

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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AAA Week – 27 February to 3 March Students in Multicultural Dress

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From the principal's desk:

Welcome to Week 7. The annual school swimming carnival is being held today providing an opportunity for our competitive swimmers demonstrate their excellence in the pool. The Zone Swimming carnival is on Wednesday at Blacktown Aquatic Centre and I wish all our competitors the very best for this event. School photos are being held this Friday. A special reminder for Year 12 to ensure they bring and wear their school blazer for the photo.

Students were reminded today about taking leave during school time. As per the Baulkham Hills High School 2023 HSC Assessment Policy "Students should be present at school to complete and submit all assessment tasks and examinations. Students and parents/carers should NOT assume leave will be granted in circumstances where family holidays, social engagements or other matters of a discretionary nature clash with school assessment tasks and HSC tasks. Students are expected to complete all tasks and sit for all examinations set as part of the assessment program for



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 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 Outreach – yard sale 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 Y7 Ancient Rome Assignment due
Thursday 23 March Y9 History Source test
Friday 24 March Y8 History Semester 1 – Source Test NAPLAN Catchup
Week 10
Monday 27 March Y11 Practical Assessment Week 27/3 to 31/3 incl. Y12 Assessment week 27/3 to 31/3 incl.
Tuesday 28 March P&C Meeting 7.30pm Y19 History Source Test
Wednesday 29 March
Thursday 30 March
Friday 31 March Y8 History Semester 1 – Research Task
Week 11
Monday 3 April Y11 Assessment Week 4/4 to 6/4 incl. Y12 Practical assessment week 4/4 to 6/4 incl.
Tuesday 4 April
Wednesday 5 April
Thursday 6 April Y8 Commerce Exam 1.50pm–3.06pm ANZAC Day Ceremony 1.46pm Last day Term 1
Friday 7 April Good Friday – Public Holiday

a course at the specified time. The Department of Education discourages students taking leave during the school term". It goes on to say "The Department of Education's position in relation to student leave is stated in the Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures School Attendance Policy. This policy has been developed by the Learning and Engagement Directorate in 2015. 14.1. From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School - Procedures. Travel outside of the vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes".

All assessments are conducted within the guidelines set by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA). The NESA guidelines for HSC students make no provision for tasks missed due to leave. There are well established protocols for illness and misadventure, however, requests for leave do not fall within these protocols. Students and families are expected to make arrangements to ensure that all requirements of the Preliminary and HSC courses can be fulfilled. All assessments must be completed at the scheduled time, unless students are affected by illness or misadventure".

Congratulations to:

- Gurteer Rai and Zachary Casey who have been selected in the Hills Zone Boys Football team to compete at the Sydney West Boys Football competition.
- Wolf Kumaran-Eriksson has been chosen to participate in The Arts Unit Instrumental Music Ensemble – Jazz Orchestra.

Megan Clarke
Relieving Principal

Baulko News

Presentation Evening - Outstanding Students in Years 7 to 11
presented by Year Advisers



Abigail To - Outstanding Student in Year 7 2022 presented by Mr Dhall and Mr O'Shea - Year Advisers



Melanie Tan - Outstanding Student in Year 8 2022 presented by Mr Huang - Year Adviser



Mohijit Singh - Outstanding Student in Year 9 2022 presented by Ms Lockley and Ms Bovard - Year Advisers



Cloris Xu - Outstanding Student in Year 10 2022 presented by Ms Hallal and Mr Poole - Year Advisers



Yoel Yoffe - Outstanding Student in Year 11 2022 presented by Ms Chapman and Ms Adams - Year Advisers



Harry Kwok - All Rounder Award Year 9 2022 presented by Ms Bovard and Ms Lockley - Year Advisers



Yovelle Jayasena - Encouragement Award Year 7 presented by Mr Dhall and Mr O'Shea - Year Advisers



Music Ensemble Program (MEP)

MEP Ensembles

Ensemble	Conductor	Rehearsal Time
Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE)	Dr Luis Madrid	Wednesday 7:20 am - TLC
Symphonic Wind Orchestra (SWO)	Mr Nicholas Murphy	Monday 7:20 am - TLC
Junior Band	Mr Nicholas Murphy	Thursday 7:20 am - G12
Orchestra	Dr Luis Madrid	Tuesday 7:20 am - TLC
String Ensemble	Ms Julie Kim	Friday 7:20 am - TLC
Guitar Ensemble	Mr Nicholas Murphy	Monday Lunchtime - G14

Fees

MEP fees

All participating MEP members are required to pay annual membership fees. The income from these fees cover salaries to staff, music score purchases, competition entry costs, workshops and equipment purchases such as music stands. This fee does **not** cover instrument hire, instrument service or repairs, lesson fees, MEP camp, MEP tours or external events such as NSW Arts Unit events. **Due to MEP staff being on the Department of Education payroll, we are unable to accept NSW Creative Kids Voucher.**

MEP fees for 2023 (MEP fees are due by the end of **Term 1**)

1 ensemble	\$400
2 or more ensembles	\$480
Year 12	\$300 Year 12 students graduate from MEP at the end of term 2
Guitar Ensemble	\$250 (30 minute rehearsal each week)

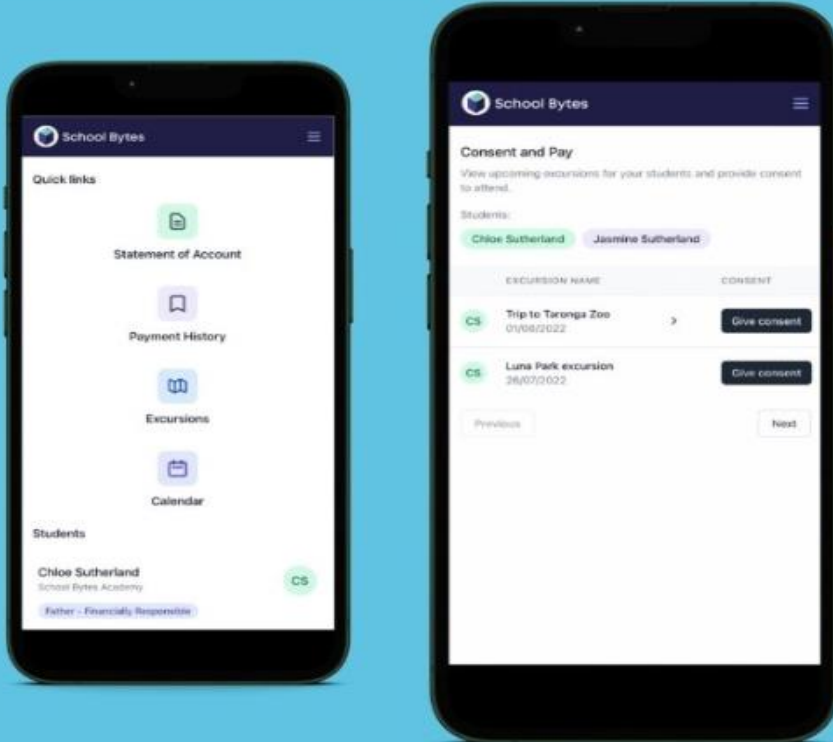
If you are interested in joining MEP, please email julie.kim32@det.nsw.edu.au

AAA Week Photos




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

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



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.

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>.

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 (panadol).

If students are sick please stay home until you are well. Please provide a Medical Certificate if you are absent from school for 3 days or more.

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



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

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.