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# Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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**Cover:** Winners of the Enviroweek Competition Kimberly Zou, Natalie Tseung, Daniel Leeken, Samuel Choi

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# From the principal's desk:

Welcome to Week 9. Where has the term gone?

Year 12 are spending this week working on a variety of assessments. Year 11 are in Buffer Week which means they must be present every day or have a medical certificate for any absence. Year 11 will spend next week doing assessments.

Year 8 students were informed last Friday about their subject selections for electives in Year 9. Mr Simmons took them through the requirements for Stage 5 study and issued students with an initial survey which will help us decide which subjects will be offered. Our SRC also presented to the Year 8 students about the subjects on offer. I will shortly send out a survey to Year 8 students to evaluate this process.

Students spent last week recognising and celebrating Enviro Week. There was a mufti day and a variety of other activities for fun and to raise money. All funds raised will be donated to the Great Barrier Reef fund.

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#### 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 www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au

Term 2

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Week 9	
Monday 25 June	
- Y12 Assessment Week 18/6-29/6 incl.	
- Y11 Buffer Week 25/6-29/6 incl.	
<b>Tuesday 26 June</b> - Y8 into Y9 Information Evening TLC 6pm-7.30pm (Simmons)	
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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/laconis) 2/7-3/7 incl.	
Tuesday 3 July	
Wednesday 4 July	
- Soul Purpose Night - TLC	
Thursday 5 July	
- Y10 Macbeth Excursion (Poole)	
- Y7 Welfare Day (Hallal/Mak)	
Friday 6 July	
- Y7 and Support Unit Reports Issued	
- Y10 English Assessment in Houliston Centre P5-P6 (Johnson)	
	Term 3
Week 1	
Monday 23 July - School Development Day – Staff Or	ıly
Tuesday 24 July – Students Commence - Y12 Buffer Week 24/7 to 2/8 incl.	
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- Enviroweek Green Group Activities all week 24// to 2/// incl.	
- P&C Meeting 7.30pm	
Wednesday 25 July	
- Y7&8 APSMO Maths Competition in class (Hoang)	
Thursday 26 July	
<ul> <li>Y7 and Y10 Recognition Assembly</li> <li>Y7 and Y10 Parent Teacher Interviews</li> </ul>	
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	
Wednesday 8 August	
- Y10&11 Chemistry Olympiad Exam P1-5 (Harwood)	
Thursday 9 August	
Friday 10 August - Y7/8/9 Australian Maths Competition (Sree Kumar)	
Week 4	
Monday 13 August	
- Y12 Trial HSC Exams 12/8 to 16/8 incl.	
Tuesday 14 August	
Wednesday 15 August	
- Y7 & Y8 APSMO Maths Competition in class (Hoang)	
Thursday 16 August	
Friday 17 August	



Students are reminded that when we have a mufti day it is essential that they still have the required clothing for specialist subjects. There were some classes on Friday which could not do their practical lessons because students did not have suitable leather footwear or had forgotten to bring their specialised uniform (for cooking etc).

Our old PE Staffroom, which was a demountable building, was removed over the weekend. That means we can start planning our new structure which will be designed to hold a new, purpose built, Uniform Shop, plus a garage for our bus and a storage unit for the Army Cadets.



Plans are currently underway to take the entire school to the Invictus Games beginning on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have decided to support this very worthwhile program which highlights the contribution and abilities of military service people from around the world who have been injured on active service. Students and parents will hear more about this next term but it is an that all students expectation participate and support this very worthy cause. Unfortunately, Year 12 will be doing the HSC at that time so they are not included.

### P&C News

#### A note from the Uniform Shop

Bomber jackets are now in stock and sold for an introductory **discount price of \$60**. There is limited stock and size available. Please visit the uniform shop (Wednesday and Friday morning 8:00-11:00 am) to enquire.

#### Next P&C General Meeting

The P&C General Meeting tomorrow (Tuesday 26 June) will be at the School Library at 7.30 pm immediately following the Y8 Into Y9 Information evening (6.00-7.30 pm at TLC) by Mr. Nigel Simmons. The Guest Speaker will be **Head Teacher, English, Mrs.Gordana Srnic**. 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 speaker iss 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 <u>bhhspandc@hotmail.com</u>

Jyothi Sanker, P&C President

### Schools Cup Volleyball Tournament – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

This was another very successful volleyball tournament for the boys and girls of Baulkham Hills High School.

We entered 3 boys and 3 girls teams, with Years 11,12 and Year 8 girls unable to participate because of school assessments. Regardless, our results were very good, especially with the boys who gained our best ever results.

Both the U/16 boys (Year 9) and the U/17 boys (Year 10) won gold medals – an outstanding effort. (The U/16 vs Mitchell and the U/17s vs Chester Hill). The U/15 boys (Year 8) were playing in their first ever Schools Cup. They finished a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> – all the more so because they only had 6 players including a Year 8 girl. Congratulations to our 3 boys teams.

The 3 girls teams also performed very well, although their results were not quite as good as the boys. The Open (Year 10) girls made the final, but had to settle for silver, losing 2-0 to Kelso. The other Year 10 girls team (U/17) lost in the semi-finals (no  $3^{rd}/4^{th}$  playoff), while the U/16 (Year 9) girls finished in  $3^{rd}$  place. Well done girls.

The next tournaments is played over a full weekend – the  $8^{th}$  –  $9^{th}$  September. Make sure money and permission notes are handed in before the cut-off date.



#### **Noel Drew**

### Youth Australian European Handball

During Week 7, I was fortunate enough to represent Australia in the Youth Australian European Handball team in the Oceania challenge. The week-long competition was held in Noumea, New Caledonia during which our team played five games against New Caledonia, New Zealand, Fiji, Cook Islands and Papua New Guinea. Our team placed third in the competition, losing to New Caledonia and New Zealand. The tournament was overall a great experience where I improved my handball skills and was lucky enough to embrace new cultures from other nations.



I would like to thank Mr Koksal for allowing me the opportunity to trial and would strongly encourage anyone interested to take up the sport if interested.

Yushan Gunawardhane, Year 11





#### **Procedure for Early Leavers**

If a student needs to leave school early, they must provide a note from their parent/guardian giving reasons for their partial absence. The student needs to get the note signed by a Deputy Principal before school and hand into the office by 8.30am where they will be issued an early leave pass. The student can then present the pass to their teacher and leave school at the time advised on their early leave pass.



### **Careers News**

- 1. <u>University of Sydney Leadership Award Year 12 please see email for link to</u> apply – closes Sat 19 August 11:59pm
- Subject Selection, Work Experience and other resources for Year 10 parents please ask your child to access Google Classroom (password has been provided to all Year 10 students)
- 3. Uni/Industry Speakers Term 2 & 3 lunch program more to come!
- 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
- <u>Scholarships Seminar (general with a focus on UNSW Co-op)</u> 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: <u>http://www.turningpointconsulting.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/sppslw-StudentScholarshipApplication-2017.pdf</u> or ask Ms Hardy for details
- 4. <u>Check Weekly Newsletter for external event updates and resources + free</u> 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: <u>https://www.mhscareers.com/</u>. \*Username – BHHS \*Password – 2018 (case sensitive).

#### 5. 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

Macquarie University – Campus Tours

Google Hangouts – UNSW Co-op Program – Tues 26 June (tomorrow) & Wed 11 July

<u>University of Wollongong – Open Day</u>

#### Workshops & Courses

Australian Film, Television and Radio School – Holiday Short Courses

<u>Questacon – Holiday Workshops</u>

Academy of Interactive Entertainment – School Holiday Course

Academy of Interactive Entertainment – Work Experience Program

Western Sydney University – Free HSC Study Sessions



### **University Information**

Sit the 2018 PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) at Ascham School Enquiries: Mr Ludo Onstein, PSAT Coordinator <u>lonstein@ascham.nsw.edu.au</u> <u>UNSW – Law Admission Test (LAT)</u> – see Ms Hardy's tips in Google Classroom and please come and see me for assistance with practice essay questions

### Resources, Guides & Other News

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### Scamwatch radar alert

### community

The ACCC's Scamwatch service is warning the Chinese community in Australia to be wary about two frightening scams targeting them that involve threats of arrest, and extortion via fake kidnappings.

In 2018, Scamwatch has received nearly 1700 reports about these scams, with losses totalling \$1.15 million. Losses have come from either NSW, Victoria, Queensland or Western Australia; however the scam is targeting people nationwide.

"These scams are particularly nasty and worryingly we're seeing a dramatic spike in the Chinese community being targeted. In May, there was a 400 per cent increase in reports of these scams and losses more than doubled," ACCC Acting Chair Delia Rickard said.

There are two main variations of this scam. First, speaking in Mandarin, a scammer will call you directly or leave you an 'urgent' voice message to call back. The scammer will impersonate a parcel delivery service and/or Chinese authorities and claim you are in serious trouble as they have intercepted a package addressed to you with fraudulent documents such as fake passports.

The scammer will then threaten you with extradition to China to face criminal charges in court unless money is sent to them. They will claim this money is needed to prove your innocence while they investigate the supposed crime.



"In the past month, Scamwatch has received multiple reports of a cruel variation of this scam targeting Chinese students in Australia," Ms Rickard said.

"The scammer will again claim to student victims that they have been involved in criminal activity and threaten them, and even their family, with criminal sanctions unless they pretend they have been kidnapped, including by taking photos of themselves bound and gagged."

"Scammers will then use these photos to extort money from the student's family by claiming the student has been kidnapped," Ms Rickard said.

The most important thing members of the Chinese community in Australia can do to protect themselves from this scam is be aware about how it works and warn their friends and family.

"If you're ever called by someone making threats about arrest or deportation, it is a scam. It's very frightening to receive these calls and scammers use your fear against you so you'll send them money or participate in a bogus kidnapping," Ms Rickard said.

"Don't fall for their threats. Instead, hang up the phone and report it to your local police. If you think the scammer has your bank account details, contact your bank immediately."

Members of the Chinese community in Australia can also report the scam at <u>www.scamwatch.gov.au</u>.

A translated version of this media release is also available: <u>针对华人社区的威胁和</u> 绑架骗局 – <u>Chinese Simplified</u> (PDF 145.95 KB)





Mr Maricic's Year 7 Textiles Technology class in action







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