter online.



<https://www.theickabog.com/>

In Term 3 we will celebrate the books shortlisted by the Children's Book Council of Australia. Happy reading!

Roslyn Elliott
Teacher/Librarian

P&C

Virtual P&C Meeting - next Monday 15 June 2020

Now you can attend the P&C meeting from the comfort of your own sofa! It starts at 7pm, next Monday 15 June.

Make sure you download Adobe Connect and register for the meeting via [this link](#). You are able to post questions in advance via the 'Question' field at the end so that the Principal, David Shuster, or P&C President, Billie Ristosi, can answer them on the night. Otherwise, you will also have the opportunity to type questions live or you can email the school in advance.

David will discuss current school practices due to COVID-19 restrictions and the P&C team will provide a general update and announce an exciting new sponsorship opportunity.

P&C Sponsor Lead role vacancy

If you're interested to hear more about this part-time volunteer role, please contact Alison at bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about the P&C or would like to be involved in any way, please feel free to contact Alison 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

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

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open for **Appointments Only - to try on, exchange or refund**. Please email bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com to book a timeslot.

Tuesday: 8.30am - 9.30am

Thursday: 2.30pm - 3.30pm

*** As a reminder - please take care when opening online order packages.**

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 secondhand items.

Thank you for your kind donations. Secondhand uniforms are still in short supply though, if you have any out-grown **current** BHPS uniforms in **great** condition, please drop at the Administration Office

Loretta Mykityshyn
Uniform Shop Manager
bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Canteen News

Please remember that all orders for recess and/or lunch must be placed on Flexischools. **There is no counter service at present**. All students with orders are required to pick up their own lunch from their class boxes in front of the canteen.

A reminder too that sushi is available for ordering on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Sanja Vidaic and Kathrine Boulderstone
Canteen Managers

Arabanoo

Vacation Care - out next week

We are open as usual for the winter vacation care, however the program won't be released until next week. At present we have a mixture of incursions and excursions, this may change depending on transport and venue restrictions hence the delay in releasing the forms.

Free Childcare - ends Sunday 12 July

As you are probably aware childcare fees will be reintroduced as of Monday 13 July. If this impacts your bookings for Term 3 please send us an email.

Parents/carers Onsite - sign in/out

We are continuing to keep pick up and drop off at the main school gate and appreciate your patience while we collect the students 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 come down.

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GIANT BOOK FAIR

Brookvale
St Augustine's College
Federal Parade

JULY 2-5

Thursday 11-6
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5
Sunday 9-3



Junior SCIENCE ACADEMY

BLAST OFF INTO THE WORLD OF STEM at MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Join our exciting science, technology, engineering and maths programs for Years K- 7 during the July school holidays.

- Class topics include robotics, learning about dinosaurs, astronomy, DNA, and many, many more.
- Our classes are designed to teach concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft & other hands-on activities.
- New courses are always added & all-time favourites are rotated each school holidays.
- Procedures for COVID-19 are in place and arrangements made for full refunds in the case of illness so parents don't lose money. Book with confidence.



Creative Kids vouchers (value \$100) can be claimed for any robotics or coding class. Apply through ServiceNSW for your child's voucher.

Drop off	8.30am - 9.30am
Activities	9.30am - 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm - 5.30pm
Cost	\$126.50

Want more information? Visit our website:
mq.edu.au/about/holidays

