

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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Cover:

Shehani De Silva and Petra Stojnic
Premier's Anzac Ambassadors

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From the principal's desk:

Last week was a very big week for the school. We started with Quad Schools and I am pleased to announce that our senior sportspeople were successful again. Well done and thank you to the Prefects and Mr McDonnell for the excellent organisation.

On Thursday we had the 45th annual Presentation Night where we celebrated our academic, sporting and cultural successes from 2015. As always, this is a very polished and formal occasion. Congratulations to all who were recognised and thank you to the staff team who made it all happen so seamlessly. Some images from the event will be published in the next newsletter.

On Friday we said farewell to Mrs Susan Laing who has worked at the school for the past 12 years in the Home Economics faculty. Mrs Laing is taking some leave and then retiring. We thank her for all that she has contributed to the education of our students and wish her well for a long and prosperous retirement.

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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 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
Week 6
Monday 29 February - Prefects Triple AAA Week, whole school (Kite/Melrose)
Tuesday 1 March - Y12 Biology Exc. Museum Human Diseases (Harwood)
Wednesday 2 March - Meet the Music, Opera House, 6.30pm (Hann) - Y12 & Accel. Y10 D&T Seminar, P8 Powerhouse (Smith)
Thursday 3 March - Y10 High Resolves, Houliston, over 2 days (Rafton)
Friday 4 March - Y11 English Assessment Task, P5&6 (Srnica)
Week 7
Monday 7 March
Tuesday 8 March
Wednesday 9 March - Y11 Chemistry Assessment Task, P1&2 (Cavanagh)
Thursday 10 March - Selective Schools Test
Friday 11 March - Y12 Modern History Study Day, P1-4 (Treanor/Yassa) - Shave for a Cure Day (Hann/Koksai) - Y10 Math Assessment, P5&6 (Ribbans) - Y10 Science Database Assessment P1&2 (Weston) - Y11&12 Mixed Touch Gala Day (Papandrea)
Week 8
Monday 14 March - Sydney West Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 15 March - Y7,9,10 Mathemaniac (Sree Kumar) - Y11 Biology Excursion, Field of Mars (Harwood)
Wednesday 16 March - Y9 Math Assessment, P1 & 2 (Ribbans)
Thursday 17 March - All Y11 Eng Excursion P3-7 Riverside Theatre (Arblaster) - Y7 Math Assessment, P1 & 2 (Ribbans)
Friday 18 March - Y8 Math Assessment, P3&4 (Ribbans) - Y11 & Y9 Accelerated D & T BOS Seminar, P8 (Smith)

Parents are asked to make sure we have a current email address so that we can send out reminders or updates about school events.

Thank you to those families who have paid their fees. If you have not done so yet please consider doing this as soon as possible. Don't forget the Building Fund donation is tax deductible so keep the receipt.

Congratulations to:

- **Shehani De Silva and Petra Stojnic** (pictured on front cover) who have been chosen with four others from across the State to become the Premier's Anzac Ambassadors. The girls will travel to Europe in April, accompanied by our local Member of Parliament, Mr David Elliot, who is now Minister for Corrective Services.
- **Hasindu Sellahewa** came 3rd in the Long Jump and the Triple Jump at the NSW State Junior Athletics Championships. In March he will compete in the Australian Championships in Perth.

Jeanne Bathgate



Careers Adviser News

Please refer to the following links for information on upcoming events at the University of NSW.

Guaranteed Entry Cut-offs for 2017

<https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/find-degree>

Year 12 Medicine info evening:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/year-12-medicine-information-evening-registration-20800547999>

How to apply – key dates:

<https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/key-dates>

Built Environment Workshop

<https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/2016-unsw-science-engineering-student-parent-evening>

1 Day Workshops

<https://www.be.unsw.edu.au/events/1-day-workshops-high-school-students—year-10-11-12>

Engineering and Science, Parent/Student Info Evening

<https://www.be.unsw.edu.au/events/information-night-prospective-students-and-their-families>

Lions Youth of the Year

Congratulations to **Chan Rhee**, **Supreet Sandhu** and **Abhay Mahajan**, who is newly enrolled at BHHS, on their participation in this world wide public speaking competition. After a long evening the judges reached their decision and Baulko definitely had “a great day” with Chan Rhee taking out the Public Speaking Award.

Prior to the evening event they attended an interview by the judging panel, involving discussion of their interests, hobbies, academic endeavours and future goals. The three judges commended them on their honesty, personal presentation and the maturity with which they answered the questions and participated in the discussions. Later in the evening they went head to head against four other contestants in the second section of the contest which involved giving a 5 minute prepared speech, after having answered two impromptu questions, in front of an audience of judges, parents, club members, peers and teaching staff. As per the usual format none of the finalists were aware of the topics for the impromptu questions and no time was allowed for preparation. The first question involved two very political topics – ‘Why should we care about events happening in other parts of the world’ and ‘The Hills area is undergoing rapid changes but is it for the better?’

The prepared speech topics from all Baulko students reflected our strong, socially conscience attitude and commitment to understanding themselves and the futures they face. Abhay chose to speak about the experience of moving to new countries, Supreet spoke on the power of ideas and Chan on Borders, real or perceived.

It was pleasure to accompany these students and thanks to their families for attending.

Both the Lions Club and I hope that students will continue to compete in this wonderful competition.

Mrs Janice Savage, Coordinator

