

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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Cover: Sydney West Cross Country Awards

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From the principal's desk:

Welcome back to our winter term. I trust that everyone had a safe and happy mid-year break. We are now into second semester. Year 10 have a Welfare day today and Year 12 are in Buffer Week before their Trial HSC starts later next week.

Parents of students in Years 7 and 10 are reminded that their Parent Teacher Night is being held this Thursday. Students in Years 8 and 9 will receive their reports on Friday this week and a Parent teacher Night for them will be held next Monday, the 29th July. Details for booking Parent Teacher meetings are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Over the holidays we had quite a lot of painting done. All three demountables have been repainted as well as the main quadrangle and seats around the school. On such a large site it is a constant struggle to keep everything looking smart.



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 3

Week 1
Monday 22 July – Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
Tuesday 23 July - P&C General Meeting 7.30pm - Y10 Welfare Day (Trkulja)
Wednesday 24 July
Thursday 25 July - Y7 & Y10 Parent Teacher evening
Friday 26 July - Y8 and Y9 Reports Issued - Y12 Buffer Week Friday 26/7 to Thursday 1/8 incl. - All Schools Cross Country (Filewood/McDonell)
Week 2
Monday 29 July - Y12 Buffer Week 26/7 to 1/8 incl. - Y8 and Y9 Parent Teacher evening - Japanese Visit 29/7 to 2/8 incl. (Zhu)
Tuesday 30 July
Wednesday 31 July - Y7&8 APSMO Maths Competition in class (Hoang)
Thursday 1 August - Y7, 8, 10 & 100 Australian Math competition (Kumar) - Y11 Assessment Task (in class) Mathematics Extension 1 P1&2 (Ribbans)
Friday 2 August - Y12 Trial HSC Examinations 2/8 to 15/8 incl. - Y9 Aust Maths Comp (AMC) (Kumar)
Week 3
Monday 5 August - Y12 Trial HSC Examinations 2/8 to 15/8 incl.
Tuesday 6 August
Wednesday 7 August - Y9, 10 & 11 Chemistry Olympiad Exam (Harwood)
Thursday 8 August
Friday 9 August - Y7 Concert P1&2 - Y9, 10 & 11 Earth and Environmental Science Olympiad Exam (Harwood) - Y7 Concert Music Aviva P1&2 (Sleight)
Week 4
Monday 12 August - Y12 Trial HSC Examinations 2/8 to 15/8 incl. - Y9, 10 & 11 Biology Olympiad Exam (Harwood) - Y10 Macbeth Performance Excursion (Poole)
Tuesday 13 August
Wednesday 14 August - Y9, 10 & 11 Physics Olympiad Exam (Harwood)
Thursday 15 August
Friday 16 August - Senior Band Workshop TLC After School (Panjan)
Week 5
Monday 19 August
Tuesday 20 August
Wednesday 21 August - Y7 Test 3 Maths Assessments P4&5 (Ribbans) - Y9-11 China Ningbo School visits 21/8 to 23/8 incl. (Greenlees/Robinson)
Thursday 22 August - Y7&8 APSMO Maths Competition in class (Hoang)
Friday 23 August - Cadets Timber Wolf Activity 23/8 (after school) to 25/8 incl. (Iaconis)
Week 6
Monday 26 August - Spirit Week SRC 26/8 to 30/8 incl. (Khan/Mudalier) - Konosu School Visit 26/8 to 28/8 (Zhu)
Tuesday 27 August - P&C General Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 28 August
Thursday 29 August - Y8 Test 3 Maths Assessments P3&4 (Ribbans)
Friday 30 August - Y9 Test 3 Maths Assessments P1&2 (Ribbans) - SRC Spring Fling 6pm to 9pm (Khan/Mudalier)

Thank you to the students involved in Green Group who raised funds to supply five special taps which are attached to bubblers around the school. The new taps allow students to fill their water bottles which is healthy and environmentally sustainable, saving on plastic and single use bottles.

Welcome to Mr Daniel Luttringer who has joined our Support Unit staff this term.

Congratulations to:

- James Bang who gained a Silver Medal in the International Mathematics Olympiad held in Bath, UK

Jeanne Bathgate

Applications for entry into Years 8-12 for 2020 are now open.

Please see our website for details.

Do not forget to include both the “Years 8 to 12 entry to selective high schools in 2020 Application Form” and the “Supplementary Application Form”.

Baulko News

Attention Parents of Year 8 and Year 9 Students

Parent Teacher Night Interviews are on Monday, 29th July.

Please Log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the event code **5rms5** to make your bookings.

Bookings will open at
9am on Monday, 1st July
and close at
8am on Monday, 29th July.

Note: please discuss with your student if they have a course with multiple teachers, which teacher will be available for interview and book appropriately.

Ms Greenlees, HT Teaching and Learning

Absence During "Buffer Week" (YEAR 12)

26 July to 1 August

The week prior to a designated assessment period is classified as buffer week. Please see the "Buffer Week Policy" on Moodle for further details. Students absent in this time need proof of illness such as a **BHHS Doctor's certificate** to verify absence. If students know prior to buffer week they will be absent, they need to seek permission from the Principal or Deputy Principal to be absent. Documentary evidence will be required for verification. Students who fail to follow this direction will have their school record marked with "malpractice" which may in turn affect important documentation such as references and Principal's recommendations. After school detentions will also be given.

Doctor's certificates that are obviously backdated will not be accepted. Also family members should not write Doctor Certificate for students due to conflict of interest.

Ms Clarke, Deputy Principal

P&C News

The next P&C Meeting will be held on **23 July**. Guest speaker for the meeting will be **Ms Keely Simpson, Head Teacher of Support**. The guest speaker is scheduled to speak at the beginning of the meeting so please be on time.

Y12 English Study Day: Thank you!

The Year 12 English Day was held successfully during the term holidays on 10th July, with a record number of students attending. Over 150 students and 7 English Teachers attended. P&C would like to thank all the teachers and former students who participated in the workshop.

English Study Day would not be successful without the help of our wonderful volunteers. We had more than 50 parents contributing food on the day and nearly 20 helpers stayed through the day to make sure our students and teachers were well taken care of. Thank you to all parents that helped on the day and to parents who made an effort to deliver food on their way to work or sent food through a friend, it was very much appreciated. All the food kept the students and teachers warm on that cold wintery day. P&C would like to thank Y12 Parent Coordinators **Ms Helen Chen** and **Ms Winnie Zhou**, who worked closely to contact volunteers for the day. THANK YOU!

(Please see below for some photos of the Study Day)

Working Bee (Saturday 24 August 9.00 am – 1.00 pm)

The last working bee for this year will be held on Saturday 24 August. We need many volunteers: parents, students, family members and friends are all encouraged to come and help on the day. Work involves weeding, setting up edging for garden beds, mulching, pruning plants and painting.



Come and spend a couple of hours beautifying the school and making friends with other parents. Morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for all participants. In order to assist with planning and catering needs, please sign up online as soon as possible at www.volunteersignup.org/TPKJC or email bhhspsc@hotmail.com.

The next General Meeting will be held on **23 July** (Tuesday), 7:30pm at the library.

Sau Wan Liew
P&C President

Photos from Year 12 English Study Day



Hillsbus Network Changes on 28th July

This is a reminder that the service adjustments for Hillsbus will be implemented on 28th July 2019. The changes may impact how students travel, and we encourage students and parents to check <https://transportnsw.info/> for details on these changes before next week.

Band News

Hope you have enjoyed your holidays. They have certainly come and gone very quickly! We would like to introduce you to the newly elected committee members for the year:

Mr Panjan Nagaratnam	Interim President/Treasurer
Mr Hoa Lam	Vice President
Mrs Jane Ying	Vice President, music librarian
Mrs Eva Au	Assistant Treasurer, music librarian
Mr Raymund Wong	Communications Officer
Mrs Neeru Garg	Instrument and band locker manager Contact: bhhsbandinst@gmail.com
Mrs Lori Corcoran	Event catering , music librarian
Mrs Angela Ge	Event catering
Mrs Evete Fernandes	Music librarian

Thank you to these parents for volunteering their time to assist with the running of the band program. Without this assistance, the band program would not be possible. We would also like to welcome our new String Ensemble Conductor Ms Jacqui Carias, who will be joining us from Term 3. Thank you to Ms Jenny Wang for stepping in to Conduct the string group over the last three terms at short notice.

Mrs Bindu George will be taking over the band administrator role from Monday 22nd July. Mrs George is already a part of the Baulkham Hills school community and is experienced in working within school band programs.

Please note that some of you are still receiving emails addressed from "Fiona Day", some of you will continue to receive emails addressed under my name. This is a function of GMail which unfortunately cannot be changed. Please continue to send your queries to the band address bhhsbandcom@gmail.com.

Rehearsals for Term 3 will start in Week 1, with a Concert band and Trumpet workshop on Monday 22nd July. Some students have still not RSVP'd for these events. Email the band ASAP.

String ensemble rehearsals will start in Week 2, Monday 29th July. Advance notices will be placed in the weekly school newsletter and you can keep up to date by following our Facebook page "Baulko Band and Orchestra" <https://www.facebook.com/Baulko-Band-and-Orchestra-100848740521209/?ref=bookmarks>

On a personal note, it has been very rewarding being a part of the Baulko School band over the last 6 years. Our family has enjoyed many performances and festivals over the years, as well as two euro band tours. All the best to all, and may all the talented Baulko musicians continue to reap the rewards with their continued efforts.



Thank you Mrs Margaret Howard

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Margaret Howard, our Band Administrator, who is leaving us this term. We have been extremely fortunate to not only have her begin by volunteering her time to the band committee in 2013, but also go on to accept the role of Band Administrator soon after.

In the past few years, her valuable contributions to the band program have facilitated its growth into the organised, successful and large body that it is today. Her ideas and excellent skills in planning, progressing and managing workshops, competitions, camps and other events have been remarkable. This dedication is represented through the countless hours of her own time which were spent on establishing efficient processes for the future organisation of our program. And finally, through her motivation to always go above and beyond, we were able to see through our first ever overseas band tours, which would not have been possible without her involvement.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Margaret, whose supportive and committed nature has been a great asset to the band community. We wish her all the best as she moves on to a new chapter in her life.

Welcome to our new String ensemble Conductor, Ms Jacqui Carias

Australian-Salvadoran violinist Jacqui Carias is a graduate from the Elder Conservatorium of Music, where she studied under the guidance of Wendy Heiligenberg and Keith Crellin. Jacqui furthered her studies and completed a postgraduate performance diploma with Dr Goetz Richter at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and has also participated in self-organised study trips to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and the Royal Academy of Music in London

Jacqui is a recipient of scholarship awards from the Australian Cultural Fund and the Independent Arts foundation of South Australia which have enabled her music travels. Jacqui has played with a number of orchestras in South Australia, ACT and NSW including the former Adelaide Art Orchestra, Philharmonia Australia, George Ellis Orchestra and Canberra Symphony Orchestra and is also regularly engaged as an orchestral player for major choirs in Adelaide including Adelaide Graduate Singers, Adelaide Harmony choir and Adelaide Philharmonia Chorus. In 2018 Jacqui performed with Philharmonie der Animato Stiftung in Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary & Slovakia. In March 2019, Jacqui was concertmaster for the Australian International Opera Company Tour to China.

In early 2019, Jacqui's recording of Schumann's Fantasiestucke was licensed for a Canadian Netflix film and premiering around October of 2019.

In addition to her classical music performance, Jacqui has a particular interest in authentic tango performance which has taken her to Buenos Aires to study with La Orquesta Escuela de Emilio Balcarce and performs regularly with Tango Oz and La Orquesta de Luna with Daniel Rojas Gonzales.

Jacqui was also recently awarded with a recognition diploma from the embassy of Mexico and El Salvador for 'inspirational talent in the Latin American community of Australia'.



SAVE THE DATE:

- **Senior Band Workshop** – Friday, 16th August
- **Stage Band Café Performance** – Sunday, 29th September
- **Orchestra Workshop** – Sunday, 27th Oct
- **ASBOF (Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival, formerly known as NSWSBF)** – Sunday 8th Sept @ UNSW Kensington for Junior, Senior, Concert Bands and Orchestra

The Band Committee

Procedure for Sick Students

Students who are sick in class should see a teacher for written permission to go to sick bay. They must go to sick bay (which is in the Front Office) and follow instructions from the office staff, who will contact a parent/guardian when necessary. Sick bay is used for a short time only. Students should not call their parents first. Please be advised the school does not supply any medication (eg. panadol).

HSC Geography Case Study - Taronga Zoo

On Friday 24th May 2019 the HSC Geography class visited TARONGA ZOO for their productive activity tourism case study. The education centre at the zoo provided a background to the current changes and future directions that the zoo are taking in regard to their exhibits and services. The protection of endangered and threatened species



and the education of the public about the issue is now the primary function of the zoo, and this was reinforced through a presentation by the education officers at the zoo. Our students also took part in a behind the scenes tour of the zoo and the associated facilities such as 'roar and snore'. Thanks to Glen from the Observatory Hill EEC for his help on the day.

HSC Geography Case Study - Featherdale Wildlife Park

On Friday 7th June 2019 the HSC Geography class visited FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK. This provided an excellent local case study for the People & Economic Activity, Tourism topic. The class received expert information in two specialised talks from their education officer. This covered all features of the Featherdale business and the economic and geographical challenges faced by Featherdale. The park provided a contract to our other case study & visit to Taronga Zoo. As always the class was lucky enough to be introduced to a number of native animals. (pictured). Thanks to Caitlin for assisting us with our visit and case study material.



Mr Filewood, Social Science

Sydney West Cross Country - Certificates of Achievement

These runners achieved excellent individual & team results at the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival last term - Christine Luo Y12, Jaweria Saeed Y12, Larissa Lee Y12, Darcey Thompson Y12 & Neelesh Shrestha Y7 (photo above).

Our age champion in 17 years girls was ELENA KOUDASHEVA Y12.

Congratulations to our elite Baulko runners.

Other outstanding results were Edmund Hanley Y10, Chapman Tai Y10, Jacob Thomas Y10 & Patrick Yi Y9 who have already received their certificates.

Mr Filewood, Sports Organiser

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.vicparentsouncil.vic.edu.au/news/2019/3/28/vpc-podcast-series-career-planning-conversations-with-kathryn-taylor>

Uni Speakers Terms 2 & 3 at lunch (schedule on Google Classroom)

At the end of Term 2 and early Term 3, ex-students from Baulko will deliver lunch talks on Medicine (including interview prep) as well as Dentistry. A videoconference on teaching is also scheduled for this week.

Events & Resources for students

- 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**
- Please see the [Careers](#) page on the school website for an overview of the Careers Program.
- See upcoming list of university [Open Days](#) (will be covered in Year 10 Careers Classes)

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 – guidance for this is via Careers Classes and individual consultations)
- UAC's [Steps to Uni for Year 10 Students](#) to assist with subject selection have been given to students
- A new online tool ([Subject Compass](#)) introduced by UAC recently has been shared with students to assist with the subject selection process
- All Year 10 students will 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 will 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 12 students

- UAC Guides have been delivered to the school and are available in the senior study for all Year 12 students. Year 12 have been briefed on uni procedures and are now able to apply (the full [timeline](#) has been sent to students)
- Scholarship and cadetship opportunities have been emailed to/posted on Google Classroom for students and addressed by universities and other speakers this term
- Year 12 will have the opportunity to have help with their scholarship applications from a speaker experienced in HR, after Trials (Week 5, Thurs 22 Aug Period 6 + lunch)
- Year 12 students can use the UAC online tool [Course Compass](#) to assist their decisions
- Year 12 students need to finalise their UAC applications (with at least 1 preference which can be changed/deleted) by 30 Sep to avoid a late fee (ATARs will be released Tues 17 Dec 1pm)

Ms Hardy, Careers Adviser

Cough etiquette

Cover your cough



- When coughing or sneezing, use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth
- Dispose of the tissue afterwards
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow.

Wash your hands



- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, wash your hands with soap and water
- Use alcohol-based hand cleansers if you do not have access to soap and water

Remember hand washing is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause respiratory disease.

Anyone with signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection, regardless of the cause, should be instructed to cover their nose/mouth when coughing or sneezing; use tissues to contain respiratory secretions; dispose of tissues in the nearest waste receptacle after use; and wash their hands afterwards.

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Does your child catch a school bus? Help them keep it!

As the bus operator that providing your child's school bus services, we're asking for your help getting your child to use their Opal card on every bus trip.

Since the introduction of the School Opal card in 2016, school bus patronage data has significantly dropped. This is not reflected in the number of students actually travelling on our buses for various reasons a large number of students are consistently not using their Opal cards as they should be.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used by transport planners and service schedulers to design the bus network that best serves the community utilising the resources available.

If students don't tap on and off then school bus services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

Please help us reinforce the message that tapping on and off every bus journey with an Opal card is essential to travel on the bus. This will ensure school services continue to be planned for the students that use it, providing the journey to school your children depend on.

To help us achieve this, please talk with your child:

- Ask them if they tap on and off the bus with their Opal card.
- If they do, congratulate them for doing the right thing and talk about why it's important.
- If they sometimes don't or never do, ask them why.
 - Are they confused about why they have to? Talk about why it's important, and that every tap tells the bus planners that the bus is needed.
 - Do they forget? Help them find a way to remember, such as getting into the habit of getting their Opal card out as soon as they arrive at the bus stop or bus line.
 - Is their Opal card at the bottom of their bag? Help find a handier place to keep it.
 - Are they influenced by friends or peers that don't tap? Talk about how they like to travel on the bus with their friends and how tapping is what keeps the service running.
 - Have they lost their Opal card? To order a new Opal card visit www.opal.com.au.

If there's another reason that you'd like to discuss with Busways, please contact us at info@busways.com.au. We are happy to listen and do what we can to help your child feel comfortable using their Opal card.

Thank you for helping us to best serve your school community.

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