

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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From the principal's desk:

We begin Week 3 with much welcome rain which is helping to break the drought we have endured for several years. Unfortunately, such heavy rain also brings issues related to flooding and blackouts as well as damage to houses and cars from falling trees. Luckily for the school our only damage was one gum tree which was uprooted at the entrance to the school. I hope our families did not suffer too much over the weekend.

Sadly, our Swimming Carnival was washed out last Friday but we have a backup date of Friday 21st February when we hope to hold it in better weather.

A lot of students are filtering back to school now having spent their 14 days in isolation due to the coronavirus and travelling to China over the holidays. No students will have that isolation period recorded on their official attendance record they are officially exempt from school for that period.



Calendar 2020

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 1

Week 3
Monday 10 February SRC Planning Day (Mudaliar & Khan)
Tuesday 11 February Year 7 Parent Information night in the TLC – 6 to 7.30pm
Wednesday 12 February
Thursday 13 February School photos catch up – 11am to 12.30pm Y11/12 USyd Presentation in the TLC Cadets First Parade – 3.15 to 5.15pm (Seniors and Cadets) Cadet Parent Orientation Night – 3.30pm
Friday 14 February - SRC Valentine's Day (Mudaliar & Khan)
Week 4
Monday 17 February
Tuesday 18 February - Y7-10 Elevate Seminars P1-6 (Fletcher)
Wednesday 19 February - Beginner Band Info Night 6.30pm-8.00pm
Thursday 20 February - Cadets First Parade - Full Cadet Unit (Incl. new recruits) - 3.15-5.15pm (Iaconis) - Presentation Night 7.00pm
Friday 21 February Swimming Carnival - Waves
Week 5
Monday 24 February
Tuesday 25 February - P&C Meeting and AGM 7.30pm
Wednesday 26 February Zone Swimming Carnival – Blacktown Aquatic Centre
Thursday 27 February Yr 7-8 Cadets online enrolment closes
Friday 28 February
Week 6
Monday 2 March
Tuesday 3 March Future planning seminar – HR Speaker - lunchtime
Wednesday 4 March
Thursday 5 March
Friday 6 March - SRC World's Greatest Shave (Mudaliar/Khan)
Week 7
Monday 9 March Yr7 + Support – Swim School
Tuesday 10 March Yr 7 + Support – Swim School
Wednesday 11 March
Thursday 12 March Selective Schools Test
Friday 13 March Yr 10 Science Assessment Task. O, H, K Pds 3-4 L, V, A Pd5
Week 8
Monday 16 March Yr 10 PASS - Bronze Medallion
Tuesday 17 March Yr 7 Maths exam – Pds 3 & 4 Yr 9 Maths exam – Pds 1 & 2 Yr 10 PASS - Bronze Medallion
Wednesday 18 March Yr 8 Maths Exam – Pds 1 & 2 SRC Trivia Night
Thursday 19 March
Friday 20 March Sydney West Swimming Carnival – SOPA
Saturday, 21 March Cadets – issue of uniforms to recruits (morning)

Fee sheets are in the process of being emailed to families in coming days. Your prompt settlement of these fees is appreciated. A reminder that contributions to the Building Fund are tax deductible. We are saving up to refurbish another two Science laboratories to enhance the learning experiences of your children.

Parents are reminded that they must not enter the Staff Car Park nor park in the bus bay. Please arrange to drop off or pick up your child in Chelsea Avenue or Coronation Road. Please also be aware of our neighbours and their need to get in and out of their driveways, do not block their driveways.

Year 7 parents are invited to a Year 7 Welcome Night to be held in the TLC at 6pm tomorrow (Tuesday 11th). The P&C will host a supper at the conclusion of the evening.

Congratulations to our students who won the Viral Bytes competition

Jeanne Bathgate
Principal

Baulko News

Viral Bytes Competition Winners



Year 7 2020 Parent information night

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to invite you to our "Welcome to Baulko evening".

Date - Tuesday 11 February 2020

Time – 6.00 to 7.30 pm

Where – Tiered Learning Centre (TLC)

Speakers – Will include: Psychologist – the transition to High School, Deputy Principal, Year Advisers and current students attending BHHS.

Our P & C will provide tea, coffee and a light supper at the conclusion of the evening.

P&C NEWS

P&C Annual General Meeting (25 February, 7:30pm in the TLC)

The first P&C General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 25 February, at 7.30pm** in the **TLC**. It will be followed by the **P&C Annual Election** and the new office bearers for 2020 will be elected.

The positions to be elected are:

- President
- 2 Vice Presidents
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- 6 Executive Members
- 6 Committee Members

Please consider joining the P&C Committee and get first- hand involvement in numerous P&C activities such as:

- P&C General Meeting (Every fourth Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm at the library)
- Working Bee (Twice a year in March and August)
- Uniform shop
- Y12 English Study Day (July)
- Y12 Graduation Morning Tea (Sept)
- Multicultural Food Fair (November)

You will also contribute to policy discussions and decision-making such as those of student welfare and curriculum reviews. P&C representatives are invited to participate in the selection process for new staff members as well as in the building and refurbishment plans/tenders of the school. It will be a fun and valuable learning experience for everyone. All we ask for is the commitment to attend **2 General Meetings and 2 Executive Meetings every term** (all will be held on Tuesdays at 7:30pm).

Guest speaker, **Mr Nigel Simmons**, BHHS HT Administrator and resident statistician will also be discussing the 2019 HSC result on the night. It will be a busy night so please be on time.

(*Please get ready with \$2 P&C Membership Fees to speed up the registration process. It will be collected upon arrival at the door.)

Thank you!

Sau Wan Liew
P&C President



WELCOME TO THE COLLECTION!!!

'Resistance is futile...we are the Library Staff...you will be a borrower'

Do you have an insatiable appetite for books? You love to read? You dream? Well; you are not alone! Did you know that most of the greatest minds in history were avid readers; had a love of books...and loved reading other people's imaginings?

We work hard to have you covered....no not in plastic! We have a well stocked Fiction section. We weed and renew this regularly....Yes we have Jack Reacher...Corwin of Amber, Fafhrd & Grey Mouser...Elric of Melnibone... Arthur Dent and a host of other characters waiting to invade your thoughts.. AND...we subscribe to the E Reader platform Wheelers....www://BHHS-Wheelers/co...this will give you access to thousands of more titles.

Our Non Fiction Area caters for assignments & extra curricula interests. We also have an extensive video library on offer through the Clickview and DVC systems

FYI

We open daily at 8am (provided we have a teacher on duty). We are open most of every day with the exceptions of Wednesdays from lunch (Sports afternoon) & Friday Recess (Staff morning tea)

A THOUGHT?

We are THE LIBRARY

Like a gazillion other Libraries out in the world!

Have you ever thought of branding THE LIBRARY with a name?

Mr Mansfield



Novel Coronavirus Information

Current advice (as at 7 February 2020) from the NSW Government for parents and affected staff is:

- Any student or staff member who has been in, or transited through, mainland China (not just Hubei province) on or after 1 February is excluded from school or child care services for 14 days from the date they left mainland China (as the novel coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks)
- Any confirmed cases of novel coronavirus will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return
- Close contact of a confirmed case of novel coronavirus will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case
- For visitors to China prior to 1 February the previous advice remains that any student or staff member who has visited Hubei province is excluded from school or child care services for 14 days from the date of their departure and anyone who was in the rest of China is requested not to attend school or child care services for a period of 14 days after the date of their departure.
- More information can be found at NSW Health

Students who returned to Australia from mainland China more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to normal school

School Photos

Photos may still be ordered and paid for online this week. Use the code on the envelope. Late fees may apply after this week.

Photo Catch Up Day is Thursday 13 February, from approximately 11am to 12.30pm, in Houliston Centre

Careers News

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** (experienced HR speaker)
- **Motivational Mapping** using the **Youth Maps profiling report + 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)
- **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

Additional resources for parents

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

Ms Hardy

Careers Adviser

Year 7 Orientation Week



Year 7 Orientation Week

Our new Year 7 cohort has made a wonderful start to the new school year at Baulkham Hills High School. We ran an orientation program first week back that gave the students all they needed to be able to navigate the first few weeks of school successfully

The Year 7 Orientation Week was a busy couple of days where students were grouped into groups and then moved through a series of sessions that covered using their devices and a tour of the school facilities. Students partook in a range of workshops and activities which included:

ICT, Sport, Literacy, Zine making, Growth Mindset, Music Drumming and writing a letter to their 'future' selves. These workshops provided students with opportunities to get to know each other, their teachers and the school.

The first few weeks in Year 7 can be overwhelming and Baulkham Hills High School has many support structures in place to assist students. A special thanks to the Prefects, Mr Iaconis, Ms Fletcher, Mrs Clarke and Ms Kite for all their hard work and assistance with supporting Orientation Week and us, the Year 7 Advisors. We look forward to sharing many of the wonderful experiences our new students will participate in throughout 2020 and the future



TOPS Camp 2020 at Stanwell Tops.

On Monday, 3 February, teachers, all of Year 7 and prefects embarked upon an adventurous two day camp at Stanwell Tops. This camp aimed to give kids a camping experience which incorporated games, outdoor activity and positive relationship building, encouraging the students to gain self-confidence and live to their full potential.

During this time the students participated in a number of team building activities hosted by our very own Year 12 Prefects and highly skilled TOPS camp leaders. The Year 12 Prefects were an amazing bunch of students who used their guidance and leadership skills to assist students in completing blood-pumping and heart-beat racing challenges. The Prefects hosted a very intensely competitive night of trivia and a fashion challenge that led to a 'Vogue fashion night' experience and catwalk.

Students were roped in to new heights at the abseiling tower, bowed down with no strings attached at the archery range, were shot into another world at the giant swing, crossed the harrowing waters at survivor and were brought to safety as we took that leap of faith, just to name a few.

Over these two days we learnt a lot about team building, taking chances, accepting others and contributing positively to difficult situations. Year 7 were an amazing and respectful cohort, and we are looking forward to the great year ahead.

Shoutout to the teachers who volunteered to attend the camp and helped supervise, control and even participated in the more challenging activities that the TOPS camp had to offer. It was great to see the teachers participating in the activities with year 7's and being great role models







Band News

Welcome back to school band! Please find the band schedule for year 2020 below for your info.

Junior Band conducted by Yvonne Brown, Monday, 7.20am from 24 Feb - G14

String Ensemble conducted by Ruth Choong, Monday, 7.20am from 17 Feb -DRAMA ROOM:

Information night for Junior Band will be held at the TLC on 19 Feb from 6.30pm

- Junior Band caters to students who have not played an instrument before, who would like to learn a new instrument and to students who have been in primary school bands (based on your level of playing)
- If you wish to come for the information night, please email bhsbandcom@gmail.com

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>

RECREATIONAL SPORT COSTS Term 1 2020 (8 weeks) for Years 8-11

Payment MUST be made by Friday 14th February

**please collect your sports permission note from sport, signed note must be provided to your sport teacher*

Venue	Sport	Cost
Anytime Fitness Old Northern Road Baulkham Hills	<i>Fitness Gym 26</i>	\$64
The Edge Castle Hill Rock Climbing	<i>Rock Climbing 26</i>	\$120
Fred Caterson Tennis Castle Hill	<i>Tennis – Recreational 55</i>	\$100
Hills Stadium Fred Caterson, Caste Hill	<i>Basketball Courts 55</i> <i>(7 weeks 19th Feb no available)</i>	\$120
AMF Wondabowl Salisbury Road Castle Hill	<i>Ten Pin Bowling 55</i>	\$112
Castle Hill Indoor Sports Anella Avenue Castle Hill	<i>Indoor Soccer 26</i>	\$132
Baulkham Hills Indoor Sports Hills Street Baulkham Hills	<i>Squash 24</i>	\$64
School – UPSTAIRS TLC	<i>Tae-Kwon-Do 28</i>	\$64
Castle Hill Cheer Energy	TUMBLING & STUNTING 28	\$120
Baulkham Hills Area	<i>Walking</i>	No Charge

Your Recreational Sport selection **can only be made online** at schoolinterviews.com.au

The code for Term 1 2020 is: **dfkqz**

The site will be open for use Wednesday 5th February at 7:30pm and close Thursday 6th February at 7:30pm. After you have made your selection, your confirmation email will be the invoice for payment. Payments are made online at: <http://baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au> and must be received by Friday 14th February (no student registration number or invoice number is needed for online payments. Select the item 'sport' as the payment type). Numbers are limited in all sports apart from walking. This is due to venue restrictions, availability of instructors & bus limitations. Only online registration will get you a place in your chosen sport. Payments made without online registration will not give you a place in that sport. All students doing walking will meet in the shed on Wednesday 12th February at the end of lunch to allocate teachers. Please still register online for walking to help us with understanding our numbers.



Baulkham Hills High School has a new phone app!

The school mobile app is used to send parents important notices, make forms available electronically and a place to find out school information. To download the new phone app developed by school Enews, follow these instructions:

iPhone and iPad Users

- 1) Press App Store icon on your device
- 2) Press Search and type in "Baulkham Hills High School"
- 3) Press "Get", the app will download
- 4) Press "Open" and accept "push alerts"
- 5) Configure "Push Alerts" – see instructions below

Android Users

- 1) Press Play Store icon on your device
- 2) Press magnifying glass and type in "Baulkham Hills High School"
- 3) Press "Install", the app will download
- 4) Press "Open"
- 5) Configure "Push Alerts" – see instructions below

Configure Push Alerts

- 1) Press the "Settings / Cog" icon
- 2) Ensure General News / Messages is set to on, to receive important updates from the school then press done.

