

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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Presentation Evening – February 2023

Congratulations to Janiru Liyanage our Dux of 2022 and
Tarini Samarasinghe AMPOL Best All Rounder Award presented by
Ms Gorrell, Relieving Director, The Hills Network

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From the principal's desk:

Welcome to Triple AAA week, a prefect initiative that highlights Awareness, Acceptance, and Anti-discrimination. Monday will focus on disability awareness. Tuesday is mental health day. Wednesday is Anti-Bullying day. Thursday is LGBTQIA+ day and Friday is Multicultural day. There are activities every day at lunchtime and recess. Students are encouraged to get involved. On Friday students are welcome to wear their national dress but must wear enclosed shoes, bring any PE or Technology equipment required for classes on the day. Muffi day is limited to cultural clothing and does not include casual muffi e.g. jeans, t-shirts, shorts etc. It promises to be a very full week with lots of things happening beyond the classroom.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the eSafety



Calendar 2023

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 6
Monday 27 February AAA Week – Prefects 27/2 to 3/3 incl. Y12 Biology Depth Study to UNSW
Tuesday 28 February Model UN Trials Y8 Science Prac 8ScK and 8ScU in class
Wednesday 1 March OzCLO Competition – State Round Y8 Science Prac 8ScA, 8ScO and 8ScL in class
Thursday 2 March
Friday 3 March Y8 Science Prac 8ScB in class
Week 7
Monday 6 March Swimming Carnival Y7 & Y8 and Y9-12 competition only Y10 Science Practical in class 6/3 to 10/3 incl. Prelim Physics Task 1 – In class Depth Study
Tuesday 7 March Y9 English Assessment Task 10.21am – 11.41am
Wednesday 8 March Zone swimming carnival @ Blacktown Aquatic
Thursday 9 March Y9 PASS Raw Challenge
Friday 10 March School Photos – Whole school Y9 Mathematics Test 1 8.44am–10.01am Y8 Mathematics Test 1 10.26am–11.46am
Week 8
Monday 13 March Prelim Ancient History Task 1 – Source Task in class Prelim Chemistry Task 1 Depth Study in class Y7/10 Peer Support Session P8 Y10 Science Practical – written assessment component
Tuesday 14 March School Photos Catch up Y7 Mathematics Test 1 10.26am – 11.46am
Wednesday 15 March
Thursday 16 March NAPLAN Writing SRC World's Greatest Shave
Friday 17 March NAPLAN Reading Y12 Geography excursion – Cabramatta (Filewood)
Week 9
Monday 20 March Buffer Week Y11 & Y12 20/3 to 24/3 incl. NAPLAN Language Prelim SLR Task 1 – Hand in Fitness
Tuesday 21 March NAPLAN Numeracy Y10 Mathematics Test 1- periods 1&2
Wednesday 22 March
Thursday 23 March Y9 History Source test
Friday 24 March Y8 History Semester 1 – Source Test NAPLAN Catchup

Commissioner Website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>. This website provides useful information and signs to look for that your child's online activity may be having a negative impact on them and what to do if you are concerned. This includes information on topics including Gaming, Screen time, Cyberbullying, and online safety.

Congratulations to:

- Melinda Xia who was selected in the Sydney West Volleyball team to compete at the NSWCHSS championships.

Megan Clarke Relieving Principal



Running Assembly – Rianna Banerjee with Prefects



Running Assembly – Jared Guild with Prefects

Baulko News

Metropolitan Inter-School Chess Competition



Award winners from the 2022 Metropolitan Inter-School Chess Competition: the Intermediate A and B teams (divisional winners, left), the Junior A team (Met West champions, right), and the Senior A team (Sydney metropolitan champions, centre, with perpetual trophy)

Student Absence

SMS Response and Parent Portal

The Attendance App for student absences is no longer operational. If your child is absent please respond to the SMS that you will receive advising your student is absent on that day. You can also explain the absence via the parent portal for 1 to 2 days only. If any longer than 2 days, an email is required with an attached medical certificate.

If your student is going on extended travel leave for over 5 days, a travel leave application form is required to be filled in and approved by the Principal. Link below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/associated-documents/pd-2005-0259-02-2.pdf>.

P&C News

The P&C AGM will be held on 28th Feb at 7:30pm. This will be our very first fully in person AGM since 2020. I would encourage all parents to be there and participate in the nomination and election process.

Our AGM will be at the TLC, the following positions are open for nomination on the night:

- President
- Vice President x 2
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Committee Members x 13

Only P&C paid members can vote in the AGM according to P&C Federation regulations. We will have P&C stalls outside the TLC to collect membership fees and issue you with a receipt.

Please prepare a \$2 coin per person, it will speed up the queue at the entrance for parents.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Raymund Wong
P&C President

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

School Bytes Finance Portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- **Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)**
 - Use a family credit to pay for an activity/excursion or school fees
 - Download a receipt for payments made
 - View all historical payments in one place
 - Complete and submit digital permission notes
 - View the status of all permission notes

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

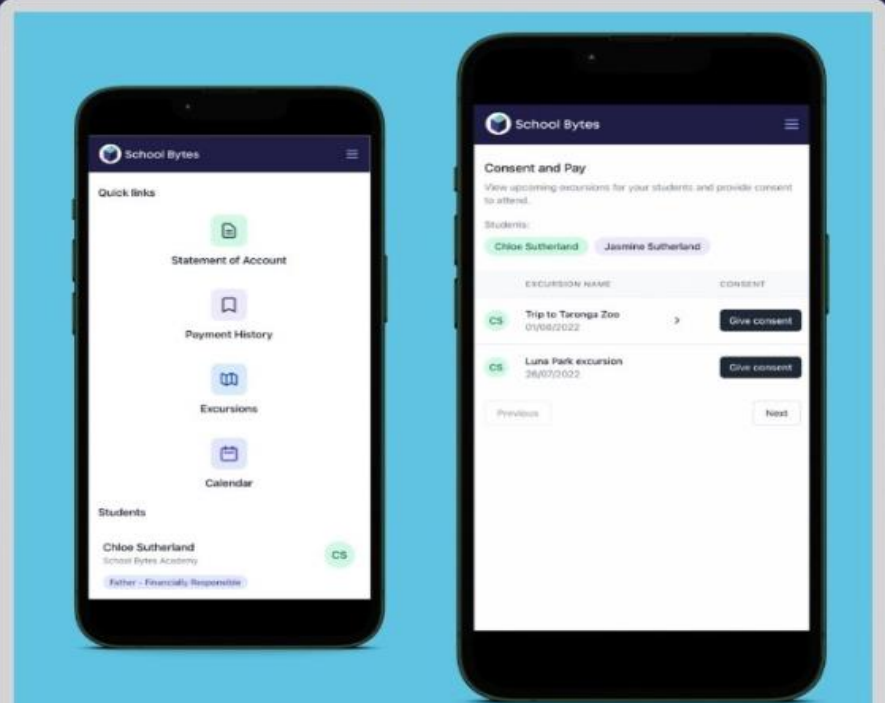
Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.



AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments




The Parent Portal


- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

AVAILABLE DURING

TERM 1

 **School Bytes**

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



Baulko Musical 2023 is coming!

Rehearsals have been underway since last term for our 2023 school musical, "Footloose". Our talented cast is busy dancing, singing, and acting their hearts out in preparation for our performance in Week 1, Term 2. Keep an eye out for ticket bookings.

Presentation Evening Photos – High Achievers from 2022

Congratulations to our students outstanding achievements in both academia and sport



Aniketh Chennapragada – Hills Shire Council Award for Citizenship presented by Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi

Nethmi Sellahewa – Hills Shire Council Award for Citizenship presented by Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi

Zaina Aslam – Coleman Greig Lawyers Award for Excellence in Legal Studies presented by Mr Jacob Smith, Senior Associate Family Law Team



Seung Joo Park – Rotary Awards for Citizenship presented by Ms Sheila Krishnan



Pradhnya Prakash and Justin Dos Reis Falcao – Macquarie University Award for Leaders and Achievers presented by Ms Sharna Kosmeier, Macquarie



Edric Hwang – ACU Liberal Arts Award presented by Professor Robert Carver, Director Australian Catholic University



Cloris Xu – University of Sydney Award for Academic Excellence in Year 10 presented by Mr Jack Tropea, University of Sydney



Year 7 High Achievers



Year 8 High Achievers



Band Awards



Year 11 High Achievers



Year 10 High Achievers



Year 9 High Achievers

HSC State Rankings



Daniel Hongru Wang –
1st Equal in Mathematics
Advanced, 18th in Chemistry



Yoel Yoffe -
1st in Economics



Kaleb Liu -
1st in Software Design and
Development



Nandini Karri –
1st Equal in Korean
Beginners



Mahathi
Ramasubramanian -
1st in Tamil Continuers



Stamford Liu – 2nd in
Engineering Studies



Pranali Jani – 4th in
French Continuers



Nathan Lin – 4th in
Engineering Studies



Joshua Yeoh – 5th in
Economics



Nicole Chen – 5th in
Japanese Continuers



Angelina Martin -
Olympic Changemaker
Award presented by Mr
Fisher, HT PD/H/PE



Simone Pai - ACHPER
Award for Excellence in
PD/H/PE presented by
Mr Fisher, HT PD/H/PE



Salah Sbeti – NSW Premier’s
Sporting Challenge Medal
Presented by Mr Fisher, HT
PD/H/PE



Aaron Taylor -Sydney
West School Sporting
“Blue” Award presented by
Mr Fisher, HT PD/H/PE



Isabella Ha - Science Award for
outstanding excellence presented by
Mr Mudaliar, Relieving HT Science



Nathan Lin - ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Award presented by Mr Nicholas McCarthy, Leading Aircraftman ADF



Likhitha Arun Y8 – Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment presented by The Hon David Elliott, MP, Member for Baulkham Hills



James Lee Y11- P&C Citizenship Award presented by Mr Wong, P&C President



Sylvia Hu – P&C Visual Arts Award presented by Ms Kim, Relieving HT CAPA



Ruoxuan Sun – P&C Music Endeavour Trophy presented by Ms Kim, Relieving HT CAPA



Janiru Liyanage – Sylvia Shaw Award presented by Mr Poole, English



Georgios Anastasiadis – Nola McAlister Award presented by Ms Kim, Relieving HT CAPA



Oliver Appave – Kim Boaz Award presented by Ms Kim, Relieving HT CAPA



Rianna Banerjee – The Pamela Wilson Award for Community Spirit presented by Ms Fletcher, HT Wellbeing



Aadie Karim – Cadet of the Year Award presented by Captain Charlton



Gabrielle Kim - Recruit of the Year Award presented by Captain Charlton



Kritin Desai – Jeni Morrow Award for Sportsmanship, Service and Social Spirit presented by Mr Morrow



Lance Hopper Excellence in Visual Arts Award – Maryam Jamnagarwalla



Krystal Jessen –
Sportsperson of the Year
(Female)



Aaron Taylor –
Sportsperson of the Year
(Male)



Diya Arora – SRC
Initiative Award
presented by Ms
Swancott & Ms Chen,
SRC Co-ordinators



Shayan Bidiwale – SRC
Initiative Award
presented by Ms
Swancott & Ms Chen,
SRC Co-ordinators

FLIP

Introducing a new program called FLIP, being implemented this year which is another way we are working towards supporting students with individual learning needs here at Baulkham Hills High School. The program is based on current research and best practice and is designed to supplement the learning that is being carried out in the classroom in the areas of Maths, English and Science. Only years 8, 9 and 10 are involved in the program this term, and as the year 7 student learning needs are identified, we will extend the program to include students from year 7.

Expert teachers or tutors will deliver small group or one on one tutorial sessions once a week for the term. Student progress is monitored through pre and post testing and will determine future directions for individual students.

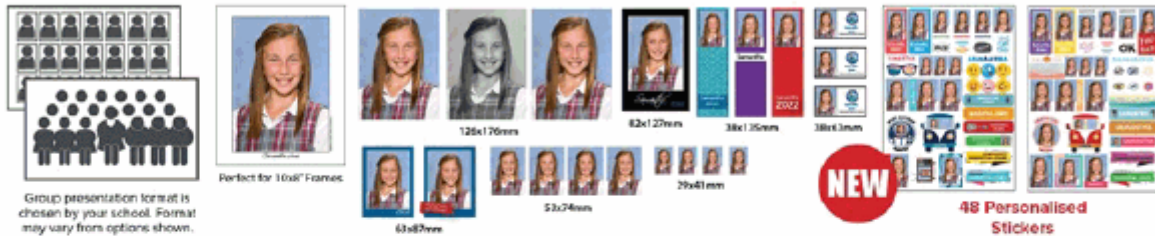
Parents/carers of students selected for the program will be contacted with an email through School Bytes to give permission. We hope that you will be supportive and encourage your children to embrace the opportunity to be involved in the program, and respond promptly to help facilitate the organisation of sessions.

Contact Rita Daher (Relieving Head Teacher Teaching and Learning) for further information.
rita.daher@det.nsw.edu.au

Rita Daher
Relieving HT Teaching and Learning

School Photos 2023 (to be held on 10 March)

school photographs are coming up soon



Please note: Traditional, Composite or High-Resolution Virtual Group format is chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:

M8W XEH MBB

in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned approximately 6 weeks after the day of photography.

Please note this delivery timeframe is dependant on proofing and additional photography days at your school.

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students
If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact



Careers News

14/02/2023

- Study Work Grow/The Careers Department/Career Central/Morrisby Profiling/From High School to Hireable Interview Skills *[existing resources]*
- Years 7-12 have premium subscription access to a new online program developed by Study Work Grow called the Ponder Program
- Year 10 2023 will be part of a pilot program involving mentors and virtual work experience
- Year 11 have recordings/worksheets for Navigating Uncertainty & Career Research Planning & Year 12 have recordings/worksheets for Scholarships
- Year 12 have copies of a new publication "The New University Entry Game"

Careers Resources & Speaker Presentations

- Please ask your child for the code to sign up to Study Work Grow (available on Google Classroom) if you would like to receive updates directly
- Please check updates directly in the newsletter and contact the Careers Advisor if you have any questions or suggestions
- Videos and PowerPoint slides created by the Careers Advisor will be emailed to parents via the Principal (Year 10 Subject Selection; Year 12 Updates; Work Experience & Volunteering; P&C Resources)
- To help your child with their career development process, please see this link: <https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-your-child>

Helping your child with their career development

Absence Explanations

Parents are required to provide an explanation of absence to the school on the day of absence or **within seven (7) days** from the first day of any period of absence, **otherwise it will remain unjustified.** If a student is absent for three (3) days or more a **Medical Certificate** is required.

Application for Extended Leave – Travel (more than 5 days)

Please click on the link below and fill in the form (4 pages) for extended leave – travel and certificate (for more than 5 days). A print of flight details or itinerary is also to be included. The student can bring the hard copy form to be signed which is subject to approval before going on leave. The certificate of extended leave travel will be given back to the student if travel leave is approved.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/associated-documents/pd-2005-0259-02-2.pdf>.

NSW Health Updates

Please follow the link below to fact sheets from NSW Health as regards the linked topics.

- Japanese encephalitis - https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/japanese_encephalitis.aspx
- Mosquitoes - <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/mosquito.aspx>
- Japanese encephalitis virus and mosquito bite avoidance - <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Factsheets/japanese-encephalitis-questions-answered.pdf>

Permission and Payment for Excursions, Sporting Events/Activities

Baulko is currently using “**School Bytes**” as a form for permissions and payments for various activities.

You will receive the required permissions and or payment via email. If it is not finalised by the deadline, your child will not be able to attend.

Please check these emails are not going into your spam as they are named school bytes.

Please email the school if your email address has changed.



School Opal Cards for bus travel

Busways has been conducting checks at your school regarding Opal card usage.

Your child did not have an Opal card today when travelling on the school bus.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off then school bus services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

Please ensure that your child has a valid Opal card (either a School or Child/Youth Opal card) and taps on and off when travelling to and from school.

For more information and to apply for a School Opal card call 13 67 25 (13 OPAL) or apply online at www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/.

For other enquiries, our customer service team is happy to help. Call 1300 69 2929 (Monday to Friday 7am-5.30pm) or email infoline@busways.com.au.



Support From Reachout

The challenges of supporting students as parents and carers is always present. The issues around COVID-19 have made this an even more difficult and uncertain path to tread. I will be giving students short ideas via assemblies over the next few weeks in which they can proactively support themselves.

The website Reachout.com also provides advice for parent and carers over arrange of areas. It is worth having a look at <https://parents.au.reachout.com/> as a starting point.

For students, have a look at <https://au.reachout.com/articles/how-to-handle-fear-about-the-future-a-guide-for-year-12-students> (Dr Amy Burton, Clinical Psychologist)

TAFE Use

Students are reminded that the use of the adjacent TAFE facility to walk to and from Old Northern Rd is a privilege and not a right. Students are reminded to walk safely, quietly and quickly thorough the facility. Parents and carers are **not** permitted to enter, drive into, or park in the TAFE to pick up or drop off students.

Bus Travel

The **bus stop on Old Northern Rd in front of Baulkham Hills TAFE** is used each afternoon by approximately 100 students. Students have the privilege and responsibility of accessing this bus stop through the TAFE. I would remind students to be very careful and considerate when using and accessing this bus stop, waiting for a bus, and moving to the kerb to get on a bus. Buses sometimes approach the stop very quickly, with the front of the bus coming over the edge of the kerb. Please always demonstrate courtesy and safety, and remember that there is always another bus.

Student pickup after school

A reminder about parking and picking up around our school in the afternoons, especially in the school bus bay, Carver Crescent, Christopher Street, Coronation Road, and Baulkham Hills TAFE areas.

Please ensure you follow all traffic rules (especially traffic lights and not parking across driveways) when you are in these areas. You could even have your student walk a little but further away from the school gate – to assist their physical health, and alleviate the heavy traffic at the end of the school day.

The Hills Shire Council will have compliance officers at various times in these locations to ensure all drivers are following required traffic rules.