

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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Competitors in action at the Swimming Carnival held last week

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From the principal's desk:

Students have all settled well into their classes and the new timetable is running smoothly. I reminded students that now is a good time to seek out extra-curricular activities that they can join at lunch time or before or after school. Secondary education is not only about what happens in the classroom but also about the extra activities that develop leadership, teamwork, responsibility and help students meet other students from a range of year groups. We run a range of clubs including chess, run fit, bands, choir, cadets, veggie patch, Baulko Outreach and Green Group. There is something for everyone. Extra-curricular activities are recorded on the written reports issued twice a year.

Our Swimming Carnival on Thursday last week was a great success. The weather looked a little bleak to start with but it improved throughout the day. Thank you to Mr McDonell, Mrs Melrose and Mr Filewood for their co-ordination of the day.

Thank you to Mrs Renwick for her organisation of the photographs on Friday last week. It is an enormous undertaking to photograph every one of 1200 students and 100 staff in one day.

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Calendar 2015

This calendar is subject to changes so please check carefully each week for any alterations. A whole year calendar is on the school website at www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au

Week 3
Monday 8 February - Y7 Camp, over 2 days, 8-9 Feb incl. (Groth/Fletcher) - Y12 + Y10 Accel. Geography Excursion (Filewood)
Tuesday 9 February
Wednesday 10 February - Stage Band, first rehearsal, 7.20 am
Thursday 11 February - Junior Band, first rehearsal, 7.20 am
Friday 12 February - Y10 & 11 Drama excursion evening (Johnson) - Senior Band, first rehearsal, 7.20 am - Valentines Day activities, at school (Hann/Koksal)
Week 4
Monday 15 February - Y11 & 12 Quad Schools Cup, all day (Bathgate)
Tuesday 16 February - School Orchestra, first rehearsal 7.20 am
Wednesday 17 February
Thursday 18 February - Presentation Evening
Friday 19 February
Saturday 20 February
Sunday 21 February - Stage Band, Jazz in the Pines, 11.00-12.00
Week 5
Monday 22 February - Y12 & Y10 Accel Music exc. Opera House, P3-8 (Hann)
Tuesday 23 February - Zone Swim Carnival, Parra Pool, 23-24 incl. (Filewood) - P & C Meeting, school library, 7.30 pm. All welcome.
Wednesday 24 February - Y10 PASS Scuba trip, 24-26 Feb incl. (Renwick) - Committee Beginner Band Info Evening, 6.30 pm
Thursday 25 February
Friday 26 February
Saturday 27 Feb - Japanese Ext. Seminar, 8.30-1.20, Barker College (Jin)
Week 6
Monday 29 February - Prefects Triple AAA Week, whole school (Kite/Melrose)
Tuesday 1 March - Y12 Biology Exc. Museum Human Diseases (Harwood) - Y9 High Resolves, all day, Houliston Centre (Rafton)
Wednesday 2 March - Meet the Music, Opera House, 6.30pm (Hann)
Thursday 3 March - Y10 High Resolves, Houliston, over 2 days (Rafton)
Friday 4 March

Parents are reminded that we have a school app which can be loaded onto your mobile telephone for free. It is simply called the 'Baulkham Hills High School app' and it features a calendar, the newsletter and information about the school. It also allows parents to contact the school should your child be absent. A further feature of the app is that it allows the school to notify parents of any changes to our plans – for instance on Friday we were able to send a message to parents using the app which announced that the Swimming Carnival was still on.

Congratulations to:

- **Yushan Gunewardhane** who has been selected to play in the NSW CHS U15 Cricket team.

Jeanne Bathgate



P & C Report

The General/Annual P & C Meeting will take place Tuesday 23 February in the school library, commencing 7.30pm. All parents are invited, especially Year 7 parents who are new to the school. P & C meetings provide a forum through which parents are kept informed of what is happening in the school and your child can greatly benefit from your participation. It is also a good opportunity to meet other parents. The meetings generally finish at 9.00 pm.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in being on a social committee please contact the P&C at bhspandc@hotmail.com



Visual Arts

Last year's Year 12 HSC Visual Arts students are requested to collect their major works from the Art staffroom as soon as possible.

L Hopper, Head Teacher

Parking Restrictions and Bus Zone Safety



Your attention is once again drawn to the parking restrictions signposted in the bus bay.

No cars may stop in bus zone or near the steps during the times indicated.

Parking Compliance Officers regularly patrol the school and will photograph vehicles and issue infringement notices with significant fines and loss of points. Further information can be found at the back of this newsletter.

There is a small area at the bottom of the bus bay where students may be dropped off in the mornings (in inclement weather). We encourage the use of side streets (Carver Crescent, Coronation Road and Chelsea Avenue) for dropping off and picking up of students.

Parents are not to drive into the staff car park to drop off or pick up students unless prior arrangements have been made such as in the case of an injured or disabled student. The presence of private vehicles in the staff car park poses significant risk to the safety of all our students. Please do not make arrangements to meet your child in the bus bay or the staff car park. The car park is out of bounds to all students.

Please note: Child Safety and Protection guidelines set by the Department require that parents and visitors go to Reception prior entering school grounds.

Volleyball News



From 6-11 December 2015, three of our volleyball teams travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Australian Schools Volleyball Tournament involving 49 teams from all over Australia, including 7 teams from New Zealand.

It was a very successful week, despite the senior girls catching the wrong bus one morning, the senior boys catching the wrong train (and having to hire 3 cabs to make it to the stadium on time) and 3 lots of students locking all of their keys in their rooms.

In each of the various divisions, teams are generally placed in pools of 4 or 6, that is senior girls and boys each had 4 pools of 6 teams (24 teams in total) in their division. Teams then play the other teams in their pool. After the first two days, all 3 of the Baulko teams were on top of their pool, meaning that they then progressed to the 2 "winning" pools, with numbers 2 and 3 from their pool. The other teams were placed in the "losing" pools. Once again a round robin was played between the 6 winning teams (or 4 in the case of the juniors).

The boys needed a win against Sydney Grammar to progress to the semi-finals. After losing a close game, they had to play Kelso (NSWHCHS Knockout winners). In a great match, the boys were defeated 2-1, placing them in 6th position – a great effort.

The senior girls (with 8 U/17 girls and 1 senior girl), in their "winning" round robin, were equal 1st with 3 other teams with one round game remaining. A loss to Whitsunday meant the girls missed out on the semi's and they played Victor Harbour for 7th/8th. A good 2-1 win saw them finish the week on a high.

The junior girls made it to the semi's without a loss; however a 2-1 loss to Reynetta and a 2-1 loss to Upwey saw them finish in 4th place, a terrific effort.

Congratulations to all of the players who had put so much effort into their volleyball all year. Also, many thanks to Mr Koksai and Mrs Renwick for terrific coaching and organisation during the week.

Senior Boys: Barry Wang, Oscar Liu, Leo Ji, Andy Deng, Will Ong, Vlad Iltiakov, Jacky Zeng, Don Do, Rahul Mital, Neya Suthaharan,

Senior Girls: Raina Prijatna, Jessica Chiu, Jasmine Li, Doris Mo, Cindy Wenceslao, Mei Yan, Lorraine Chen, Lesley Lam, Carmen Fung,

Junior Girls: Ivy Hu, Prisca Shin, Natalie Ngo, Star Ng, Chloe Wang, Celeste Lee, Vicky Wu, Sharon Lee, Sally Park.

Parking Rules & Penalties Fact Sheet

NO STOPPING

THE HILLS
Sydney's Garden Shire



You must not STOP at any time

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

SCHOOL ZONE

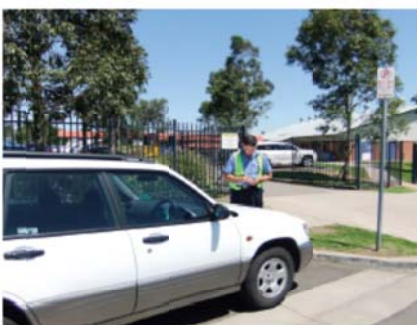
Penalty from \$319 and 2 demerit points

Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school.
For more information please contact The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0145

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NO PARKING

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You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods

and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes
and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

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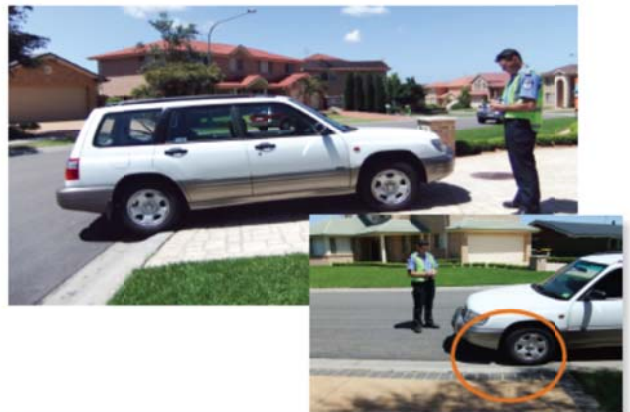
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DRIVEWAYS

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You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway.

You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

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