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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Semester I Student Learning Goals

The students, in conjunction with their teacher, have constructed learning goals this semester in literacy, numeracy and wellbeing (Kindergarten-Wellbeing only). Students who were at our school last year have used their literacy and numeracy future directions from their 2023 Semester II Report as a starting point. In developing the goals, the students have also planned the steps needed to achieve the goal. The learning goals will be forwarded to you this week via Seesaw. Printed below is a Year 5 example.


 **RESPECT** **RESPONSIBILITY** **PERSONAL BEST**

Semester One Learning Goals

Literacy goal:
 I want to learn how to write more fluently, and how to apply figurative language appropriately.

Steps needed to achieve my goal:

1. Practise writing everyday.
2. Read everyday to pick up new idioms and sayings.
3. Combine my database of idioms and sayings with my gained skill of writing.

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Semester One Learning Goals

Numeracy goal:
MY NUMERACY GOAL IS TO LEARN MY 13, 14 AND 15 TIMES TABLES BEFORE THE END OF THE SEMESTER

Steps needed to achieve my goal:

STEP 1: I WILL LEARN THE TIMES TABLES
STEP 2: AND THEN I WILL PRACTICE THEM 3 TIMES A WEEK AT HOME

Reflections:



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P&C

Our next meeting of the P&C will be held on Monday 18 March at 7.00pm in the library and on Zoom. All parents are very welcome to attend. Discussion topics for this meeting include:

- School Budgets

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

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 13 March-Friday 22 March. The tests are in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. An Information Sheet has been emailed to parents who have students in Years 3 or 5.

The test days are:

- Wednesday 13 March | Writing
- Monday 18 March | Reading
- Tuesday 19 March | Language Conventions
- Wednesday 20 March | Numeracy

Term Overviews

This week we will be sending home by email a Term Overview for each grade. The Overview will detail the topics and concepts the students will be studying this term. Please note the Overview is a guide and the topics and concepts may vary. Printed below is an example.

Year 2 Term 4 Overview Balgowah Heights Public School

	English	Mathematics	Geography	PDHPE	Science & Technology	Creative Arts	PBL
1	Spelling Review: Doubling Rule Graphemes in Australian mm,zz	Number & Algebra Measurement & Geometry Statistics & Probability					
2	Reading/Writing Speaking and Listening Textual concept: <i>Prospective and Anticipation</i> Quality texts include: ● The Gentle Genius of Trees by Philip Bunting Comprehension skill focus: Cause and effect; opinion Grammar: modal words, paragraphs, editing, publishing W. 1c, 1d, 1e, 1r Rule related to word endings	Whole Number - Place value Rounding Multiplication and Division Division as repeated subtraction	During Term 4, students will continue to study aspects of Geography in the unit 'People and Places'.	PE Gymnastics New Moves In this unit of work, students will be exposed to fundamental gymnastic movements with a focus on balance, strength and body control. Students will navigate challenging movement sequences that they will be required to perform.	Science Students identify Earth's resources including water, soil and minerals and describe how they are used in a variety of ways. They recognise why and how we should care for the environment and our natural resources. Students will plan and implement strategies considering conservation of resources to address sustainability and to meet needs.	Music Students will sing and play a variety of simple songs on recorders and begin reading from standard musical notation. They will also organise their own musical ideas into short pieces and use simple notational systems to record their work.	Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best All sections Revision Respect Classroom / All settings Active listening
3	Plurals Textual concept: <i>Characterisation</i> Quality texts include: ● The Twits by Roald Dahl Comprehension skill focus: responding	Measurement Length - Formal Units	Lessons include learning about where places are located in Australia, how people connect to places and what factors affect these connections.				
4	Revision High frequency words Textual concept: <i>Narrative / Characterisation</i> Quality texts include: ● Snack Attack by Eduardo Verastegui	Measurement Mass					
5	Homophones Homonyms Homographs	CONSOLIDATION		PDHPE The Resilience Project and Wellbeing lessons continue to be included in Term 4 and are complementary to the PBL focus to ensure an integrated approach.	Technology Word processing, typing skills and familiarity with computer functions are a focus this term.	Events: Band Preparations for school band (2024) commence this term	As above
6	Revision Class / Grade	Whole Number Patterns				Drama Students will make meaning through various forms of drama and make decisions about role, situation, space, voice and movement in performance. They will respond to the action of the drama through individual and group roles.	Respect Responsible Classroom / All settings Following instructions promptly
7	Speech marks Textual concept: <i>Imagery and Symbolism</i> Quality texts include: ● A Child of Books by Oliver Jeffers ● Into the Forest by Anthony Browne	Space and Geometry 3D objects		Aspects of Child Protection will be covered in Term 4.			As above
8	Apoptrophe of possession Revision Class / Grade	Whole number Money					Personal Best Learning Goals
9	Revision Class / Grade	CONSOLIDATION		Events Weeks 3 & 4 Swim Scheme			Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best Revision All settings
10	Revision Class / Grade	CONSOLIDATION					As above

International Women's Day

Happy International Women's Day on Friday (8 March) of this week. We join the global community in celebrating the remarkable achievements, strength, and resilience of women around the world. In our school community, we are fortunate to have incredible women who contribute to the growth and success of our school every day. From our dedicated teachers and staff to our talented students, each one plays a vital role in shaping the future leaders of tomorrow.



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School Invoices

School Invoices will be sent home this 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.

Working Bee

We will be holding a Working Bee on Saturday 23 March (8.30am-3.00pm.) and would welcome parents, friends and students to help us for a few hours on this day to weed the gardens on the Eastern Campus. There is a lot of work to do so your support would be greatly appreciated. Please bring gardening implements for weeding. A sausage barbecue will be provided.

Year 6 to Year 7 Enrolment 2025

Information has been sent home to all families of students in Year 6 regarding enrolment procedures for high school in 2025. If you require further information you are welcome to contact the school. It would be appreciated if forms could be completed by 28 March

School Photographs

School photographs will be held next week on Tuesday 12 March and Thursday 14 March. The following photographs will be taken on each day as follows:

Tuesday 12 March

Years K, 3, 4, 5, Student School Leaders, House Leaders, SRC and sibling.

Thursday 14 March

Years 1, 2, 6, Library Monitors, Monitors, and Patrons.

Please note the Year 6 photographs will commence at approximately 12.30pm after the NBSC Academic Placement Test.

Student Leader's Day

On Monday, our school leaders attended the National Young Leader's Day at the International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour. They joined over 5000 other primary school students from around the state, listening to inspirational speakers including Australian Memory Champion, Anastasia Woolmer, and Ninja Warrior superstar, Bryson Klein. Our leaders learned about the importance of setting goals and working hard to achieve them, overcoming challenges and how every individual has the capacity to inspire those around them. It was a fantastic and inspiring day for everyone!



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Zone PSSA

We wish the students representing our school at Zone Swimming on Monday (11.03.24) of next week at Manly "Boy Charlton" Pool all the best.

In addition to Zone Swimming, Zone Cross Country and Zone Athletics, students in the older grades have the opportunity to trial for a range of zone sports. Students who have outstanding abilities in tennis, AFL, basketball, cricket, rugby league, touch football, netball, hockey, rugby union, soccer, softball or golf will be provided with further information at the relevant time by Mrs Chester.

Student Representative Council

Congratulations to the following students who will represent their class this year as Student Representative Council (SRC) members. The SRC will meet several times each term to discuss the following:

- Suggestions to improve our school
- Acknowledgements to persons who have added to our school
- Suggestions for involvement in our community

Clive Armstrong	Max Duffy	Lucia Le Prevost	Jake Ross
Tom Ashton-Newland	Charlie Easton	Max Le Prevost	Inez Sanderson
Khiyan Bansal	Charlotte Fine	Isabella Lu	Francesca Sealey
Amelia Bousie	Zachary Grant	Emily Maranhao	Genevieve Sealey
Annabel Brown	Sam Healy	Franklin Mason	Max Sparke
Tom Byron	Callum Hewlett	Evie Mellen	Amelie Stevenson
Chester Campbell	Holly Holt	Matilda Morrison	Charlotte Wagschall
Theodore Campbell	Sammie Hsu	Eve O'Toole	Isabella Wallis
Milla Clarke	Kara Huxtable	Bridget Peters	Samuel Watson
Hugh Cominotto	Arlo Ierace	Harrison Price	Oliver Whitehead
Olivia Creber	Luka Ilic-Miloradovic	Alexandra Protsenko	Willow Wilcock
Rose Daniel	Archer Iliffe	Hudson Rawling	Fletcher Williams
Tex DeGaris	Elliott Johnson	Sophie Rezai	Mia Yeates
Josephine Dening	Bowie Johnstone	Emmie Richardson	
Owen Dening	Isabelle King	Beau Riches	

P&C 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 (8 March) of this week, commencing at 6.00pm.

Easter Hat Parade & Grandfriend's Day

Our Easter Hat Parade this year will be held on Thursday 28 March at 12.00 noon. Grandfriend's Day will be held on Thursday 11 April, commencing at 10.00am. Further details will be provided in the near future.

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Years K-2 Parent Reading Information Session

On Thursday 7 March (Kindergarten) and Monday 11 March (Years 1 & 2) from 3.15-4.15pm we will be holding a Reading Workshop for K-2 parents and parents wishing to volunteer as classroom helpers. The Reading Workshop will focus on:

- New Reading syllabus
- Supporting your child's reading at home
- Literacy games to support learning at home and in the classroom

Supervision for school aged children will be provided.

Kindergarten | Thursday 7 March | 3.15pm-4.15pm - please register [here](#)

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) | Monday 11 March | 3.15pm-4.15pm - please register [here](#)

Across Stage Programs - Library

Welcome to the Library. My name is Mrs Geri Kerr and I have been the Teacher-Librarian for the last two years. Balgowlah Heights Library is a warm and welcoming space where over 18,000 books are available for loan and a further 3,000 e-books and audiobooks are available for borrowing through our online platform - Wheelers. This platform is available for students in Years 2 to 6 and instructions for logging in was sent home last Friday via Seesaw.

All students engage in a Weekly library lesson, with this term focusing on the Premier's Reading Challenge. All students K-2 complete the challenge through the books read in library and in class and students in Years 3-6 have the option of completing their reading logs online. Books are also shared during library lessons, with a list available from the library.

Students can come to the library before and after school. All students are welcome to borrow and return books during this time. Parents are most welcome. Times are below.

- Before School from 8.30am | Monday, Tuesday and Friday
- After School until 3.30pm | Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Future events for the library include the Great Book Swap in Term 2, Book Week and Book Fair in Term 3. Further details will follow closer to the event date.



Mrs Kerr with Miss White celebrating Book Week 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME/ROOM
TERM 1 WEEK 7 2024	MONDAY 11 MARCH	Zone Swimming Carnival Years 1 & 2 Parent Reading Information Session	3.15pm
	TUESDAY 12 MARCH	School Photographs K, 3, 4, 5, sibling, School Leaders, House Leaders, SRC	
	WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH	NAPLAN Writing (Years 3 & 5)	
	THURSDAY 14 MARCH	School Photographs 1, 2, 6, monitors, patrons, Year 6 NBSC Placement Test	9.00am - 12.00pm
	FRIDAY 15 MARCH	Summer PSSA Round 3	12.00pm
TERM 1 WEEK 8 2024	MONDAY 18 MARCH	NAPLAN Reading (Years 3 & 5) SRC Meeting P&C Meeting	12.55pm 7.00pm
	TUESDAY 19 MARCH	NAPLAN Language Conventions (Years 3 & 5)	
	WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH	NAPLAN Numeracy (Years 3 & 5)	
	THURSDAY 21 MARCH		
	FRIDAY 22 MARCH	Years K-2 Assembly Summer PSSA Round 4 Years 3-6 Assembly	10.45am 12.00noon 2.25pm
	SATURDAY 23 MARCH	Working Bee	8.30am - 3.00pm

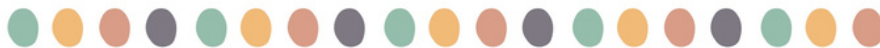
Have a great week,
David Shuster | Principal



PBL

This week our PBL Focus is Respect: We are learning to follow directions promptly.

It is very important for students to always show respect and listen actively when a teacher is giving directions or instructions, both in the classroom and the playground. Following directions help keep us safe and happy and allow us to work and learn in an environment that will support us in achieving our personal best.



RESPECT

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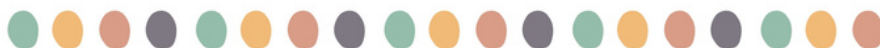
Speak with
kindness and
respect

2

Listen
carefully to
instructions

3

Do what is expected in a
respectful and timely manner



OFFICE NEWS



School Bytes: How to set up your parent portal account

The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction and more!

IMPORTANT: To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.

To **set up your parent portal**, follow the steps below:

1. Open the parent portal link – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>
2. Select the create a new account link.
3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
4. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.
6. Enter a password.
7. Confirm the password.
8. Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address.

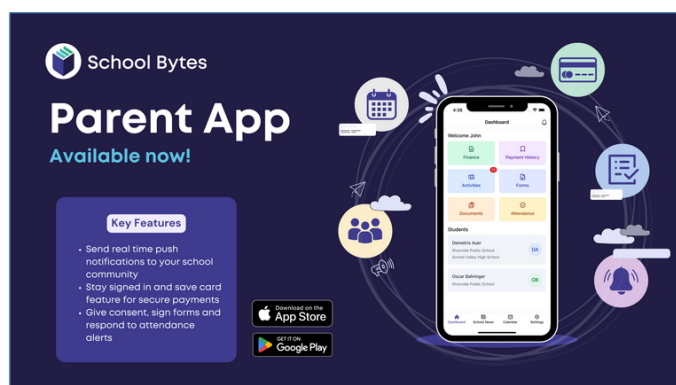
Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.

You can now **link your account to all students in schools** that use the School Bytes platform. When linking a student, the system automatically matches the data you provided with details stored on the student's school profile.

1. Select link other student.
2. Search for the school's name.
3. Enter the student's first name.
4. Enter the student's last name.
5. Select the student's current grade.
6. Enter the student's date of birth.
7. Select search.

If all student information matches with parent information according to the student's official enrolment stored at the school, the system will add the student to the parent account automatically.

Download the App now - everything is in the one place making it simpler and easier to manage school items!





Arabanoo Parent Management Committee (PMC) – Members wanted

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of your children? Do you want to make sure they get the best experience at Arabanoo while building community relationships and gaining Board experience? We are seeking dynamic leaders to join Arabanoo PMC.

Arabanoo is a not-for-profit organisation, with all funds invested in the quality care of your children, with any surplus contributing to school projects. Our mission is to provide enriching before and after-school programs that foster personal growth and learning in a safe and supportive environment.

The Arabanoo PMC is a group of parent volunteers who oversee the operation of the Arabanoo After School Care Centre. The Centre's operations are managed by a Director (the Nominated Supervisor), Assistant Director and a dedicated team of child educators that work to make your child's experience at Arabanoo safe, fun and stimulating.

We need more parents to join the PMC and enhance the value provided to our children. It's a low time commitment (meetings once a term) with high value return.

Roles available - President, Vice President & Ordinary members

Now with Year 5 children, our President and Vice-President are looking to hand over the reins, whilst remaining on the PMC to support with transition into the role.

If you are a leader who can inspire, motivate and drive strategic vision, contact Rowan or Anita Pozo-Jones (current PMC President) via admin@arabanoo.com for further details.

Vacation care - Filling fast

Bookings have been flying in for our Autumn program. To check availability and book please do so via the OWNA app.

Below are the current full days

- Juniors: 22, 23, 24 & 29 April
- Seniors: 15 & 29 April

Waitlist - Turn on notifications

You can jump on the waitlist for any day (vacation care or term time) and as spots become available you will receive a notification. Ensure you go into your phone setting, select OWNA and turn notifications ON. There's no order to the waitlist, it's first to book in, gets the spot.

Go to the day you want within the OWNA app and click the bell icon to be added to the waitlist.

As always please contact us if you have an enquiries.

The Arabanoo Team

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P&C UPDATE



Calling all parents – ever dreamt of being the mastermind behind an obstacle course?

The much-anticipated BHPS Colour Fun is back! This year, we're turning up the excitement with a kaleidoscope of colours, a larger inflatable ninja obstacle course, and a chance for you to get involved by volunteering to organise and manage one of our thrilling obstacles on the big day.

Date: Wednesday 27 March 2024
Time: 11am set-up (or earlier, depending on your obstacle), kick off time 12.30pm
Location: Check out the map for obstacle locations (one of the tabs in the sign-up sheet)

We're calling on enthusiastic volunteers to help organise and manage one of our exhilarating obstacles on the day of the event. It's an opportunity to showcase your creativity and teamwork while contributing to the success of our Colour Fun. Find some friends to create an obstacle team or sign-up individually.

If you're not able to organise an obstacle but would like to be involved - you can sign up to throw powder at one of the powder stations or be a class runner.

If you're ready to embrace the challenge and join the Colour Fun team, pop your name/s [here](#). Your commitment will play a crucial role in making this event unforgettable for everyone involved.

Volunteer at the canteen and uniform shop

If you are time poor and can't get as involved as you would like, then spending just one hour every month or so helping our canteen (sign up [here](#)) and uniform shop (sign up [here](#)) is invaluable. Grandparents are also very welcome.

The P&C team. P&C proudly supported by



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CANTEEN

VOLUNTEERS
Can you help out in Term 1?
Sign up [here](#).

Please remember to mark **PSSA or Surf Skills** on your child's lunch order on Fridays if they do PSSA or Surf Skills. If your child does their own ordering, please remind them to tick PSSA or Surf Skills.

If a child's lunch is not marked PSSA/Surf Skills, they will not receive their lunch order until they get back to school.

Thank you to the wonderful year 3 parents who have volunteered this week.

The schedule for the remainder of the term is as follows:

SCHEDULE		
WEEK	DATE	CLASS
TI WEEK 6	Monday 4 March - Friday 8 March	3W
TI WEEK 7	Monday 11 March - Friday 15 March	6D
TI WEEK 8	Monday 18 March - Friday 22 March	6G
TI WEEK 9	Monday 25 March - Friday 28 March	6M
TI WEEK 10	Monday 2 April - Friday 5 April	6P
TI WEEK 11	Monday 8 April - Friday 12 April	5V

You can come in anytime. No need to wait for your allocated week. We would be very happy to see you whenever you have time.

Please sign up [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you in the canteen.





UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday 8.30-9.30am
Thursday 2.30-3.30pm

VOLUNTEERS

Can you help out?

Just 1 hour, meet other parents & earn FREE second-hand uniforms
Please sign up [here](#).

WINTER UNIFORMS - Winter Uniforms for Term 2 are available to order via Spriggy or try on and purchase in person at the Uniform Shop.

YEARS 4-6 PSSA SOCKS - Purchase via Spriggy or at the Uniform Shop.

BOMBER JACKETS - Now available in Sizes 6-16. Size 4 is available in a Zip Fleece.

RAIN JACKETS - Don't forget to grab a pouch Pocket Rain Jacket in store or via Spriggy.

VOLUNTEERS - Please sign up [here](#).

SPRIGGY AND ONLINE ORDERS - Order by **Saturday** for Tuesday morning delivery to classrooms. Weekly orders are **not** available to pick up from the Uniform Shop during Open Hours.

USED UNIFORM DONATIONS - Please donate your outgrown uniforms to the uniform shop for Second Hand Sales. 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

Fun & Educational
**CODING
LESSONS**



 **CODING AU**

Learn to code with expert tutors.

Gain the ability to create with technology (instead of just consuming it).

All skill levels welcome.

Grab a free
trial lesson at
codingau.com

Ages
9 to 11
12 & 13
14 to 16

Live Life Well @ School



Let's Go4Fun!

- [Go4Fun](https://www.go4fun.com.au) is a FREE 10-week program to support your family to make healthy lifestyle changes.
- Term 2 programs coming to Chatswood and Dee Why!

To register visit www.go4fun.com.au/register or call 1800 780 900.

