

# THE HEIGHTS

Term 1 | Week 5 | 24 February 2021



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**Balgowlah Heights  
Public School**



*2021 Student Leaders*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### School Invoices

School Invoices will be sent home next week detailing program contributions which covers educational programs, sports programs, teaching/learning materials and the P&C Voluntary Contribution. Further information will be provided with the invoice.

### Year 6 to Year 7 Enrolment 2022

Information has been sent home to all families of students in Year 6 in regards to enrolment procedures for high school in 2022. If you require further information you are welcome to contact the school.

### Years K-2 Parent Reading Information Session

On Monday 1 March from 3.15-4.15pm we will be holding a Reading Workshop for K-2 parents and carers wishing to volunteer as classroom helpers. The Reading Workshop will focus on:

- Supporting your child's reading at home
- Pause, prompt, praise
- Literacy games to support learning at home and in the classroom

Supervision for school aged children will be provided. Please RSVP by Friday 26 February using the link below.

[click here](#)

### Assemblies

We look forward to assemblies starting for this year. We will be holding two assemblies per term where we will recognise students for their efforts, share work and provide reports from groups like our SRC.

The assemblies planned for this term will be held on the following days:

- Friday 26 February (Years 3-6: 10.45am, Years K-2: 1.45pm)
- Friday 19 March (Years 3-6: 10.45am, Years K-2: 1.45pm)

Further information will be provided in the near future in regards to parents attending assemblies.

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## Swimming Carnival

We enjoyed an excellent swimming carnival with the students participating in a range of events. Thank you to all of the staff for their work, in organising the carnival.

Results of the swimming carnival will be published in next week's newsletter.



## Curriculum Programs

### Japanese Teacher

Welcome to 2021 - The year of the Cow/Ox. The Japanese Program, unique to BHPS, is an integrated program of learning that primarily aims to expose students to a language and culture different from their own whilst at the same time supporting the key learning areas and goals of the school. This year I look forward to sharing some of the varied and unique activities our students will be doing in Japanese class during the school year via the newsletter and our new family communication sharing platform, Seesaw. The plan is to provide some fun, interactive, positive and engaging experiences your children will always remember.

'Ganbarimashou' – let's challenge ourselves and continually strive to do our best.

**Sue Palmer – Sensei | Japanese Teacher**





# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## Kindergarten Parent Welcome Night

We look forward to the Kindergarten Parent Welcome Night organised by the P&C, to be held at Balgowlah RSL on Friday 5 March, commencing at 6.30pm. Further information is on page 11 of this week's Newsletter.

## Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 26 February we will be undertaking classroom-based activities to support Clean Up Australia Day. We are also supporting the Community Clean Up at Clontarf Beach on Sunday 7 March from 7.00am-11.00pm and helping to clean up the school environment with ways of reducing waste within the school.

## SRC

Congratulations to the following students who are SRC representatives for their class. The students will be presented with their badges at our assemblies on Friday (26 February) this week.

Student Representative Council			
<b>KD</b>	Amelie Cameron Louis James	<b>3B</b>	Ami Goodwin Rafael Richmond
<b>KF</b>	Rafferty McHardy Caitlin Young	<b>3C</b>	Oscar Tennent Fleur Peters
<b>KS</b>	Elle Nonnenmacher Leo Crebar	<b>3G</b>	Amelia Bousie Beau Riches
<b>KRA</b>	Maddox Stuart Catherine Cui	<b>3KC</b>	Seth Jeffreys Annabel Griffin
<b>KW</b>	Isabelle King Hunter Wagschall	<b>4B</b>	Finlay Hayes Alexandra Kirkbride
<b>1G</b>	Amanda Brooks Linden Cowie	<b>4E</b>	Abbey Moore Tristan Cowie
<b>1J</b>	William Li Amelia Harrison	<b>4K</b>	Maeve Auchterlonie Camryn Johnston/Luca White
<b>1M</b>	Ellie Maguire Felix Hayes	<b>4S</b>	Melba Masters Harvey Cloke
<b>1W</b>	Archer Lyne Lyla Strain	<b>5J</b>	Lucy Johnson Hugh Taylor
<b>2D</b>	George McHardy Milla Clarke	<b>5P</b>	Melody Paletto Rumir Bansal
<b>2E</b>	Jake Allen Olivia Cui	<b>5V</b>	Henry Paul Sophie Carruthers
<b>2F</b>	Declan Fryday Gabrielle Jones	<b>5W</b>	Lachlan Weston Chloe Thorpe-Apps
<b>2R</b>	Zachary McCoy Margot Ferreira-Gomes	<b>6C</b>	Eloise Lintvelt Vincent Maloney
		<b>6L</b>	Stephanie Smart Jonathan Olsson
		<b>6M</b>	Zara Moore James McEwen
		<b>6R</b>	Kai Vinks Ashleigh Badcock



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## Year 6 Patrons and Monitors

Congratulations to the following students who are our Patrons and Monitors this year. The students will be presented with their badges at our Years 3-6 Assembly on Friday (26 February) this week.

Monitors		
Flag	Sound Monitors	Technology Monitors
Bella Smiley 6M	Gus O'Sullivan 6M	Kai Sawaki 6C
Sofia Lawrey 6M	Jesse Bray 6M	Hugo Novel Catin 6M
Samuel Petin 6L	Atticus Mitford Burgess 6M	Daniel Rich 6L
Manu Brosseau-Hogan 6L	Arun Fleming 6C	Jordan Truong 6L
Oscar Botha 6C	Oliver Riley 6C	Giles Wadham 6R
Jasper Graham 6C	Charlie Anderson 6L	Lachlan Mellowes 6R
Tomi Crofton 6R	Loke Guedes Bengtsson 6L	

Patrons	
Cayden Ward 6L (office)	Keiki Brigden 6C (photography)
Charlotte Badcock 6M (office)	Alyna Korbel 6C (photography)
Chloe Thomas 6R (office)	Olivia Kaill 6C (photography)
Rosie Waters 6R (office)	Rohan Srivastava 6L (photography)
Jasmin Grant 6M (office)	Henry Cannon 6L (photography)
	Hugo Novel Catin 6M (photography)
	Sanika Gupta 6L (photography)
	Claire McWilliam 6R (photography)
	Alice Felsman 6R (photography)
	Thomas Bradley 6L (photography)

Class Patrons	
Makenna Wilson 6C	Hatty Sawrey Cookson 6M
Eden Grundling 6C	Zara Brown 6M
Jacqui Bennett 6C	Ava Wellings 6M
Zoe Rheinberger 6C	Niki Kyprianou 6C
Angelique Dent 6M	Kinvara Lewcock 6R
Jasmin Grant 6M	Jasmine Smith 6L
Amelia Watson 6R	Lyla Rosa-Dawson 6R
Saskia Mold 6L	Thomson Ristoski 6R
	Clara Rollo 6R
	Georgia Richards 6L
	Sophie Elliot 6L

Library Monitors	
Bertie Neal 6C	Alice Thorne 6C
Lucy Waters 6M	Emily Storer 6L
Romena Tasevska 6R	Lachlan Holley 6L
Lielle Fane 6L	

Names of Sustainability Monitors will be published in next week's newsletter.



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## Seesaw Family

Balgowlah Heights will be trialling the use of Seesaw Family, which is an app | website, this term. Teachers will commence use after our Parent | Teacher Information Nights. The purpose of Seesaw Family is to provide you with communications, your child's learning goals and examples of your child's work (e.g. photos, videos, work samples, drawings and voice recordings).

The messages and work will be shared with you and other family members (up to 10 persons) privately and you have the opportunity to comment if you wish.

Seesaw Family may be accessed through a QR code which was provided to families at our Parent/Teacher Information Nights.

We currently have 350 families subscribed to the application.



**Seesaw makes your child's thinking and learning visible**

- ✓ Students complete assignments and post to their Journal using the **Class app**
- ✓ Your child uses Seesaw learning tools like photo, draw + record and video to create, reflect and show their learning

**Engage with your child's learning in real time on the Family app**

- ✓ See and celebrate your child's growth
- ✓ Leave comments of encouragement
- ✓ Connect to all your children's Journals in one place

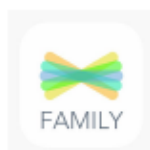
**Form strong partnerships with your child's teacher on the Family app**

- ✓ Receive resources and announcements
- ✓ Message one-on-one with the teacher (group messaging is not available)
- ✓ Respond with typed messages or click the (+) to send photos, videos, and more

## Get Connected on Seesaw

Family members use the Family app  
or log in as a Family Member at [app.seesaw.me](https://app.seesaw.me)

Students use the **Class app** to complete assignments and post to the Journal



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In using the Seesaw application, please note the following:

- On average 1-2 posts per fortnight will be uploaded.
- Please do not capture or share content.
- Please keep all comments and images respectful.
- Please do not use the application for purposes other than related to your child's education.
- Teachers will monitor the application between 8.00am.-4.00pm (Monday-Friday) when not teaching.
- If you require more detailed information concerning your child's learning please arrange a meeting with the teacher.

Your feedback on the application will be invited at the end of this term. If you require further information you are welcome to contact the school. We look forward to sharing your child's learning with you.

## Dance Program

Congratulations to all of the students who auditioned for dance groups this year. We had over 120 students audition for the 40 places that are made available to us. To assist more students be part of the dance program we are investigating if a parent/s may be interested in taking a dance group. If you are interested please email me at david.Shuster@det.nsw.edu.au and we can provide further details.

## Guitar Club

Mr Gardner is commencing a Guitar Club for students who are interested in Years 5 and 6. Further information is on page 9 of this newsletter.

## Scripture | Ethics

Our Scripture/Ethics programs commence on Tuesday 2 of March next week at the following times:

- Years K-2: 10.30-11.00am
- Years 3-6: 11.25-11.55am

Upcoming Events			
	Date	Activity	Time
Term 1 Week 6	Monday 1 March	K-2 Parent Reading Information Session	3:15pm
	Tuesday 2 March	Scripture/Ethics commences	
	Wednesday 3 March		
	Thursday 4 March		
	Friday 5 March	Clean Up Australia School Day Student Learning Goals (Term 1) home Zone Swimming Carnival	
Term 1 Week 7	Monday 8 March	International Women's Day	
	Tuesday 9 March		
	Wednesday 10 March		
	Thursday 11 March	Selective High School Test (Year 6 students) NRMA Science/Road Safety Day	
	Friday 12 March	Summer PSSA (Round 3)	12.30pm

**David Shuster | Principal**





## Waste Free Wednesday

As part of the school's initiative to become sustainable and reduce our waste, we are continuing Waste Free Wednesday for 2021. This will start in Week 5 on Wednesday 17 February. Each week on Wednesday, we ask that students come to school with no waste in their lunch boxes. This includes having recess and lunch without snack wrappers, plastic wrap, foil and Ziplock bags.

Every Monday the winner will be announced and the winning classes from Years K-2 and Years 3-6 will receive a certificate and one of the Waste Free Wednesday mascots, Chad the Octopus and Sparkles the Fish. The classes will also be announced in the school Newsletter every week with a photo of them with their mascots.

At the end of the term, the classes that have done the best job in having as little waste as possible will also get a special reward! This will be announced later in the term.

Thank you for your continued support and looking forward to seeing less waste in our school!



## Waste Free Wednesday Certificate Competition

Thank you so much for all the students who entered the Certificate Competition! We enjoyed looking at all the entries and were amazed by the creativity and designs of so many of the certificates! It got really hard to just pick 6! So instead, we decided to pick 4 for each term! Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who entered!

### Term 1 Winners

Conrad 3B	Billie 4E	Pippa 4S	Violet Loop 1G

### Term 2 Winners

Ava 5P	Poppy and Fleur 3C	Rumir 5P	Madyson 2R

## Term 3 Winners



Hatty 6M



Livia 3C



## Term 4 Winners



Matilda 3C



Isaac 5W



Amelia 5W



Charlie 3B

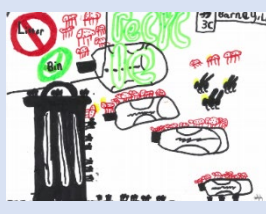
## Here are all of our wonderful posters! Thank you for entering



Vladimir 3C



Darren, Oscar and Charlie 3C



Barney and Levi 3C

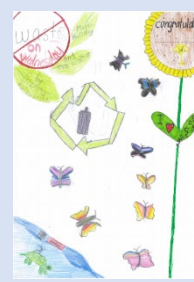


Aum 4K

## Here are all of our wonderful posters! Thank you for entering



Eliza and Isla 3C



Sienna, Mia and Megan 3C



Harry and Max 3C



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Guitar Club

Calling all Year 5 and Year 6 guitarists – would you like to improve your guitar knowledge and rock some of your favourite songs with friends and classmates?

BHPS is looking forward to starting our first Guitar Club for our Stage 3 students, a group that will be directed by you as students in terms of what is performed! There will be a focus on skills in playing together as an ensemble and performance, with all levels of experience welcome and encouraged.



Guitar Club will meet weekly on Thursdays at lunchtime on the Western Campus with the hope of performing at school events throughout the year of 2021. To register your interest, please fill out the attached form [click here](https://forms.gle/mhfcnNHDVR4VmFz87), and feel free to contact Mr Gardner if you have any questions: <https://forms.gle/mhfcnNHDVR4VmFz87>

# ARABANOO NEWS

## Parent Management Committee (PMC) | Did you know?

Arabadoo is a not for profit community-based organisation used by over 230 families in our community and school.

Some of you may not be aware, but Arabadoo is managed by a diverse team of voluntary parents whose children attend Arabadoo. Together they form the Parent Management Committee (PMC) which in collaboration with Rowan, Jen, Mariah and team is how our service continues to support working parents in the community.

The PMC, headed up by Kate Sellick, are fantastically passionate about providing support for the Centre Management team to make Arabadoo a enjoyable, safe and welcoming community environment for you and your children. Kate and Arabadoo are supported by Jack Grundling (Treasurer), Holly O'Driscoll (Vice President), Danielle Kavanagh (Secretary), Claire Daniel, Scott Griffin and Scott McCoy.

With the aim to continue to deliver great outcomes for children who use Arabadoo, we encourage you to tell us your hidden skills or availability to contribute to being part of the PMC. The PMC meet once a term which all members of our association are encouraged to attend. Our next meeting is **tonight, 24 February at 7pm** via zoom. If you would like to attend, please email us to receive the link.

## Recruitment - Staff wanted

Do you know anyone studying childcare or teaching? If so, we're looking to strengthen our team. All applicants can get in touch with us via email.

## Save the number | 0421 014 308

We are increasingly using the Arabadoo work mobile to contact parents in the afternoon for child non-attendance. Please save this number into your phones.

## Temperatures | No longer checking

As of this week we won't be checking temperatures when your child enters the school site or when they come to us after school. There is however an Arabadoo QR Code all parents visiting the school site must use. This is located on the green box on the sign in desk.

## Rowan Friend | Centre Director



## The canteen is very pleased to be having “Millin’s Meat Monday” on Monday 1 March

A separate icon has been set up on Flexischools for ordering and is open now. A delicious sausage, supplied by our fabulous local butcher Millins, is served in a tasty roll, and is available for \$4. Please note that pasta will not be available for lunch that day. The cut off for all orders is this **Thursday 25 February** at **8.30am**. Get your orders in as soon as you can!

In addition to our regular call for helpers, we are making a special volunteer request for BBQ experts/enthusiasts to come and help us for Millin’s Meat Monday. There are a lot of sausages to sizzle!

As notified in the last newsletter, we are asking each class to provide volunteers for the canteen for one week during the year. This week, (week 5) we are asking for volunteers from 4K and next week (week 6) from 4S. Grab a friend and come and help! Thanks to all those fabulous parents who have already volunteered.

Week	Date	Class
5	22 – 26 February	4K
6	1 – 5 March	4S
7	8 - 12 March	1W
8	15 - 19 March	1G
9	22- 26 March	1J
10	29 March -1 April	1M

We are using SignUp.com to organise our volunteers. Here’s how it works:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: [Click Here](#)
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact us at [healthycanteenbhps@gmail.com](mailto:healthycanteenbhps@gmail.com) and we can sign you up manually. If you are not a parent/carers from the weekly allocated class and there are spots available on SignUp, we will always welcome you too. Please note, that due to the restrictions caused by Covid you must use the Signup tool or email us to let us know you will be coming. Many thanks and we look forward to meeting you.

**Kathrine Boulderstone | Sanja Vidaic**  
Canteen Managers



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

Also check out our **new P&C Noticeboards** on Radio Avenue and Lewis Street. We'll be posting events, P&C information and community activities on a regular basis.

## P&C Meeting – minutes from first meeting of the year

Please [click here](#) to read the minutes from our first P&C meeting of the year held on Monday 8 February. And don't forget to join us for the next one on Monday 15 March.

## Class of 2021 Kindy Drinks

Date: Friday 5 March

Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Location: Seaforth Room, Balgowlah RSL

Tickets: \$40 each

Includes hot and cold canapes. Drinks can be purchased on the night.

Lucky door prize (supplied by Whitehouse Real Estate)

You will be required to sign in using the Service NSW app on arrival.

Tickets will be on sale shortly through Flexischools.



Class of 2021 Kindy Drinks supported by Whitehouse Real Estate

## Thank you

Welcome back to our sponsor Millin's Free Range Butcher.

We'd like to extend our thanks to local butcher, Stef Millin and his team at Millin's, Balgowlah Heights who have generously agreed to support our school for another year. Millin's meat is stocked at our canteen and don't forget you can sample the sausages at Millin's Meat Monday which is taking place on Monday 1 March. Put your order in on Flexischools now. We are really grateful to have the support of our local businesses, so please be sure to thank Stef and his team next time you visit his shop.



**“Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.”**

– Sherry Anderson

## Class Coordinators

We're nearly there! We have a class coordinator for most classes (except 6C and 6L) and we're just finalising all the class lists for 2021. Thank you for your patience and if you are keen to be a class coordinator, there are still a few spots left. Please [click here](#) to put your name down.

Class	Number of class coordinators needed
2F	1
3C	1
5W	1
6C	2
6L	2
6M	1
6R	1



## Soft plastics

BHPS has resumed collecting soft plastics around the school. Can you lend a hand to collect the soft plastics and take these to a local red cycle collection point? Our nearest soft plastic drop off points are Coles at Stockland Shopping Centre, Balgowlah Woolworths on Hayes St, and Coles Manly Vale on Koorala St. If you can help please sign up to the roster [here](#).

## Walking bus

Get on board the Walking Bus! We are pleased to announce that our Walking Bus routes have commenced for 2021. This parent-led initiative is designed to provide a safe and fun way for children to walk to school, as well as reduce traffic around the school gates in the school mornings. We currently operate three routes and parents and children are welcome to try these out without any commitment.

1. Bottom of Ernest Street to BHPS
2. Willawa Street to BHPS
3. Cnr White/Wanganella to BHPS

More details can be found [here](#)

We are always looking for more volunteers and new routes, so please drop Diana at [bhpswalkingbus@gmail.com](mailto:bhpswalkingbus@gmail.com) a line with any questions. Each route requires two volunteer parents.

## Uniform Committee

Following some parent enquiries regarding the current uniform options, we have created a Committee to help review the current range and look at any opportunities to potentially streamline. If you would like to be part of the Uniform Committee, please contact Nicole Larcombe [bhpsvpsservices@gmail.com](mailto:bhpsvpsservices@gmail.com) or Billie Ristoski on [BHPSpresident@gmail.com](mailto:BHPSpresident@gmail.com).

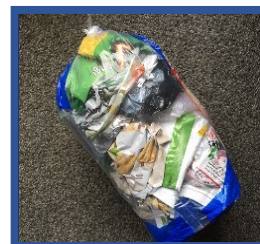
If you have any questions about the P&C or would like to be involved in any way, please feel free to contact Billie at [bhpspresident@gmail.com](mailto:bhpspresident@gmail.com) or Tamsin at [bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com](mailto:bhpsvpcomms@gmail.com). Like the [BHPS P&C Facebook Page](#) and join the private [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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## Opening Hours

**Tuesday:** 8:30–9:30am

**Thursday:** 2:30–3:30pm



**UNIFORM SHOP ENTRY - A Uniform Shop Pass is required to enter the Uniform Shop!**  
**Please Sign in and collect a Pass at the Administration Office.**

**FLEXISCHOOLS** - Online Uniform Orders are available via [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) or download the App. All orders are delivered to classrooms on Tuesday.

**SALE !!!** - Second Hand Fleecees - Only \$15

White Ankle Socks size 4-6 (L) - Discontinued stock \$9 (3pk)

**SECOND HAND** - Thank you for all the wonderful donations. There's an abundance of Winter Stock. The shop still needs **Summer Polos and Shorts!** If your second-hand uniforms are not in good condition, please pop them in the Yellow Worn Up box outside the Admin Office for recycling.

**GIRLS YRS K-6** - Girls Navy Shorts available in sizes 8-16. Size 6 returning soon-SOLD OUT!

## EXCHANGES AND RETURNS

\*As a reminder please take care when opening uniform packages! Please return in ORIGINAL Packaging.

**Returns Policy:** Within **28 days** of purchase for refunds or exchanges, together with a copy of the receipt.

Returned goods will only be accepted in resale condition: unworn, unwashed, unmarked with tags attached in **original packaging**. Not the classroom delivery packaging. Socks and hosiery must be unopened. There are **no returns** or **exchanges** on Hats, Hair Accessories and Second Hand items. Size exchanges can also be made via the Administration Office, just attach a note with the size to swap to and your child's Name & Class.

**Loretta Mykityshyn | Uniform Shop Manager**  
[bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com)



## Call for volunteer Catholic SRE teacher

Dear Parents,

One of our volunteers is unable to teach her Year 2 and Year 4 Catholic Special Religious Education (SRE) classes this year so if you would like to volunteer to teach a Catholic Class or two every Tuesday from 10:30-11:00am (Yr 2) or 11:25-11:55am (Yr 4), feel free to contact me. Training is provided as well as a Teacher's Manual and Student Workbooks that you can literally read from. The rewards are great and the half hour flies by very quickly. If you would like a no obligation chat, call 0423 595 204 or email [catechist@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:catechist@northharbourcatholic.org.au)


**Ursula Halloway**

**CCD Coordinator of The Parish of North Harbour**



## Clean Up Australia Day

**Sunday 7 March**  
**9.30am – 11.30am**  
**North Harbour Reserve**



Join local residents for our much-loved Clean Up Australia Day at North Harbour Reserve

**All school families are welcome**

Every year we're amazed (and sometimes shocked) at what we find - from candy wrappers, straws, balloons and bottles to single thongs, coins and jewellery.

We'll clean up the park, between the rocks at low tide and along the foreshore to 40 Baskets Beach and even on the water (BYO paddle board or kayak).

**Sunday 7 March**  
**9.30am to 11.30am**  
(drop in anytime)  
**North Harbour Reserve**

registration table is between the playground and foreshore

Register on the day (QR code, please bring your phone) or anytime online (<https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/register/north-harbour-reserve>)

**What to bring:**

- phone to sign in with QR code
- sun protection
- enclosed shoes
- gloves
- bucket or bag for rubbish collection
- if you like, kayak or paddleboard

**See you in March**  
Ann-Charlott, Roger, Terry  
and the Balgowlah Precinct Team