

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter

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From the principal's desk:

Wow!! What a week it was. One thousand students from Baulko attended the Invictus Games. They wore their green and gold shirts and cheered and shouted encouragement for five days. They witnessed great acts of courage and resilience. They saw mateship and healthy competition. They also learnt how lucky they are and how important it is to stay positive regardless of the circumstances. A strong message coming through the Games was the importance of mental health and that it is okay to not be okay but that there is always someone to talk to about problems. Thank you to Mr Alex, Mr Simmons, Mr McDonnell and Mrs Melrose for their organisation and ensuring that our visits were an enormous success. Special thanks also to the P&C which helped fund the teacher tickets and shirts. As a school we were able to donate over \$20,000 to the cause. Today all students were given Invictus caps and bags as a memento.

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29 October 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 4

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
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 4
Monday 19 November - AAA Week 19/11-23/11 - Cadets Camp 16/11 to -21/11 incl. (Vasram)
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 5
Monday 26 November - Y11 Buffer Week 26/11-30/11 incl.
Tuesday 27 November - Y11 Buffer Week 26/11-30/11 incl. - Support Unit Camp 27/11-29/11 incl. - 9 PASS Surf Day Manly Beach all day (Groth) - P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 28 November
Thursday 29 November
Friday 30 November

Today Year 9 are at Swim School and Year 7 will attend on Thursday and Friday.

We welcomed the students from the Happy Science Junior Academy from Japan today. They will share in classes and our assembly for the day.

Another reminder, parents are NOT to enter the staff carpark to drop off students before school or to pick up students at 3.06pm. Later in the day when students have left parents are okay to enter the carpark. The safety of our students is our number one priority.

Jeanne Bathgate

Lost Property

Students please check in the library for unnamed lost property
*shoes
*pencil cases
*school jumpers etc.

Remember to name your belongings

P&C News

Multicultural Food Fair

The multicultural Food fair will be on Saturday, 24th November between 5-9 pm.

Students Performance

The P&C would like to invite students to participate in the Multicultural food fair by taking part in the performances. Students in groups can take part in showcasing their music and dance talents. Time allotted for each group will be 4-5 minutes.

To register their interest and for further details, students are required to email P&C at bhhspandc@hotmail.com



Volunteers for Multicultural Food Fair

P&C is seeking volunteers to assist in making the Multicultural food fair a success.

Food stalls for **Australian, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Indian, Korean, Pakistani, South-East Asian and Sri Lankan** cuisines will be set up. Volunteers play a key role in the running of the event including assisting the food stalls, organising the equipment for the events etc.

Parents, students, family members and friends are encouraged to come forward and register your interest and email your contact details to bhhspandc@hotmail.com.

General Meeting

P&C would like to thank Mr Ian Scollay, Head Teacher of Science for providing an overview of the science curriculum at Baulko and answering questions from parents.

Jyothi Sanker, P&C President

Band News

Bunning's BBQ This Sunday 4th November at Castle Hill store in Victoria Ave. Come have a sausage or two and a drink! We will be there for breakfast, morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea or for a little snack in between. Listen to some great busking from our very own talented Baulko musicians. Any other students wishing to busk are welcome to pop in any time (busking proceeds donated to band funds).

Audition Day - Saturday 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 **Friday 9th November**. You will be notified of your allocated time on Friday 16th November. Ensure you apply early if you need to request certain times (only if absolutely necessary). We will do our best to accommodate your requests but cannot guarantee a time, as audition day is extremely busy. Auditions will be held in the TLC from 10am to 4pm.

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

The Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday 22nd November in the Houlston Centre. A free sausage sizzle will be served from 4:45pm to 5:45pm. The concert will start at 6pm. This is a fun evening for all bands and ensembles and rounds off a fabulous year of hard work and rehearsing. Families and the school community are invited to delight in the beautiful music produced by our Baulko bands.

P&C Multicultural night Senior band, Concert Band, Stage band and Orchestra will be performing on Saturday 24th Nov.

Beginner Band Recital will be held on Wednesday 28th Nov in the TLC from 6:30-8pm. Families and the school community are invited to listen to this intimate performance from our beginner band members who will all graduate to Junior band next year.

Very sadly, both **Ms Renee Burrows** and **Mr Jamie Watkins** will be leaving us at the end of the year. We wish them all the very best in their future adventures and thank them for their dedication and contribution to our band program over many years. Their talent, professionalism and expertise have played a huge part in the growth and musical ability of our Baulko band students, and they will always carry a little bit of them when they perform.

The Band Committee



Food for Special Occasions - 'Celebration Cakes' Assignment

On 25th October 2018, Year 9 Food Technology embarked on a Food Practical like no other. They were given the task of creating a celebration cake. Students were asked to make their base cake at then home bring it in with relevant decorations. Each class had 1 hour and 10 minutes to assemble their cake, complete with icing in either fondant or buttercream. The cakes that were presented were a range of different designs and they totally exceeded our expectations. Well done to both of our Year 9 Food Technology Ms Payne and Mrs Parnell are very proud of your efforts. We hope you enjoyed learning a new skill in Food for Special Occasions.

The students who made the following photos are:

Toshiki Norimura
Rayna Sanker
Stephen Lee
Neha Niramalan
Kadie Dao
Kate Ferrarao
Yuna Chae-Yeon Shim
Susan Lixin Wen

Ms Parnell, Food Technology





Invictus Games

Japan Study Tour 2018

On 26th September, Ms Zhu, Ms Jin, Mr Hopper and 30 students went to Japan on a study tour. We flew for 9 hours, filled with excitement and jitters, from Sydney to Tokyo. This marked the beginning of a trip we would remember for a lifetime.

The first city we visited in Japan was Tokyo. We visited many areas, including Ikebukuro, Shinjuku, Harajuku, Shibuya and Akihabara. Our first few days were filled with trying yummy Japanese food, shopping at various shops and department stores, visiting the Studio Ghibli Museum and going to Disneyland. Disneyland was so much fun, as we went on many rides and the atmosphere was amazing.

We also participated in a homestay with students from Konosu City. We were able to stay with Japanese families and learn about the Japanese way of living. The students took us to their favourite places to hang out and introduced us to their friends. It was a wonderful experience filled with unforgettable memories. Close bonds were created and even a few tears were shed at the end of the homestay.

Our next stop was Hakone. In Hakone, we visited the Owakudani Valley, a foul smelling but beautiful place. We also stayed in a *ryokan* (Japanese inn), where we ate traditional Japanese food, tried on *yukata* (a summer kimono) and slept on the *tatami* bamboo floor in a *futon*.

We also engaged in a second homestay with Meiwa High School. This time, we were able to attend a Japanese school for two days and followed our host students around. We attended classes with them, ate lunch with them, cleaned the school with them and participated in club activities after school.



We visited the Hiroshima Peace Park and Memorial to witness the aftermath of the Hiroshima atomic bombing. It was a very confronting and emotional experience, something which can only be imagined while being physically there. We ate authentic *okonomiyaki* in Osaka - one of the most delicious foods ever! While in Osaka, we also visited Universal Studios Japan, where we enjoyed exhilarating, thrilling rides and the famous Harry Potter World. At night, we went to Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori to do some more shopping in Osaka.

On our second last day, we were all exhausted and sad to leave. However, we toured Kyoto in a coach and visited many traditional attractions, including the Golden Pavilion, Kiyomizu Temple and Kitano Tenmangu Shrine (famous for the God of Study!). We also experienced wearing colourful *kimono* through the Arashiyama Bamboo Forest. Everyone was so in awe at the sight of 33 people all wearing *kimonos*!



Unfortunately, the end of our trip came. We were so tired yet so sad to leave the wonderful country of Japan. Everyone was clinging onto the last few hours we had left. I'm sure we can all agree that this was a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity which everyone had enjoyed. All of us made promises to come back (after our HSC of course), as this trip taught us about Japanese culture, showed us how to have fun, and also built up our maturity and sense of responsibility, as we were away from our parents for two weeks. In my opinion, this has been the best trip I have ever been on (sorry mum!).

Here are a few student testaments (if you still don't believe how AWESOME this trip was):

"I really enjoyed Japan because it was a really different experience and I enjoyed learning about the different culture in Japan. Also, the amazing food and monuments we saw. Homestay was the best experience of the whole trip by far."

- Christine Aung, Year 10

"Japan was really fun and I think I liked Tokyo the most. The shopping and food was amazing. I really like Japanese food so it made me happy to be able to eat it everyday."

- Angela Park, Year 10

"Yeah it was really fun. The food was really great. I definitely recommend going. Yay!"

- Hasindi Fonseka, Year 10



"Go to the convenient stores. Even the convenient stores are really cool."

- Vincent Phan, Year 10

*"I thoroughly enjoyed the historical and cultural values of which this trip has provided me with. It was really good and everyone should go on it *thumbs up*."*

- Thomas Han, Year 10

By Maggie Du and
Joanne Dinh, Year 10

From The Mathematics Department

The results from the 2018 Australian Mathematics Competition have now arrived in schools.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved a prize in this year's competition.

<u>Year 7:</u>	Jason Phan Aaradhya Tere	Daniel Seo	Leo Shin
<u>Year 8:</u>	Jimmy Chan Janiru Liyanage Anthony Rota Bernard Yuen	David Chen Jacob Magallanes Tom Yeo	Arroon Ilango Hari Mahadevan Jamie Yu
<u>Year 9:</u>	Elyxa Dino		
<u>Year 10:</u>	Caleb Hsiung		

In addition to these prize awards, congratulations to Laeeque Jamdar of Year 12 who won the *Best In School* award and will receive his award at a special ceremony. Laeeque answered all but one of the questions correctly.

Furthermore, 139 students achieved a high distinction, 452 students achieved a distinction and 255 students achieved a credit. What a fantastic set of results!

Students who achieved a prize or high distinction will be presented with these at their end of year recognition assembly whilst the rest of the certificates will be presented in classrooms in the coming week.

Congratulations to all of these students and a massive thank you to Mrs Sree Kumar, Mr Mak and Mr Watters for all their hard work in coordinating just over 900 students to sit this competition.

Mr J Ribbans
Head Teacher Mathematics

Careers News

Open Days & Info Sessions

[ANU Online Information Week](#)

[The Australian National University – Advisory Day](#)

Workshops & Courses

State Library of New South Wales – HSC Help

January 8 | [Awesome Ere Sources for English](#)

January 8 | [Awesome Ere Sources for Legal Studies](#)

January 9 | [Awesome Ere Sources for Society & Culture](#)

January 9 | [Awesome Ere Sources for History](#)

January 16 | [Awesome Ere Sources for History](#)

January 16 | [Awesome Ere Sources for English](#)

January 17 | [Awesome Ere Sources for Society & Culture](#)

January 17 | [Awesome Ere Sources for Legal Studies](#)

A great way to kick-start your HSC journey is with our free [HSC Help Introductory Sessions in the January school holidays](#).

These sessions focus on how you can access free online resources from anywhere, anytime, on any device.

- Standard, Advanced or Extension English
- Legal Studies
- Society & Culture
- History

[Book now](#) and share with your friends. These popular sessions will fill up quickly!

[ARC – Interview Skills Bootcamp](#)

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Competitions & Scholarships

[ACS Foundation Scholarships](#)

Resources, Guides & Other News

[Interactive ICT Career Wheel](#)

[Top 10 Skills Employers Look For – Loyalty](#)

[Want to be an astronaut but don't want to move to the US?](#)

Ms Hardy, Careers Adviser





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.

