

THE HEIGHTS

Term 4 | Week 8 | 24 November 2021

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Semester 2 Student Reports

On Friday (26 November 2021) of this week 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 3 and 4 Invoices

Thank you for the 63% of contributions we have currently received. Your support has resulted in the following resources being provided for your child's education at Balgowlah Heights.

- Technology contributions \$180,000
- On-line resources \$32,000
- School resources \$51,000

In addition, the school funds the following personnel to support your child.

- Additional teacher to reduce class sizes \$44,000
- Additional Learning Support Officers \$150,000
- Wellbeing Teacher \$45,000
- Additional Learning Support Teachers \$34,000

In 2022 we would like to provide the additional personnel and the resources listed above similar to this year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Year 6 Mini Fete

We look forward to the Year 6 Mini Fete on Friday 3 December. All students K-6 will have the opportunity to be involved in this event. An email has been sent home providing further details on donations that are requested and the Fete.

The times the students will attend the activities are:

Kindergarten	11.30am
Years 1 and 2	10.30am
Years 3 and 4	9.30am
Year 5	12.30pm

Year 5 Student Leaders

Congratulations to the students in Year 5 who presented School Leader speeches last week. The speeches were excellent. Students in Year 5 interested in a House Captain/Vice Captain role in 2022 have been provided with information.



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 into school after Home Learning, discuss learning progress, share with your 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 | 9.00am
Bookings close: Thursday 25 November 2021 | 3.00pm

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).



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Year 6 Play

We look forward to Year 6 presenting their plays on Thursday 9 December. The students will watch the plays via Zoom in their classrooms. A recording will be made which will be sent home to Year 6 parents in the week beginning 13 December 2021.

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

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 9	Monday 29 November	Year 5 Talent Quest Final Gingerbread House collections	12.45pm 2.30pm
	Tuesday 30 November	High School Orientation Day Year 4 Talent Quest Final	12.45pm
	Wednesday 1 December		
	Thursday 2 December		
	Friday 3 December	Year 3 Talent Quest Final Year 6 Mini Fete	12.45pm
Term 4 Week 10	Monday 6 December	Year 2 Talent Quest Final	12.45pm
	Tuesday 7 December	Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Visit Year 1 Talent Quest Final	9.30-10.45am 12.45pm
	Wednesday 8 December	PBL Thumbs Up Celebration Day	
	Thursday 9 December	Year 6 Play	11.30am
	Friday 10 December	Kindergarten Talent Quest Final	12.45pm

David Shuster | Principal



SCHOOL NEWS

Years 3-6 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

ICAS have advised us that refunds will be available until Friday 3 December 2021. Parents seeking a refund will need to do so before this time.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book returns

This is the last week for borrowing books. All books must be returned to the Library next week please

P&C NEWS

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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)

Monday nights' meeting was full of interesting information from school and an end of year report from the P&C. Full minutes will be available next week, however, here are some highlights:

AGM

- roles were nominated and accepted with one vacant role (Vice President – Services)

School update:

- Current enrolment is 728
- The school is now on Level 3 Covid restriction level which means we can now have recognition assemblies, talent quests, Year 6 Play and party days following appropriate protocols.
- Christmas Teacher Gifts – The generosity of parents gifting teachers is very much appreciated. However, any gift more than \$50 has to be declared to the DoE. It would be more appropriate to limit parent contribution to \$10 per family in the future.
- The Manly Daily recently published an article on Northern Beaches School. The article stated that 'A recent study undertaken by the Better Education Group marks schools out of 100 and then ranks them on performance'. The article stated that Balgowlah Heights Public School is the top performing public school (ranked 94 in the State) with a score of 98 and third overall on the Northern Beaches (two private schools were #1 & #2). A great recognition of the hard work of all teachers, staff, students and parents.
- 2022 School Planning – To keep class sizes at an optimum level (between 21 – 28), Mr Shuster would really like 31 classes next year which would mean the school funding 2 additional teachers (\$160,000) – the Department of Education will fund 29 teachers. Paying Term 3 and 4 invoices will help to ensure we can achieve all the resources we require for our students.
- Years 3-6 Check-In Assessment Results – these have provided a good guide to assist the school in understanding the impact of home learning. Measurement and geometry will be a focus for Numeracy next year, as well as punctuation and grammar for Reading. Standardised testing is also happening Years 2-6. Most children went well in home schooling and there are areas of next steps included in the end of Semester reports.

- School finances – an average of 63% students have paid T3 and T4 invoices (37% still to pay). All money the school receives – go back into the students. New policy from Department of Education – any money given in that year must be spent in that year (can't stockpile funds). Mr Shuster requests that if you are able to, can you please pay your Terms 3 and 4 invoice – to allow us to purchase all the resources for the future.
- Congratulations to Mrs Lockhart who is now employed as a permanent Deputy Principal.

P&C update:

- The President's Report highlighted a number of initiatives and activities that were undertaken throughout the year – with a special thanks to all the volunteers who have helped during the year (the list is very long of amazing people – so please see the full report here to read some of the fabulous things that have happened this year).
- Treasurer's Report – Total revenue for 2021 is \$160,000 plus auction proceeds (will be approx. \$10,000 lower than a normal year). Government cashflow boosts were a large part of this. Parent contribution is key.
- Canteen is 30% down in revenue and Uniform shop will be about 10% down. A huge thank you to all canteen and uniform shop staff for managing a difficult year.
- Band – there will be a separate committee for band – managed in a similar way to P&C. If you have an interest in joining the band committee please contact Diana Worman (bhpspresident@gmail.com.au) or Caroline Fechner (bhpsconcertband@optusnet.com.au)
- There is a new Sustainability Committee (thank you to those that are stepping down and welcome to those joining) and a Road Safety Committee.
- School banking has now ceased in all schools.
- Thank you and farewell to Nicole Larcombe who has been a member of the P&C Committee for the last 7 years. Her knowledge, positive approach and general presence will be sorely missed by all. Thank you for your contribution – you have helped make the P&C and school a better place.

Christmas Treasure Trove Online Auction - 2 days to go!



Sadly, our annual trivia night fundraiser was unable to take place in August due to Covid19, however, we are very excited about being able to hold our Christmas Treasure Trove Online Auction to wrap up this year.

The auction will open this Friday (26 November 2021) and will be open for 10 days only! Keep an eye on our Facebook group, your class Whatsapp groups and P&C noticeboard for the web address.

So, get ready to bid, bid, bid – there's a range of amazing items from restaurant vouchers (Chiosco by Ormeggio, Daniel San Manly, Cielo Pizza and more), a weekend getaway to a family beach shack in Whale Beach, Arabanoo Vacation Care (for one day), and a home styling or declutter session with Vivere Lifestyles Services to name a few!

Don't forget to let your family, friends and neighbours know...it's a Treasure Trove of splendid Christmas gifts!

Uniform update # 6 – Q&A

We have collated a few of the frequently asked questions regarding uniform and the changes occurring over the past few weeks:

Q: *My child is in Year 4 and we would like to order the new navy skort – will it be available to order in Summer 2022/2023 for Year 4?*

A: Currently we only have Navy Skorts in Kindy/Infant sizes, but it is planned to have these for sale during Term 3 for Summer 2022/2023.

Q: *I've heard a rumour about socks – can you please clarify?*

A: We will be moving toward a Navy Blue sock with the regular uniform. Likely to be rolled out with the Summer uniform later in 2022. White socks for sport.

Q: *My child might be joining the OC class in 2022 - do we buy the new uniform?*

A: Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will likely remain in the current uniform until they graduate from BHPS. Given the current stock levels, new 2022 OC students will be offered uniform items in line with their cohort.

Q: *Will the winter tunic dress still be available?*

A: The grey tartan winter tunic will be available for Kindy to Year 2. The grey tartan skirt will be available for Years 3 to 6.

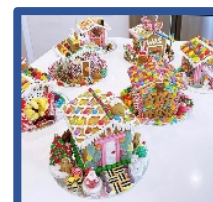
Q: *Can my son purchase the white polo for summer?*

A: From January 2022, all uniform items are available to all students. The white polo shirt is a discontinued item, and will be replaced by the Sky Blue polo when stock runs out.

If you have any questions regarding the uniform, please contact bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com.

Christmas Gingerbread House Kits

Christmas Gingerbread House kits (with instructions on building, icing and decorating) are available to order through Flexischools. They are \$40 each and can be picked up from the Western Campus on Monday 29 November between 2.45pm and 3.30pm. Be quick, we only have a limited number available!



Bottle drive – don't forget to book your pick up

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.

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

As the end of term approaches you will notice that some of our menu items are no longer available. We are sorry but we aren't able to replace those items that sell out because we can't hold food over the long Christmas holidays. They will be back on the menu next year!

Christmas

Don't forget to order your Christmas cupcakes 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. 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. 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!

Mini Fete

Please remember that due to Covid restrictions we are still unable to offer any counter service and the canteen will be closed on Friday 3 December for the Mini Fete. Please cancel any standing orders for that day.

Kathrine Boulderstone and Sanja Vidaic | Canteen Managers



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CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

SUPPORT FAIRLIGHT MANLY CUBS AND SCOUTS

SAT & SUN
4-5 Dec

6.30am
until sold out

HINKLER PARK
PITWATER RD MANLY
NEAR MANLY LAGOON



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

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Credit Cards Only



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Wednesday Dec 1, 4:30-6pm
Saturday Dec 4, 10am-12pm

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