



# BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 7

Term 2 Week 7

Monday 31 May 2010

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



We have had a busy few weeks with lots of activities.

The recent Baulko Aid concert was well attended. It was preceded by a very enjoyable Year 7 and 11 Peer Support picnic. Last week saw 170 students in Year 9 going off to camp and hike in the Colo valley for the first stage of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. It was quite an experience for them and their wonderful teachers who coped with very heavy rain for the first day and night. All reports were, however, very positive. This week we look forward to the Creative ArtsFest on Tuesday in the Library and Year 11 will have a Youth Leadership day on Thursday.

The Year 12 Recognition Assembly was very successful however it was a pity that so few parents attended to recognise their children's successes. Almost every student in the selective stream at this school would be a major prize winner or dux at most comprehensive schools. For this reason we have the Recognition Assemblies to spread the recognition and acknowledgement of success more widely knowing that only one person can get a prize at Presentation Night for each subject. Parents are always welcome at these assemblies but we do not issue specific invitations.

#### Congratulations to:

- **Joshua Lin** who has been selected in the Metropolitan West Touch team to compete at CHS
- Ms Kennedy, Mrs Johnstone, Mrs Renwick, Dr Croyle, Mr Forsyth, Mrs Hawken, Ms Bishop, Mrs Simpson, Mr Benic, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Barkas who stoically led the Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh hike and camp in torrential rain. The extra time and effort (and absence from their own families) that teachers put in to allow our students to enjoy experiences they might never have otherwise is often overlooked. Well done.

**Jeanne Bathgate, Principal**

### SPORTS REPORT

#### Hills Zone Athletics

- Week 9, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010
- Sydney International Athletic Centre Homebush

The team lists are on the sport noticeboard in the bottom of D block. Students are asked to check carefully for the events they will compete in. Permission notes need to be returned to the Sports Office by the end of this week – 4<sup>th</sup> June. Buses will transport students to Homebush on both days. They will leave at 8.15am and return by 3pm on both days. Cost is \$10 per day. **School sports uniform must be worn.**

It is an expectation that students named in the school athletics team attend the Zone Carnival. If there is a valid reason for non participation such as injury or illness, students must advise Ms Sheridan in person so a reserve athlete has an opportunity to represent the school.

Representative sporting events such as Zone Athletics are scheduled on the school calendar before the start of the school year to avoid clash of academic and other commitments for students. All students representing the school in sport are reminded that this representation is accredited in the school merit and report scheme – be sure to get your merit card updated.

#### Sporting Representatives

Congratulations to **Joshua Lin** on his selection in the Sydney West Regional Touch Football team to compete at the NSWCHS Boys Touch Championships in June.

#### Sydney West Boys Softball

Any boys who wish to represent Hills Zone at the area carnival please see Mr Mansfield (Library). The carnival will be held at Blacktown Olympic Park on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

**C. Sheridan, Sports Organiser**

### P & C REPORT



#### Monthly Meeting

Thanks to those who attended our last meeting. I trust you all found the time well spent. Besides the regular updates, two of our students, Owen and Rebecca shared with us their interesting and valuable experiences attending the UNYA (United Nations Youth Association) International Conference in Hague. The Principal also gave us a tour of the new exam centre. We were all impressed by the design, features and size of the centre. Our next meeting will be held Tues, 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

#### 40th Anniversary Celebration on 27 Jun 2010

We expect hundreds of visitors to turn up on our celebration day. If you can help on or before that day, please register your support through the School's web-site. It is a good way to demonstrate our support for this excellent school our children attend.

**Romy Chan, President**

**Have you considered making a donation to the School Building Fund? Donations to the Baulkham Hills High School Building Fund (Registered No. DGR445952 are tax deductible).**

With the end of the current financial year fast approaching on 30 June 2010, you might like to consider making a tax deductible gift (of \$2.00 or over) to our School Building Fund, if you have not already done so. If you have already made a contribution we thank you; you may even consider making a further contribution in the light of the following:

The Building Fund was set up for many reasons but with the special aim of improving the facilities available to our students and thereby enhance the teaching/learning opportunities and facilities which can be provided at the school. Projects completed from donations to the Building Fund (with additional funding support from DET for some projects):

- New Photography Room
- Whole School Cabling/Technology Project
- Conversion of old gymnasium to a modern Tiered Learning Centre
- Refurbishment of school canteen
- Construction of new bus shelter at front of school
- Construction of new exam/multipurpose centre

The Building Fund Committee will meet shortly to select a new project. There are a number under consideration. You will be notified in the newsletter as soon as the next project is chosen.

If you have not made a contribution to the Building Fund, I urge you to consider doing so. All contributions of \$2 or over are an allowable income tax deduction (gift over \$2 to a Registered Building Fund.)

#### Note regarding Building Fund Receipts:

Receipts for Building Fund donations already made will be issued in mid June. For income tax purposes, the receipts will be issued in the name of the parent(s) who made the donation and not in the name of the student.

## CALENDAR TERM 2



The calendar in this newsletter is subject to change so please check carefully each week for any alterations. A full calendar for the whole year is available on the school website at [www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au](http://www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au)

### Week 7

#### Monday 31 May

- Y11 Physics Assessment, in class
- Y12 Ancient History Oral Task
- Info on cadetships, Accounting & Business, TLC, lunch
- Y9 PASS Fitness at Waves, in class, P3 & 4 (Chapman)

#### Tuesday 1 June

- Y11 Legal Studies Excursion to courts (Barkas/Jones)
- Y9 PASS Fitness at Waves, in class, P1 & 2 (Chapman)
- **Creative ArtsFest**, 7pm

#### Wednesday 2 June

- Y9 Half Yearly Science Exam, in class

#### Thursday 3 June

- Y12 Modern History Study Day, all day
- Y9 Half Yearly Mathematics Exam, P1 & 2
- Y10 PASS B/Ball coaching clinics, P1 & 2, P3 & 4
- Y11 Youth Leader Welfare Day, all day (Pigram)

#### Friday 4 June

- Y12 Mathematics Assessment, P6
- Y10 Vaccinations (Diph/Tet/Wh.Cough, P1-6 (Johnstone)
- Y9 PASS Fitness at Waves, P3 & 4 (Chapman)
- Girls Soccer Clinic, P3 & 4 (G. Smith)

### Week 8

#### Monday 7 June

- Y12 Ext 1 Mathematics Assessment, P1 & 2
- Y12 Legal Studies Assessment, P3 & 7
- Y11 Source Analysis, Ancient History, in class
- Y7 Half Mathematics Exam (TBC)
- Sydney Eisteddfod evening, Junior & Senior Band (Croyle)

#### Tuesday 8 June

- Y11 Recognition Assembly
- Y12 Geography Task, P5
- Y7 Half Yearly Maths Exam
- Yrs 9,10,11 & 12 Visual Arts Biennale Excursion
- Sydney Eisteddfod evening, Concert Band (Croyle)

#### Wednesday 9 June

- UNSW Science competition
- Y11 Drama Excursion

#### Thursday 10 June

- Y11 Modern History Orals
- Y10 PASS B/Ball coaching clinic, P1 & 2, P3 & 4
- Regional Futsal Championships (Johnstone)
- Sydney Eisteddfod evening, Stage Band (Croyle)

#### Friday 11 June

- Y12 Physics Assessment Task, P7
- Y12 Business Studies excursion, Penrith (Filewood)
- MWOASSA Cross Country, Support Unit

### Week 9

#### Monday 14 June

**Public Holiday – No Students**

#### Tuesday 15 June

- Y10 Science Assessment Task, in class
- Zone Athletics Homebush, 15-16 June inclusive
- Y10 Reports issued to students

#### Wednesday 16 June

- Y11 Business Studies Assignment Assess Task (Barkas)
- Y12 Business Studies Conference Parra Town Hall
- Y10 Recognition Assembly

#### Thursday 17 June

- Y12 Ancient History Study Day
- Y11 Adv English Essay, P3 & 4
- Y10 PASS B/Ball coaching clinic, P1 & 2, 3 & 4
- Y10, 11 & 12 Parent/Teacher evening

#### Friday 18 June

- Regional Shakespeare Festival
- Sydney Eisteddfod Evening, Stage Band (Croyle)
- Area Cross Country at Regatta Centre

#### Saturday 19 June

- Titration Competition (Cavanagh)

#### Sunday 20 June

- Band Championship Finals

### Tutorial Service

A **free** tutorial service operates every Thursday at lunch in D6. Year 12 students, who are all high achievers in various subjects, provide assistance in a range of areas from consolidating lesson concepts to homework help and assignment ideas. Additional times can be arranged to suit individual students.

### Uniform Shop

For your convenience, a new direct phone line has now been installed in the Uniform Shop. The number is **9639 1587**. Also, sports jackets & sports pants are now available for sale.

### The Hills Shire Council - Student Seminars

#### TOPIC 1:

##### HSC English Area of Study Seminar – 'Belonging'

This seminar, run by Anna Maria Fitzpatrick, who is a highly experienced High School English Coordinator, will focus on the best way to answer questions on the topic of 'Belonging' on the HSC English Paper.

**When:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Sonia Phillips Room, Castle Hill Library

#### TOPIC 2:

##### Blueprint to HSC Success Seminar, author Rowan Kunz

Founder of Art Smart Education, Rowan received a UAI of 99.6 and has since asked top achievers for their secrets of HSC success. Rowan will provide students with strategies that they can implement, covering areas such as efficient study methods, time management, motivation and study.

**When:** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

**Venue:** Sonia Phillips Room, Castle Hill Library

#### TOPIC 3:

##### Essay Writing Skills Seminar, for Years 10-12

Want to improve your essay writing skills? Anthony Chidiac can show you how to respond to essay style questions while developing your own style. Anthony has a Masters in Education and extensive experience in teaching study skills and essay writing workshops.

**When:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

**Venue:** William Bernard Room, Vinegar Hill Memorial Library  
Rouse Hill Town Centre

**Cost \$7.00 per person, per seminar**  
(numbers are limited)

Tickets are essential and may be purchased at any of the Hills Shire Libraries

<b>Castle Hill</b>	<b>9761 4510</b>	<b>Dural</b>	<b>9651 2627</b>
<b>Baulkham Hills</b>	<b>9639 4874</b>	<b>Carlingford</b>	<b>9871 5922</b>
<b>Rouse Hill</b>	<b>8889 5200</b>		

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