

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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From the principal's desk:

Year 10 have now started their end of year exams. It was disappointing to note that a significant number of students were absent last week – not sick, but studying for these exams. That is most unfair to the students who do the right thing and come to school all week. In future any student who is absent in the lead up to their exams will be required to produce a medical certificate to explain their absence. Apart from having an unfair advantage it also means that students are missing out on valuable, last minute information which may be of assistance to them in the exams.

School fees are very slow coming in this year. The general contribution and the network fee are essential to enable the school to provide your children with the equipment and resources that they need for a first class education. In addition, all the specific subject contributions and the competition fees are also essential. The Building Fund contributions are used for many capital improvements around the school and is tax deductible. All students (Cont P2)



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 4

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
Week 5
Monday 12 November - Y12 Formal (Koksai/Cowgill) - Y7/8/9 Exams 12/11 to 16/11 incl.
Tuesday 13 November
Wednesday 14 November - Y8-12 Orientation Day for new students 9-10.30am
Thursday 15 November - Y11 Study Without Stress Session MQ Uni Centre for Emotional Health P3-6 (Hardy)
Friday 16 November - Cadets Camp 16/11 to -21/11 incl. (Vasram)
Week 6
Monday 19 November - AAA Week 19/11-23/11 - Cadets Camp 16/11 to -21/11 incl. (Vasram) - Y11 Physics Prac Exam P3-8 (Chilwell)
Tuesday 20 November
Wednesday 21 November
Thursday 22 November - Y11 Recognition Assembly - Band Christmas Concert
Friday 23 November - Y8 End of Year Activity Houlston Centre 3.30pm-8.30pm (Dunne/Iaconis)
Saturday 24 November – Multicultural Food Fair 5-9pm
Week 7
Monday 26 November - Y11 Buffer Week 26/11-30/11 incl.
Tuesday 27 November - Support Unit Camp 27/11-29/11 incl. - Y9 PASS Surf Day Manly Beach all day (Groth) - P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 28 November - Beginner Band Recital TLC 6pm
Thursday 29 November
Friday 30 November
Week 8
Monday 3 December - Y11 Assessment Week 3/12-7/12 incl. - Y10 Celebration After School (Johnson)
Tuesday 4 December - Y7 Orientation Day (for new Y7 Students 2019) - Y8 Inquisitive Minds Houlston Ctre P1-8 (Mohindroo)
Wednesday 5 December
Thursday 6 December - Y10 Recognition Assembly - Y8 Medieval Show P1-6 (Kite)
Friday 7 December - Y10 Reports Issued

benefit from these improvements. Many students bring in large sums of money to pay for overseas trips and yet do not pay their basic school fees. The trips and excursions are privileges associated with attending this school. In order to enjoy the privileges it is important that families meet their obligations to the school. We have budgeted at the start of the year with the expectation that parents will meet these obligations. It is most disappointing to find that this is not happening. If families are experiencing financial difficulty they should make contact with Mr Ian Parnaby, our Bursar, to discuss assistance or strategies for paying off the debt.

Congratulations to:

- Caleb Hsuing (Year 10) who has been selected in the Chemistry Olympiad Summer School in January in Canberra
- Rishabh Jain (Year 11) who has been selected in the Biology Olympiad Summer School in January in Canberra
- James Bang (Year 11) who has been selected in the Physics Olympiad Summer School in January in Canberra but he has had to decline the offer because he will be attending the Olympiad Summer School for Mathematics!
- Aniketh Chennapragada (Year 8) has been awarded the prize for Innovative Technologies in the Young Scientist Award for his WAVI cane – a Walking Assistant for the Visually Impaired.
- Zair Ahmed (Year 11) participated in the NSW Constitutional Convention and has now been selected to join the national Constitutional Convention in 2019

Jeanne Bathgate

Band News

European Tour Rehearsals the first two rehearsals have been scheduled on Sat 17th Nov and Sat 8th Dec in the TLC with Mr Mak and Ms Hann. We will decide if they are morning or afternoon sessions after we receive all responses regarding student availability. If you have not already replied, click on this link to nominate which time slot you are available. [Europe Tour rehearsal](#)

Conductor gifts - If you still wish to contribute to Conductor farewell/ thank you gifts for Ms Hann, Ms Burrows and Mr Watkins, please place amount in an envelope and place in the band letterbox, outside band locker room door (please specify who the contribution is for). Last day for collection will be next Monday, 12th November. If you have not yet signed the cards, you can visit the Band Locker room prior to school bell on Wednesday morning from 7:30am and ask the parents there (next three weeks).

Audition Day Sat 1st Dec applications are now open for Junior band and Senior band members who wish to progress to the next level in band. If you wish to audition you will need to complete an online form by **this Friday 9th November, 5pm**. You will be notified of your allocated time on Friday 16th November. Request certain times only if absolutely necessary, we will do our best to accommodate you but cannot guarantee times as audition day is extremely busy.

Auditions will be held in the TLC from 10am to 4pm. **Ensure you apply in time, no late applications can be processed.**

[Senior Band 2019 Application form](#) Senior band rehearsals are held on Fridays 7:20am

[Concert Band 2019 Application form](#) Concert band rehearsals are held on Mondays 7:20am

Audition information and requirements have already been emailed. If you have not received this, email the band on bhhsbandcom@gmail.com ASAP.

Bunning's BBQ held last Sunday was a huge success. Thank you to students, parent helpers, buskers, Mr Mak, Ms Hann, Ms Johnson, Mr Koksai, Mr Groth (and Mr Nagaratnam for numerous trips to shops for supplies and sausages!) It was great to see everyone getting into the community spirit. We sold a staggering 880 sausages and 310 cold drinks!



5 November 2018

Christmas Concert The Baulko Band and Orchestra cordially invite all family, friends and the school community to attend our Annual festivities on Thursday 22nd Nov in the Houliston Centre. All bands and ensembles will be performing. Free BBQ sausage sizzle from 4:45pm-5:45pm. Concert starts at 6pm. Please bring a plate to share (sweet or savoury) for supper intermission and bottle drink.



Multicultural Night Sat 24th Nov Performance times are as follows:

Orchestra 6:00-6:15pm

Senior Band 6:45pm to 7pm

Stage Band 7:30-7:45pm

Concert Band 8:00-8:15pm

Students will need to arrive no later than 30 mins prior to their performance time, meet in the TLC in full band uniform.

The Band Committee

WeSSSTA Year 8 Geography Challenge Day



On Thursday 1st November, a group of 12 Year 8 students travelled to St Marys Memorial Hall to represent Baulko in the Western Sydney Social Sciences Teachers Association Annual Year 8 Geography Challenge. The students, in 2 teams of 6, competed against 34 other teams representing approximately 20 other schools.

The competition is designed to be interactive, fun and engaging where teams discuss the answers to questions on a range of topics and scenarios. Questions asked included:

- General geography questions
- Geographic features of Australia and New Zealand
- Which country? – where students had to identify the country by a partial country map
- Identifying Australian Landmarks by a picture
- Identifying World/Country flags
- General/current world trivia
- Identifying countries between countries
- Identifying world cities and world leaders from images

Both teams did very well in the first few rounds, using their knowledge and teamwork to be a winning contender. Unfortunately, the simplicity of these rounds had given them a false sense of security as simple questions, such as the capital of New Zealand, became gradually more difficult. Questions asking teams to identify an image of places they have never seen or heard of before, such as Jim Jim Falls and Ningaloo Reef proved problematic.

Despite this, both teams continued to compete competitively and had fun. They worked well together, supported each other and proudly represented the school. I was very proud to be able to witness how well they conducted themselves on the Day. In the end, one team achieved 5th overall, just 12 points behind 1st place.

Thank you to all the competitors – well done.

Mr Iaconis

From The Mathematics Faculty



At Baulkham Hills HS, the mathematics staff aim to provide ample opportunities for those who have an interest and an ability in Mathematics to enter a diverse range of competitions and Olympiads; including, but not limited to, the APSMO and the Australian Mathematics competition, Maths Enrichment and Maths Challenge.

These competitions are used by various institutions, such as the Australian Mathematics Trust, University of Sydney and the University of NSW to help identify and foster mathematical gifts and talents. Some competitions overlap and exceptional students can shine in multiple events.

It is with pleasure today that I acknowledge the achievements of James Bang in Yr 11. James received a high distinction in the 57th Annual UNSW School of Mathematics Competition Senior Division.

Furthermore, James was invited to participate in the 30th Asian Pacific Mathematics Olympiad and I am pleased to announce that James has achieved a Bronze award for Australia.

Finally, James was invited to sit the Australian Mathematical Olympiad Committee Senior Contest. Only 96 students Australia wide were given this opportunity. I am very pleased to announce that James achieved a perfect score and subsequently a gold certificate in this competition.

James is now one of 20 students who has been invited to attend the Australian Mathematical Olympiad Committee's school of excellence in Melbourne during this month. From these 20 students the 2019 Australian International Mathematical team will be chosen.

Congratulations James. We all wish you the best.

Mr J Ribbans
Head Teacher Mathematics

Year 10 Camp – 17 December to 19 December

Dear Parents of Year 10 students

We have recently sent out the permission notes for the upcoming Yr10 camp. This is a compulsory activity and as Year Advisors, we feel this is a very positive note for all Year 10 students to end the year on. If you could pay for the camp and return the permission notes as soon as possible, that would be greatly appreciated. If there is a reason that you know that your child will not be attending camp, please contact Mrs Gyenge as soon as possible (rosemary.johnson12@det.nsw.edu.au).

We thank you for your assistance in our organisation.

Kind Regards

Mrs Daher and Mrs Gyenge (Yr10 Year Advisors)



Lost Property

Students please check in the library for unnamed lost property

*shoes

*pencil cases

*school jumpers etc.

Remember to name your belongings



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.

