

# Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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### From the principal's desk:

What a great start to the term! We welcomed Steve Smith (former Australian Cricket captain) to the school last week as ambassador for Gotcha4Life. The focus of Gotcha4Life is men's mental health but everything that was discussed applied equally to girls too. A full school assembly was held where the Hon. David Elliott, Minister for Police and Emergency Services and MP for Baulkham Hills spoke about the challenges life had thrown at him personally and then Steve and Gus Worland (Triple M radio host) discussed the challenges of the past year and the way Steve had managed those challenges. After that there were photo opportunities as well as autograph signing followed by Steve and some of our boys having a hit in the cricket nets. We were most impressed by the generosity of Steve Smith, especially with his time and willingness to mix with the students and staff. It was a great morning.



### Calendar 2019

This calendar is subject to change so please check carefully each week for any alterations. A whole year calendar is on the school website at [www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au](http://www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au)

#### Term 4

<b>Week 2</b>
<b>Monday 21 October</b> - HSC Examinations 17/10 to 11/11 incl.
<b>Tuesday 22 October</b> - P&C General Meeting 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday 23 October</b>
<b>Thursday 24 October</b> - Y8 Mini Skills test 1 in class (8SSA Dumas P1), (8SSL Iaconis P6), (8SSO Mogoko P8) - Peer Support Y-Lead Training Day (Fletcher) - Support Unit Coastal Environment Centre excursion (Chaggar)
<b>Friday 25 October</b> - Y8 Concert P1&2 – Music Aviva (Sleight)
<b>Sunday 27 October</b> - Orchestra Workshop 1-5pm (Panjan)
<b>Week 3</b>
<b>Monday 28 October</b> - HSC Examinations 17/10 to 11/11 incl. - Y10 Practical task (Science) P5&6 (Trkulja) - Y8 & Support Swim School 28/10 to 29/10 incl. (McDonell)
<b>Tuesday 29 October</b>
<b>Wednesday 30 October</b> - Y8 VALID Science Test online (Chilwell) 30/10 to 05/11 incl. - Y10 Practical task (Science) P1&2 (Trkulja)
<b>Thursday 31 October</b> - Y8 Mini Skills test 2 in class (8SSA Dumas P1), (8SSL Iaconis P6), (8SSO Mogoko P8) - Y7 Swim School 31/10 to 1/11 incl. (McDonell)
<b>Friday 1 November</b>
<b>Week 4</b>
<b>Monday 4 November</b> - HSC Examinations 17/10 to 11/11 incl. - Y10 Yearly Examinations 04/11 to 08/11 incl. - Y8 VALID Science Test online (Chilwell) 30/10 to 05/11
<b>Tuesday 5 November</b>
<b>Wednesday 6 November</b>
<b>Thursday 7 November</b>
<b>Friday 8 November</b> - Y11 and Support reports issued - Y7 Vaccinations (Fletcher)
<b>Week 5</b>
<b>Monday 11 November</b> - HSC Examinations 17/10 to 11/11 incl. - Y7/8/9 Yearly Examinations 11/11 to 15/11 incl.
<b>Tuesday 12 November</b>
<b>Wednesday 13 November</b> - New Students Y8-Y12 Orientation Day 9am to 10.30am
<b>Thursday 14 November</b>
<b>Friday 15 November</b> - Cadet AFX Camp 15/11 to 19/11 incl. (Iaconis)
<b>Week 6</b>
<b>Monday 18 November</b> - Cadet AFX Camp 15/11 to 19/11 (Iaconis)
<b>Tuesday 19 November</b> - Y12 Formal (Milne/Zhu)
<b>Wednesday 20 November</b> - Band Christmas Concert – Houliston (Panjan) - Support – Y6 into Y7 ½ day transition P1-5 (Simpson)
<b>Thursday 21 November</b> - Y11 Recognition Assembly - Support – Y6 into Y7 full day transition P1-8 (Simpson)
<b>Friday 22 November</b>
<b>Saturday 23 October</b> - Multicultural Food Fair 5-9pm
<b>Week 7</b>
<b>Monday 25 November</b> - Y11 Buffer Week 25/11 to 29/11 incl. - Y10 Minimum Standards Test P4-5 (Simmons)
<b>Tuesday 26 November</b> - P&C General Meeting 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday 27 November</b>
<b>Thursday 28 November</b>
<b>Friday 29 November</b>

The rest of last week seemed to focus on preparations for the musical 'Grease'. It was our first musical in 25 years and it was a real triumph. The student performances were polished and entertaining with some great singing and dancing on show. The musical ran to full houses for five full performances which was exhausting for the cast and crew but also quite exhilarating. Many teachers were involved in the back up crew as directors, musical director, lighting director, singing coaches, costume designers, choreography, sweet stall operator, dialogue coaches and stage crew. Congratulations to all for their amazing effort over the past few months but particularly for giving up much of the last holidays for rehearsals as well as all of last weekend. The cooperative and friendly, supportive spirit that was on show was an exemplar of the way events bring people together.

The HSC exams continue this week in the Houliston Centre. So far things have progressed smoothly.

Congratulations to:

- Our performers and musicians involved in 'Grease'
- Students who achieved their Silver or Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards this week

### Jeanne Bathgate





## Baulko News

### Gotcha4Life

Fantastic day at Baulkham Hills High School with Steve Smith and Gus Worland talking about Mental Fitness. Thank you to **Gotcha4Life** for coming out and spending time discussing the importance of mental health.

<https://www.gotcha4life.org/>



Mr Alex

Devmith Lewanda, Arnav Chandvania, Rohan Raj and Krish Thakur (Y8) receiving gift bags from Steve Smith



### Duke of Edinburgh Silver and Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following Students achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Silver And Bronze Awards

Mr Iaconis

Parth Aggarwal (absent)  
Satvik Gupta  
Neha Nirmalan  
Claudia Tiong

Silver Award  
Abhay Garg (absent)  
Aishani Ravichandran



### P&C News

The next P&C general meeting will be held this **Tuesday 22 October**, at 7:30pm in the School Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

#### **Multicultural Food Fair : (23 November, 5pm - 9pm)**

We are moving into the final stage of Multicultural Food Fair planning with stall coordinators all working on their special menu. We are calling for volunteers and performances for the night. If any students want to showcase their dancing, vocal, musical or comedic talents on the night, please contact the P&C at [bhhspandc@hotmail.com](mailto:bhhspandc@hotmail.com).

The P&C is also looking for businesses to donate prizes for the raffle. If you would like to donate any prizes or know any businesses that would be able to donate items towards the raffle, please let us know.

The next General Meeting will be held on **22 October** (Tuesday), 7:30pm at the library.

Sau Wan Liew  
P&C President

### P&C Presentation in Assembly – Multicultural Day Poster

Adam Moy from P&C presenting at Assembly today for Winners of Multicultural Day Poster.

Congratulations to Linda Ye (Year 11) for producing the most visually striking poster, and Runners Up Nethmi Sellahewa and Nichol Xu (Year 9 joint entry) and Kadie Dao (Year 10).



## Band News

Do you want to keep up with the latest information with Band activities? Make sure you follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Baulko-Band-and-Orchestra-100848740521209>.

1. **Orchestra workshop** on Sunday **27th Oct** from 1pm to 5pm at TLC.
2. **String Ensemble** to attend orchestra workshop on the **27th Oct** from 1pm to 5pm at TLC
3. **Christmas Concert** on Wednesday, **20th November** @ 6:30pm
4. **Multi-cultural Food Fair band performance** on Saturday, 23rd November
5. **Beginner Band Recital** on Wednesday, **27th November** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at TLC.
6. **Band Auditions** will be held on Saturday, **30th November** from 10am to 4pm. The conductors will be Steve Clark, Yvonne Brown and Luis Madrid.

### SAVE THE DATE:

- **Orchestra Workshop** – Sunday, 27th Oct
- **Beginner Band Recital** – Wednesday 27th November
- **Band Auditions** – 30th November

### *The Band Committee*

## Prefect Induction Ceremony

It was with great pleasure that Baulkham Hills High School ushered in the Prefect body of 2019-2020. This group of accomplished individuals will no doubt continue the outstanding success of the preceding Prefect body. Thank you to everyone involved.

Ms Kite, Prefect Co-ordinator





## Grease The Musical Photos









### Silver Duke of Ed Camp

In the recent September holidays, eleven Year 10 students and four Year 11 students went to Camp Somerset for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh camp which consisted of 5 nights and 6 days of hiking. It was an extremely rewarding and challenging experience with students walking close to 60 kilometres, climbing mountains (as high as 340m!) and canoeing along the Colo River.

This camp showcased these student's independence, with them receiving little to no guidance from their supervisors (the legends Kelly and Candace) on their route through the mountains. Their campsites often had minimal facilities, with them having to purify creek water to drink one night!

Despite the students' struggles to hike up "one more contour", they embraced this new experience and made some new friends. Other highlights included sharing jokes around the campfire every night, push up competitions, and discussing American politics.

Nonetheless, the positive experiences out-weighed the hardships, and the camp overall has become a fond memory for all of the students. Thank you to Mr Iaconis who organised the camp, spent the 6 days with us and drove us to and from the camp. Thank you also to Camp Somerset for everything they did for us. I encourage all of you to take up this amazing challenge.

Satvik Gupta Y10





### French Cooking Excursion (Year 9 and 10 French)

At the end of Term 3, Year 9 and 10 French went to a small French cooking school in Stanmore, owned by French Chef Laurent Villoing, to learn how to cook three traditional French dishes: onion soup, chicken dijonnaise with mediterranean saffron rice and chocolate mousse. The students were instructed and assisted by Laurent in English and French as they prepared all dishes, and at the end of almost three hours of cooking they sat down and enjoyed the fruits of their labour. The chicken with creamy dijonnaise sauce was the favourite dish of the students, followed closely by their incredible onion soup with cheese croutons, and the light and fluffy chocolate mousse.

Ms Andrawis, LOTE



## 2020 School Transport Opal Card Applications Are Now Open For New Students

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply if they:

- \*. are continuing at the same school
- \*. are residing at the same address
- \*. have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### Sydney Light Rail update

The new Sydney Light Rail is due to open in December 2019. This means that students will be able to travel by light rail between Circular Quay and Randwick Junction (the Kingsford branch is due to open in March 2020).

From Monday, 14 October 2019, applicants will be able to select light rail as a mode for new applications. Eligible students will be able to travel for free to and from school or college on the new Sydney Light Rail from the beginning of the 2020 school year.

For students currently travelling on a School Opal card under the SSTS, there is no change. Students will still be able to tap on and off to travel on any mode of transport to get to or from school or college.





## Careers News

### Resources for parents

myfuture parent resource: <https://myfuture.edu.au/footer/assist-others>

Career Industry Council of Australia #Work2030 video for parents: <https://youtu.be/9YMKnZezOLc>

Career Planning Conversations Podcast with Kathryn Taylor (who will be speaking with Year 11 and 12 students this year): <https://www.vicparentscouncil.vic.edu.au/news/2019/3/28/vpc-podcast-series-career-planning-conversations-with-kathryn-taylor>

### Events & Resources for students

- A **Career Competency Checklist** has been published on Google Classroom so that students can make sure they are on track for Years 10/11/12
- Students have access to hard copy **Career Portfolios** with the Baulko logo (pick up from Careers Office)
- **Online Careers Portfolios** can be built via the Study Work Grow website (see info below)
- Students and parents can access the **Study Work Grow Careers Subscription** (please ask your child for the user name and password). A personalised school page is available via the above link (requires log in) which includes important event information
- Students also have access to **resources on Google Classroom**
- **Yr 10 and 11 students have 1 year access to a new resource to explore various careers – [The Careers Department](#)**
- Please see the **Careers** page on the school website for an overview of the Careers Program

### Updates for parents of Year 10 students

- Work Experience FAQs and form (**Student Placement Record**) are on Google Classroom (opportunities that have been advertised by universities/organisations will be emailed to students however it is the student's responsibility to organise their own placement)
- UAC's **Steps to Uni for Year 10 Students** (online and hard copies) and new online tool (**Subject Compass**) have been shared with students to assist with the subject selection process
- All Year 10 students have access to the **Online Study Hacks Masterclass** (taught by Dr Jane Genovese who has qualifications in Law & Psychology) from Term 3 onwards (1 year access)

### Updates for parents of Year 11 students

- Year 11 has undertaken Motivational Mapping using the Youth Maps profiling report (as well as a 1-hour explanatory session) and can book a follow up appointment with the Careers Advisor to discuss this. They have also had a career planning session as part of combined Careers/Wellbeing Day from a speaker experienced in HR on elements of CVs, work experience & scholarship applications
- All Year 11 students have access to the **Online Study Hacks Masterclass** (taught by Dr Jane Genovese who has qualifications in Law & Psychology) from Term 3 onwards (1 year access)

Ms Hardy, Careers Adviser

multicultural  
**FOOD  
FAIR** 5PM-9PM  
free entry

organised by the p&c

23 november  
@ baulkham hills high school

school bands &  
dance performances

proudly supported by the band community