



# THE HEIGHTS

*Excellence and Opportunity*

## 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.

### School Photographs

The 2023 school photographs will be taken on Tuesday 14 March and Thursday 16 March. Class, individual, sibling and special group photographs will also be taken over these two days.

#### TUESDAY 14 MARCH

- Sibling photographs
- Years 2, 5, 6, Class and individual photographs + KF
- School Captains, School Vice Captains and School Leaders
- House Captains and House Vice Captains
- Library Monitors
- Monitors
- Patrons

#### THURSDAY 16 MARCH

- Sibling photographs
- Years K (KD, KR, KW), 1, 3, 4 Class and individual photographs
- Student Representative Council

**ALL students are requested to wear full summer school uniform, including black shoes.**

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### P&C

Our next meeting of the P&C will be held on Monday 20 March at 7.00pm in the library and on Zoom. All parents are very welcome to attend. Discussion topics for this meeting include:

- The Resilience Project

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 for parents who wish to participate from another location.

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

Meeting ID: 62249953883      Passcode: 420773

### Year 6 to Year 7 Enrolment 2024

Information has been sent home to all families of students in Year 6 regarding enrolment procedures for high school in 2024. If you require further information you are welcome to contact the school.

### NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 at our school will participate in the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) being held on Wednesday 15 March-Wednesday 22 March. The tests are in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. An Information Sheet with further information has been emailed to parents who have students in Years 3 or 5.

The test days are:

- Wednesday 15 March Writing
- Monday 20 March      Reading
- Tuesday 21 March      Language Conventions
- Wednesday 22 March Numeracy

### Chickens at our School

At the last meeting of the P&C the idea of having some school chickens was discussed. The Department of Education provides policies (Animals in Schools) and guidelines providing information on the housing, wellbeing and care of chickens which our school would be following.

The background to the suggestion is to assist students in understanding the importance of sustainability, creating a greener school, developing a greater understanding of the food cycle and provide a range of social benefits.

If you would like to provide input on this proposal you are welcome to email our school by Friday (10 March) of this week.

### Term 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will be holding Parent/Teacher Interviews the week commencing Monday (27 March). This will be a valuable opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year, 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 in person on site or remotely using Zoom. A note will be sent home next week with booking codes.

**Bookings open:** Friday 17 March 9.00am **Bookings close:** Thursday 23 March 3.00pm



### Across Stage Programs K-2

Mrs Rosie Chirillo will be teaching Science for Years K to 2 this year. Mrs Chirillo has background in the Science and Technology syllabus and looks forward to learning and investigating with all the students. Each week, she will visit classrooms for an 80 minute lesson that will involve core learning and experiments.

This term will be an introduction to a variety of scientific concepts for Kindy and Years 1 and 2. Students will be participating in S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) challenges. This will build on their scientific knowledge and understanding through experiments and hypothesis testing.

### Kindy – Weather

In this unit, students make observations and investigate how daily and seasonal changes affect us. They look at how people, animals and plants change depending on the time of day and/or the seasons. Students make observations and record daily weather patterns over a month. They investigate what materials provide shelter and protection from changing weather.

### Year 1 - Living Things

In this unit, the students identify that living things live in different places that suit their needs. They design and produce an object to encourage a living thing to their local habitat. They recognise that people use science and technology in their daily lives, including when caring for the environment and living things.

### Year 2 - Living Things

In this unit, the students will learn how living things change and reproduce. The students observe the patterns of growth and change in living things, and describe patterns and make predictions. A Fairy Tale focus in the unit enables the students to work scientifically with a focus on literature.



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## 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 10 March, commencing at 6.30pm.

## Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS			
	Date	Activity	Time
<b>Term 1 Week 8</b>	Monday 13 March		
	Tuesday 14 March	School Photographs (Years 2, 5, 6, group and sibling & KF)	
	Wednesday 15 March	NAPLAN Writing (Years 3 & 5)	
	Thursday 16 March	School Photographs (KD, KR, KW and Years 1, 3, 4, SRC, and sibling) Northern Beaches Secondary College Academic Placement Test	
	Friday 17 March	Summer PSSA Round 4 Year 6 Surf Skills	12.00 noon 12.00 noon
<b>Term 1 Week 9</b>	Monday 20 March	NAPLAN Reading SRC P&C	12.55pm 7.00pm
	Tuesday 21 March	NAPLAN Language Conventions Harmony Day	
	Wednesday 22 March	NAPLAN Numeracy	
	Thursday 23 March	Regional Swimming School Tour	9.30am
	Friday 24 March	Years K-2 Assembly Years 3-6 Assembly	10.45am 12.00pm

**David Shuster | Principal**



## **The National Young Leaders Day**

On Tuesday 7 March our school leaders attended the National Young Leaders Day at the International Convention Centre, accompanied by Mrs Lockhart. Over the day the students got to hear from various keynote speakers about their Leadership journey.

Students heard from

- His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (RETD) – His Excellency has been the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia since 2019.
- Nazeem Hussain – One of the biggest stars of Australian comedy. He has recently published a book called Hy-Larious Hyena.
- Dr Jordan Nguyen- A young biomedical engineer who is on a mission to improve the lives of as many people as possible. He designs life-changing technologies focusing on intelligent, futuristic and inclusive technology.
- Caitlin Bassett – Former Australian Diamonds netball captain
- Chris Green- Captain of Sydney Thunder

The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were hopefully inspired to continue their own leadership journey.

## **Kelly Lockhart | Deputy Principal**



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## SCHOOL NEWS



### BOOK CLUB : ISSUE 2 OUT NOW!

**ORDER CUT OFF DATE: Wednesday 22 March 2023**

BHPS participates in the Scholastic Book Club. Each term you will receive a Book Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and many are inexpensive - some books cost as little as \$2!

It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class.

All information for ordering is on the catalogues or at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

Owning your own books is something special and best of all each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school!

Buy a book from  
**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
to help build  
our classroom  
resources

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## WELLBEING



**Week 7's  
PBL Focus**  
This week's focus is  
**'Personal Space'**  
We are learning to **show respect** by keeping  
our hands and feet to ourselves.

Two small photographs showing students in a classroom. The left photo shows a group of students sitting around a table, looking at a book. The right photo shows a student standing at a table, possibly presenting or demonstrating something.



# CANTEEN

Thank-you to all the wonderful parents who helped out at the Millin's Meat Monday. 400 sausages to cook and distribute, took a village.



## Canteen Spending Money and IOU's.

The Spriggy Schools system the canteen uses is an online lunch ordering system. It is not the same thing as the Spriggy money system (and associated card), which some parents and children are familiar with. If you would like to give your child spending money, there is a "Spending Money" tile you can click on. Choose how much you would like to give your child for that day. We will print out a label, and it will go to your child in their lunch bucket (or, if it's for recess, they pick it up from the middle window at the canteen). A few dollars per day is more than enough for your child to purchase snacks. We don't carry over the spending money to any other day.

Here's what they can buy over the counter:

pizza slice	<b>50c</b>	Pure Pop	<b>\$2</b>
open melt	<b>\$1</b>	yoghurt pop	<b>\$1</b>
garlic bread	<b>\$1</b>	Quelch Stick	<b>\$1</b>
popcorn	<b>\$1</b>	Frozen Pineapple	<b>50c</b>
pancake	<b>50c</b>	Frozen orange segment	<b>20c</b>
bread stick	<b>20c</b>	Milo	<b>\$1*</b>

\* plus \$1 refundable deposit for reusable cup

IOUs Spending Money is for the children to use at the canteen counter. It is different from the IOU function on Spriggy. The IOU tile is there for parents who owe the canteen money. For instance, if the birds ate your child's lunch or you have forgotten to pack it, and we have given your child a sandwich, you will use the IOU function to pay for that lunch. For those parents who have given the canteen authorisation to make a deduction from their Spriggy accounts for an emergency lunch, we say thank-you. You will not need to pay an IOU - we will do it for you.

The volunteer schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

<b>Term /Week</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Volunteering Class</b>
Π week 8	Mon 13 Mar – Fri 17 Mar	<b>6D</b>
Π week 9	Mon 20 Mar – Fri 24 Mar	<b>6G</b>
Π week 10	Mon 27 Mar – Friday 31 Mar	<b>6M</b>
Π week 11	Mon 3 April – Thurs 6 April	<b>6V</b>

Please go to <https://signup.com/go/jttFwqZ> to sign up.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email [healthycanteenbhps@gmail.com](mailto:healthycanteenbhps@gmail.com).

We look forward to welcoming you in the canteen soon.

# UNIFORM SHOP



## OPENING HOURS

Tuesday | 8.30am – 9.30am  
Thursday | 2.30pm – 3.30pm

## TERM 2 - WINTER UNIFORMS

It's time to check your Winter Uniforms ready for Term 2



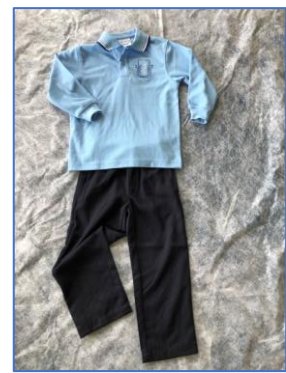
K-2 Plaid Dress and Blouse, Navy Socks and **Black Shoes.**



3-6 Plaid Skirt and Blouse, Navy Socks and **Black Shoes.**



K-6 Pants and Blouse, Navy Socks and **Black Shoes.**



K-6 Pants and Long Polo, Navy Socks and **Black Shoes.**

**VOLUNTEERS** - Come and join the Uniform Shop Team.  
\*Just 1 hour \*Meet other parents\*Free second-hand Items  
Volunteer at : <https://signup.com/go/iDYCbTq>

**NSW VOUCHERS** Available for instore purchases ONLY.  
Please be aware Vouchers may take extra time to process.  
Choose your items carefully as Voucher items cannot be returned, only size exchanges are possible. **Not Available with the Online Order Form or Spriggy.**

**SPRIGGY** All online Orders are delivered to Classrooms on **Tuesdays Only.**  
Orders after 12.00pm Monday will be processed the following week.  
There is **no pickup** at the shop for online orders during Tuesday morning Opening time as they are processed after Shop Closure.

## EXCHANGES AND RETURNS

Please remember items will only be returned or exchanged **within 28 days of purchase!!!**  
Folded in **original packaging** with inclusions eg: clips etc (**not ripped open**).  
Tags attached with a receipt.  
**Refunds** are only available **in store** at the Uniform Shop  
**No returns or exchanges** on hats, hair accessories, socks & hosiery or second hand items.  
**NSW Vouchers - Item sizes may be exchanged but there are No returns.**



K-6 Winter Sport



Bomber Jacket

Loretta Mykityshyn | Uniform Shop Manager





## 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.



## The Great BHPS Colour FUN on Wednesday 29 March



### What's happening?

The Colour Fun is an obstacle course/challenge/exercise extravaganza for BHPS children taking place around the school on the afternoon of between 12-3pm. It will be lots of fun for every age - with kids running in their class with two plucky volunteer parents. Look out for the teachers throwing powder and be prepared to dodge the super soakers!

More details will come from the school in due course with a consent form, opt in/out etc. but in the meantime ...

### How can I help?

There are lots of ways to get involved and we need loads of parents involved. It's a great way to help create a memorable afternoon and you will definitely get to see your kids during the course. You can help by:

- becoming one of two parent volunteers running with their class;
- volunteer to run an obstacle station either by yourself or with friends (we can help you);
- Be a general course marshall and help direct the children to the next obstacle course;
- help set-up and pack down.

### This sounds like the best thing ever - how do I sign up?

This googledoc is where you [sign up](#). So get in quick and if you have any questions or suggestions please email the team at [bhpspresident@gmail.com](mailto:bhpspresident@gmail.com)

Thank you!

**From the Colour Fun team**

*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](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.*

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