



Term 2 | Week 8
17 June 2020

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Principal's Message

P&C

Thank you for your participation in our P&C Meeting this week which was conducted using Adobe Connect. We had 22 parents participate in the meeting. The topics we discussed were:

- Student welfare practices
- Outside providers, including Band
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Student Semester I Reports
- Lost property
- Scripture/Ethics
- NAPLAN
- Recognition Assembly
- Uniform Shop
- School sport
- School Invoices
- Adults on school grounds
- Mathematics Enrichment Program
- Education Week Open Day
- ICAS Competitions
- Tell Them from Me Student Survey (Years 4-6)
- Athletics Carnival

Information on these topics is provided in the minutes of the meeting available on the P&C page on the school website.

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>.

Thank you to Miss Park, Mrs Keeling, Miss Rhodes and Mrs Lockhart for their Parent Presentation last week about the Opportunity Class. If you were not able to attend the Adobe Connect Meeting please contact the school and we can provide you with a link to the recording.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews have commenced. If you did not book in a time and would like an interview please contact the school.



ICAS (Optional)

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** and is optional.

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.

Band

We look forward to our Band Program recommencing next week. A reminder of the days/times for Band rehearsals are:

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| Junior Band | Wednesdays 12.55pm Thursdays 3.05pm |
| Senior Band | Wednesdays 7.45am Fridays 7.45am |
| Concert Band | Tuesdays 7.45am Thursdays 12.55pm |

Contacting the School

Please be aware the school hotmail address is no longer being used. If you wish to email the school please use:
balgowlah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Upcoming Events

| Term | Date | Activity | Time |
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| Term 2 Week 9 | Monday 22 June | Parent/Teacher Interviews continue | |
| | Tuesday 23 June | | |
| | Wednesday 24 June | | |
| | Thursday 25 June | | |
| | Friday 26 June | OC Applications close Parent/Teacher Interviews conclude | |
| Term 2 Week 10 | Monday 29 June | Recognition Assembly (Virtual) | 9.15am |
| | Tuesday 30 June | | |
| | Wednesday 1 July | | |
| | Thursday 2 July | | |
| | Friday 3 July | Last day of Term 2 | |

David Shuster
Principal

PBL News

Each week students learn how to be respectful, responsible and try their personal best. This week's focus for students will be learning to do their personal best on the playground. Students will discuss a series of scenarios and engage in role-play and class discussions on ways they can model their personal best on the playground.

| Personal Best | |
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| Learning Intention | Success Criteria |
| We are learning to do our personal best on the playground. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Talk with the teacher on duty for advice and help✓ Play in the right place✓ Are good sports and gracious in defeat✓ Play safe games✓ Classrooms, bag rooms and balconies are out of bounds |

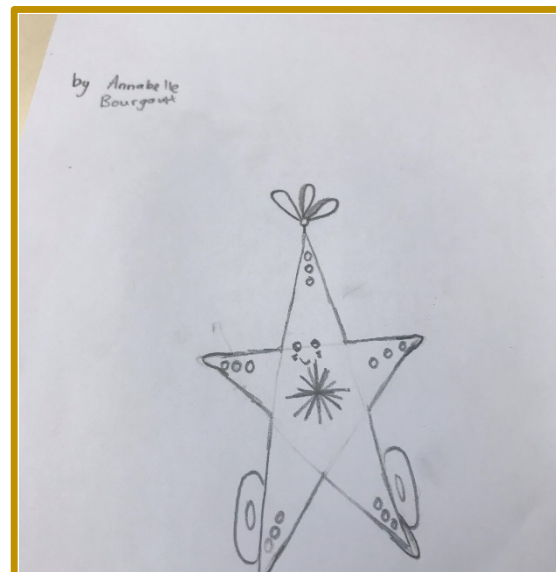
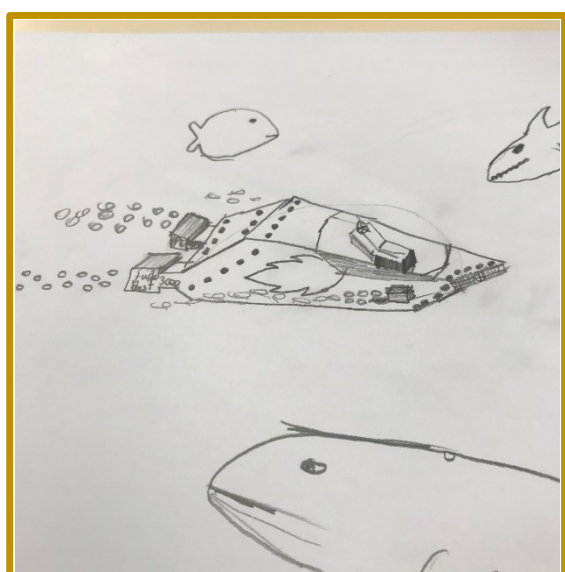
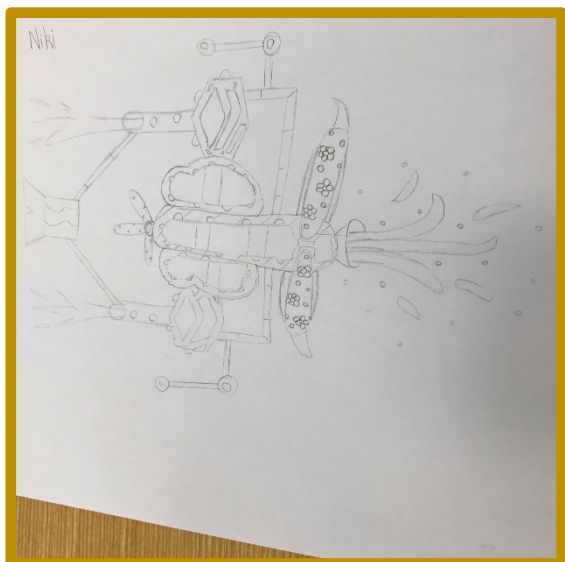
Library News

Thank you once again to all families for doing that big search for library books while we were working and learning from home. All books that are overdue can be returned now.

This week we will feature the wonderful Indigenous writer, poet and educator, Kirli Saunders. Her book "The Incredible Freedom Machines" is a chance to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy after months of restrictions and to tap into our imagination for places we go through the magic of books.



Our students have designed some incredible freedom machines.



Roslyn Elliott
Teacher/Librarian

P&C

Announcing our new Gold Sponsors

We are very happy and grateful to announce that [Beachside Orthodontics](#) has also just recently come on as a BHPS P&C Gold Sponsor with their annual contribution of **\$2,000** per annum. Beachside Orthodontics are based in Balgowlah and also have an established and positive presence in our local community.

We welcome our new sponsors and wish to deeply thank all of our sponsors, both new and existing, including [Balgowlah Automotive](#) and [Millin's Butchers](#), for their ongoing support during this challenging time.



P&C Meeting Highlights

Monday's P&C meeting was held online via Adobe Connect which seems to have been well received. Parents were able to post questions live via the chat function and the Principal, David Shuster, answered them at the end of the meeting. Participants will shortly receive a survey to gauge the effectiveness of this medium for future meetings. The minutes will be shared by the end of this week on the P&C page on the school website. Some key highlights:

- The school Executive provided updates on a range of school practices and topics that are covered in this newsletter.
- Uniform Shop requires an appointment to be made if you need to go there in person. Email Loretta at: bhpuniformshop@gmail.com
- Job Keeper payments for the P&C casual staff in the Uniform Shop and Canteen will continue until September.
- The P&C were able to claim \$20,000 as part of the Government Covid-19 subsidy available for charities and not-for-profit organisations.
- The school will be installing a 40kw/h solar panel system in the near future thanks to the combination of a government grant, Education Department funds and P&C funds.
- The Bally Bolt Fun Run is set to go ahead on **Sunday 25 October**.

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**, please **check in** with the Administration Office before heading to the shop.

Opening Hours

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 second-hand items.

Need a spare zip fleece? There are plenty in second hand for \$20. Thank you for your kind donations. If you have any outgrown **current** BHPS uniforms in **great** condition, please drop at the Administration Office.

Loretta Mykityshyn

Uniform Shop Manager

bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Vacation Care - Taking bookings

The booking forms are out for winter vacation care and we have heaps of fun activities planned. However, not all activities are confirmed yet, hence the blank booking form. An up-to-date timetable will be released in the next fortnight. There will be no excursions due to the continued restrictions, so most activities will take place on school site, with potential walking trips to Tania Park, IGA and Clontarf. You will be informed of any planned walking trips in advance.

As normal, Balgowlah Heights Public School pupils receive a one week booking priority (this ends on Monday 22 June). Numbers are limited so book in fast to avoid missing out. To book please download a booking form from our website.

Reading Support – Sight words

For kindergarten children who are attending Arabanoo frequently in the afternoons, we will be providing a staff member to help with their sight words. If you would like your child to be included in this please email Arabanoo and your child's teacher will provide a resource pack for them. We will aim to start this in the next few weeks.

If you emailed us previously about this please do so again just to ensure we have your child on the list.

Free Childcare - Ends 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 children from their activity and bring them down to you. If there isn't a staff member on the gate please call the office and someone will come down.

Rowan Friend

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E - admin@arabanoo.com

W - www.arabanoo.com

Community News

 **Lifeline** Saving Lives
Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.

**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.

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| 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

