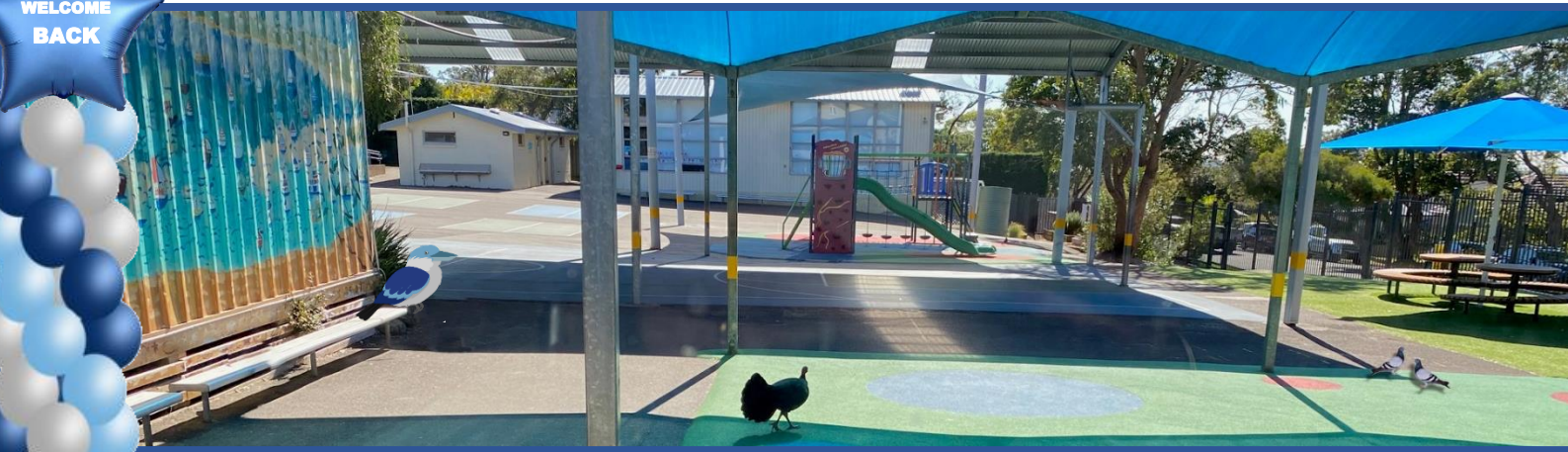


# THE HEIGHTS

Term 4 | Week 3 | 20 October 2021



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all of our families who provided the messages of thanks to our school staff. The messages were greatly appreciated.

### Return to School Information

## What you need to know about our return to school in Term 4

We are excited about our return to face-to-face learning and welcoming students and staff back onsite where we know the best learning happens. This week we welcomed back Kindergarten and Year 1. Next week we look forward to welcoming back the rest of our students.



### Our school's COVID-safe operations

Our COVID-safe return to school plan is NSW Health approved and includes numerous effective practices to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. These practices include vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of student groups and staff, ventilation in classrooms and cleaning.

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



## Keeping student groups together

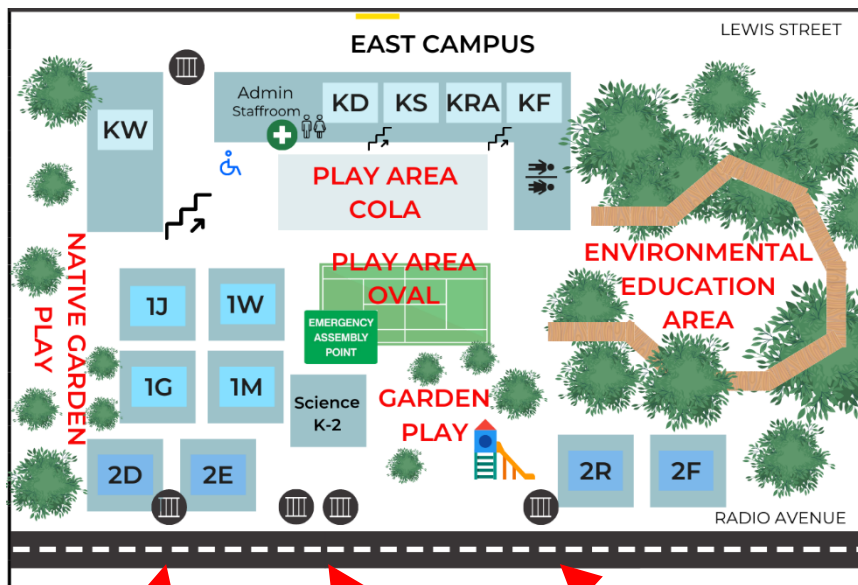
As we return to school, students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment. This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible.

This will mean students according to their stages playing in different sections of the playground. The play areas at recess and lunch will rotate. Before school the designated areas for students to play are:

- Kindergarten- Eastern COLA
- Years 1 & 2- Eastern Campus grass area and decking
- Years 3 & 4- Western Campus Area A
- Years 5 & 6- Western Campus Area B

At the end of the school day the students will depart from the designated gates shown on the maps below.

### East Campus



Eastern Campus - Radio Ave

**GATE 1**

Pick up for:  
**Year 1**

3:05pm

Eastern Campus - Radio Ave

**GATE 2**

Pick up for:  
**KINDERGARTEN**

3:00pm

Eastern Campus - Radio Ave

**GATE 3**

Pick up for:  
**Year 2**

3:05pm



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## West Campus



### Mask wearing for students and staff

Masks are required to be worn on school site by staff indoors and outdoors (optional) and strongly recommended for students indoors. If your child is going to wear a mask we suggest you arrange a mask. Student sized masks will be available from the school upon request.



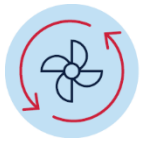
### Vaccinations

All staff required on site supporting the return to school will need to be fully vaccinated from 18 October. Then from Monday 25 October all staff, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement on a school site will need to be fully vaccinated, including Outside of School Hours Care (Arabanoo) staff.





# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



## Ventilation

Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air. The department will continue to work with NSW Health to provide us with advice and guidance on maintaining good ventilation in our school and we will make use of our outdoor spaces wherever practical.

An audit of our school's ventilation took place during the recent holiday break. A link to the report is provided below. [Ventilation Audit Report \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/ventilation-audit-report)



## Canteen

Our canteen will reopen on Monday 25 October. All items for recess and lunch will need to be ordered through Flexischools. No counter service will be available.



## Uniform shop

Our Uniform Shop will be open for 'Click and Collect' orders only. Further information is on page 9 of this week's Newsletter.

## Selective High Schools 2023

Applications for students in Year 5 who wish to apply for a Selective High School (Year 7) in 2023 are now open. Applications close on Wednesday 17 November and must be completed online at [click here](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7). Late applications will not be accepted. An Intention to Apply letter has been emailed to all Year 5 families providing further information.

## Opportunity Test

Students in Year 4 who applied for the Opportunity Class in 2022 will sit the test on Wednesday 17 November at our school. Further information will be emailed to families by the Opportunity Class Unit.

## Year 5 Leadership Day

On Tuesday 2 November 2021, all Year 5 students have the opportunity to participate in Leadership Day. The day will involve activities such as embracing strengths and responsibilities, team problem solving and contributions. An email with further information will be emailed to all Year 5 families.

NSW GOVERNMENT High Performing Students Team

### Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry in 2023 Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2023?  
You must apply online at:  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

**Key Dates**  
Application website opens: 19 October 2022  
Application website closes: 17 November 2022  
You must apply before this date.  
Test centre and test authority advice released: 24 February 2022  
Selective High School placement test: 10 March 2022  
Placement outcome expected to be released: 8 July 2022  
Please read this booklet carefully before applying.  
There may be changes to the procedures in this document.  
Check the website at [education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc) regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.  
Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.  
After applying, you will be able to log into your application dashboard to change details and send and receive messages.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:  
High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education  
Telephone: 1300 880 367  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## Student Leader's Message

This lockdown is so close to being finished and we are nearly back to normal. I hope that the Kindergarten and Year One kids have a great time at school this week!

There have been lots of good things that have happened during this lockdown but there are definitely some things that I am looking forward to about going back to school. I will see people in person that I haven't seen in a while. We can do group work again without having to do it over Zoom calls! It will be fun to play with friends in the playground. I really hope that team sports will start up again sometime soon too.

There will also be a few things about home schooling that I will miss. One of the biggest things that I will miss is having my dog by my side to help me with spelling! I hope you spend some time getting ready for school next week, that you can find your school bag and that your school shoes still fit you!



**Tommy Milcz | Student Leader**

Upcoming Events			
	Date	Activity	Time
Term 4 Week 4	Monday 25 October	Students in Years 3-6 return to school Canteen reopens (Orders only)	
	Tuesday 26 October	Kindergarten Parent (2022) Information Session (Zoom)	7.00pm
	Wednesday 27 October		
	Thursday 28 October		
	Friday 29 October	World Teachers' Day	
Term 4 Week 5	Monday 1 November	Kindergarten Orientation Visit 3	9.45am - 10.15am
	Tuesday 2 November	Year 5 Leadership Day	
	Wednesday 3 November		
	Thursday 4 November		
	Friday 5 November		

**David Shuster | Principal**



## BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL 2022 VIRTUAL Kindergarten Orientation Program



### \* PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Tuesday 12 October | 7-8pm (Zoom)**

Register to join: <http://bit.ly/BHPS12OCT>

Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3n7dw11>

- School Readiness
- Meet the 2022 Kindergarten Teachers
- A day in the life of a Kindergarten student
- Overview of the Best Start assessment

**Tuesday 26 October | 7-8pm (Zoom)**

Register to join: <https://bit.ly/BHPS26OCT>

Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3z09h41>

- P&C Information  
Arabanoo | Canteen | Uniform Shop | Walking bus

### \* VIRTUAL KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Orientation zooms for children 9.45 - 10.15am

Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/BHPSorientation2022>

- Group 1 | Monday's 11 and 18 October
- Group 2 | Wednesday's 13 and 20 October
- Group 3 | Thursday's 14 and 21 October
- All Groups Monday 1 November

### \* KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

For more information

*(password protected for Kindergarten 2022 families)*

<https://bit.ly/BHPS2022>

- Virtual school tour
- Virtual orientation videos & activities (published Oct 2021)
- Starting school parent information



## Week 3 and 4 Wellbeing and PBL Focus



This fortnight's focus:



### Shoot for the Stars

We are learning to try our  
personal best and set clear  
goals.

## P&C News

To keep up to date with all our news and events, please join the private [BHPS P&C Facebook Group](#).

### Uniform update #2 – overview of new items

The main change to the uniform is the base colour – replacing grey with navy blue. So, the new items added to the inventory are:

- Navy blue shorts, replacing the grey shorts
- Navy blue skort, replacing the checked/gingham skort
- Sky blue polo, replacing white polo



The uniform is intended to be more aligned and gender neutral and more information can be found in the new [BHPS Uniform Policy document](#).

The rollout will occur over the course of 2022 (with a 3-year transition period) in the following order:

1. 2022 Kindergarten
2. Years 1 & 2
3. Years 3 to 6

Subject to stock levels and new stock availability

So please keep an eye on this newsletter, in our [Facebook group](#) and in In the Loop email in the coming weeks to find more information on your particular year group. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact [bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com).

### P&C Meeting – highlights

Thank you to all those who attended the P&C meeting last night and to Mr David Shuster and team for their update. Please find following some key highlights – some were in response to pre-meeting questions sent through from families. For more detailed information, the minutes will be available in next week's newsletter.

- Back to school – the areas of focus for Week 1 will be Wellbeing. Then over the next few weeks there will be standardised assessments undertaken to help the school understand where the children are at in regards to literacy and numeracy.
- School reports – the Department of Education has provided revised guidelines for Semester II school reports due to home learning.
- Term 4 school events – at present the school is under Level 3+ parameters so there are very limited activities available. Hopefully when we get to Level 3 (potentially 3 December) more activities will be possible.
- Masks – masks have been highly recommended for students – to be worn inside (no longer required outside). School has requested that the child takes responsibility for their own mask – masks will be left on desks when children leave the classroom for recess, lunch etc.
- Ventilation – a ventilation audit was undertaken during the school holidays and the Department of Education (based on advice from the Health Department) has advised there will be no additional equipment provided to schools. School will ensure that all windows are open and air conditioners and fans are on. School will also utilise outside learning as much as possible.
- School exit gates – Students may use the Beatrice Street exit.
- Planning for 2022 – based on current numbers for 2022 the Department of Education will provide for 29 classes; however, school would like to look at forming at least 30 classes and pay for the additional teacher. With this in mind, assistance with payment of invoices for Term 3 and 4 would be greatly appreciated. The transition program for Year 2 to Year 3 will start in a few week's time and additional transition programs for Kindergarten to Year 1 and Year 1 to Year 2 will also be implemented this year.
- Japanese – Sue Palmer will return to school in a few week's time but will not run timetabled Japanese lessons across all years. It will be more of a general cultural program. Therefore, Japanese will not be included in the invoices for Term 3 and 4.
- Canteen – canteen volunteers are not yet allowed on-site at this point.
- Enrichment programs – these will commence (week 4) next week (MiniLit etc) for Kindergarten and Year 1 and then week 5 for Years 2-6.



- ICAS exams – unfortunately there was some miscommunication from ICAS to both school and parents this year. Hopefully all has been resolved and students will sit ICAS in school next year (as per normal).
- NAPLAN – some good results from BHPS students this year (too many to list here!). Year 3 results – highest performance in reading and writing BHPS has ever achieved and in numeracy, second highest performance. Focus areas include: reading comprehensive (main idea & inferential), grammar & punctuation (apostrophes, speech marks & contractions), spelling (vowel & consonant digraphs) and Numeracy (number place value & money, fractions, problem solving, 2D & 3D shapes).
- Year 5 results – Year 5 performance in Spelling was very good. Focus areas include: reading comprehensive (inferential & text features), grammar & punctuation (proper nouns, identifying nouns, verbs & adjectives), spelling (vowel & consonant digraphs) and Numeracy (number place & decimals, money, problem solving, 2D & 3D nets, statistics & probability).
- Operation Wattle – thank you to Ashlea Zivanovic who joined the meeting to provide an update. The program is running as a pilot online – students track Ashlea planting the seeds and nurturing. In April 2022 tube stocks will be taken up to North Head and planted. In addition, students will grow their own wattle (non-threatened species) – starting next week when they return to school. This inquiry-based learning links to the overall school geography program.
- Treasurer's update – thank you to all those family that contributed in the first half of 2021. Job saver has contributed close to \$20,000 which has enabled canteen staff to remain on payroll. During 2021, P&C contributions have helped with the supply of IT (laptops and iPads), smartboard investments, and wellbeing and learning support programs. The air conditioning has now been installed in the hall – contributions to the building fund directly contributed to this improvement.
- Services update – details about some of the new items available in the uniform shop will be provided to families in the following weeks. Unfortunately, sales have been low (due to lockdown) - \$25k lower for July – Sept. The new Uniform policy document is available in the Uniform update above and there is a request to be patient as we work through stock levels and new stock availability.
- Canteen – will open on Monday 25 October. All canteen staff will be fully vaccinated and there will be no counter service. Menu is currently being reviewed.
- Car and pedestrian safety issues around the school streets will be followed up with Northern Beaches Council next year.

## Seeking sustainability volunteers!

Are you interested in all things green? We are seeking volunteers to join our sustainability team. This is a great way to engage with the school and parents with sustainability initiatives. This does not require lots of your time and is a lovely way to get involved with the P&C and help promote sustainability, recycling and good practice around the school. If you would like more information, drop Diana a line at [bhpspresident@gmail.com](mailto:bhpspresident@gmail.com)

A thank you to teachers and school support staff

Thank you to all those who added a message on the thank you board – thank you again Mr David Shuster and team for the massive effort you put into building and maintaining an engaging and thoughtful home learning program for our children.

Check it out - <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/SLPefsji#view>

*If you have any questions about the P&C or would like to be involved in any way, please feel free to contact Diana at [bhpspresident@gmail.com](mailto:bhpspresident@gmail.com) or Tamsin at [bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com](mailto:bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com). Like the [BHPS P&C Facebook Page](#) and join the private [BHPS P&C Facebook Group](#) to keep up to date with P&C news and events.*

## The P&C team

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## OPEN for Click and Collect Only

### Pick up at the Uniform Shop Desk | Tuesdays and Thursdays 3.10pm – 4.00pm

You'll be advised by email when your order is ready for collection.  
Second-hand items are unavailable online.

**Tuesday and Thursday " CLICK & COLLECT "** will be available for Kindergarten 2022 and all students needing Summer Uniform items. Flexischools is Open.  
Collections will be from outside the Administration Office Tuesday and Thursday 3.10pm-4.00pm unless otherwise advised. Please Scan QR code at the school entrance.

### " CLICK & COLLECT "

Please collect your items from the Uniform Shop Desk when advised via email. Orders are not available from the Administration Office.

Tuesday & Thursday 3.10pm - 4.00pm

Please Scan the QR code at the school entrance.

**Kindergarten 2022:** Please Order by emailing the Kindergarten 2022 Order Form to [bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com) or order via Flexischools.

Order sooner rather than later in case you require a size exchange.

**Blue Polos** are now back in stock, order via Flexischools or the online order form. (As per enquiries, this item is not a new style, it is the current blue polo.)

**Flexischools** - If you wish to cancel an item on your Flexischools Order, this must be done via Flexischools. The Uniform Shop cannot cancel Flexischools Orders.

### Exchanges

EXCHANGES CAN BE MADE WHEN ALL TAGS AND PACKAGING REMAIN INTACT AND WITHIN 28 DAYS OF PURCHASE. Please take care when opening uniform packages!

### Exchanges Policy

Within 28 days of purchase, together with a copy of the receipt.

Returned goods will only be accepted in resale condition: unworn, unwashed, unmarked with tags attached in **original intact packaging**. There are **no returns** or **exchanges** on Hats, Recorders, Hair Accessories, socks/hosiery and Second-Hand items.

**Size exchanges** can be made via the Administration Office, just **attach a note** with the size to swap to and your child's Name & Class. e.g. "Can I exchange this size 4 for a size 6 please" and it will be available for pick up at the next Uniform Shop desk time.

**Loretta Mykityshyn | Uniform Shop Manager**



# MWBA PINK BALL

TERM 4 2021

FOR GIRLS 7-12 YRS WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN BASKETBALL SKILLS WITH FEMALE COACHES.

DATES: SAT 16th October to 5th December, 2021

TIME: 1:20-2:20 PM

VENUE: NORTHERN BEACHES INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

COST: \$100 INCLUDES A PINK BALL

Limited tickets

Active kids vouchers welcome.

Please email voucher to :mwba@manlybasketball.com.au with your child's

DOB and a code will be sent to you to void payment.

To Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRMBD>



Learn the skills of Basketball in a fun learning environment with qualified coaches.

Ages: 5-12 yrs 2:30-3:20pm

Broken into groups according to age and ability.

Venue: Northern Beaches

Indoors Sports Centre

Cost: \$100 for 9 weeks..

Active Kids Vouchers Welcome



Saturday Learn To Play  
16TH OCTOBER TO 11TH DECEMBER, 2021

To Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRMBK>

## BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA'S OFFICIAL JUNIOR GAME DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR 5-10 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops is all about learning to play basketball in a fun and safe environment. Our national coaching curriculum and sequentially developed program consists of warm-up games, skill activities and modified games all delivered by accredited coaches. We invite you to explore our website and welcome you to the Australian basketball community.

REGISTER NOW ▶



### Aussie Hoops

Learn to Play Basketball for all students aged 5-10

Term 4 dates : Sunday 17th October to 5th December 2021, 9:00am -10:00am ( 8 weeks)

Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre

Aussie Hoops Coach is JEROME LEE all participants receive a Basketball Australia pack which includes an Indoor outdoor basketball, Reversible playing singlet and a gym sack. The cost is \$160 for ( Eight weeks) all inclusive or returning player \$110. Book on the Aussie Hoops website