

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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From the principal's desk:

Welcome to week 4. The HSC continues this week and Year 10 are also doing their end of year exams this week. Good luck to all students.

Students were reminded today about the P&C Multicultural Night on November 23rd. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter. Students and their families are very welcome to attend and share the food and entertainment of our many cultures. Wearing of national costume is strongly encouraged. This is the special night in our calendar when all our staff, parents and students come together to celebrate the diversity of this wonderful school.

Thank you to all the teachers who took part in the Swim School last week. Year 7 had great attendance and beautiful weather for their two days. Unfortunately many Year 8 students took the opportunity to have the day off to study for their upcoming exams. This was both a waste of the money their parents



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

Term 4

Week 4
Monday 4 November - 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
Tuesday 5 November
Wednesday 6 November
Thursday 7 November
Friday 8 November - Y11 and Support reports issued - Y7 Vaccinations (Fletcher)
Week 5
Monday 11 November - HSC Examinations 17/10 to 11/11 incl. - Y7/8/9 Yearly Examinations 11/11 to 15/11 incl.
Tuesday 12 November
Wednesday 13 November - New Students Y8-Y12 Orientation Day 9am to 10.30am
Thursday 14 November
Friday 15 November - Cadet AFX Camp 15/11 to 19/11 incl. (Iaconis)
Week 6
Monday 18 November - Cadet AFX Camp 15/11 to 19/11 (Iaconis)
Tuesday 19 November - Y12 Formal (Milne/Zhu)
Wednesday 20 November - Band Christmas Concert – Houlston (Panjan) - Support – Y6 into Y7 ½ day transition P1-5 (Simpson)
Thursday 21 November - Y11 Recognition Assembly - Y12 Physics prac exam P3-4, P5-6 (Chilwell) - Y9&11 HSC Geography Assessment Task #1 P3-4 (Filewood) - Y12 English Ext 2 Seminar P7-8 (Egan) - Support – Y6 into Y7 full day transition P1-8 (Simpson)
Friday 22 November - Y9&Y10 & Support - Peer Support Training 3.30pm-7.30pm (Fletcher/Iaconis)
Saturday 23 October - Multicultural Food Fair 5-9pm
Week 7
Monday 25 November - Y11 Buffer Week 25/11 to 29/11 incl. - Y10 Minimum Standards Test P4-5 (Simmons)
Tuesday 26 November - P&C General Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 27 November - Y11 Business Studies HSC AT1 P1&2 (Reid) - Beginner Band recital (Band – Panjan)
Thursday 28 November
Friday 29 November - Y10 End of Year Celebration (Alex/Trkulja)
Saturday 30 November – Band Auditions TLC
Week 8
Monday 2 December - Y11 Assessment Week 2/12 to 6/12 incl.
Tuesday 3 December - Y7 2020 Orientation Day (Humphreys)
Wednesday 4 December
Thursday 5 December - Y10 Recognition Assembly
Friday 6 December - Y10 Reports Issued - Y9 End of Year Activities 3.30pm – 9pm (Dunne/Iaconis)
Week 9
Monday 9 December - Y12 Ex 1 English Film Viewing P3-6 (Srnica)
Tuesday 10 December - Y8 Recognition Assembly P1-2
Wednesday 11 December - Y8 Camp 11/12 to 13/12 (Mak/Chapman)
Thursday 12 December - Y9 Recognition Assembly
Friday 13 December

had paid (not refundable) but also misguided in terms of priorities.

Year 7 vaccinations will happen on Friday this week. Make sure students have returned their forms.

A reminder to parents that many students have not paid their school fees for 2019. Parents have been invoiced more than once but payments have been very slow coming in this year. Without these payments we cannot supply the text books and library books, the photocopy paper and the wide range of facilities that make this school so special. Fees also cover things such as competitions, resources for practical subjects and welfare days. It is an expectation that all families will meet these obligations before they outlay money for special optional events such as picnics, formals and excursions. Families who are experiencing financial difficulties need to contact our Bursar, Mr Parnaby, to discuss their options.

Further to fees, we are almost half way through the term and many students have not yet paid for their recreational sport this term. If payments are not received in the next week students may find themselves joining the walking groups instead of their chosen recreational sport.

Jeanne Bathgate

Baulko News

Grease the Musical 2019

Now the dust has settled, I would like to take the time to thank all the wonderful staff who worked on the Musical in 2019. It was a massive effort and the teaching staff gave up many, many hours of their time to make the show the success that it was. We are so blessed at Baulkham Hills High School to have such sensational staff!



We will be sending out a separate email shortly to fill in a quick survey in regards to musical feedback.

Thank you.

Miss Pugliano - HT CAPA



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. **Christmas Concert** on Wednesday, **20th November** @ 6:30pm
2. **Multi-cultural Food Fair band performance** on Saturday, **23rd November**
3. **Beginner Band Recital** on Wednesday, **27th November** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at TLC.
4. **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:

- **Beginner Band Recital** – Wednesday 27th November
- **Band Auditions** – 30th November

The Band Committee

Opal Card Tap On and Tap Off Reminder

This is a reminder for students to Tap On and Tap Off at the start and at the end of each trip with their Student Opal Card. Currently many students are failing to Tap On and Tap Off the Opal readers when using their Student Opal Card.

Department of Transport

Procedure for Late Arrivals

If a student arrives at school late, they must provide a note to the office signed by their parent/guardian when signing in giving reasons for their partial absence. **The student needs to sign in at the Office when they arrive at school including senior students with late study leave.** The student will be issued a late arrival pass which they can present to their teacher when they arrive in class.

If a note is not provided from home, the student will be issued with a late pass slip which is signed by a parent/guardian. The signed slip must be handed into the office the next day.

Year 10 Food Technology

Students embarked on a mammoth exam in a double period for their Food Service and Catering Unit. They were expected to design a buffet style menu item, which could be served in a buffet setting. Students worked extremely hard with limited time to create their sweet and savoury creations in our Food Technology lessons. I was especially impressed with their creativity and the range of ingredients that were used in the creation of these recipes.

Year 10 students were able to explore some new ingredients and present their dishes in a creative manner. Ms Payne and I would like to commend all of our Food Technology Students on the effort they put into produce their individual recipes. Each class enjoyed spending lunchtime together sampling each students' creations.

To reward our students, each student voted for the Best Presented Dish, The Best Tasting menu item the The Best Recipe. Students won prizes for their effort.

We are proud of our students and enjoyed witnessing them produce such amazing dishes as a part of Food Service and Catering.

Ms Payne and Mrs Parnell
Year 10 Food Technology Teachers



WeSSTA Junior Geography Challenge

On the 31st of October 12 Year 8 students, comprising of two teams, embarked on a journey, with one sole purpose; to win. Competing at the WeSSTA Junior Geography Challenge, held at St. Mary's Memorial Hall, the bus ride was filled with excitement, with last minute cramming and revision.

With the reward of McDonald's looming, each team had even more motivation to win. Arriving at the venue, dozens of schools, and even more students greeted us, we took a final group photo before it started.

The competition consisted of 10 rounds, of varying geography questions, such as flags, airlines, and national animals, which became progressively harder. Competition was stiff, and by intermission, only two points separated the Baulko teams.

A fruit and snack break was much needed to recuperate, and calm nerves. With more and more difficult questions, every point was fought for, making or breaking a team's overall position. In the end, both teams finished in the top 20, with one team in the top 10 (7th). We made heaps of new friends, and were rewarded with McDonalds. Overall, it was a great experience and opportunity to test our knowledge in a fun way. Thank you to Mr Iaconis for organising this day for us and for his guidance.

Thomas Ho, Year 8



2019 Swim school

As part of the Personal Development Health & Physical Education program, ALL students from Year 7 and 8, as well as students from our Support unit were involved in a Lifesaving Unit starting Week 3 of Term 4. The program ran for two days and was held at Baulkham Hills Waves Swimming Pool.

The program was an outstanding success, with students involved in both practical and theory components over the 2 day course. Students were placed in groups corresponding with their swimming ability and worked diligently towards improving their individual level and confidence.

All Instructors provided by Waves Aquatic centre, spoke very highly of our student's abilities and enthusiastic attitude over the course of the 2 day program.

Thanks again to all students for their tireless work over their time at the pool, as well as the staff who worked so hard in preparation for the program.

Mr McDonell
HT PDHPE



Careers News

Careers Excursions & Incursions (optional) for Year 10 (details on Google Classroom)

- Wed 20 Nov – Westmead Hospital Careers in Health Day (excursion)
- Fri 22 Nov – Generation Entrepreneur Start Up 101 Session (incursion)

University Speaker Program 2020 – Tues/Thurs lunchtimes for Year 10/11/12 students

A list of speakers (dates TBA) has been published on Google Classroom for Terms 1 & 2

Exploring - What does my child have access to for Careers in Year 10?

- **Weekly Careers Classes** including [Morrisby Online Career Profiling](#) - please see the [Careers](#) page on the school website for an overview of the Careers Program
- **Tailored resources on Google Classroom** including a **Career Competency Checklist** to ensure they are on track going into senior school
- 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
- [Online Careers Portfolios](#) can be built via the Study Work Grow website (see info above)
- Students have access to hard copy **Career Portfolios** with the Baulko logo (pick up from Careers Office)
- **Subject Selection assistance** including UAC's [Steps to Uni for Year 10 Students](#) (online and hard copies) and new online tool ([Subject Compass](#))
- 1 year access to a new resource to explore various careers & undertake virtual work experience – [The Careers Department](#)
- 1 year access to the [Online Study Hacks Masterclass](#) (taught by Dr Jane Genovese who has qualifications in Law & Psychology)

Clarifying - What does my child have access to for Careers in Year 11?

- **Future Planning Session** (combined Careers/Wellbeing Day) in Term 2 (experienced HR speaker)
- **Motivational Mapping** using the **Youth Maps profiling report** (as well as a 1-hour explanatory session as part of Careers/Wellbeing Day) + **optional individual follow up session** with the Careers Advisor
- **Individual appointments** with the Careers Advisor (applying to uni, scholarships, general Careers advice)

Applying – What does my child have access to for Careers in Year 12?

- **Individual appointments** with the Careers Advisor (applying to uni, scholarships, general Careers advice)
- **Mock interviews for scholarships/medicine**
- **UAC information session** (how to apply to uni), **panel discussion** (uni students) and **scholarships session** (experienced HR speaker) (as part of combined Careers/Wellbeing Day in Term 1)
- **UAC Guides** in hard copy and further resources posted in Google Classroom
- Year 12 students can use the UAC online tool [Course Compass](#) to assist their decisions

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



Creative & Performing Arts
Faculty

+
CREATIVE
AND
PERFORMING ARTS
SHOWCASE

December 12th, 2019

Doors open at 6pm

Houliston Centre,
Baulkham Hills High School

Visual Arts, Photography, Visual Design,
Drama and Music will all be on display.

**COME ALONG AND SEE
THE BEST OF 2019!**