

# THE HEIGHTS

Term 4 | Week 5 | 3 November 2021

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Thank You

Thank you for the support you have provided in students returning to face-to-face learning through returning of laptops/iPads, ensuring your child has their stationery, returning of library books and assisting in re-establishing the routines of practices such as homework.

The students have returned to school with enthusiasm and happiness. There is a good feeling in the classrooms and playground.

Thank you for all you are doing.



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## Transition Programs

A number of transition programs are being instigated this term to assist students in their progression into a new stage of their schooling which comply with appropriate Covid-19 social distancing guidelines. These include:

### **2022 Kindergarten**

- Three visits by new Kindergarten students in Term 4 (Zoom)
- Onsite visit Tuesday 7 December 2021 TBC
- Two parent information sessions (Zoom)
- Information Packs
- Website with activities and videos
- Storybook



### **Kindergarten-Year 1**

- Visits to Year 1 classrooms
- Information Book

### **Year 1-Year 2**

- Visits to Year 2 classrooms
- Information Book

### **Year 2-3**

- Regular visits to Western Campus to play and visit classrooms
- Information Book

### **2022 Year 5 Opportunity Class**

- Orientation Session on Tuesday 1 February 2022
- Students commence Wednesday 2 February 2022
- Information Book
- School Tour Monday 24 January 22 at 10.00am TBC
- Information section on school website

### **Year 6-7**

- High School Orientation TBC
- 2-day high school model-read timetable, change rooms/teachers (including change of clothes for PE at our school) Friday 12 and Friday 19 November.

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## Year 5 Leadership Day

The students in Year 5 participated in a Leadership Day which involved them undertaking a range of activities involving team problem solving and team building. The students undertook activities via Zoom and at school with their teachers.



## 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](#). Late applications will not be accepted. An Intention to Apply letter has been emailed to all Year 5 families providing further information.

High Performing Students Team

NSW  
GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

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-clubs/year-7>

**Key Dates**  
Application website opens:  
18 October 2022  
Application website closes:  
17 November 2022  
You must apply before this date.  
Test centres and test authority advice released:  
24 February 2023  
Select Year 7 School placement test:  
10 March 2023  
Placement outcomes expected to be released:  
8 May 2023  
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/hsr/hsr](https://education.nsw.gov.au/hsr/hsr) regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.  
Please check this website for information before presentation of the tests.  
After applying, you will be able to log into your application dashboard to check details and send and receive messages.

The NSW Year 7 High School placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is administered by the State of NSW.

Contact Details:  
High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education  
Telephone: 1 800 885 947  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hsr/772510636285>

## Term 3 & 4 Invoices

School Invoices will be sent home last week detailing program contributions which covers educational programs, sports programs, teaching/learning materials and the P&C Voluntary Contribution. As you are aware, we have spread program costs across each term to assist. Invoices were not issued in Term 3 due to Covid-19 restrictions. I understand home learning in Term 3 and early this term has been a challenging time. If you are in a situation to support the school by making these contributions, it would be greatly appreciated. All of our programs such as Music and PE were able to be continued during home learning and your support of technology and online learning platforms allowed the delivery of quality programs.



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Upcoming Events			
	Date	Activity	Time
Term 4 Week 6	Monday 8 November	Year 5 Student Leader EOIs due	
	Tuesday 9 November		
	Wednesday 10 November		
	Thursday 11 November	Remembrance Day Year 5 Student Leaders' EOI Presentations	11.30am
	Friday 12 November	Year 6 High School Model Day	
Term 4 Week 7	Monday 15 November		
	Tuesday 16 November		
	Wednesday 17 November	Opportunity Class Test	
	Thursday 18 November	Year 5 Student Leaders' Speech Presentations	11.30am
	Friday 19 November	Year 6 High School Model Day	

David Shuster | Principal

# WELLBEING NEWS

**Week 5 and 6 Wellbeing and PBL Focus**

This fortnight's focus:

**Transitions**

We are learning to demonstrate our personal best by having a positive attitude towards challenges.

## 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 #4 – Years 1 and 2 Uniform

New items are being rolled out to Kindergarten first (with a 3-year transition period for all other years).

*Who am I?*

I am a Year 1 or Year 2 student – what will my Summer uniform look like?

**Option 1:** Grey shorts with sky blue polo

**Option 2:** Blue & white check Summer dress

**Option 3:** Blue & white check skirt with white or sky blue polo

**Option 4:** Navy shorts with white polo (current stock is girl style shorts)

The following options will be available next Summer 2022/2023:

**Option 5:** Navy blue shorts with sky blue polo

**Option 6:** Navy blue skirt with sky blue polo



Available next Summer 2022 | 2023



I also need my sports uniform (Royal blue sport polo shirt and Royal blue sport shorts).

I can wear my older sibling's uniforms until they don't fit me anymore as there is a 3-year transition period to Option 5 and 6.

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 Minutes

Read the full minutes from the last P&C meeting [here](#).

## Watch this space... Christmas Gingerbread Houses

Christmas Gingerbread Houses are coming soon and will be available for delivery at the end of November. More details next week.



## Bottle drive...have you booked your pick up?

Don't forget to book your pick up for Friday 3 December (or if your garage is overflowing with bottles, you can book an earlier pick up) – Re Collect will collect from your house so you don't have to carry all those bottles to a collection station! Just remember to use the code BHPS.

Balgowlah Heights Public School (BHPS)  
**Help fund a greenhouse with our  
Bottle Drive**

 Please help our Year 3 students grow the endangered Sunshine Wattle (*Acacia terminalis subspecies Eastern Sydney*) in a learning project coordinated by staff from Bush-to-Bowl and Year 3 teachers.

**Collect your bottles & cans**

To help raise funds, we are partnering again with ReCollect, a return & earn recycling program.

Rather than putting your bottles in the yellow bin, please collect eligible containers.

For collection from your house on **Friday 3 December**.

The funds BHPS receives will be used to **fund a greenhouse** as part of Operation Wattle

  
What's eligible for a refund?  
Must also contain minimum 50ml and 5L or more.  
What's not eligible?  
Plastic bottles, containers, returned milk of 5L or more, Return to Recycle, wine and beer bottles, and coated bottles.  
All collections are contact-free #COVIDsafe  
www.re-collect.com.au

1. Go to [www.re-collect.com.au](http://www.re-collect.com.au)
2. Select 'Sign up' – choose 'Customer sign up' (green box)
3. Enter BHPS code, select 'Residential pick up' and add your address. For frequency, choose 'one off'.
4. Select how many large garbage bags (or boxes) you need collected.
5. Select Balgowlah Heights Public School from the list of organisations that you want the funds to go towards.
6. Enter the code BHPS so that the school gets the full 10 cents per container.

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

P&C proudly supported by



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## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is **CLOSED** at this time.

Uniform items can be ordered via Flexischools & the Order Form on the school website.

**Flexischools Orders** will be delivered to Class Tuesdays.

**Kindergarten 2022 Orders:** Pick up at 'Click & Collect'.

## Click and Collect

### Tuesday: 3.10pm - 4.00pm Click and Collect

You'll be advised by email when your order is ready for collection.  
*Orders are not available to collect from the Administration Office.*

### Thursday: 3.10pm - 4.00pm Click & Collect | Second Hand Items

Second Hand Items will be available plus Hats & Accessories.  
Second-Hand items are unavailable online.  
Please Scan the **QR code** at the school entrance to enter.

**Kindergarten 2022:** Please Order by emailing the Kindergarten 2022 Order Form to [bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com)  
Order sooner rather than later in case you require a size exchange.

**Year 6 2021 Bears:** Year 6 Graduation Signature Bears are now available to Order via Flexischools or in person at the Uniform Shop Desk, Tues or Thurs afternoons. Bears will be delivered to classes in December. Get your order in early, as they sell out quickly and will not be available after 7 December 2021.

## 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. eg "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**

## **Welcome back to Term 4 in the Canteen!**

You will have noticed that we have made some changes to our menu this term. This is due to a combination of adjustments required by Covid regulations and the fact that Term 4 is now a short term.

We are unfortunately unable to sell any sushi other than hand rolls, edamame and seaweed. Our sushi provider is no longer able to supply us with the other items we had on our menu. We are also receiving the hand rolls "nude". While we understand that it may make eating the sushi a little trickier, we must reduce our plastic footprint as we are part of the Northern Beaches Council's environmental programme. We have also had to remove drinks requiring disposable cups and all frozen items and are unable to have counter service or any volunteers for the remainder of the term. All canteen food must be ordered through Flexischools.

We apologise for having to implement these changes and thank you for your understanding. We are hoping that next year we will be able to re-introduce some of the removed menu items.

We are looking forward to having Christmas cupcakes available for order as a special treat later this term so stay tuned for the details. We will let you know in the newsletter.

**Kathrine Baulderstone and Sanja Vidaic | Canteen Managers**





## Part-Time Work

4x Permanent Part-Time Position – Northern Beaches - 36161

### Help protect our vibrant school communities

#### Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
  - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Dee Why Public School crossings require the hours 8:15am - 9:15am & 2:30pm - 3:30pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

North Narrabeen Public School crossings require the hours 8.15am – 9.15am & 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

Wheeler Heights Public School crossings require the hours 8.30am - 9.30am & 2.45pm - 3.45pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

#### Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
  - ✓ Community spirit
  - ✓ Positive energy



If it does, visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) to apply today!

For more information please contact Caitlin Ritchie on 02 9983 2782

Applications close: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

