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Term 4 | Week 7 | 17 November 2021

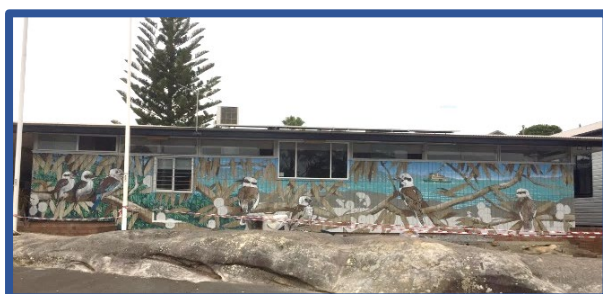
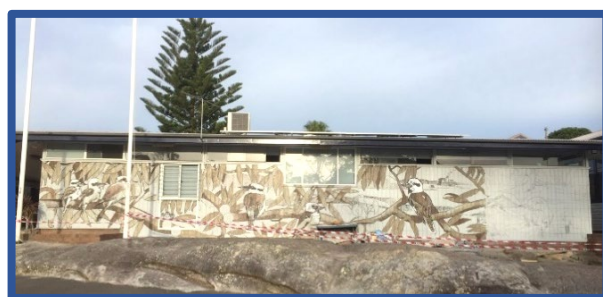
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mural

Thank you to Hugues Sineux who recently completed our mural on the eastern wall of the hall. Many of the students took the opportunity of talking with Hugues about the work and many classes undertook their own art lessons based on the mural.



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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>

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Semester 2 Student Reports

On Friday 26 November Semester 2 Student Reports will be emailed to parents. Based on Department of Education Guidelines, the Reports have been adjusted in recognition of the impact of the home learning program. Reflecting the adjustments required for students, the report will not grade student achievement or effort using the five-point scale (Outstanding to Limited) as in previous reports. The report indicates work that has been submitted during the home learning program, focusing on English and mathematics. The report will be complemented by an optional parent | teacher interview where the class teacher will focus on academic progress, future directions, wellbeing and identify what can be done to support learning growth.

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.

Bookings open: Friday 19 November 2021
Bookings close: Thursday 25 November 2021

Interviews can be scheduled via the QR code or via the link:
www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Simply enter the code and press "Go"
THIS CODE CHANGES – DO NOT USE YOUR LAST EVENT'S CODE



Enter your details



Select your child's classroom teacher



Select the appointment time



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically.

You can return to <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> at any time and change your interview time until Thursday 25 November (3.00pm).



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Year 6 High School Readiness Days

We held the first of our High School Readiness Days last week. The Year 6 students undertook six periods which involved changing rooms for subjects such as music, drama, sport and visual arts. The Year 6 students will undertake a similar program on Friday (19 November 2021) of this week.



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. Thank you for the 58% of contributions we have currently received. Our school's finances will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting of the P&C.

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

Talent Quest

We look forward to our Talent Quests to be held on the dates listed below. A note has been emailed 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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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 negative Covid-19 Test (PCR-not rapid antigen test) is required before returning to school.

PSSA Shirts

It would be appreciated if all school PSSA shirts (soccer, AFL, rugby league) borrowed earlier this year could be returned to school.

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

WELLBEING NEWS

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.



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

SCHOOL NEWS

Joining Band and Strings in 2022 – Register Now

Term 4 is busy for our Instrumental Ensembles Program with all our preparations for our 2022 ensembles.

This week Year 2 students will participate in aural assessments via a fun listening test which gives information about their abilities in regards to pitch, chords, melody and rhythm. This information, along with many other factors, assists the conductors with selecting the right instrument for your child. You can read more about this process and the band program generally by accessing [the website](#).

An online Parent Information Session will be held on Wednesday 24 November at 7pm. A zoom link will be provided next week.

Our Strings Program is also gearing up for 2022. In the next few weeks, Year 1 students will see demonstrations of string instruments in class. Parents will be able to hear about the 2022 Beginner Strings Program in an online information session – date will be available soon. Find out more about the String Program under the Strings section of [our website](#).

If you have any questions please contact bhpsconcertband@optusnet.com.au.



LIBRARY NEWS

Book returns

It would be appreciated if school library books could be returned as soon as possible.

P&C News

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

P&C Meeting & Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The next P&C Meeting and AGM will be held on Monday 22 November at 7pm on Zoom or in person in the library (if attending in person, double vaccination is required). Please join us for school and P&C updates as well as a chance to chat to Mr Shuster, school staff and P&C team members.

Discussion topics for this meeting include:

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2. School Finances
3. Years 3-6 Check-In Assessment Results

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Uniform update #5 – Years 5, 6 and OC 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 5, Year 6 or OC 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)



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

Due to the new navy shorts and skort not being available until next Summer (2022/2023), I can wear the current uniform until I leave Balgowlah Heights Public School.

If you have any questions regarding the uniform, 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.



Great Lunchbox Sale

The final lunchbox sale of the year will be on Friday 19 November between 2.45pm and 3.15pm on the Eastern and Western Campus. Gold coin donation (Eftpos available) – all funds will go to the Sustainability Committee for future initiatives.

Bottle drive... is your garage overflowing?

Please keep collecting eligible containers for our greenhouse fundraising (as part of Operation Wattle). Log in/Sign up to ReCollect, choose your pick-up date and use the BHPS code to ensure all funds come to BHPS. Details on attached flyer.

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



1. Go to 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 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 NEWS

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 day for "Click & Collect". Order by 6 December 2021

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

Kindergarten Pack pick up

Thursdays: 3.05pm – 3.45pm Click & Collect | Second Hand Items

Second hand Items will be available plus hats & accessories.

Please Scan the **QR code** at the school entrance to enter and please wear a mask.

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).

Loretta Mykityshyn | Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

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



**Help Support your local Scout Group
1st/2nd Harbord Scout Group**

**Sat 11th & Sun 12th
December, from 7am**

**Freshwater Senior Campus
Carpark, Harbord Road**

Freshly Cut Christmas Trees

& stands

Christmas Cakes & Puddings

**No Cash,
Credit Cards Only**



Now Recruiting

Are you aged 5 to 8?
Are you aged 8 to 10?
Are you aged 11 to 14?
Are you aged 15 to 17?
Are you over 18?

Become a Joey

Become a Cub

Become a Scout

Become a Venturer

Become a Leader

Wed 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Wed 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Thurs 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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www.harbordscouts.org.au