

# Baulkham Hills High Newsletter

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## From the principal's desk:

The **In Concert – Secondary Choral Festival** sees the Combined Secondary Schools Choir annually joining forces with The Arts Unit's premier instrumental music ensembles to present 2 performances at the Sydney Town Hall. These concerts provide secondary students with the opportunity to sing in a massed choir with more than 500 other students and perform a range of significant choral works. 33 of our students will be involved in this amazing event over the next two nights. Thank you to Mr Murphy and Mr Wang for their leadership and support of these students.

BHHS has been involved in **Disability Recognition Month** from 1 to 25 May 2023. As we celebrate Disability Recognition Month, we recognise the contributions, challenges and successes of people with disability. We are proud of our diverse community, and we want to celebrate all people with disabilities and encourage them to share their achievements.

Rishi Jaiswal, Ketharan Partheepan and Pragya Gupta (Year 11) won the Northern

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## 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](http://www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au)

### Term 2

<b>Week 5</b>
<b>Monday 22 May</b> Year 7 and 10 Half Yearly examinations 22/5 to 26/5 incl.
<b>Tuesday 23 May</b> P&C Meeting 7.30pm Y9 PDHPE Practical Assessment Task
<b>Wednesday 24 May</b>
<b>Thursday 25 May</b> Y11 Modern History Excursion
<b>Friday 26 May</b> Y8 and Y9 Half Yearly Examinations 26/5 to 2/6 incl.
<b>Week 6</b>
<b>Monday 29 May</b> Year 12 Recognition Assembly Y8 and Y9 Half Yearly Examinations 26/5 to 2/6 incl. Y10 English Excursion - Macbeth
<b>Tuesday 30 May</b> Zone Athletics Carnival
<b>Wednesday 31 May</b> Zone Athletics Carnival
<b>Thursday 1 June</b> Y11 Biology Depth Study
<b>Friday 2 June</b> Y10 International Studies in class task 2 Relay for Life and Biggest Morning Tea HSC Geography – Featherdale Wildlife Park (Filewood)
<b>Week 7</b>
<b>Monday 5 June</b> Y11 and Y12 Parent Teacher Evening 3pm-7.30pm
<b>Tuesday 6 June</b>
<b>Wednesday 7 June</b> UNSW Mathematics Competition Y7-12
<b>Thursday 8 June</b>
<b>Friday 9 June</b>
<b>Week 8</b>
<b>Monday 12 June</b> <b>KINGS BIRTHDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 13 June</b> Y11 and Y12 Buffer Week 13/6 to 16/6 incl.
<b>Wednesday 14 June</b> Australian Problem Solving Mathematics Olympiad (APSMO) Y7&8
<b>Thursday 15 June</b>
<b>Friday 16 June</b> Y8 Wellbeing Day
<b>Week 9</b>
<b>Monday 19 June</b> Y12 Assessment Week 19/6 to 23/6 incl. Y11 Practical Assessment Week 19/6 to 23/6 incl. Y8 PDHPE Practical Assessment Task
<b>Tuesday 20 June</b> Y9 PDHPE Practical Assessment Task Y8 French Crepe Making Incursion
<b>Wednesday 21 June</b>
<b>Thursday 22 June</b> Y10 PDHPE Practical Assessments
<b>Friday 23 June</b>

Sydney Model United Nations Competition, that took place over last weekend. They were able to take out first place as the delegation from the United



States of America. As a result, Baulkham Hills High School has qualified for the National Model UN Competition in Canberra in August at Old Parliament House for a second year in a row. Congratulations to these students, and thank you to Mr O'Shea for his work in supporting them.

**Updated communication** procedures have commenced at BHHS. The BHHS App is no longer used. Primary communication with our community will be via direct email, the weekly school newsletter and the school website. The website includes the Sentral Parent Portal (<https://baulkham-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/links.html>). If you have recently changed your email address, please inform the school as soon as possible to ensure you receive all key communication from the school.

Our **school uniform** identifies our students. The correct wearing of it is expected and is a matter of pride and safety for all students. If a student is not able to wear full school uniform on a particular day, the student is required to bring a note from their parents/carers to be signed by a deputy principal before school. The student will then be issued a uniform pass. If a student is out of uniform without a note from a parent or care, they will be issued with a detention.

**Wayne Humphreys**  
Principal



## Baulko News

### Save the Date

### Year 11 and Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

**Monday 5 June – 3pm to 7.30pm**

**They have moved back to face to face.**

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### Support Unit Presenters at Assembly

This month has been Disability Awareness month. Support students have presented at assembly each week to remind the school community of how disability can impact their lives. Students have been able to see a variety of adults that have lived with a disability but have achieved success and been an inspiration to others through music, acting and sport etc.

Lisa Greenlees  
Deputy Principal  
Support & Inclusion



## Sport News

### Cross Country – Age Champions

Congratulations to the following students who won their age group and are age champions for 2023.

#### GIRLS

##### 12 years Girls

Caitlin Ong Y7

##### 13 years Girls

Thehara Kariyawasam Y7

##### 14 years Girls

Claire Cai Y8

##### 15 years girls

Dulanga Kariyawasam Y10

##### 16 Years girls

Grace Tran Y11

##### 17 Years Girls

Tiffany Teoh Y11

##### 18 Years Girls

Harini Paranthaman Y12

##### Support Girls Age Champion

Taleah Arnesen

#### BOYS

##### 12 years Boys

Yucheng Wang Y7

##### 13 Years Boys

Justin Guo Y8

##### 14 Years Boys

Gavin Dennis Y9

##### 15 Years Boys

Steven Zhou Y9

##### 16 Years Boys

Sam Hoh Y11

##### 17 Years Boys

Zachary Casey Y11

##### 18 Years

Ray Zhang Y12

##### Support Boys Age Champion

Clayton Button Lenard

### Zone Cross Country

Hills Zone cross country was held on Friday 12 May at the Sydney Equestrian Centre. There were 132 students who represented Baulkham Hills High school and several students progressed on to the Sydney West region. Congratulations to all students who participated.





22 May 2023

### Athletics Carnival Photos





### Athletics Age Champions

Athletics age champions were:

#### **GIRLS**

##### **12 years Girls**

Vanessa Lee 7

##### **13 years Girls**

Anvi Sharma 8

##### **14 years Girls**

Yovelle Jayasena 8

##### **15 years girls**

Dasgupta Sukanya 9

##### **16 Years girls**

Nicole Zhou 11

##### **17 Years Girls**

Harini Paranthaman 12

##### **Support**

Taleah Arnesen 9

#### **BOYS**

##### **12 years Boys**

Tony Guan 7

##### **13 Years Boys**

Justin Guo 8

##### **14 Years Boys**

Gavin Dennis 9

##### **15 Years Boys**

Bijen Bajracharya 9

##### **16 Years Boys**

Aryan Ryan 11

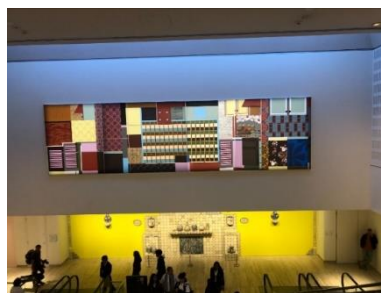
##### **17 Years Boys**

Faris Khan 11

##### **Support**

Clayton Button Lenard

### Year 12 Visual Arts - Art Gallery Excursion Photos





## Hills Relay for Life- Cancer Council

You can join our Baulkham Hills team to donate directly at

<https://www.relayforlife.org.au/fundraisers/lisagreenlees/hills-2023>



The team at BHHS will be hosting a morning tea on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The students and staff are planning a fantastic menu and price lists for yummy items will be published so that you know what is available.

The funds you raise will assist Cancer Council NSW fund vital research into cancer treatment and prevention. It will also help them to provide essential support services such as the 13 11 20 Cancer Council Helpline, Transport to Treatment service and Accommodation services around the Southern region of NSW for local people affected by the day-to-day challenges of living with the disease.

At BHHS we are looking forward to making a contribution to this great cause with your help.

Lisa Greenlees  
Coordinator



## Music Ensemble Program (MEP)

Ensemble	Conductor	Rehearsal Time
Senior Wind	Mr Jeff Fisher	Monday 7:20 am – G14
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

### Senior Wind

We are pleased to announce the recent formation of Baulko's newest ensemble, Senior Wind! Senior Wind is led by Mr Jeff Fisher, a highly experienced conductor and multi-instrumentalist who has worked with many successful secondary school bands across Sydney, across public, private, and Catholic sectors. They rehearse every Monday Senior Wind is a smaller wind band comprised of advanced students who possess a high level of instrumental skill. They play the most challenging repertoire out of all our bands. Make sure you come and watch them perform later this year!

### Rehearsals

Students are expected to arrive punctually to every rehearsal **by 7:20am**, ready to play by the rehearsal time - 7:30am. Students in the Guitar Ensemble are expected to meet outside G14 immediately at the start of lunch. All members must bring a pencil to every rehearsal. Refer to the table above for rehearsal times.



### Absences from rehearsals or performances

MEP students are required to attend all rehearsals and performances. Ensemble attendance is monitored, and non-attendance without a **valid** reason is not acceptable. **Students with regular attendance will have their music extra-curriculars mentioned in their school reports.**

If you are unable to attend for any reason, please email [bhhsbandcom@gmail.com](mailto:bhhsbandcom@gmail.com) ASAP and provide a valid reason or documentation (e.g. a medical certificate). Students in ensembles conducted by Ms Kim or Mr Murphy are also asked to speak to their conductor to explain their absence upon returning to school.

### Google Classroom

Google Classroom codes for the ensembles are listed below, it is very important that you join your classroom if you haven't already in order to access practice copies and important announcements from teachers and conductors:

Ensemble	Conductor	Google Classroom Code
Senior Wind	Mr Jeff Fisher	l4lxftv
Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE)	Dr Luis Madrid	ymacpl6
Symphonic Wind Orchestra (SWO)	Mr Nicholas Murphy	tikqxf7
Junior Band	Mr Nicholas Murphy	cgwpgkq3
Orchestra	Dr Luis Madrid	kfwddly
String Ensemble	Ms Julie Kim	aky7r6c
Guitar Ensemble	Mr Nicholas Murphy	whfla43

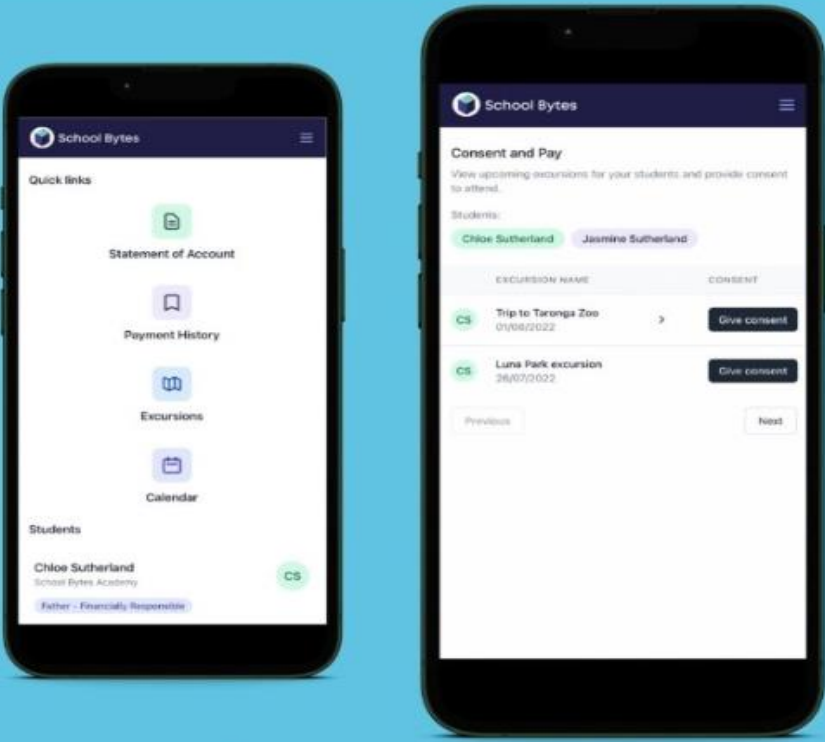
### Procedure for Sick Students

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.


## 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

 **School Bytes**

**Available  
NOW**

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



[https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login?return\\_to=https%253A%252F%252Fportal.schoolbytes.education%252F&error=unauthenticated](https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login?return_to=https%253A%252F%252Fportal.schoolbytes.education%252F&error=unauthenticated)



## MEDICAL RESEARCH SCHOOL QUIZ



1<sup>ST</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023



**Great prizes to be won!**

Open to Year 7 – 12 students

24 multiple choice questions that will test your knowledge and  
inspire your imagination (+ one bonus question)

Enter online @ [asmr.org.au/asmr-mrw/asmr-mrw-schools-quiz/](https://asmr.org.au/asmr-mrw/asmr-mrw-schools-quiz/)



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## Careers News



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 11 have recordings/worksheets for Navigating Uncertainty & Career Research Planning & Year 12 have recordings/worksheets for Scholarships



Year 12 will have access to recordings from a doctor speaker on both medicine careers and career resilience



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>.



### 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/](http://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 [info@busways.com.au](mailto:info@busways.com.au).



[www.busways.com.au](http://www.busways.com.au)

### 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](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.

### 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.