

THE HEIGHTS

Term 4 | Week 6 | 10 November 2021

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

P&C

The next meeting of the P&C Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 22 November at 7.00pm on Zoom or in person in the library. (If attending in person double vaccination is required.) All parents are very welcome to attend. Discussion topics for this meeting include:

- 2022 School Planning
- School Finances
- Years 3-6 Check-In Assessment Results

To register please [click here](#): This link also provides the opportunity for you to detail questions you would like addressed.

A zoom link for the meeting is provided below:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/62249953883?pwd=VFY4TERLZFJ4VmQxOHkrNkM5dk9TQT09>

Meeting ID: 622 4995 3883

Passcode: 420773

Year 6 High School Readiness Days

Our Year 6 teachers will be providing the Year 6 students with two High School Readiness Days. This will involve the students undertaking a timetable of lessons which involves going to different rooms for different subjects. The purpose of the program is to assist in preparing the students for the daily transitions that occur in high school, reading a timetable and organisational skills associated with this. The days the students will undertake this program are:

- Friday 12 November
- Friday 19 November

An email has been sent to Year 6 families with further information.

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Year 5 Student Leader Opportunities

Our Year 5 students are provided with leadership opportunities next year through the roles of School Captain, School Leader, Sports Captain, Student Representative Council, Monitor (Library, Sound, Sustainability, Flag) and Patron (Office, Class). Well done to the Year 5 students who submitted expressions of interest for Student Leader. We look forward to hearing their Expression of Interest Speeches on Thursday (11.11.21) of this week.

Information on the other leadership opportunities will be provided later in the term.

Year 4 Opportunity Class Test

We wish the students in Year 4 sitting for the Opportunity Test at our school on Wednesday (17 November 2021) of next week all the best.

Year 6 High School Orientation Days

Students in Year 6 attending state high schools will participate in Orientation Days at local high schools on Tuesday 30 November. Further information on these days will be provided by the individual high school.

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.

Term 3 and 4 Invoices

School Invoices were sent home recently 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.

It would be appreciated if invoices could be finalised by Thursday (18 November 2021) of next week.

Thank you for the 32% of contributions we have currently received. Our school's finances will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting of the P&C.

Talent Quest

We look forward to our Talent Quests to be held on the dates listed below. A note will be emailed later this week with further information.

Year 6 Grade Final	Friday 26 November	12:45pm
Year 5 Grade Final	Monday 29 November	12:45pm
Year 4 Grade Final	Tuesday 30 November	12:45pm
Year 3 Grade Final	Friday 3 December	12:45pm
Year 2 Grade Final	Monday 6 December	12:45pm
Year 1 Grade Final	Tuesday 7 December	12:45pm
Kindergarten Grade Final	Friday 10 December	12:45pm
School K-6 Final	Tuesday 14 December	11:30am



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Term 4 Parent | Teacher Interviews

We will be holding Parent | Teacher Interviews the fortnight commencing Monday 29 November. This will be a valuable opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in to school after Home Learning, discuss 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 phone or using Zoom. Further information will be provided in the near future.

Upcoming Events			
	Date	Activity	Time
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	
Term 4 Week 8	Monday 22 November	P&C (AGM)	7.00pm
	Tuesday 23 November		
	Wednesday 24 November		
	Thursday 25 November		
	Friday 26 November	Year 6 Talent Quest Student Semester 2 Reports home	12.45pm

David Shuster | Principal

National Recycling Week

Our school is participating in the GLAD to Recycle Challenge in Term 4.

GLAD® have partnered with TerraCycle and Eco Educate to give some lucky schools the chance to win a sustainable garden!

How it works:

Schools are invited to recycle food care waste and vote for their school to earn points in the GLAD® to Recycle Challenge.

The more units of food care waste recycled and the more votes, the more chances of winning!



What can you recycle through this program?



Place cardboard packaging in kerbside recycling bin.

Grand Prize

One garden bed made from recycled plastic, one subpod compost system essentials bundle and a \$200 Bunnings Warehouse voucher.

Runner-up Prize

One garden bed made from recycled plastic and a \$200 Bunnings Warehouse voucher.

Where: Drop off your food waste bags and cling wrap, outside the western campus office.

Vote for us at:

<https://www.terraCycle.com/en-AU/contests/glad-to-recycle>

Let's get collecting!

Shona Veney | Sustainability Coordinator

Week 7 and 8 Wellbeing and PBL Focus



This fortnight's focus:



Transitions

We are learning to demonstrate respect by showing kindness to ourselves and others.



WORLD KINDNESS DAY November 13, 2021

World Kindness Day promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. The purpose of this day, celebrated on Saturday 13 November of each year, is to help everyone understand that compassion for others is what binds us all together. At BHPS, we encourage kindness in the classroom, playground and in the community every day. We will focus on kindness as part of our Wellbeing and PBL program during Week 7.

Being kind doesn't need to look or be extravagant. Sometimes the simplest things make the most significant difference! Here are a few simple ideas and ways to be helpful on World Kindness Day or anytime. Look for opportunities while you go through your day to infuse kindness into someone's day. It will change their day and yours for the better! Some ideas could be helping a neighbour/colleague/friend, smiling when you walk by others, calling a relative you haven't seen for a while, bringing in your neighbour's bins, planting a tree, going to bed an hour earlier, spending more time with people you care about, sending a handwritten note to someone to lift their spirits, helping or volunteering in the community or simply handing out compliments freely. Click here for [Kindness at Home resources](#).

Why not get creative and make a list of kind acts you could do with your child/children for World Kindness Day and beyond. Together let's make kindness the norm at BHPS and in our community.

Michelle Cruickshank | Wellbeing Teacher

7 WAYS TO START MAKING KINDNESS THE NORM IN YOUR DAILY LIFE:

- 1 Send an uplifting text to a friend or family member.
- 2 Let that guy merge into traffic with a wave and a smile.
- 3 Include intentional moments of kindness, laughter and delight in your daily routine.
- 4 Go *slightly* outside of our comfort zone at least once a day to make someone smile.
- 5 Share a compliment with a co-worker or friend.
- 6 Reach out to a family member you haven't spoken to in awhile.
- 7 Treat someone to a cup of coffee (a friend, stranger, or even yourself).

**make
kindness
the norm.**

#WorldKindnessDay
#MakeKindnessTheNorm
www.randomactsofkindness.org

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 #5 – Years 3 and 4 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 3 or Year 4 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 skort with white or sky blue polo

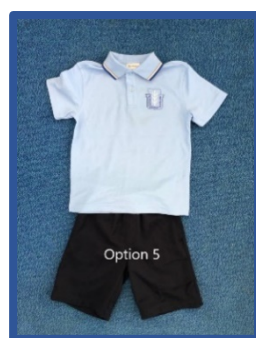
Option 4: Navy shorts with white polo (current stock is girl style shorts)



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

Option 5: Navy blue shorts with sky blue polo

Option 6: Navy blue skort with sky blue polo



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.



Christmas Gingerbread House Kits

Christmas Gingerbread House kits (with instructions on how to make the house, icing and decorate) will be available to order from Flexischools at the end of this week. They are \$40 each and can be picked up from the Western Campus on Monday 29 November between 2.45pm and 3.30pm.



Bottle drive... is your garage overflowing?

Book your pick for Friday 3 December (or earlier if needed) – ReCollect 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



- Go to www.re-collect.com.au
- Select 'Sign up' – choose 'Customer sign up' (green box)
- Enter BHPS code, select 'Residential pick up' and add your address. For frequency, choose 'one off'.
- Select how many large garbage bags (or boxes) you need collected.
- Select Balgowlah Heights Public School from the list of organisations that you want the funds to go towards.
- 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 or Tamsin at 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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Uniform Shop

Flexischools Orders will be delivered to classes on Tuesdays.

Tuesday 7 December 2021 is the last delivery date for all Orders. **Please have your orders in by 12pm Monday 6 December.**

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

Thursday 9 December 2021 is the last "Click & Collect" day.

Uniform items including Bears will not be available after this date.

The Uniform Shop is **CLOSED** from **Friday 10 December 2021** for Stocktake and during the School Holidays. It will re-open Tuesday **1 February 2022**.

Click and Collect

Tuesdays: 3.05pm – 3.45pm 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.

Thursdays: 3.05pm – 3.45pm 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 and please wear a mask.

Kindergarten 2022: Please Order by emailing the

[Kindergarten 2022 Order Form](#) to 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.

Uniform Donations: If you have any outgrown Summer Uniform items in good condition, please drop them at the Administration Office (the yellow Worn Up box is for unwearable items only).

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!**

Exchange 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

We are getting into the Christmas spirit in Canteen and offering Christmas cupcakes for recess on Tuesday 7 December. They are made by our fabulous baker Chris from Manly Bakery and are available for order through Flexischools. You will see the tab "Christmas Cupcakes" on the Food Order menu on your Flexischools app. Cupcakes are \$3.20. and cut off for orders is 12pm Friday 3 December 2021.

Please note we will not be able to take orders after cut off and we are **unable** to take phone orders. The cupcakes **must** be ordered through Flexischools only. Please order early so you don't forget. When we have themed cupcakes in the past they have been hugely popular so don't miss out!

Just a reminder also that due to COVID restrictions we are still unable to offer any counter service. Thank you

Kathrine Boulderstone 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 to apply today!

For more information please contact Caitlin Ritchie on 02 9983 2782

Applications close: Friday 12th November 2021

