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Principal Report

Attendance Matters

We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school. One way we can help make this happen is to be sure your child attends school each day unless they are sick, have symptoms or are absent for a justified reason.

Protecting the wellbeing of our students through the reporting and monitoring of student absences is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools. Notifying the school either before or on the day that your child is away helps us keep accurate student attendance records to support you and your child. We know that school is the best place to learn and regular attendance means students can stay on top of their schoolwork and get the most out of their learning. If you are having trouble getting your child to school every day or on time, please talk to our school staff so we can work together, because every day counts.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much but absences add up and can impact your child's learning more than you think. When your child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost. As your child's education has already been interrupted through periods of learning from home due to COVID-19 over the last 2 and a half years, now is the time to prioritise face-to-face learning and making the most of every school day.



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

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Our school strives for the expected attendance rate which is above 95% of students at school each day over the year.

If your child is unwell they will need to stay home, get tested for COVID-19 if they are experiencing <u>symptoms</u> and only return to school when symptom free.

We understand that students and families are ready for the holidays but being at school every day boosts student learning and confidence and helps them build and maintain friendships.

A reminder that holidays should only be booked during school breaks and students should be at school every day during school term, right from beginning to end.

Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher is occurring face to face this year. The meetings will take place next week, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

The scheduled time for these meetings are:

Tuesday 21 February 4.00pm - Year 6 4.45pm - Year 5 5.30pm - Year 4 6.15pm - Year 3

Wednesday 22 February 4.00pm - Kindergarten 4.45pm - Year 1 5.30pm - Year 2

These meetings are valuable in getting information about school and class routines, learning and expectations. Teachers are unable to meet one on one to discuss individual students at these meetings. This will occur later in the year, and as needed.

Online Learning Tools

When choosing third-party online applications for the 2023 school year, we have been advised to use department-approved applications in the first instance. In considering online applications not offered by the department, it's important to consider the security and commercial ramifications of using them. As a result of this ClassDojo will no longer be used as a reward tool in our school. Mathletics and Reading Eggs are both approved by the Department of Education.

Upcoming events

Summer PSSA begins this week and runs for 4 weeks only, finishing to allow no disruption during NAPLAN. Teams are selected and shirts in the process of being handed out. Last Friday trials for zone teams were held. These trials are invitation only with school coaches selecting students to attend.

NAPLAN has been brought forward this year, taking place Weeks 8 and 9 this term, 15-24 March. Swimming Carnival is next Wednesday 22 February. As in previous years it is competitors only. There are qualifying times in all events for Zone Carnival to be held Monday 6 March.

Band has started back, with new students enrolling for lessons. I look forward to seeing band continuing to develop this year. They were excellent last year.

Performance groups will begin auditions soon.

Principal Report

New Playground Installation

Urban Landscape Projects is about to begin the installation of our new playground equipment. Work will begin at the end of this week, and we are hopeful to have it in use by the end of this term. It will be very exciting to watch the progress!

Príncípal Ms Lyn Welsh

Administration News

TERM ACCOUNTS

Families were emailed the Term Account and the Excursion and Activity notes via Sentral today. These accounts outline programs, excursions and resources being accessed by your child/children and prompt payment is appreciated. Term Account and the Excursion and Activity notes will also be available to download on the website. All PERMISSION is now to be granted via the Sentral Parent Portal. All payments will continue to be made via the 'POP Parent Online Payment portal' (link on the website), cash or cheque at the School Administration Office. NO credit card facilities available at the office. When paying via POP the student registration number and reference number are **not** required only the student name and date of birth. Instructions on paying by POP are included with your account.

We realise some families may experience personal circumstances that could impact on their ability to make payment of this account. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please be assured that all enquiries are confidential.

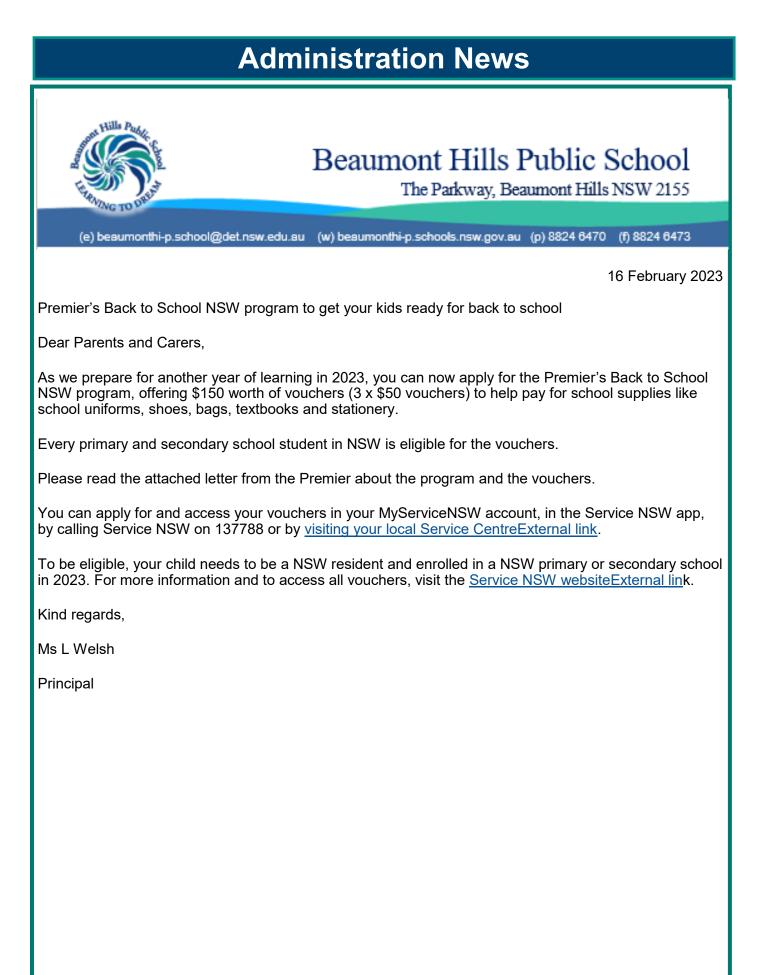
BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Back to school vouchers can be used to pay for some or all of your account. Please be aware, that if an item costs \$45.00 and you have a \$50.00 voucher, change cannot be given. You will need to come into the office to redeem the voucher.

PARENT SENTRAL PORTAL KEY

All new families will have received the Sentral Portal Access Key via email. If you have not yet received one, please contact the office.

	Dominic Perrottet MP Premier of New South Wales	
teachers for your extra l also want to let you k helping to pay for your From 12 December 2 <u>Voucher</u> for each chi Vouchers can go tow purchased from regist and for more informatic This new program is p It has been fantatic t many disruptions, and We're rolling out a ne prepared for employm teachers; and making in Us all about taking tho up our children for futu Thank you again for all	l your efforts this year. I wish you and your family a safe vnload your Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher fro	nousehold budgets by a year. <u>Back to School NSW</u> hooling in 2023. tbooks, or stationery he Service NSW app, ervice NSW Centre. tart to the year. iving in 2022 after so ation in NSW. dents are even better and reward our best cation. can be, so we can set e and happy summer -



Julie Selwood Administration Manager

Diary Dates

Monday 13 February	 Student Eye Care Program P & C Meeting 7.00 pm 	
Tuesday 14 February	Student Eye Care Program	
Wednesday 15 February	Student Eye Care Program	
Thursday 16 February	Student Eye Care Program	
Friday 17 February	Student Eye Care ProgramPSSA Round 1	
Tuesday 21 February	Meet the Teacher Yrs. 3 - 6	
Wednesday 22 February	Swimming Carnival @ Hawkesbury Yrs. 3 - 6 Meet the Teacher K - Yr. 2	
Friday 24 February	 PSSA Round 2 P & C Welcome Back to school event 	
Wednesday 1 March	P & C Appreciation Day	
Thursday 2 March	National Be Kind Day	
Friday 3 March	PSSA Round 3	

BHPS Award Structure

4 BLUE Awards	=	1 GREEN Award	
3 GREEN Awards	=	1 BRONZE Award	
3 BRONZE Awards	=	1 SILVER Award	
2 SILVER Awards	=	1 GOLD Award	
1 SILVER + 1 GOLD Award	=	1 PLATINUM Award	

* Please note if your child brings home an award that has been **DATE** or **ENTERED** stamped on the back this means they have already traded to receive their next award.

PSSA NEWS

Term 1 PSSA Venues - 2023

	Touch Football	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>T-ball/Softball</u>	<u>Cricket</u>
Rnd 1 Week 4 17/2/23	VS Samuel Gilbert . Bernie Mullane Reserve Field 1	VS Murray Farm Hills Basketball Stadium Fred Caterson Reserve	VS Samuel Gilbert Caddies Creek Reserve	VS Kellyville Arnold Avenue Sporting Complex
Rnd 2 Week 5 24/2/3	VS Castle Hill Bernie Mullane Reserve Field 1	VS Jasper Road Hills Basketball Stadium Fred Caterson Reserve	VS Oakhill Drive Fred Caterson Reserve	VS Sherwood Ridge Arnold Avenue Sporting Complex
Rnd 3 Week 6 3/3/23	VS Glenhaven Bernie Mullane Reserve Field 1	VS Sherwood Ridge Hills Basketball Stadium Fred Caterson Reserve	VS Kellyville Caddies Creek Reserve	VS Oakhill Drive Fred Caterson 4 & 6
Rnd 4 Week 7 10/3/23	VS Sherwood Ridge Bernie Mullane Reserve Field 1	VS Kellyville Venue TBA	VS Excelsior Caddies Creek Reserve	VS Samuel Gilbert Arnold Avenue Sporting Complex





UNIFORM SHOP

Attention Parents and Carers

Thank you for your donations but unfortunately, I have received a lot of items which aren't school uniform lately (external sports club jerseys etc) along with sock/stockings etc which we don't re-sell. I am having to keep taking things to clothing donations bins or normal bins and it's just too time-consuming sorting through it all.

If I can just, please ask if any donations are made can **only** be items they purchased from the uniform shop except for hats, backpacks and library bags (we don't take these items to re-sell).

Mrs Emma Anthony Uniform Shop Supervisor



P & C NEWS

Welcome back to all of our teachers and students, and a huge HELLO AND WELCOME to our new Kindergarten students and families. We can't believe it is Week 4 already! We had our first meeting of the year on Monday and it was lovely to see so many new faces. It was a really productive meeting with lots of updates from Ms Welsh, a presentation from Mr Roberts and Miss James, the school's Federation of Teachers representatives and planning by the P&C members for the upcoming school year.

To start 2023 with a bang, we are excited to tell you about our Annual WELCOME BACK EVENT, which will be held on **Friday 24 February** at the school from 5-7pm. This is a fun early evening get-together for students, families and teachers alike which is provided by the P&C. There are loads of free, fun activities including an interactive Reptile Display by Feature Creatures, a chance to give soccer a go with Kellyville United Football Club and rugby with with the Kellyville Bushrangers on the Oval, a Disco in the Hall with our very own DJ Acealater (otherwise known as our P&C Vice President and awesome parent Adam). Feeling hungry? Buy a Sausage Sizzle from our BBQ, Fairy Floss, coffee, slushie and more... The event will go ahead rain or shine and is always a highlight of the year. We are so looking forward to seeing you all.

Just a reminder that our Uniform Shop is open on Monday mornings for in-person sales. Uniform items can also be bought online via the Flexischools App. Order by 4pm on Wednesday for a Friday delivery to class. If you would like to use your Back To School Vouchers, these must be brought to the uniform store and redeemed at the time of purchase. Did you know that our school shorts are suitable for both boys and girls? We are changing the wording in our uniform store to reflect this as more girls are choosing to wear shorts due to comfort and for practical reasons. This means that we now have skirts, skorts and shorts as options for our students to choose from for school.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 13 March at 7pm in the Staff Room. All are welcome! Amongst other topics we will be discussing the Election BBQ (25 March) and our annual Easter Raffle.

Please look out for an email about a week before the meeting asking for General Business. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to request a topic, which you believe to be relevant to the school community, to be discussed at the meeting. It is essential that you put the request in writing to the P&C in an email with as much detail about your topic as possible. The person requesting the item must also be able to attend the meeting to introduce the item.

For all the most up-to-date info, make sure you like and follow us on Facebook. Our group is being phased out, so do make sure you follow our Beaumont Hills Public School P&C Association Facebook Page.

BHPS P&C Executive

Ethics Classes at Beaumont Hills Public School (Years 1 and 4)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Are you interested in your child attending ethics classes?

In ethics lessons, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to listen closely to each other, to disagree without putdowns and to think carefully as they form their opinions. Classes are free and are run by specially trained Primary Ethics volunteers, who are often parents and grandparents. Classes run in the SRE/SEE timeslot each week at our school.

Ethics is for children of all faiths or no faith. The curriculum is prepared by Primary Ethics (a not-for-profit organisation which organizes volunteers who teach ethics in NSW public schools) and approved by the Department of Education.

Primary Ethics will help us set up an ethics program in our school if there is enough interest from families and there are enough volunteers available. Ethics classes are capped at 22 students and any students that exceed this number will be placed on a waitlist until a volunteer becomes available.

Ethics teachers present stories and questions that encourage children to think about what they would do – and what they ought to do – in that situation. The volunteer teachers use fully scripted lesson plans – they don't give their own opinions – to help the children develop their own ideas and discuss the issues amongst themselves.

Ethics explores topics like:

- Is it important to own up when you make a mistake?
- Is it ever okay to be lazy?
- Are there times when acting in your own self-interest doesn't count as being selfish?
- Should voting be compulsory?

Please return the slip to the front office if you are interested in your child attending ethics classes.

Primary Ethics always needs more volunteer ethics teachers so that all parents at our school can have the option of choosing ethics classes for their child. It's only about an hour a week and you don't need any past teaching experience. You will receive free, comprehensive training with online self-pace learning plus trainer-led workshops (by Zoom or face-to-face).

If you're curious about volunteering or learning more about Primary Ethics, please visit primaryethics.com.au.

Natalie Fink & Tina Walsh - Scripture Coordinators

Please return this form if you are interested in choosing ethics for your child

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Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's name: ______Year: _____

Signed: _____

Date:

Natalie Fink & Tina Walsh SRE Coordinators

Beaumont Bites - Canteen News

Welcome back to 2023!!!

Hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday.

Yukiko and I would like to take this chance to welcome our lovely Kindergartens, their families, and all our new families to our school community.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders can be place via flexischool website (<u>www.flexischools.com.au</u>) or App. The cut off time is 9am the day you would like your child to receive their lunch order. We totally understand there may be times we are busy with our morning routine as well as getting kids ready for school. If you happen to miss the cut off, please call the school and ask to be transferred to the canteen. We will do our best to help you out.

**Any urgent phone orders after 10am, ONLY Sandwiches or Hot Noodle Cup will be offered. **

** If you are a returning students, please remember to UPDATE STUDENT CLASS details before you can proceed to make an order.





Gluten FREE Menu

We are very excited to have Gluten Free Items on the Flexischools Menu. There is a Gluten FREE Section in the Flexischools menu. (Refer to picture beside).

SUMMER PSSA



Summer PSSA (NSW Primary School Sports Association) commences this Friday 17 February for four weeks of term 1, PSSA Students departure at 11am and return at 1:15pm. The canteen will open 15 mins earlier for recess to accommodate those students attending PSSA. All the sport representatives should be back in time for lunch. If the bus arrives late back to school, please collect your lunch order from your class teacher.

CLASS LUNCH ORDER DELIVERY

At lunch time we will put all students' lunches in the class bucket accordingly.

Students will be asked to carry lunch orders in the bucket to the classroom even if there is only one lunch in the bucket unless it is theirs.

All returned lunch buckets will be cleaned and sanitized on the spot and ready for use the next day.

Please Note: No Kindergartens are allowed to explore canteen until further notice, therefore lunch orders will be brought to their classroom by lovely canteen ladies.



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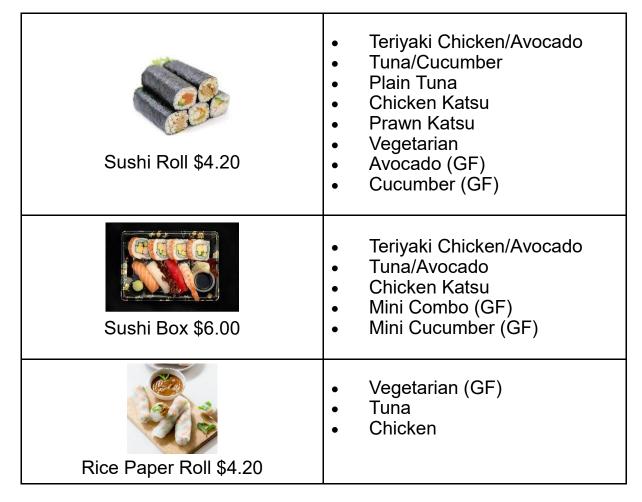
SUSHI WEDNESDAY !!!!

Sushi Wednesday!!!!!

We are pleased that we have Sushi on Wednesday.

Thank you to the school and Sushi Motto at Rouse Hill Town Centre.

Please have your order in via flexischool by 9:00am on Wednesday to be able to enjoy Sushi for lunch.



* Product image for illustration purpose only. Actual product may vary.

* GF= Gluten Free

We continue to practice good hygiene in canteen and provide healthy snacks and meals. If there is any questions or feedback feel free to let us know.

Have a great start of 2023!!!!

Yukíko & Judy Beaumont Bítes





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CHESS!!

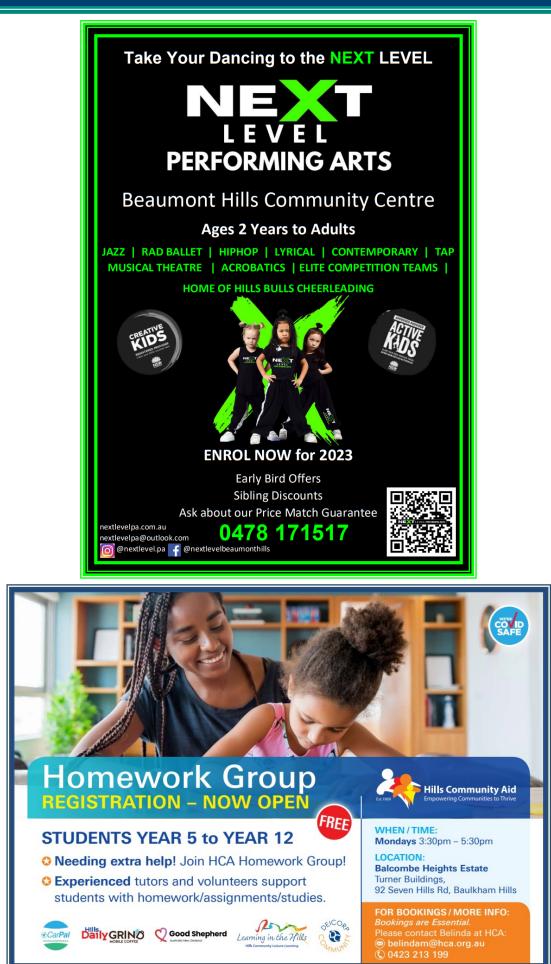
Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Beaumont Hills Public School (Kellyville) is held on Tuesdays from 1:10pm to 2:00pm, starting on 7 February 2023.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email <u>enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au</u> for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

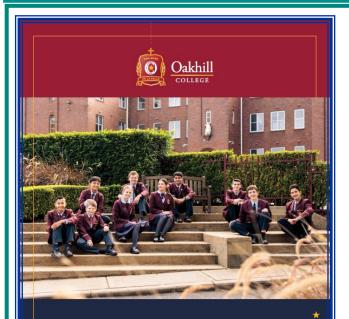












Open Day Sunday 5th March 2023

10.00AM - 2.00PM

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Bookings essential.

Feet on the ground. Aiming for the stars.

