



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the 2021 school year. I trust you and your family had an enjoyable and safe holiday and your child/ren are excited to be back at school, or like our 103 kindergarten children, commencing school. This year we look forward to 730 students being at our school. We have formed 29 classes and the students have been placed in their new classes. The details for each class and a map of our school are printed in this Newsletter on pages 3 and 4.

We welcome Mr Neil Jensen (5J), Mr Isaac Smith (PE), Mr Alex Cronin (Music) and welcome back Mrs Sue Musgrove (6M), Mrs Laura Simpson (Science), Ms Kirsty Hall (RFF) and Ms Merydith Irvine (RFF) to our school. Miss Caruso has changed her name to Mrs Chirillo. Ms Coote will be on leave for terms 1 and 2.

I look forward to seeing you at Parent/Teacher Information Nights and at our first P&C Meeting which will be held on Monday 8 February.

A strong partnership between school and home is extremely important and as part of this you are most welcome to speak with me at any time. Arrangements may be made through the Office or feel free to come and say hello to me in the playground. You are also welcome to contact me by email at david.shuster@det.nsw.edu.au.

Welcome Kindergarten

We look forward to our 102 kindergarten students commencing on Wednesday 3 February. A reminder the kindergarten students will commence at 9:30am and conclude their day at 2:30pm until Friday 5 February.

Welcome Year 5 Opportunity Class

We welcome the students in our Year 5 Opportunity Class. 5P will be taught by Ms Nicola Park. We look forward to meeting you at our Parent/Teacher Information Night in the near future.

Welcome New Students

We welcome 17 new students who are commencing at our school this year in Years 1-6.

Return to School-COVID 19 Update

Included in this Newsletter on page 5 is an update of our COVID-19 practices based on Department of Education guidelines.

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Parent/Teacher Information Nights

Parent/Teacher Information Nights will be held in the near future to welcome you and provide a range of information. The Information Nights will be held on the following days:

- Kindergarten – Wednesday 17 February at 6:00pm
- Year 1 – Tuesday 16 February at 6:00pm
- Year 2 – Tuesday 16 February at 6:30pm
- Year 3 – Monday 15 February at 6:00pm
- Year 4 – Thursday 18 February at 6:00pm
- Year 5 – Wednesday 17 February at 6:00pm
- Year 6 – Wednesday 17 February at 6.30pm

Newsletter

Our school Newsletter will be published each Wednesday and uploaded to our website and school app. The Newsletter will also be emailed to you.

P&C

The first meeting of the P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 8 February at 7:00pm in the Library. All parents are very welcome to attend. Discussion topics for this meeting include:

- School Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024

P&C Extraordinary Meeting

An Extraordinary Meeting of the P&C will be held on Friday (29 January 2021) of this week, commencing at 7:00pm in the school library via Zoom. Further information is on page 6 of this week's Newsletter.

Canteen

Our canteen has commenced operation for the year. If you wish to order lunch could you please change your child's class on Flexischools to this year's grouping from Monday 1 February 2021.

Upcoming Events

Term	Date	Activity	Time
Term 1 Week 1 2021	Tuesday 26 January	Australia Day	
	Wednesday 27 January	School Development Day	
	Thursday 28 January	School Development Day	
	Friday 29 January	Students in Year 1-6 commence Term 1 (except for Year 5 OC) Opportunity Class Orientation Day Kindergarten Best Start	9:00am 11:00am

Have a wonderful year at Balgowlah Heights Public School.

David Shuster | Principal





Balgowlah Heights Public School

School Staff Term 1 2021

PRINCIPAL	Mr David Shuster
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL K-2	Ms Emily Rhodes
DEP. PRINCIPAL (REL) 3-6	Mrs Kelly Lockhart
LEARNING SUPPORT & WELLBEING TEAM	Mrs Michelle Cruickshank (Tu-F) Mrs Sally Lambooy (W) Mrs Antoinetta Nicolson (M-Th) Mrs Claudine Allan (M, Tu, F))
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST	Mrs Katherine Wassink (M,Th)
JAPANESE	Mrs Sue Palmer (Tu-F)
LIBRARY	Mrs Roz Elliott Ms Kirsty Hall (W)
MUSIC	Mrs Megan Cronin (M-Th) Mr Alex Cronin (M)
SCIENCE	Mrs Jen Lowe (Tu - F) Mrs Laura Simpson (Tu-Th) Mrs Jenn Cartwright (Tu-Th)
SPORT	Mr Isaac Smith
RFF	Ms Kirsty Hall (Tu) Ms Meredyth Irvine (Tu) Mrs Loretta Csanyi (W,Th)
ADMIN STAFF	Mrs Carol Callaghan SAM (M-Th) Mrs Annette Finlayson SAM (W-F) Mrs Katherine Jones (M-W) Mrs Kathleen Obern (M-Tu) Mrs Mel Mulvena (M-W, F) Ms Julie Susko (W-F) Mrs Sandra Auton (Th,F)
LIBRARY ADMIN	Mrs Nicola Skinstad (M)
GENERAL ASSISTANTS	Mr John Femia Mr George Vella (Th)
SCHOOL Learning Support Officers	Mrs Sue Chandler (M-F) Mrs Ali Daddo (F) Ms Adrienne Gerber (M, Tu, W) Miss Danielle Irish (Tu,Th) Mrs Katie Jerman (Tu,W,Th) Mrs Di Lynch(M-F) Ms Katya Pellegrini (M,Tu, Th) Miss Rosie Sutton (M,F)

KINDERGARTEN

KD	Ms Melinda Daly Rel. AP
KF	Miss Hayley Fleming
KRA	Mrs Anji Kirwan (Tu-F) Mrs Belinda Richardson (M)
KS	Ms Brooke Saltmarsh
KW	Miss Hannah White

YEAR 1

1G	Miss Maddy Goldrick
1J	Mrs Josie Conn (M-W) Mrs Justine Oakley (Th-F)
1M	Mrs Linda McWhirter
1W	Miss Ashlee Wyngaard

YEAR 2

2D	Miss Emily Donlan
2E	Ms Laura Ewan
2F	Ms Fiona Deppeler AP
2R	Mr Neil Roxburgh

YEAR 3

3B	Miss Sarah Butcher
3C	Miss Lauren Campling
3G	Mr Hamish Gardner
3KC	Mrs Geri Kerr AP

YEAR 4

4B	Miss Isabella Bonadio
4E	Miss Jane Egan
4K	Mrs Rachel Keeling
4S	Mrs Kim Santer

YEAR 5

5J	Mr Neil Jensen
5P	Miss Nicola Park
5V	Miss Shona Veney
5W	Miss Steph Weller

YEAR 6

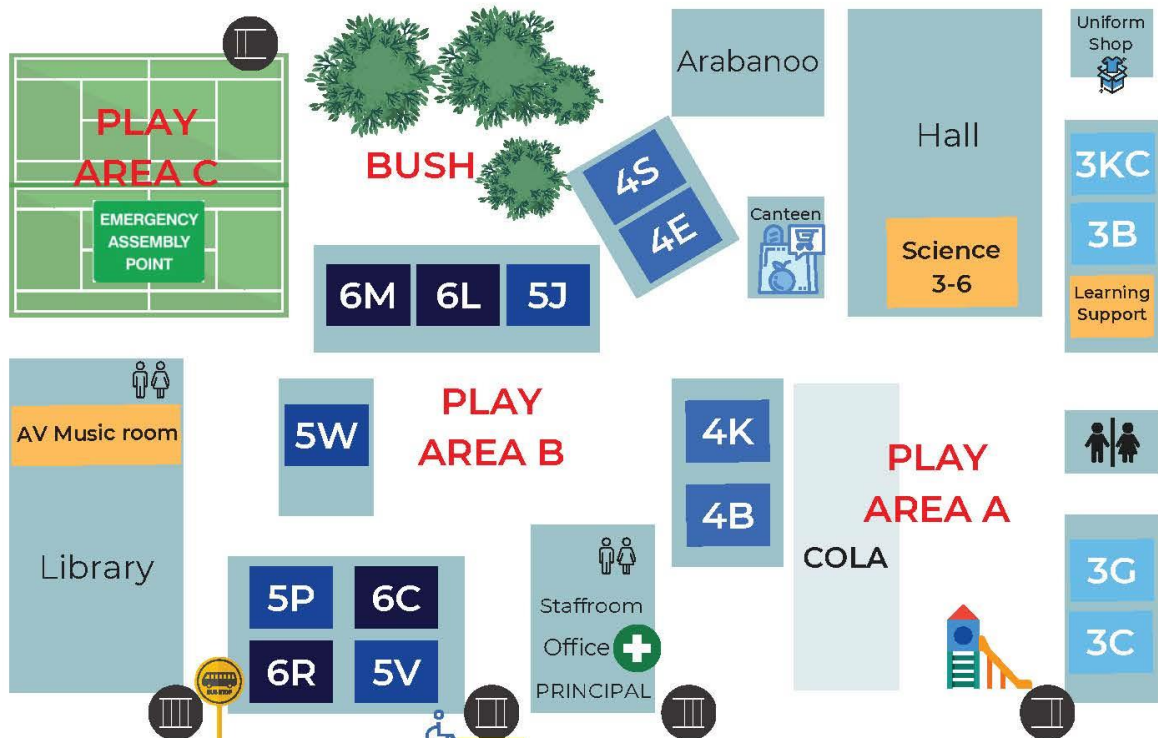
6C	Mrs Alex Coyle Rel. AP
6L	Mrs Lindy Chester
6M	Mrs Sue Musgrove
6R	Mrs Rosie Chirillo





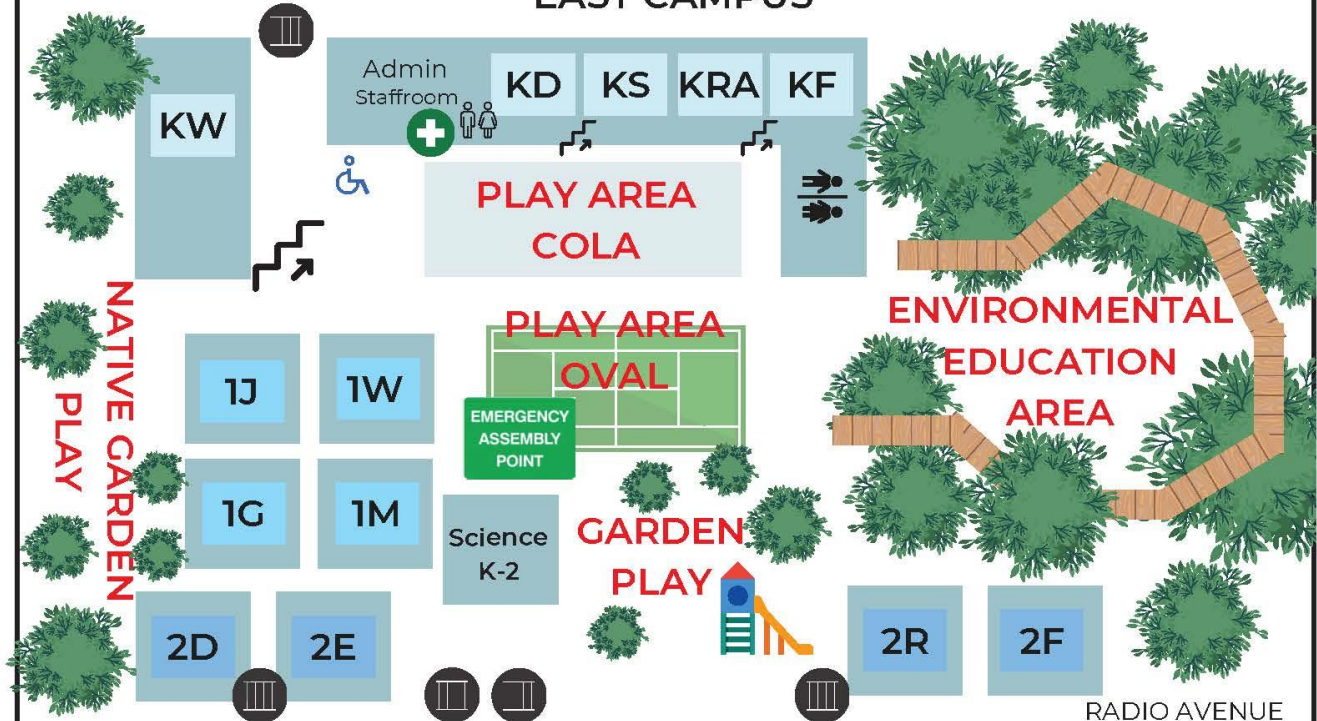
BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS SCHOOL MAP 2021

WEST CAMPUS



EAST CAMPUS

LEWIS STREET



RADIO AVENUE



Welcome back to Term 1- 2021



PICK UPS/DROP OFFS

- In the morning Years K-2 may say your "goodbyes" on school grounds. Please do so expeditiously and do not congregate.
- In the morning Years 3-6 please say your "goodbyes" at the gate.
- Kindergarten students will conclude at 3pm from 8.02.21.
- In the afternoon please collect your child at the gate.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Information on extra-curricular activities will be provided in the near future.



CANTEEN/BUBBLERS

- Canteen will be open 5 days a week.
- School bubblers are operational but a drink bottle is encouraged.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

If your child is not well, your support in keeping your child at home is appreciated.

Under the current health guidelines, if your child has cold/flu like symptoms a COVID-19 test is required before returning to school.



HYGIENE



- Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Wearing a mask is optional.

LIBRARY

Library open for students first half lunch on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.



P&C Extraordinary Meeting

There will be a P&C Extraordinary Meeting on Friday 29 January at 7:00pm (via Zoom) to discuss a development application ([DA 2020/1758 - Child Care Centre](#)) proposed at 11 Lewis Street, Balgowlah Heights. We will share the P&C draft submission prior to this meeting on our Facebook page/group. Please join us if you can to discuss this proposed application and vote (if you are a paid-up P&C member) on the draft submission. Up to 50 people can join in person in the library or please join via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: [Click Here](#)

Meeting ID: 655 4664 1819

Passcode: 068948

The P&C Team