

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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Website Link: <https://baulkham-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/links.html>

From the principal's desk:

It is the turn of Year 7 & 8 students to complete their yearly assessments this week. Best wishes to our students – look after yourself, stay well, and do your best.

In terms of the HSC, our students will finish their formal examinations at the end of this week. Thank you to our HSC supervisor Asha Thangaratnam and her team of invigilators who have supported our HSC cohort during their examinations.

BHHS Cadets will be involved in upcoming Remembrance Day services. They will take part this weekend at a service at Glenorie RSL and will lead the school next Monday morning for the 11 am Remembrance Day service on site.

4 November 2024



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 4

Week 4
Monday 4 November HSC Examinations 15/10 to 8/11 incl. Y7 and Y8 Assessment Week 4/11 to 8/11 incl.
Tuesday 5 November
Wednesday 6 November Y10 Visual Arts Assessment – Art and Criticism
Thursday 7 November
Friday 8 November HSC Finishes Prefects Planning Day Cadets Remembrance Day Ceremony Y10 PDM Assessment – Art Making
Week 5
Monday 11 November Cadets Remembrance Day Ceremony Y9 Assessment Week 11/11 to 15/11 incl. Y9 PDM Assessment – Art and Criticism Y9 Visual Design Assessment – Art History and Criticism
Tuesday 12 November
Wednesday 13 November Y8-11 Orientation Morning 9am – 10.30am Y9 Visual Arts Assessment – Art History and Criticism
Thursday 14 November Y11 Recognition Assembly P3&4
Friday 15 November
Week 6
Monday 18 November
Tuesday 19 November Trivia Night - Leo Club Y8 Japanese Written exam
Wednesday 20 November Y12 Formal 6pm-11pm 8A/8U Japanese Speaking exam
Thursday 21 November
Friday 22 November Green Day - EnviroDay
Saturday 23 November – Multicultural Food Festival
Week 7
Monday 25 November Y11 Buffer Week 25/11 to 29/11 incl. Y9 PDM Assessment – Art Making
Tuesday 26 November P&C Meeting 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Wednesday 27 November
Thursday 28 November
Friday 29 November

Darren Candra and Avneet Singh represented BHHS at the annual District Convention for Sydney Lions Club. Thank you to these students, and Mrs Martin for her support.

Wayne Humphreys
Principal

Travel Concession Cards

For Year 10 to Year 12 Students

Please come to the office to pick up your travel concession card for students 16 years and over.

To be used with a child opal card not the school opal card.

Travel Forms – Extended Leave

Please Note: Holidays/Extended Leave are not to be submitted through the parent portal. An application needs to be completed. Click on link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/public/implementation-documents/pd-2005-0259-02-01.pdf>

Baulko News



Multicultural
FOOD FAIR
23 NOV 2024
SATURDAY 5PM - 9PM

Proudly supported by Baulkham Hills High School & the School Band Community

ORGANISED BY BHHS P&C

RAFFLE TICKET SALE



1st Prize: Apple MacBook Air 13-inch with M2 Chip, 256GB/16GB
2nd Prize: Apple iPad (10th Gen) 10.9" WiFi 64GB
3rd Prize: Apple AirPods with Charging Case [2nd Gen]
AND many more prizes and vouchers from various stores with a total value of \$5000!!!



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P&C News

Raffle Tickets Now Available!

Raffle Ticket sale is one of the major activities of the BHHS Multicultural Food Fair. This year, P&C will sell paper tickets on site, and via online raffle ticket facility, to cater everyone's needs. For those who would like to join the lucky draw, it's now simpler and more convenient through this online system, no matter whether they will be able to attend the event or not on that special day.

Don't miss your chance to win exciting prizes while enjoying the festivities! **Raffle tickets are limited**, so get yours today for a shot at these amazing prizes:

1. **1st Prize** - Apple MacBook Air
 2. **2nd Prize** - Apple iPad
 3. **3rd Prize** - Apple AirPods
- ...and many other fantastic prizes with a total value of \$5000 to be won!

Purchase your tickets now via the QR code or at the link below:

We encourage you to spread the luck by passing along the QR code. Wish you the best of luck!



<https://www.rafflelink.com.au/bhhsdff2024>

Hurry—these tickets won't last long!

Mrs Wang, P&C President

**RAFFLE TICKETS
ON SALE!!!**

JOIN US AT BHHS 2024
MULTICULTURAL FOOD FAIR

**GRAND PRIZE
VALUE**
\$1599

23 NOV 24
5PM - 9PM

BUY TICKETS HERE



PRIZES WILL BE DAWN AT BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, 419A WINSOR ROAD, BAULKHAM HILLS, NSW

Australian Mathematics Competition 2024

We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our students in the 2024 Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC)! This year, 861 students across Years 7 to 11 participated in the AMC, showcasing their mathematical prowess and problem-solving skills.

The AMC is one of Australia's largest and most prestigious mathematics competitions, designed to challenge students in their understanding of mathematical concepts and application. Participants tackle a range of problems that test their critical thinking and creativity, providing an excellent opportunity to engage with mathematics beyond the classroom.

We are proud to report that over 50% of our students achieved a distinction ranking and above, demonstrating exceptional talent and dedication. In total, 72 of our students were awarded a high distinction ranking, highlighting the remarkable abilities of our young mathematicians. This year, we are excited to celebrate 8 prize winners whose achievements set them apart in this competitive field:

- Gordan Quach (Year 7)
- Anand Aryal (Year 8)
- Olivia Jung (Year 8)
- Darren Lau (Year 8)
- Austin Ye (Year 8)
- Cong Minh Nguyen (Year 9)
- Bowen Zou (Year 9)
- Jaskeerat Arora (Year 10)



Gordan was also recognised as being the "best in school", scoring a total of 129 points out of a maximum total of 135.

This success reflects not only the hard work of our students but also the unwavering support and guidance from our teachers and families. We encourage all our participants to continue their journey in mathematics and explore new challenges, fostering a lifelong love for this essential subject.

Congratulations to all our students for their impressive accomplishments! Your hard work and enthusiasm have truly shone through, and we look forward to seeing your continued success in future competitions. Keep up the fantastic work!

A special thank you to Mr Mak who is the person responsible for organising the AMC competition at Baulkham Hills HS. As you can imagine, there is much work to be done with over 850 students sitting the competition. Mr Mak and the mathematics staff ensured that the competition ran smoothly and successfully.

Mr Jason Ribbans
Head Teacher Mathematics

Sport News

House Captains 2025

House	Captains	Vice Captains
Meehan	Bijen Bajracharya Abigail Hong Yu Cheng	Ranbir Boparai Sukanya Dasgupta
Hughes	Gabrielle Kim Madhav Karthikeyan	Ashlyn Joyce Chacko Xinni (Cidney) He
MacDougal	Gobi Ragavan Rithaja Sankaran	Hannah Pandian Julie Shin
Suttor	Jade Tellis Abhiram Thota	Thomas Wang Isabella Xin



Mr Fisher, PDHPE

Davidson Shield Semi-Final – Baulko Cricket Team

The Penrith Panthers were defeated in the NRL Grand Final in 2020 and then went on to win 4 years in a row. The Baulko cricket team were defeated in the 2023 Davidson Shield Final and have now reached the final in 2024...is this the start of our 4peat???

Last Monday, 28th October, Baulko's first XI faced the cricketers of Penrith High School. In typical Baulko style we lost the coin toss, but fortunately we were happy to start the day batting, with Pratheish and Shlok taking the crease. Together this pair put a partnership of 36 runs, in just 6 overs, before Pratheish was dismissed.

Unphased by a change in partner, Shlok continued strong towards the day's top score of 62. Both boys batted well, but eventually they fell to the spin attack of Penrith. Abhay, Ahbi and Gyan struggled with the spin bowling, each contributed a small amount to the score before dismissal. However, Sanit and Amodh took control of the final 10 batting overs, adding 74 runs to the team's total, with some excellent game management by Amodh, and some fantastic shots and excellent technique by Sanjit. Walking off at the end of innings, the boys were happy with the score of 6/198.

After the lunch break, Penrith came out swinging, with a quick 24 runs in their first 5 overs. However, a tactical bowling change by Baulko's captain Abhay, resulted in our first wicket. It was an amazing individual effort by Riyyan, who took an excellent diving caught-and-bowled wicket, finishing his first over with a wicket maiden. Inspired by this effort, Amodh claimed the second wicket, almost immediately after, with a lovely ball outside off-stump, edged to Abhay at keeper.

With these two early wickets, the pressure was placed onto Penrith to stabilise their innings. But Baulko did not relent, going after the win. Leading the way, Riyyan took another wicket in his third over, wicket, clean bowled. In his fourth over, wicket, gloved by the batter, through to the keeper. 4/36 after 12 overs looked very promising. However, the two new batters gained some stability, getting Penrith to 54 runs in the next 5 overs. Another tactical bowling change for Baulko, and the game took a sudden turn.

"Change of Bowler...Jashanjot".

To this point, Jashanjot had limited experience in Davidson Shield. But when your captain hands you the ball to bowl, you need to show what you've got. His first ball must have looked like gold, to the batter. Slow. Full toss. Excellent height to smash. Straight into the hands of Anav, who had been waiting to show his good form.

Second ball. Too short. Slow. Not too much turn. But enough turn to be mis-hit by the new batter to Riyyan on the boundary.



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Two balls, two wickets. Now on a hat-trick ball, Jashanjot bowled his third. Smashed for six over Riyyan's head. But any good bowler knows, when you're hit or six, your next ball better be good. Slow, short, a bit of turn. Caught by Riyyan on the boundary. Jashanjot's first over - WW6W**. What a game changer. Leaving Penrith at 7/71 after 20 overs.

After the drinks break, Abhay continued the bowling spells of Pratheish and Jashanjot, planning to change back to his openers to finish off the game after two overs each. But it seems Pratheish must have known this because in the 23rd over he decided to strike.

Single. Wicket. Dot ball. Wicket. Wicket. Game over.

With outstanding performances from all of the team, the game was secured and Baulko heads to the final. In the other bracket, Model Farms are playing Cumberland (quarter-final) and the winner will play Parramatta (semi-final). The winner of that bracket will play us in the final.

Let's Go Baulko!

Mr. Paton



Careers News

Mohijit Singh and Eddie Li from Year 11 went to the UBS Finance Academy earlier this year and it's a great example of the kinds of opportunities available to students. It is a very competitive entry process and we had over 20 students apply. UBS only selects 2 students per school. Here is their report from the day:

"The UBS Finance Academy is a three-day program intended to give 50 Year 11 students with an interest in finance a taste of the array of careers in the finance and the broader business sector.

Over the course of the program, we were constantly exposed to different people and learnt about their roles and responsibilities in their current positions, how they got to where they are, and what really excites them looking forward in the finance world. It was definitely an eye-opener into the variety of opportunities available, including as investment bankers, venture capitalists, asset and wealth managers, strategists and stock brokers.

A few activities that stood out to us included a tour of the trading floor and a mock 'Shark Tank' pitch that we all did on the last day. In the lead up to our tour of the trading floor, many of us joked with each other trying to guess what it would be like (almost all of us said something along the lines of Wolf of Wall Street). Although the trading floor was nothing like Wolf of Wall Street, it's interesting 'no phone' policy on specifically light gray carpet, arrays of monitors of trading charts and excel sheets and the surprisingly mild buzz of stock brokers talking to their clients, showed us the true reality and complexities of how trading works and gave us an invaluable experience. We later created a Shark Tank presentation where we had to create a startup and pitch it to a panel of judges in hopes of getting their support and funding. Despite both of us not winning the competition, we both thoroughly enjoyed the excitement and passion in building a startup with our group members as well as hearing the ingenious and hilarious pitches of other groups.



But what excited us the most was the strong vision of every speaker regarding the role of the next generation in solving the problems of the future - climate change, artificial intelligence, geopolitical tensions, efficient waste usage and trade diversification. Fuelling innovation and thinking outside the box will be an essential role of the financial system to provide solutions to these issues.



The program introduced us to ambitious peers from diverse schools, each bringing unique perspectives to our discussions and fostering lasting friendships. A networking function allowed us to connect with UBS employees and cadets on a more personal level, offering the opportunity to ask any questions and gain valuable insights on topics such as university life, the HSC, career paths, and the realities of their roles.

Overall, we would definitely recommend applying for the academy for anyone who is intrigued and wants a unique experience of the finance industry.

- Mohijit Singh and Eddie Li"

Chris Buchli
Careers Adviser

Term 4 School Student Travel

School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Applications are now open for 2025 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their School Opal card at their nominated postal address from mid-January 2025.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home.

Note: some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.





THE HILLS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
PREVENTION NETWORK PRESENTS

PARENT FORUM

The Hills Domestic Violence Prevention Network is proud to host a free and thought-provoking forum for parents of high school students. Together, we'll explore valuable insights and strategies for raising teens, while fostering a sense of community and support. You're not alone on this journey—let's come together to strengthen our parenting approach!

Dan Hardie

Teen Therapist & Founder of MyStrengths Australia

Learn about the key issues at the source of family friction, bring practical solutions for parents and their teens and understand how to negotiate for a win-win.

Senior Constables Ethan West and Joel McMullan

Youth Officers Castle Hill Police

Understand the trends and issues police are dealing with concerning young people, share parenting success stories and explore the importance of support networks.

Monday 18th November

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Check in from 6:00pm

**Rebellion Room, Castle Hill Cultural Centre
(underneath Castle Hill Library, 12-14 Pennant
Street, Castle Hill)**



Uniform Shop Return and Exchange Policy

Any items you wish to return/exchange must be done within **ONE** week of purchase. All return/exchange must show receipt as proof of purchase. All returns must be in original packaging with tag perfectly. We do not accept any items that have been washed or worn. Refunds or exchange will be provided upon inspection of clothing at the discretion of the uniform shop co-ordinator.

Please note:

- Refund on credit card payments will require up to three weeks to process.
- No refund or exchange on the Orientation Day.
- No refund or exchange for any second-hand items at any time.

Thank you.

Uniform Shop

Administration Updates

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

Please click on the link below and fill in the form (4 pages) for extended leave – travel and certificate. A copy 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/public/implementation-documents/pd-2005-0259-02-01.pdf>

Planned Travel

Planned travel should only be taken during school holidays. Students should be at school every day during school term, from beginning to end. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up. Every day matters and the school is here to support all students in attending and engaging with their learning every day of the term. If your child cannot be at school because they are sick, have a medical appointment, or other reasons, please inform the school of their absence.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



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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 through the facility. Parents and carers are **not** permitted to enter, drive into, or park in the TAFE to pick up or drop off students.

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.

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)

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.