

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au



Cover: NSW Brain Bee Competition at UNSW

In this issue:

P&C News

Band News

Year 10 Welfare Day

HSC Geography Excursion - Barangaroo – 15 March

- Taronga Zoo – 25 May

- Featherdale Wildlife Park – 12th June

Year 9 Commerce Excursion - NSW Parliament and Police & Justice Museum

Careers News

Sport News - CHS Volleyball Report

- Knockout Volleyball News

Explaining Absences

From the principal's desk:

Winter has certainly settled in – scarves and extra jackets are being brought out of storage – just make sure they meet our uniform requirements.

Students studying languages for the HSC should all have had their oral examinations scheduled for August and September. Anyone who is not sure of their exam time/location needs to see me.

It was great to hear of the success of some of our students. Our Year 10 team won the NSW Brain Bee competition for the first time since 2011. This is a highly competitive quiz where students have to answer many questions related to the brain. As a team they scored 15/16 correct. In addition, both our boys and girls Open Volleyball teams are now Regional champions. This is the first time in recent memory that this has happened.

18 June 2018

Calendar 2018

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 2

Week 8
Monday 18 June - Y12 Buffer Week 18/6-22/6 incl.
Tuesday 19 June - Year 10 into 11 Information Evening – TLC 6pm-7.30pm (Simmons)
Wednesday 20 June
Thursday 21 June - Y10 & Y11 Vaccinations and Y8 Vaccination Catch up (Daher)
Friday 22 June - Y8 Subject Selection discussion for students P5-P6 (Bathgate) - Y8 Subject Selection info afternoon P7-P8 TLC (Simmons)
Week 9
Monday 25 June - Y12 Assessment Week 18/6-29/6 incl. - Y11 Buffer Week 25/6-29/6 incl.
Tuesday 26 June - Y8 into Y9 Information Evening TLC 6pm-7.30pm (Simmons) - P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 27 June
Thursday 28 June
Friday 29 June - Y10 Reports Issued
Week 10
Monday 2 July - Y11 Assessment Week 2/7-6/7 incl. - Y8 Camp (Dunne/Iaconis) 2/7-3/7 incl.
Tuesday 3 July
Wednesday 4 July
Thursday 5 July - Y10 Macbeth Excursion (Poole)
Friday 6 July - Y7 and Support Unit Reports Issued

Term 3

Week 1
Monday 23 July - School Development Day – Staff Only
Tuesday 24 July – Students Commence - Y12 Buffer Week 24/7 to 2/8 incl. - Enviroweek Green Group Activities all week 24/7 to 27/7 incl. - P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 25 July - Y7&8 APSMO Maths Competition in class (Hoang)
Thursday 26 July - Y7 and Y10 Recognition Assembly - Y7 and Y10 Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 27 July - Y8 and Y9 Reports issued
Week 2
Monday 30 July - Japanese School Visit (Konusu City) 30/7 to 3/8 incl. - Y12 Buffer Week 24/7 to 2/8 incl. - Y8 and Y9 Parent Teacher Interviews - Y10 Science Practical Assessment Task in class P3-6 (Trkulja)
Tuesday 31 July
Wednesday 1 August
Thursday 2 August - Y8 and Y9 Recognition Assembly
Friday 3 August - Y12 Trial HSC Exams start
Week 3
Monday 6 August - Y12 Trial HSC Exams 6/8 to 10/8 incl.
Tuesday 7 August - Y10 Interviews for Subject Selections 7/8 to 9/8 incl. (Simmons)
Wednesday 8 August - Y10&11 Chemistry Olympiad Exam P1-5 (Harwood)
Thursday 9 August
Friday 10 August

A reminder to parents that AMEB music exams must be scheduled outside of school time. I have contacted the AMEB organisers and they are happy to schedule exams during holidays and on Saturdays. Please make sure you follow this through.

This week we have a parent information session on Tuesday night for parents of Year 10 students going into Year 11 in 2019. Subject selection will be covered as well as HSC requirements which have to be met. A similar meeting will be held the following Tuesday (26th) for parents of students in Year 8 going into Year 9 in 2019. The students themselves will hear this same information during the day. Students should not attend the parent meetings because of space restrictions.

Congratulations to:

- Lea Huang, Kevin Jiang, Tina Rota and Caleb Hsiung who won the NSW Brain Bee competition at UNSW
- Our Open Girls Volleyball team who are now Regional Champions
- Our Open Boys Volleyball team who are now Regional Champions

Jeanne Bathgate

P&C News

Next P&C General Meeting

The next P&C General meeting will be held in the TLC on **26th June** at 7:30 pm.

Guest speaker for the meeting will be **Mrs Gordana Srnic, Head Teacher, English**. Mrs. Srnic will be presenting an overview of the curriculum and will also be sharing information regarding the upcoming year 12 English workshop planned for the term 2 holidays. There will be time available for questions from the parents at the end of the presentation. The guest speakers are scheduled to speak at the beginning of the meeting so please be on time for the meeting.

If you have any comments/feedback, please email the P&C Association at bhhspandc@hotmail.com

Jyothi Sanker, P&C President

Band News

NSW School Band Festival-please disregard the arrival times posted in last week's newsletter for Sunday 2nd Sept.

Updated times are as follows:

BAND	EVENT	ARRIVAL TIME
Junior Band	Raymond Hanson	8:30am
Senior Band	Graham Lloyd	11:26am
Concert Band	David Stanhope	1:10pm
Stage Band	Don Burrows	2:50pm

Apologies for any confusion.

Band Letterbox- we now have a white locked letterbox for all band communications. This is located on the brick wall to the left of the band locker room doors. Please place all permission slips, tour and camp forms in this box (unless otherwise notified by your Conductor).

The **Stage Band** workshop was a great success last Saturday. Thanks to Conductor, Mrs Groves and students for their time and enthusiasm, and welcome to new stage band members.

If you don't already follow our face book page, you can view videos and last minute updates here ["Baulko Band and Orchestra"](#)

More exciting news is the arrival of our new drum kit. I'm sure all our percussionists will get a turn this week during rehearsals.

If you are not able to attend morning rehearsals for any reason, including competing school events or illness, please provide an explanation via email to bhhsbandcom@gmail.com so we can keep an accurate record of the rolls. Thank you to those who have been notifying us.

Concert band workshop on Monday July 23rd (staff development day) in TLC 9am to 12:30pm. Permission notes out soon.

The Band Committee



Year 10 Welfare Day

Friday, 8th June was Year 10 Welfare Day, where students participated in a wide range of activities throughout the day, with a focus on self care and study skills. In the morning, students took part in a mindfulness and meditation session, giving them skills to manage stress during examinations and stay calm under pressure. Students also heard from Tom Reynolds, who discussed the importance of safe partying. A study skills workshops reminded students of the value of goal setting and positive attitudes in achieving learning goals. Following a BBQ lunch, Yr12 SRC students generously shared their experience and wisdom on study techniques and answered questions on balancing study and social lives.

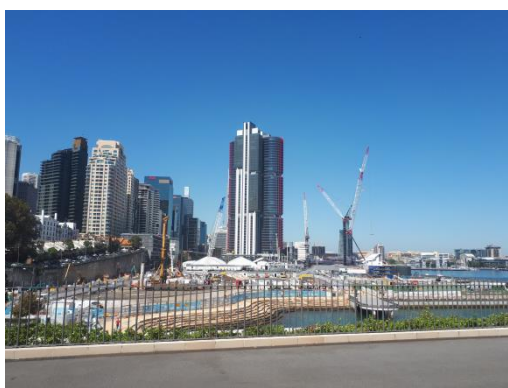
Yr 10 had a great day and learnt lots of skills that they can apply in various facets of their lives.

Ms Johnson, Y10 Adviser

HSC Geography Excursions

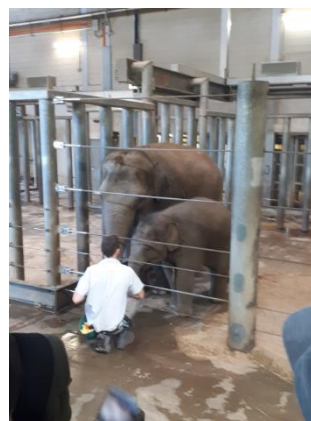
Barangaroo – 15 March

On 15th March 2018 the HSC Geography class visited BARANGAROO for their urban dynamics case study. The students had a tour of the Barangaroo shopping precinct and office tours by representatives of Lend Lease. Students also had a tour of the new casino site and the Barangaroo south & parklands site. Students also walked through Millers Point before returning to the Rocks. There is no doubt that Barangaroo is a great example of successful and well planned urban renewal and is providing Sydney with a world class and sustainable modern recreational, commercial, and residential precinct. It will make great case study material for the students HSC exam. Thanks to Glen and Maria from the Observatory Hill EEC for their help on the day



Taronga Zoo – 25 May 2018

On 25th May 2018 the HSC Geography class visited TARONGA ZOO for their productive activity tourism case study. The education centre at the zoo provided a background to the current changes and future directions that the zoo are taking in regard to their exhibits and services. The protection of endangered and threatened species and the education of the public about the issue is now the primary function of the zoo, and this was reinforced through a presentation by the education officers at the zoo. Our students also took part in a behind the scenes tour of the zoo and the associated facilities such as 'roar and snore' and function centre. Thanks to Glen from the Observatory Hill EEC for his help on the day.



Featherdale Wildlife Park – 12th June

On 12th June the HSC Geography class visited FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK at Blacktown for their second productive activity tourism case study. The education officer at the Featherdale provided a background to the operations of the park and the future directions that they were taking. Our students also got to spend some time in the park itself and had some up close encounters with a number of Australian native species . Thanks to Caitlin from Featherdale for her help on the day.



Year 9 Commerce Excursion

NSW Parliament & Police & Justice Museum - 10th May

On 10th May the 4 Year 9 Commerce classes travelled into the CBD and visited NSW Parliament & the Police and Justice Museum. Students participated in tours and role plays at both venues. The information from the day will assist the students in their studies of the law topics in first semester.



Mr Filewood, Social Science

Careers News

1. ETCAD Cadetships School Assessments due today (school deadline extended) – please submit School Assessment page with 4-digit code & email address to Ms Hardy asap

2. Uni/Industry Speakers Term 2 lunch program

- **Western Sydney University (WSU)** – Thurs 21 June in TLC (please note ANU presentation scheduled for Tues 19 June has been cancelled for Week 8 due to speaker commitments – course booklets are available in the Senior Study and outside the Careers Office)
- **Teaching Careers (Primary & Secondary) Videoconference (DET)** – Monday 2 July in Conference Room – please send an email or see Ms Hardy if you are interested in attending to hear about scholarships and opportunities in teaching
- **Scholarships Seminar (general with a focus on UNSW Co-op)** – Tues 21 August (Year 12 only) – please see email for expression of interest survey. Detailed tips and individual advice to help you prepare your scholarship applications. See: <http://www.turningpointconsulting.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/sppslw-StudentScholarshipApplication-2017.pdf> or ask Ms Hardy for details

3. Check Weekly Newsletter for external event updates and resources + free subscription for students and parents

Selected updates will be sent via the school newsletter. You and/or your parents can receive the full version of My High School (MHS) Careers News via: <https://www.mhscareers.com/>. *Username – BHHS *Password – 2018 (case sensitive).

4. Self-enrol in Google Classrooms for Careers resources

Resources have been organised in Google Classrooms from a variety of sources (code has been provided to all Year 10, 11 and 12 students). Year 9 students can also request the code from the Careers Advisor.

Open Days & Info Sessions

[University of Sydney – Bachelor of Advanced Computing Info Evening](#)

[Western Sydney University – Open Day](#)

[UNSW Sydney – Open Day](#)

Workshops & Courses

[Science Work Experience Dates](#)

[Western Sydney University – Free HSC Study Sessions](#)

[University of Western Australia – Teen Holiday Program](#)



Competitions & Scholarships

[UNSW Sydney – Scholarships](#)

Resources, Guides & Other News

[Study Canberra Guide](#)

[FYA Blog - How To Write A Killer Job Application, According To An HR Professional](#)

[ACU Impact – How to ace every exam](#)

[Australian Jobs 2018](#)

[FYA – The New Work Reality](#)

Ms Hardy, Careers Advisor

Sport News

CHS Volleyball Report

On Friday (8th June), the annual Volleyball Tri-Series competition was held, which features CHS, CIS & CCC in Girls and Boys. This year for the first time, the competition had also invited the 15's All School team in both competitions. It is also worth to note that for a second year in a row, Baulkham Hills High School has been represented in all four CHS teams with this year being the only school to do so. The results from all teams were fantastic with the CHS Boys winning their series undefeated, whilst CHS Girls finished second and both 15's All School teams finishing third respectively. Congratulations to Hayden Gu (CHS Boys) who was selected into the All-Star team for the second year in a row.

Ms Melrose, Sports Organiser



L-R:- Hayden Gu and Andrew Wong (CHS Boys), Sally Park (CHS Girls), Anna Cheung (15's All School Girls) & Mr Koksai (15's All School Boys Coach)

Knockout Volleyball News

On Wednesday 13th June both of our Knockout Volleyball teams played against Rooty Hill in the Sydney West Regional finals.

Rooty Hill have had a number of very strong teams over the past 3 or 4 years, with their girls winning last years State Knockout.

The girls game was played first. Rooty Hill got off to a flier, with the score something like 10-1 in their favour at the start of the match. After a nervous start, our girls got back in the game, though the first set was lost 25-20. Baulko won the next 2 sets in a closely fought battle, but in the 4th set it was all Baulko, the score being 25-13.

The boys game followed a similar fashion. Baulko won the first set, lost the second, but from then on they never looked like losing, closing out the match 3-1.

This meant that the Baulko teams were both Regional Champions. It is either the first time this has happened, or the first time in a very long time. Congratulations on such a tremendous effort.

Both teams now progress to the State Finals Championships in July against 15 other Regional Champions and/or Regional runner-ups.

If both teams play to their potential, they will be very difficult to beat.

N Drew/F Koksai

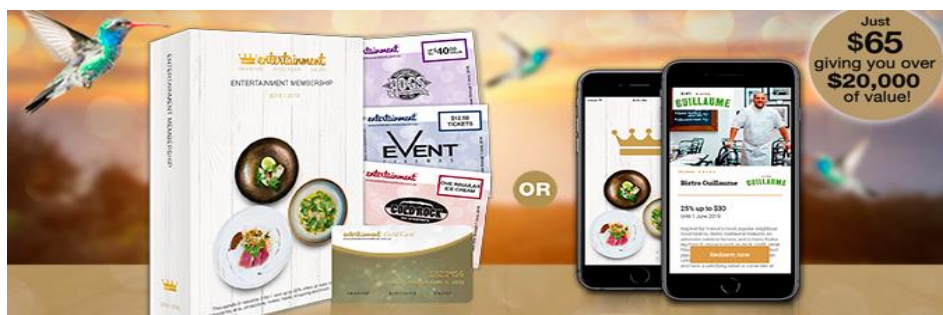
Explaining Absences

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to achieve their educational best social and psychological potential, and increase their career and life options. Baulkham Hills High School is required to record **explanations** for any absences as a way of ensuring that students are absent from school only when they are sick or have another acceptable reason for missing school.

- **Parents are required to provide to school written explanation of the ABSENCES and LATENESS of their children from school PROMPTLY and within seven days.**
- **Explanations can be in the form of Drs Certificate/note from parents submitted by students the next day in roll call, school App or email to the school.**

Students have recently received dates that require explanations. If your son/daughter have received a list of dates, **your immediate attention** to this matter is essential.

Ms Yassa, Relieving Head Teacher Admin



Support Baulkham Hills High School and you'll be rewarded!

Order the NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting the SRC at Baulkham Hills High School. PLUS, order now to receive **over \$185** of bonus Early Bird Offers (hurry, these sell out quickly).

To purchase your copy click on the link below:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/215v044>



<http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/Tell-me-More/sydney-greater-west>



<http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/Tell-me-More/sydney-and-surrounds>



<http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/Entertainment-Digital-Membership>

Baulkham Hills High School

Liz Sree Kumar

Liz.chiem@det.nsw.edu.au

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!