Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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From the principal's desk:

Congratulations to all the students and staff who wore their Invictus shirts last Friday and raised over \$1000 for the charity. Today Year 7 have headed off to Homebush for the first Invictus experience which is Indoor Rowing. Throughout the week each year group will get to join in the Invictus spirit. I had the honour of attending opening ceremony at the Opera House last Saturday night. Unfortunately it was very stormy and wet and the proceedings were delayed more than an hour but the spirit and sense of excitement amongst the audience and competitors was very clear. Special thanks to Mr Alex, Mr Simmons, Mr McDonell and Mrs Melrose for all their organisational work in making this happen. I am immensely proud of our school. I am not aware of any other school sending over 1000 students to support these games.

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Calendar 2018

This calendar is subject to change so please check carefully each week for any alterations. A whole school calendar is on the year



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Term 4

Week 2

Monday 22 October

HSC Exams 18/10 to 9/11 incl. Invictus Games 22/10 to 26/10 incl

Tuesday 23 October

Wednesday 24 October

Y8 Geo Skills Test #1 8B & 8K P3 (Iaconis)

Thursday 25 October

Y8 Geo Skills Test #1 8U P3 (laconis) Y9 Food Tech Prac Exam – 9.6FT P3-4 (Payne), 9.7FT P1-2 (Parnell)

Friday 26 October

Y7 2nd dose Vaccinations

Bandanna Day

Week 3

Monday 29 October

- HSC Exams 18/10 to 9/11 incl.
- Y9 Swim School 29/10-30/11 incl. (McDonell)
- Japanese Happy Science school visit

Tuesday 30 October

Y10.6 Food Tech Prac Exam P7-8 (Payne)

Wednesday 31 October

- Y8 Geo Skills Test #2 8B & 8K P3 (Iaconis)

Thursday 1 November

- Y8 Geo Skills Test #2 8U P8 (Iaconis)
- Y7 Swim School 1/11 to 2/11 incl.

Friday 2 November
- Y10 10.5 Food Tech Prac Exam P1-2 (Parnell)

Week 4

Monday 5 November

- HSC Exams 18/10 to 9/11 incl.
- Y10 Yearly Exams 5/11 to 9/11 incl.
- Y9 & Y11 Geography Fieldwork Northern Beaches excursion (Filewood)

Tuesday 6 November

Wednesday 7 November

Y8 Geo Skills Test #3 8B & 8K P3 (Iaconis)

Thursday 8 November
- Y8 Geo Skills Test #3 8U P8 (Iaconis)

Friday 9 November

- Y11 Reports issued / Support Unit Reports issued

Monday 12 November

- Y12 Formal (Koksal/Cowgill) Y7/8/9 Exams 12/11 to 16/11 incl.

Tuesday 13 November

Wednesday 14 November

Y 8 – 12 Orientation Day for new students 9-10.30am

Thursday 15 November

Friday 16 November

Cadets Camp 16/11 to -21/11 incl.

Week 4

Monday 19 November

Tuesday 20 November

Wednesday 21 November

Thursday 22 November

- Y11 Recognition Assembly - Band Christmas Concert

Friday 23 November

Y8 End of Year Activity Houliston Centre 3.30pm-8.30pm (Dunne/Iaconis)

Saturday 24 November – Multicultural Food Fair 5-9pm

Parents are reminded that the car park is for staff use only. There has been a spate of parents entering the car park to drop off their child, particularly before band practice in the morning. The only place to drop off or pick up your child is at the bottom of the bus bay. We cannot have parents and students moving through the car park and putting students at risk. After 9am parents are welcome to park in the bus bay and when late afternoon activities conclude, for example, Cadets, parents can enter the car park to collect their child. The safety of our students is our number one priority.

Congratulations to:

- Dominique De Guzman who will be presented with an ICAS medal for receiving the highest score in the Year 7 Spelling ICAS Competition
- Nyilawoan Oatsomm who will be presented with an ICAS medal for receiving the highest score in the Year 7 Digital Technologies **ICAS** Competition

Jeanne Bathgate



P&C News

Year 12 Graduation Morning Tea – Thank you

P&C would like to thank all parent volunteers, teachers, SRC and prefects who helped organise the Year 12 Graduation Morning Tea on the last day of Term 3. The efforts of parents in the P&C Exec Committee and other volunteers helped immensely in decorating the hall and setting up the morning tea for the Year 12 students and their parents. Good luck to all the graduates!



General Meeting

The next P&C General meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd October at 7.30 pm at the TLC. The guest speaker for this meeting will be Mr Ian Scollay, Head Teacher of Science. He will be presenting some tips and tricks to succeed in Science. Mr.Scollay is scheduled to speak at the beginning of the meeting so please be on time.

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

Jyothi Sanker, P&C President



Multicultural Food Fair

The Multicultural Food Fair is back again! Come enjoy the delicious food stalls and performances at the school on Saturday, 24th November between 5pm and 9pm.

Want to showcase your talents? The P&C would like to invite students to participate in the Multicultural Food Fair by taking part in the group or solo performances. Time allotted for each group will be 4-5 minutes.

To register interest and for further details, email P&C at bhhspandc@hotmail.com.





Band News

Rehearsals - will run as usual this week. If you are not attending the Invictus Games excursions you will be expected at rehearsals, to prepare for performances at the Christmas Concert and on Multicultural night. If you are absent from band for any reason you must notify us at the band email address with your explanation.

<u>Europe tour students - Time to get a little excited!</u> Mr Mak has created a Band Tour Google Classroom, the code to join is **3rx3bo3**. This is only for students attending the Europe tour. Preparations are well under way and rehearsals will start soon. Log on to keep up to date for rehearsal information. Parents are not able to join this group, you will continue to be informed via emails.

<u>Bunning's BBQ</u> on Sunday November 4th at Castle Hill store, 8:00am to 4:30pm. Come along and support this fundraiser by enjoying a sausage sandwich or two! Any band students wishing to busk and grab a performance opportunity on the day, please email us on bhhsbandcom@gmail.com. All proceeds from busking will be collected as donations to the band.

<u>Contact details-</u> If you are not receiving band emails please contact the band administrator on <u>bhhsbandcom@gmail.com</u>. We do not have contact info for a few orchestra and string ensemble members and are unable to keep you up to date with band information. This will be essential for when you re enrol next year and also for audition information coming out soon, as well as upcoming performances and last minute notices.

The Band Committee





2018 Vietnam Economics Study Tour

On the first Saturday of the holidays a group of 18 Economics students set off to Vietnam for 10 days to gain a better understanding of the Vietnamese economy, understanding that it is transitioning from a developing economy with a low standard of living.

Students were delighted to be immersed in the rich culture of Vietnam, enjoying the food (pho and spring rolls in particular), customs (haggling at the markets - some students became "experts) and "smells" of Vietnam. They experienced the life of many of the poor rice villages,



having to plant rice, water crops and plough the soil. They also visited an orphanage of children with severe disabilities. We hope that we are able to raise some money to help and support the orphanage later this term.

Whilst we had lots of fun cycling through rice paddies and fishing in traditional boats and using nets, students learnt a lot about the political constraints that have hindered Vietnam's growth and found that social

communism, a type of economic system, quite challenging -as it is very different to ours.

We were really lucky to have great guides and speakers give us the background information that we needed to complete our case study of Vietnam. Many students experienced "light bulb" moments connecting to information we had previously learnt in class and for others we are now making connections to new topics being explored in the HSC course, making learning easier as it has become "personal". This experience really did "open their eyes" in more than one way and will not only help them immensely in their study of economics but also in their personal and social growth.

We hope that we can continue to take students to study Vietnam next year, appreciating the many benefits of "immersion" in overseas study tours leading to higher academic success.

Ms Robinson, Social Science









Invictus Games Fundraiser – Photos











Careers News

Open Days & Info Sessions

<u>UTS – Discover Nursing</u> <u>UTS – Info Day</u> <u>University of Sydney Info Day – Save the Date</u>

Workshops & Courses

University of Newcastle – The Science of Weight Loss

University Information

UAC - Heading Into Year 12 And Thinking Of Dropping A Course?

UCAT Medical School Test Prep – Free Question Bank

Resources for Next Level Parenting from UQ

Macquarie University – Request a Webinar

Resources, Guides & Other News

MHSCareers Job Spotlight – Pilot

Spotify Study Playlists:

Study Zone
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Intense Studying
21 Job Skills That Will Increase Your Salary

WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE

Where: In the Wesley Uniting Church grounds at 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill.

<u>Dates/Times</u>: <u>Friday November 2nd 2018</u> (operating from 8:00am to 1:00pm) and <u>Saturday</u>

<u>November 3rd 2018</u> (also operating from 8:00am to 1:00pm)

Sale items/Stalls will include Books, Records, CDs, DVDs, Christmas, Clothing, Electrical, Furniture, Manchester, Plants, Toys, White Elephant, Jewellery, Fine Art and China etc.

We will also be providing refreshments (tea, coffee and cake) during sale hours, together with a Sausage Sizzle for lunch on both days, and Bacon and Egg rolls for breakfast on Saturday morning.

Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and pick up a bargain (or two) knowing you are helping those families who need our assistance within the Hills area.





Illness / Misadventure Flow chart

If you are in Year 11 or Year 12 and are absent due to illness or misadventure on the day an assessment task is scheduled or due, follow and complete this process within 2 school days of the due date of the assessment task. This process is mandatory for Year 11 and Year 12 students.

1

 Phone call: You or your parents/carers should notify the Deputy Principal on the day of the missed assessment task by making a phone call to the school on (02) 9639 8699. You can also leave a detailed voicemail message and/or send an email explaining your absence.

2

 Download, print and complete the Illness/Misadventure Application and the Baulkham Hills High School Medical Certificate on the same day as the missed task: Print the Illness/Misadventure Application from the Baulkham Hills High School moodle site by clicking on the Illness/Misadventure Application file. Take this to the relevant professional authority to complete all relevant sections of the application on the same day of your missed assessment task. The application consists of two pages.

3

 Attach Evidence: You must attach evidence that covers the day of the assessment task and all other absences until the task is completed. Pay close attention to all instructions on the two pages of the Illness/Misadventure Application. Submitting incomplete forms will jeopardise the application's success.

4

Return to school with completed application: You must attend school on the first
day not covered by independent evidence. Present the completed
Illness/Misadventure Application, with supporting evidence, to the Deputy
Principal within 2 school days of the due date of the assessment task or on the first
day of your return to school before 3pm (if not within 2 school days).





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