Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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Cover: BHHS Secondary Schools Chess Challenge

Team with their medals.

L-R: Winston Zhao Chen Y8, Vasu Bansal Y9, Frank Zhang Y9

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From the principal's desk:

We had a very small and quick assembly today. Year 12 have left, Year 11 are doing assessments and we had only about half of Year 10 present – the rest were off getting their hair done or something similar in readiness for their night of celebration tonight.

Tomorrow we will welcome 180 Year 6 students who will join us in Year 7 next year. They will spend a couple of hours getting to know the school and each other with the help of our Year 10 Peer Support students. It is always a very hectic day with lots of parents and excited students trying to buy uniforms. Thank you in advance to everyone involved.

The Year 10 recognition Assembly will be held on Thursday this week. All parents are very welcome. Year 10 reports will be issued this Friday.

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 debating students who took part in the Debating Gala Day at Girraween High

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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 at www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au

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 Houliston 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

Week 9

Monday 10 December

- Prefect Christmas Week 10/12-14/12 incl.
 Y7 English Gala Day P1-6 (Bovard)
 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup 10/12-14/12 incl.

Tuesday 11 December

- Y8 Inquisitive Minds Houliston Centre P1-8 (Mohindroo) Y7 Ancient Show P1-6 (Treanor)

Wednesday 12 December

Thursday 13 December

- Y8 (P3-4) and Y9 (P1-2) Recognition Assemblies Cadets Pass-Out Parade P7-8 (Vasram)

Friday 14 December

- Y7/8/9 Reports Issued
- Y9 End of Year Celebrations Houliston After School (Alex/Trkulja)
- Y10 Short Film Festival P3-6 (Poole)

Week 9

Monday 17 December

<u> 10 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp Tea Gardens 17/12-19</u>/12 incl.

Tuesday 18 December

Y7 Recognition Assembly P1&2 (Chapman/Mak)

Wednesday 19 December

- END OF TERM (Students Last Day)
- Soul Purpose Evening

Thursday 20 December - School Development Day -

y – ST<u>AFF ONLY</u>

Friday 21 December

- School Development Day – STAFF ONLY

Term 1, 2019

Monday 28 January

Tuesday 29 January

School Development Day – Staff Only Commence

Wednesday 30 January

Start of Term 1 for Y 7, 11 &

Thursday 31 January
- Start of Term 1 for Y 8, 9 & 10

Friday 1 February

Week 2

Monday 4 February

Y7 & Prefects Camp to Stanwell Tops 4/2-5/2 incl. (Poole)

Tuesday 5 February

Wednesday 6 February

Thursday 7 February - All Years School Photos

Friday 8 February

All Years BHHS Swim Carnival @ Waves (Filewood)

School last week. These were all part of the Masters Academy Debating and Public Speaking extra-curricular activity and it gave opportunity students the experience some real competition.

Our Support Unit students attended their annual camp last week. Unfortunately it coincided with the very heavy rainfall so many of the activities that were planned had to be cancelled. The students still had fun getting to know each other, away from the ties of family and home. It was a chance for them experience some independence.

Congratulations to:

Janiru Liyanage who won Junior Video for Change Competition (more information on page 6)

Jeanne Bathgate



Janiru Liyanage Y8



P&C News

General Meeting

The last general meeting for year 2018 was held on 27th November at the TLC. Mr Marijan Maricic, Head Technology, gave an overview of the Technology curriculum at the school particularly about the changes for year 7 and year 8 curriculum in 2019 and 2020. Thank you Mr.Maricic.

The next P&C meeting will be on 26th February at 7.30 pm. This will be an AGM meeting and all parents are encouraged to attend.

Uniform shop

A BIG Thank you to all the volunteers who have taken their time out during their weekend to assist with the uniform shop for year 7 try on, particularly last weekend. We had a huge turnout and your help was truly appreciated.



Uniform shop will be open in Dec for 2019 Year 7 to try on/purchase uniforms. Please note the below dates, timings and the details to do online booking.

04/12/18 (Tue) - 9 am to 11 am (Orientation Day, no try on, only exchange or purchase/collect)

08/12/18 (Sat) - 9 am to 1 pm (uniform fitting, online booking is required)

Online Booking

To make an online booking, please go **to https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/**and enter "**t4qmz**" code to book a slot (10 Nov /17 Nov /1 Dec /8 Dec 2018)

The uniform shop open hours can also be found on the school website > uniform page.

Feedback on Multicultural Food Fair 2018

The P&C would like to hear from Parents and Teachers regarding the Multicultural food fair this year. Please use the below link to give your valuable feedback. This will help us improve further.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QJWXLJL

Jyothi Sanker, P&C President



Band News

<u>Audition Day</u> - Well done to all who tried out last Saturday. Results will be emailed to you by the end of this week. Thank you to Mr Mak and Mrs Nagaratnam for your assistance on the day.

Beginner Band Recital has been rescheduled for Tuesday night, Dec 4th in the TLC. Students please arrive by 6:00pm in full band uniform. Concert to start at 6:30pm

Applications to audition for **Orchestra in 2019** are now open. You should have a received an email with a link to complete by **Wednesday 19th Dec**. Contact the band administrator if you have not received it. Audition day will be Saturday 2nd Feb.

<u>Lockers</u> -Students re- enrolling for band next year may continue to use the current locker they have been issued with. All students please ensure you empty your lockers over the next two weeks. Please ensure **NO FOOD** is left in your lockers over the holidays.

We are excited to introduce our new Conductors for next year, please welcome aboard-

Dr Luis Fernando Madrid - conducting Beginner Band, Junior Band and Orchestra

Dr Madrid is a Conductor, Pianist and Educator and an established and highly respected conductor in his home country, Colombia. He has an extensive repertoire of Symphonic and Operatic works. With a Master's degree in conducting, he is currently completing his Doctor of Music Arts Degree at the Sydney University. He has been the recipient of many scholarships.

His commitment to education has continued for more than 15 years. He has conducted the Northern Rivers and Northern Sydney Youth Orchestras, UNSW Medical Society Orchestra, and he has established both the Sydney Opera Scuola and the Sydney Virtuosi Orchestra (formerly SRO). He also currently conducts several concert school bands and the Macquarie Towns Orchestra.

<u>Dr Steve Clark conducting Concert Band</u>

Dr Steve Clark is a Conductor, Composer, pianist and flautist has been teaching music and conducting bands in the Hills area for almost 20 years. He has always had a passion for musical performance and composition and has studied both extensively at university. As well as school bands, Steve conducts Hills Community Concert Band which competes regularly in both state and national band competitions. He also has potentially unhealthy obsession with science fiction, which he is self-treating with more science fiction.

Mr Richard Sandham conducting Senior Band

Mr Sandham is originally from the UK where he spent twelve years as a trumpet player for Royal Air Force Music Services. Apart from his formal duties of performances, tours and recordings during his time with RAF Music Services Richard took apart in their Continual Personal Development program, which after successful completion made himself eligible to become a Director of Music for RAF Music Services as well as gaining a LTCL in Trumpet Performance and an LRSM in Wind Band Direction.

Since arriving in Australia in 2014 Richard has been working as a freelance musician. He currently holds the following positions, trumpet tutor at St. Andrew's Cathedral School and



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Barker College, Conductor at James Ruse Agricultural High School, and Samuel Gilbert Public School and Music Director of the Holroyd Brass Band and Pulse Concert Band.

Reminder the next **Euro Tour rehearsal** is this Saturday, Dec 8th. Arrive by 12:45pm to assist with set up. Rehearsal will conclude at 4:30pm. Bring snacks and drinks. Please ensure you have been practising your parts. Immediately after the rehearsal, there will be an update meeting for students and families from 4:30pm - 5:30pm in the TLC. Ivana Hayes, the Tour director, will be revealing some exciting details and itinerary updates!

Next week you will receive a form requesting your "Intention to continue band" for 2019. Please ensure you complete it ASAP, particularly if you do not wish to re enrol for next year. We require updated information and it will assist Conductors in deciding if there are positions available for other students in their bands or ensembles.

The Band Committee

Videos for Change Prize Winner

Videos for Change is a national competition that empowers young people to create a oneminute video to raise awareness and inspire change on a social issue they are passionate about.

Janiru Liyanage in Year 8 entered his video at the last minute. "The Monsters Are Real" focuses domestic violence and how it affects the families and children living through it.

Janiru attended the Film Festival on the 22nd of November where it was announced he was the winner of the Junior High School Award. He was presented a trophy, certificate and \$3000 in prizes.

His video was shown on Channel 10's The Project and can be seen at the following link: https://goo.gl/sEB9pe

Ryan Dunne, Computing / Technology Teacher

Support Camp Photos









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GHS/BHHS Gala Day

On Thursday, approximately 50 students from Girraween and Baulkham Hills competed in a joint gala day, facilitated by the team at Masters Academy. The students had a great time debating and socialising with each other, putting into practice the skills that they've been working on throughout school year. Students debated a wide range of topics including "That schools should implement a 4-day school week" and "That police officers should be banned from carrying guns". Students also had the chance to participate in a debating skills workshops led by some of NSW's best debaters.

The best speaker from BHHS was Sohum Mogale.

A special thank you to Ms Thoms from Girraween and Mr Alex from Baulkham Hills for helping organise and support the day – we're looking forward to next year!



Sohum Mogale Y7

Mr Luke Beveridge, Business Manager, Masters Academy









Year 12 Visual Arts 2018

Can students please organise to pick up their Bodies of Work and Diary material as soon as is practical before the end of school year. These cannot be kept over the holiday period.

Lance Hopper

Head Teacher Visual Arts, Music and Languages



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Chess News



The BHHS Intermediate B chess team, divisional winners and runners-up in the Met West Interschool Competition. From left to right: Jason Tan, Max Sun, Royce Zeng.



The BHHS Junior A chess team, Met West Champions and state runners-up. From left to right: Winston Zhao Chen, Jonathan Yap, Dhwani Patel, Muntasir Chowdhury.

Also the BHHS Secondary Schools Chess Challenge Team with their medals – photo on front page.

Mr Salter, Language



HSC ECOSYSTEMS AT RISK FIELDWORK

Sydney Northern Beaches: Monday 5th November 2018

On Monday 5th November the 2019 HSC Geography class travelled to Sydney's Northern Beaches to undertake fieldwork and observe the coastal zone. We were most interested in the range of human impacts and the management strategies at 5 different beaches, creating a comparison between Long Reef, Collaroy, Newport, Bilgola & Palm Beach. Unfortunately, it was not clear day and there was little visibility at Collaroy Plateau, but conditions at the beaches we visited were more favourable.

The work completed on the day is an important part of the first HSC assessment task later in Term 4.

Mr Filewood, Social Science











Careers News

Work Experience FAQs

Work Experience FAQs have been placed on Google Classroom and emailed to all Year 10 and 11 students.

This covers the following areas:

- Organising your placement
- Attending your placement
- When & where to attend placements
- After your placement
- Legal questions

Open Days & Info Sessions

Macquarie University Upcoming Campus Tours

Bond University Medical Program Webinar

UTS Insearch ATAR Webinar

Workshops & Courses

Engineering Link Project 2019

International Science School

Go EO! Entrepreneurial Mindset & Emotional Intelligence

Screenteens School Holiday Workshop

Future Vet Kids Camp

University Information

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A close-up view of eye health in remote Australia

Big Life Journal

Ms Hardy, Careers Adviser



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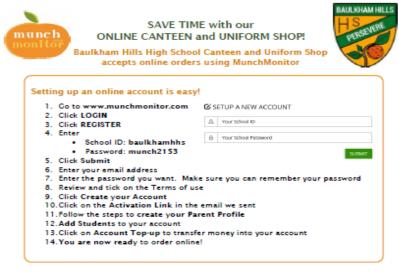
Canteen - Munch Monitor (Online Ordering)

All the minor glitches with online ordering have been addressed and as of this week all years from 7 to 12 can now utilise the system.

Link: munchmonitor.com

Any queries please phone the canteen direct: 8686 7597

Any queries should in the first instance be addressed directly to the canteen via email atriumcater@gmail.com.



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Using MunchMonitor Online Ordering

- . You can place orders online up to 4 weeks in advance

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 Top-up your account online using VISA/MasterCard
 List allergies to alert canteen staff
 You can order anytime you want using web browsers such as Chrome or Safari
 You can use desktops, laptops, tablets or smart phone with internet access
 It only cost \$ 3.65 (incl-GST) per school term for the family account (MLL NOT
- BE CHARGED FOR TERM 4 2018)
- No sign-up fee No transaction fee

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