



THE HEIGHTS

Excellence and Opportunity



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I wish all families a merry Christmas, happy new year and wonderful holiday period. To families who are finishing at our school this year and to our 116 Year 6 students, we wish you all the best for the future.

Staffing

Miss McGahey and Mrs Keeling will be taking leave next year. Ms Riad and Mrs Mastroianni will also be leaving. We wish them all the best. Mrs Katie Jerman, one of our valued Learning and Support Officers, will be retiring. We thank her for her valuable contribution to the students of our school and wish her all the best.

2024 Staffing

Detailed on page 5 is our list of staff for 2024 who will be here to support your child.

Student Requirements 2024

An email will be sent home this week detailing Student Requirements we would like each of the students to have for the beginning of next year. The items on the list may be purchased from your choice of retailer or through Humphreys.

School Bytes 2024

Download the School Bytes app (parent portal) in readiness for 2024 and view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction.





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Principal's Gold Morning Tea

Congratulations to the students who received their Gold Award Certificates and had a special morning tea with Mrs Lockhart, Mrs Gleeson and me.



Party Day

We look forward to our Party Day on Friday (15 December) of this week. An email has been sent home with further details. All the students at 2.45pm will be part of a Farewell Arch for Year 6.

Recognition Assembly

Congratulations to the students for an excellent Recognition Assembly held this week and to the Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Stage Band for their performances.



Kindergarten Graduation

Our Kindergarten Graduation Assembly was held this afternoon with many parents and friends joining us.



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Helpers' 'Thank You' Breakfast

We look forward to holding a Thank You Breakfast for all of parent and community helpers on Thursday (14 December) of this week, commencing at 8.00am in the library.

Christmas Carols (Years K-5)

Parents and friends are welcome to join us for our Christmas Carols on Thursday (14 December) of this week, commencing at 9.15am in the hall. All students in Years K-5 will be performing as part of an item for each grade. Due to the predicted hot weather conditions on Thursday, the concert will be held in the hall in two sessions.

- Years K-2 | 9.15am - 9.50am
- Years 3-6 | 10.10am - 11.00am

Year 6 Play

Parents and friends are welcome to join us for the Year 6 Plays on Thursday (14 December) of this week. There will be two performances in the hall at 11.30am and 1.40pm.

Year 6 Farewell

Thank you to the many parents and the Year 6 teachers for organising and providing an excellent Year 6 Farewell. The students had a great time.



Summer PSSA

Congratulations to the Senior Cricket team who won their PSSA Competition and the Junior AFL team who were runners-up.





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P&C Family Picnic

Thank you to the P&C for the Family Picnic held last Friday.



School Uniform - Shoes

It would be appreciated if all students are attired in their Balgowlah Heights school uniform. This includes black shoes (no white soles, coloured brand markings or coloured laces) to be worn on all days other than the nominated sport days. Your assistance is appreciated.



UPCOMING EVENTS

	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME/ROOM
TERM 1 WEEK 1 2024	MONDAY 29 JANUARY		
	TUESDAY 30 JANUARY	School Development Day	
	WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY	School Development Day	
	THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY	Students in Years 1-6 commence 2024 school year	
	FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY	Students in Year 5 Opportunity Class commence	

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Balgowlah Heights Public School School Staff Term 4 | 2023

PRINCIPAL	Mr David Shuster	KINDERGARTEN	
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL K-2	Mrs Michelle Gleeson Rel (M-W, F)	KD	Ms Melinda Daly AP
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL 3-6	Mrs Kelly Lockhart	KF	Miss Hayley Fleming
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL- CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION	Mr Neil Jensen	KR	Miss Rosy Reilly
LEARNING SUPPORT AND WELLBEING TEAM	Mrs Michelle Cruickshank (Tu-F) Ms Fiona Coote (M,T, Th) Mrs Jenn Cartwright (M-W) Mrs Claudine Allan (M-W) Mrs Alex Pickering (M-W)	KW	Miss Hannah White
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST	Ms Kylie Walker (M,Tu)	YEAR 1	
LIBRARY	Mrs Geri Kerr Mrs Leonie Atkins (Th)	1B	Miss Sarah Butcher
MUSIC	Mrs Megan Cronin (M-Th) Mr Alex Cronin (M)	1E	Ms Laura Ewan
RFF	Mrs Cindy Skanavis (Th)	1K	Mrs Anji Kirwn
SCIENCE K-2	Miss Brooke Saltmarsh	1ME	Mrs Linda McWhirter M-Th Ms Roz Elliott F
SPORT	Mrs Justine Oakley	YEAR 2	
GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY 3-6	Mrs Lindy Chester	2D	Ms Fiona Deppeler AP
MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT	Ms Fiona Coote	2L	Mrs Jen Lowe
WRITING ENRICHMENT	Mrs Alex Pickering	2P	Miss Emily Paul
ADMIN STAFF	Mrs Mel Mulvena SAM Ms Maria Hardy Mrs Pru Watts Ms Julie Susko Mrs Tamsin Maguire (W)	2S	Mrs Kim Santer
LIBRARY ADMIN	Mrs Nicola Skinstad (M)	YEAR 3	
GENERAL ASSISTANTS	Mr John Femia Mr George Vella (W,Th)	3H	Mr Jarrod Hyde
SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS	Mrs Sue Chandler (M-F) Miss Stephanie Hilton (M-F) Miss Faye Goodman (M-F) Mrs Katie Jerman (Tu, W) Mrs Di Lynch(M-W) Mrs Helen Gay (M-F) Mrs Svanthe Van Waas (W-F) Miss Ella Cooper (Tu, F)	3I	Miss Danielle Irish
		3S	Miss Bec Shelley
		3W	Miss Ashlee Wyngaard
		YEAR 4	
		4C	Miss Emma Collins
		4D	Mrs Carli Dean
		4NC	Mrs Antoinetta Nicolson M-Th Mrs Alex Coyle F Mrs Rachel Swieconeck
		4S	
		YEAR 5	
		5B	Miss Bella Bonadio
		5K	Miss Katie Parkinson
		5M	Miss Jordan Millett
		5N	Miss Natalie Panetta
		5V	Mrs Shona Veney Rel.AP
		YEAR 6	
		6D	Miss Emily Donlan
		6G	Mr Hamish Gardner
		6M	Mrs Sue Musgrove
		6P	Miss Nicola Park

SCHOOL NEWS



Band Program

As we head towards the last few days of term we celebrate another fabulous year of our band program and the 30th birthday of the BHPS Band Program – an amazing achievement.

Our final ensembles performance for the year included performances from our Junior Band and Senior Band plus our Year 5 Concert Band members. To celebrate the 30 year anniversary we invited guests who spearheaded the formation of the band program in 1993 to come along to our celebrations. Jill Wrathall, who had five children go through the band program, spoke about early days of the program, we played a cassette tape with a recording of a fundraising drive for music stands which was aired on the radio and a former band member, Andrew Scott, played a lovely rendition of the school song and spoke about his music career which all began in Balgowlah Heights Public School Band. Our longest serving band member, Conductor, Mr Ray Hampton, shared some stories from the beginning to now. The evening was topped off by the cutting of the cake.

Congratulations to our MCs for the evening – Susie, Matilda, Fleur, Jedd, Bridget, Olivia and Issy – they did a fabulous job. Thank you to the two Year 6s (Susie and Tristan) who came along to be part of the evening. Thanks to our wonderful conductors Ray and Emma for another great year of nurturing our young musicians. Thanks to Mr Shuster and Ms Lockhart for coming along to support and help out at the evening.



St James Kindy Performance

Last week our Senior Band made it's annual visit to play for our friends at St James Kindergarten. As always the kindergarten children love having the big kids perform for them and enjoy shaking their bells to the Christmas Carols. It's always a highlight of the band calendar.



Join The Band 2024 – Instrument offers

Instrument recommendations have been issued for those students who came along to the instrument tryout sessions. If you didn't receive an email or would like to discuss the instrument please get in touch on bhpsconcertband@optusnet.com.au. If you missed out on the sessions, there will be another opportunity in the new year to try some instruments and join the band.

String Program 2024

Students can still sign up to join our string program in 2024. You will find all the information you need on our website under the Strings section – www.bhpsband.com. Please fill in the registration form so we have your details to make contact regarding rehearsals.

P&C UPDATE



P&C News

To keep up to date with all our news and events, please join our private [BHPS P&C Facebook Group](#). Also check out our P&C Noticeboards on Radio Avenue and Lewis Street. We'll be posting events, P&C information and community activities on a regular basis.

Thank you!

We would like to thank our 2023 sponsors, Whitehouse Real Estate, Millins Free Range Butcher and Balgowlah Automotive - their support is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank all the volunteer parents and families who have helped out at the P&C events and activities throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!



We would like to wish all parents and students a happy and safe festive season.



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CANTEEN



To all our wonderful volunteers throughout the year, we say a heartfelt thank you. You know we couldn't have done it without you. We wish all our BHPS families a happy and safe Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming you back next year.

Tomorrow (Thursday) is the last day canteen will be open. NO K-2 treats on Friday.

UNIFORM SHOP



Tuesday 8.30-9.30am
Thursday 2.30-3.30pm

The Uniform Shop is now CLOSED for stocktake.
It will reopen on
Thursday 1 February 2024 | 2.30pm - 3.30pm
CLOSED DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

VOLUNTEERS - A big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped out in 2023.

Volunteers needed for 2024 (Tuesday & Thursday)

Meet other parents & earn FREE Second Hand uniforms. Please sign up [here](#).

SPRIGGY AND ONLINE ORDERS - Deliveries are now closed for 2023. New orders will be delivered **Tuesday 6 February 2024.**

USED UNIFORM DONATIONS - Please donate your outgrown uniforms to the uniform shop for Second Hand Sales. Current uniforms in good condition. **Please no 'Old Style Uniforms'**. Just drop, in a bag, in the tubs provided outside the Administration Office (school days) or at the Uniform Shop during opening hours. **NO hats, socks, tights or hair accessories or non-BHPS items.**

EXCHANGES AND RETURNS

Please remember items will only be Returned or Exchanged WITHIN 28 DAYS OF PURCHASE with a receipt.

- Folded in original packaging with inclusions eg: clips etc (intact - not ripped open).
- Tags attached.
- Refunds are only available in store at the Uniform Shop.
- No returns or exchanges on hats, hair accessories, socks & hosiery or second hand items.

Loretta Mykityshyn | Uniform Shop Manager | bhpsuniformshop@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS





Give life. Give blood in Dee Why.

Dee Why Beach car park
2 to 7 January



Tuesday 2 January	1 pm – 6 pm
Wednesday 3 January	1 pm – 6 pm
Thursday 4 January	1 pm – 6 pm
Friday 5 January	9 am – 2 pm
Saturday 6 January	9 am – 2 pm
Sunday 7 January	9 am – 2 pm

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