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Principal Report

Welcome to 2024 at Beaumont Hills Public School. Students and teachers are settled into classes and learning is underway. I am hearing from students that holidays were very much enjoyed, but most children are happy to be back at school, with their friends, and re-engaged in learning.

STAFF UPDATE

This year we welcome Ms Angela Genesini as Deputy Principal. Ms Genesini is an experienced educator who has already made her presence known among our students, who are quickly developing trust and respect for her. We also welcome Mr Cashmore, Mrs Reddy, Mrs Lehman, Mrs Makhzoumi, Miss Peisley and Mrs Blye as classroom teachers. We also welcome Mrs Hunt and Mrs Morris to our office staff.

Our team for 2024:

Roll Class	Staff Name
KG	Belinda Gregory (AP ES 1) (M,T,W & F) / Wendy Cramer(Th)
KS	Niki Sidis (M, T, W, T) Vanessa Cowlshaw (F)
KW	Kylie Whittle
1R	Katie Reddy (M,T,W) / Suzanne Lehner (Th,F)
1S	Shari Rowsell (M,T) / Bianca Bester (W,Th,F)
1W	Tina Walsh
1/2B	Jenny Bates (AP Stage 1) (M,T,W,F) / Jacki Armstrong (Th)
2K	Michelle Kamber
2S	Rani Sandhu
3H	Christine Humphreys
3M	Cameron Mein
3/4J	John Roberts (AP Stage 2) (M,T,W,F) / Wasen Makhzoumi (Th)
4W	Will Cashmore
4C	Rebecca Carr
5B	Jaye Blye
5F	Natalie Fink
5K	Jan Keith
6C	Andy Copeman (AP Stage 3) (M,T,W,F) / Mikayla Peisley (Th)
6P	Mark Pengelly
6L	Emma Laws (M,T,W) / Lisa Kennedy (Th,F)
Principal	Lyn Welsh (PRINCIPAL)
Deputy Principal	Angela Genesini (DEPUTY PRINCIPAL)
APCI	Sonia Kadian, Tori Kirkness
EAL/D	Mary Blazevic, Nerrida Seaton
Learning & Support	Leesa Simpson, Glenda McKie, Amanda Sims, Chris Holloway
RFF	Marisa Stennett, Nicky White, Vanessa Cowlshaw
LIBRARIAN	Narelle Thwaites
School Psychocogist	Jessica Bell
Office Staff	Julie Selwood, Jody Peisley, Maxine Rossiter,
Office Staff	Hannah Lawton, Jax Hunt, Kayla Morris
General Assistant	Eddie Fazldad
School Learning Support Officer	Shanathi Selva Kumar, Melvyna Barboza, Meg Humphreys
School Learning Support Officer	Kristiana Blazevic, Maha Sajjad, Cheryl O'Toole
School Learning Support Officer	Ivana Kamber, Ashley Burrows, Rishu Sharma

Principal Report

COMING UP

We have a few exciting events coming up.

- On Tuesday 13 February Parramatta Eels players will be visiting us at lunchtime and students will have the opportunity to meet with them.
- Friday 23 February is our Welcome Back to School event. All families are welcome to attend this event put on by BHPS P & C association. It will be held between 5 and 7pm. Come along and join the fun!
- The School swimming carnival will be held at Hawkesbury Oasis on Tuesday 20 February. This carnival is for competitors only. Information has been sent out to parents.
- Meet the Teacher evenings will be held on Tuesday 27 February for Years 3 to 6 and Wednesday 28 February for Years K-2. These meetings will be held from 4pm.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

There are often times that you will wish to discuss an issue concerning your child with a staff member at the school. Your first point of contact should be the classroom teacher. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please email the school email address, for the attention of the teacher, outlining the issue and request a return phone call. Teachers are busy before and after school with meetings and preparation, and approaching them unannounced can often not give the issue the time it needs to be fully understood and resolved. Thank you for your consideration of this.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Unfortunately we have no onsite parking for dropping and picking children up on school grounds. The parking area on Forest Crescent is not to be used by parents. Occasionally the gates may be accidentally left open and I ask for your cooperation in not entering this carpark. It creates too much danger for students leaving in the afternoons. If the gates have been left open, there is every chance that they will be locked, and should you be parked in there you will have to wait until after 3.20pm to leave. Also, please be mindful of our neighbours by not parking across driveways. On occasion council inspectors or police will do random visits and fines apply. Many thanks for your cooperation in keeping our children and community safe.

In the mornings we have found that children settle into their day much better if parents are not on the school grounds before school. From next week I request that all children are dropped at the gates and parents say their goodbyes from outside of school grounds. Parents are most welcome to wait inside the school for afternoon pickup.

BEAU AWARDS

We have new look blue and green BEAU awards this year. Please reassure your child/children that the older style awards are still very much valid and can continue to be collected and presented to earn green, bronze, silver, gold, platinum awards. Bronze, silver and gold awards will continue to be presented at BEAU assemblies, one later this term and then 2 in each of Terms 2, 3 and 4. Platinum awards are presented at the end of year Presentation Day assembly.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to learn, make friends and build skills through fun. When your child misses just 1 day per fortnight they miss 4 weeks per year, which equates to 1 year over their school life. To give your child the best chance at school make sure that attendance matters and your child attends every school day, except when unwell.

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Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

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Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

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Days missed = years lost

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



More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

Lyn Welsh
Principal

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Diary Dates 2024

Monday 12 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P&C Meeting
Tuesday 13 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parramatta Eels School Blitz lunch visit
Tuesday 20 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming Carnival @ Hawkesbury Oasis
Wednesday 21 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scripture Commences
Thursday 22 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CHPSSA Trials Day
Friday 23 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome back to school event (refer to flyer further in this newsletter)
Tuesday 27 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet the teacher years 3 to 6 (4.00pm)
Wednesday 28 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet the teacher K to 2 (4.00pm)
Monday 11 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Castle Hill Zone Swimming• P & C Meeting
Wednesday 13 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NAPLAN Commences for years 3 and 5 ONLY

PSSA Information Sheet

What is PSSA?

PSSA stands for the Primary Schools Sports Association, a governing body for school sports. Schools in Sydney and NSW are grouped into zones, and Beaumont Hills Public School is part of the Castle Hill PSSA Zone. Zone groups facilitate sports competitions and events for participating schools. The Castle Hill PSSA Zone holds weekly summer and winter sporting events along with 3 major zone carnivals each year.

How are PSSA teams organised?

PSSA sports opportunities are extended to all students in Years 3 to 6. The organisation of PSSA teams adheres to age distinctions, specifically comprising Junior and Senior teams.

- Junior teams cater to students in Years 3 and 4,
- Senior teams accommodate those in Years 5 and 6.
 - It's noteworthy that students who are 10 years old or turning 10 in Year 5 are classified as juniors in the CHPSSA competitions, ensuring fair and age-appropriate participation in the sporting events.

What PSSA sports are offered in our Zone?

Summer PSSA sports commence in Term 1 and recommence in late Term 3, ending in Term 4. The sports that are offered in the CHPSSA summer competitions are:

- Softball: Senior boys and senior girls teams
- T-ball: Junior boys and junior girls teams
- Touch Football: Junior boys, junior girls, senior boys, and senior girls teams
- Basketball: Mixed girls and mixed boys teams
- Cricket: Junior team and senior team

Winter PSSA sports occur between Terms 2 and 3. The sports that are offered in the CHPSSA winter competitions are:

- Netball: 2 junior mixed teams and 2 senior mixed teams
- Soccer: Junior girls and boys teams, and senior girls and boys teams
- Rugby League: Junior mixed team and senior mixed team
- Newcombe Ball: Mixed girls' team and mixed boys' team

How are our school teams selected?

- Roughly 8- 14 students are chosen for each team. The variation in team numbers is based on the number of children who take the field of play for a particular sport, plus reserves.
- Trial sessions are held during school hours for the selection for each PSSA sport team for students who indicate an interest in a team.
- When selecting students during trials, consideration will be given to those who display ability and strong skill level on the days of the trials. Consideration is extended to students displaying sportsmanship, cooperation, positive attitude, and commitment to training sessions.
- Emphasis is placed on individual skills rather than prior experience in playing the sport outside school.

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Does every student make a PSSA team?

While numerous students participate in trials, our coaches face the challenge of accommodating a limited number of spots for each sport. Soccer, touch football, and netball emerge as the most sought-after sports, generating considerable interest among students trying for team placements.

Once the selection process concludes, there is limited flexibility to accommodate additional participants. The determination of team rosters is final. Despite the potential disappointment, we want to assure all students that these decisions are made with careful consideration. It should be highlighted that students who do not secure a spot in the current team selection will have future opportunities to trial in subsequent school years.

Other Guidelines regarding trials:

- Out-of-school participation in the sport is not a prerequisite for trying out for the team.
- Selections are solely based on performance during the designated selection sessions.
- Coaches, present during the trials, hold the final authority in team selection.
- In cases of absence on selection days or due to other school commitments (e.g., Zone Sports or Selective High School Tests), parents are urged to notify the school via email, expressing their child's intention to trial for a PSSA team.

What if my child is successful in making a PSSA team?

Students who successfully secure a spot on a PSSA team will be notified at school. Parents will receive a permission notification via email or the Parent Portal to either accept or decline their child's participation in the PSSA competition.

Upon making the team, students will be provided with a PSSA contract outlining the CHPSSA code of conduct. To partake in PSSA, students and their parents must sign and return the contract to their coach and parental permission via the Parent Portal before the competition begins. The CHPSSA Code of Conduct emphasises the importance of maintaining an exemplary standard in:

- Behavior (both at school and when representing the school).
- Dress – wearing the correct school uniform/shoes during the week and the appropriate sport uniform & safety equipment for participation.
- Attitude towards fellow students and teachers (exhibiting good sportsmanship and adhering to game rules).
- Abiding by all umpires' decisions; and
- Attitude toward studies and schoolwork.

The school reserves the right to terminate or suspend a student from representing if a breach of these standards occurs.

As PSSA events take place outside school grounds, a participation fee is required to cover transportation costs via bus to and from sporting venues. Refunds for missed games are rarely granted.

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Additionally, students in PSSA teams must wear team-appropriate jerseys. PSSA jerseys are coordinated through the P&C and require a \$10 hire fee per season, payable directly at the uniform shop. Once the fee is paid, students are fitted with their jerseys. For the Summer PSSA competition, jerseys must be returned to the School Office at the end of Term 1 and will be redistributed when the summer competition resumes in Term 3. For the Winter PSSA competition, jerseys are distributed in Term 2 and returned to the front office at the end of Term 3.

If parents desire to observe their child's involvement in a PSSA team, the schedule for both summer and winter competitions are provided in the school newsletter. Parents interested in attending a PSSA event are required to adhere to the Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct, which includes the following guidelines:

- Model good behaviours and encourage children to have fun and enjoy participating.
- Focus on effort and performance and not winning or losing.
- Be respectful of officials' decisions and encourage other parents and spectators to do the same.
- Abide by the NSW Department of Education policy of a smoke and alcohol-free environment.

Useful Links:

For any further information regarding Castle Hill PSSA, please click the following link to be taken to Castle Hill PSSA website: <https://castlehill.primarysport.com.au/>

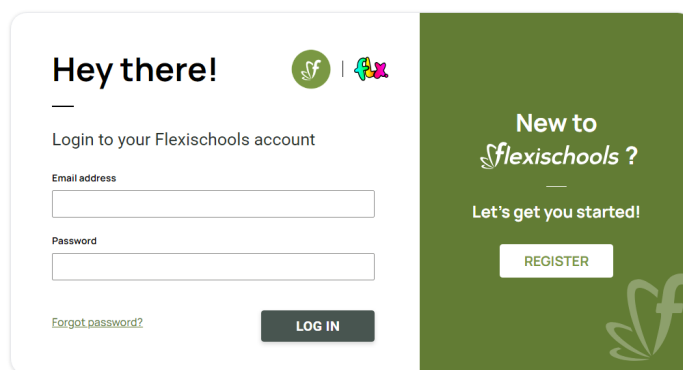
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Uniform Shop opening hours are every Monday morning 8.45am - 10.00am

You can also order online via [Flexischools](#) if you place your online order by Wednesday 4.00pm your order will be fulfilled and sent to your child's class for the class teacher to distribute.

If you have any questions please contact the Uniform Shop via email uniformshopbhps@gmail.com



Emma Anthony
Uniform Shop Supervisor

P & C NEWS

It is great to be back. We hope you are looking forward to 2024 as much as we are.

We'd like to offer a particular welcome to all our new Kindy students. It was really lovely to get to meet so many of our Kindy families at the P&C organised Play Date in the Park during the school holidays. Everyone seemed to have great fun and we hope that recognising a few new friends on the first day helped make the transition into school easier.

WELCOME BACK EVENT

We are pleased to announce that one of our school calendar highlights is back! Our Welcome Back event will be held on Friday 23 February from 5-7pm. Everyone is invited so join us to celebrate the start of school. We will have some great FREE activities for the kids as well as food and drinks to purchase. Fancy snuggling with a snake? Feature Creatures will be returning with their reptile display. DJ Acealater will be in the house with some awesome tunes in the Hall, sausage sizzle, chip on a stick, fairy floss, face painting (gold coin donation appreciated) and more... Follow us on our Facebook Page for all the latest news and updates.

P&C MEETING

You'll be pleased to hear that we have lots of plans for the next year, starting with our first meeting which will be held on Monday 12 February at 7pm in the Staff Room.

This year, our meetings will run slightly differently. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available from 7pm, and we will not begin the meeting agenda until 7.30pm, giving people a chance to chat, get to meet other parents and carers, and have some refreshments before we get down to business.

Our agenda is emailed to the school community prior to the meeting along with a call out for any General Business to be included in the meeting. If you have any business that you would like discussed at the meeting, please submit it to pandc.bhps@gmail.com at least 3 days in advance. Late items will need to be carried over to the next month's meeting.

We aim for all meetings to be completed by 8.30pm at the latest.

You don't need to be a member to attend - all welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2024 P&C Meeting Dates - all meetings at 7pm

- Monday 12 February
- Monday 11 March
- Monday 8 April
- Monday May 6
- Tuesday 11 June (due to Public Holiday)
- No July meeting (school holidays)
- Monday 12 August
- Monday 9 September
- Tuesday 15 October
- Monday 11 November (AGM and meeting)
- Monday 9 December (Festive meeting)

Other Events

- Welcome Back evening Friday 23 February 5-7pm
- Easter Raffle Thursday 28 March
- Mother's Day Stall Thursday 9 May and Friday 10
- Father's Day Stall Thursday 29 and Friday 30 August

P & C NEWS

BHPS P&C presents:

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Friday 23rd February

5pm - 7pm

Beaumont Hills Public School

Join us for a fun evening to celebrate the start of school!
There'll be **FREE** fun for the kids and food and drink
available to purchase.



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

* Gold coin donations
for face painting kindly
appreciated *

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**FEATURE
CREATURES**
REPTILE
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SAUSAGE SIZZLE • FAIRY FLOSS • CHIP ON A STICK

BHPS P&C Executive

BEAU 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.

Beaumont Bites - Canteen News

Welcome back to 2024!!!

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 new families in other grades to our school community. You will fall in love with us for sure !!

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders can be placed via the flex school website (www.flexischools.com.au) or App. Cut off time will be at 9am on the date you want the lunch order to be in. 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 do feel free to call the school and transfer 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. ****

**** Information on how to set up your Flexischools account is at the end of the Beaumont Bites blurb ****

Sushi Wednesday!!!!

We are pleased that we have Sushi on Wednesday.

Thank you to 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 them for lunch.

 Sushi Roll \$4.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teriyaki Chicken/Avocado• Tuna/Cucumber• Plain Tuna• Teriyaki Beef/Cucumber• Vegetarian• Avocado (GF)• Cucumber (GF)
 Sushi Box \$6.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teriyaki Chicken/Avocado• Tuna/Avocado• Chicken Katsu• Mini Combo (GF)• Mini Cucumber (GF)
 Rice Paper Roll \$4.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vegetarian (GF)• Tuna• Chicken

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

*GF= Gluten Free

Beaumont Bites - Canteen News

GLUTEN FREE MENU

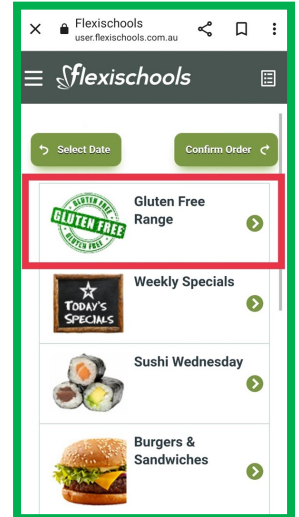
We are very excited to have Gluten Free Items are on the Flexischools Menu. There is a Gluten FREE Section in the Flexischools menu. (Refer to picture). Please choose any item you love to enjoy.

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 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****



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 2024!!!!



Quickly place canteen orders online and make cashless payments

Flexischools is our school's online ordering and payments partner. You can use the Flexischools app to easily place school orders online!

Getting started is easy!

Download the Flexischools app for iPhone or Android and create an account.

Get setup in seconds

1. Search the app store for "Flexischools"
2. Create your parent account and add your child's school details.

The cash-free way to pay at school

When you're set up on Flexischools

Top-up your parent wallet

- Choose Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit top-ups.
- Set auto top-ups, so you'll always have funds available.

Enjoy the simplicity!

- When you link your Flexischools account to our school, you'll automatically see what you can order and pay for via Flexischools.

Find out more at www.flexischools.com.au

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4.8-star App Store rating

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*Yukiko & Judy
Canteen Bites BHPS*

Community Users

After School Language Class & Creativity Workshop

Fun & creative way to master Chinese language and culture



\$25 Language Class
\$32 Creativity Workshop
(\$52 if enrol for both classes)

Learn Chinese through culture and activities

Creativity workshop



North Kellyville Public School
Language Class: Monday
Creativity Workshop: Wednesday
Time: 3:00-5:30pm

Beaumont Hills Public School
Language Class: Tuesday
Creativity Workshop: Friday
Time: 3:00-5:30pm

William Clarke College
Language Class: Monday & Wednesday
Time: 3:00-5:30pm

Riverbank Public School
Creativity Workshop: Monday
Language Class: Thursday
Time: 2:45-5:15pm

Kings Langley Public School
Language Class: Friday
Creativity Workshop: Tuesday
Time: 3:00-5:30pm

Saturday Chinese Classes
North Kellyville Public School
1:00-3:00pm for Native Speaker
3:15-5:15pm for Non-native Speaker

Online Chinese Program
Also available

Sydney Northwest Chinese School
Website: www.sydneychinese.org.au/
Email: snwchinese@gmail.com
0491 164 230



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ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134

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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 13 February 2024.

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.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Community News



CODECAMP After-school Programs at Beaumont Hills Public School

At Code Camp, kids design, code, problem solve and become creators of technology. Our after-school programs are so much fun children don't realise they're learning important coding and creative skills. They explore STEAM concepts and get creative, developing games, movies, designing, or coding robots – in weekly after-school sessions!



**Coding
After-School**

Wednesdays at 3:15pm - 4:30 pm
14th February - 3rd April

Students in Years 2-6 | Our coding program features weekly challenges, functions, algorithms, branching, variables, game logic, user experience and maths. An 8-week program with a new project each week, and the fun doesn't have to stop after class! Children will be provided with their very own Code Camp World account which they can use to continue creating at home and to share their projects with family and friends.



**Little Coders
After-school**

Mondays at 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
12th February - 8th April

Students in Years K-2 | Children will love the fun and interactive way we teach kids to code at Little Coders. It's so much fun, they won't realise they're learning! Over 8 weeks students discover the basics of coding and take their first steps to becoming a coding superstar. Kids will learn drag & drop coding with if statements, algorithms and logic, and more within our bespoke learning platform, Code Camp World!

Book today

www.codecamp.com.au/beaumont hills

Book now at:
codecamp.com.au

Email us at:
hello@codecamp.com.au



ROAD RULES FOR SCHOOL ZONES

The Hills Shire Council receives a high volume of concerns regarding illegal parking in school zones. It's important to understand the NSW Road Rules and signage in school zone areas.

Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking around schools carrying out on foot patrols and using Licence Plate Recognition Vehicles to detect parking offences. Parking illegally and disregarding posted signage can lead to safety hazards, traffic congestion, hefty fines and demerit point loss for drivers.

COMMON ROAD RULES IN SCHOOL ZONES

- A 'No Stopping' sign means that the driver of a vehicle must not stop at any time on a length of road or in an area to which the 'No Stopping' sign applies - not for a minute, not for a second, not at all.
- A 'Yellow kerb line' painted near the edge of the road means 'no stopping'. A driver must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line.
- A 'No Parking' sign means that you can only stop on a length of road or in an area to which the 'No Parking' sign applies to drop off or pick up passengers. Around schools these are commonly called 'kiss and drop zones'. You can't stay in the zone longer than two minutes and the driver has to be within three metres of the vehicle at all times.



- A 'bus zone' sign means that you must not stop or park in a bus zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus.



TIPS FOR DRIVERS

- Plan your school commute, give yourself extra time in school zones
- It is always recommended you park your vehicle legally in a school zone and walk
- Do not arrive early to the school and sit in your car in the kiss and drop area, if you are in the kiss and drop area for over 2 minutes, it's an offence and attracts a hefty fine and 2 demerit points.
- If motorists use the 'No Parking' zones correctly, it will improve traffic flow, relieving congestion and create a safer environment.

Park legally to ensure our school zones are safe for everyone.

FURTHER INFORMATION

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE
3 Columbia Court, Norwest NSW 2153

PHONE 9843 0555

HOURS 8:30am— 4:30pm, Monday—Friday

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SCHOOL ZONE PARKING RULES AND PENALTIES

COUNCIL'S COMPLIANCE OFFICERS ENFORCE PARKING SIGNS AT YOUR SCHOOL.

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. **When an offence is detected, you will be fined.**



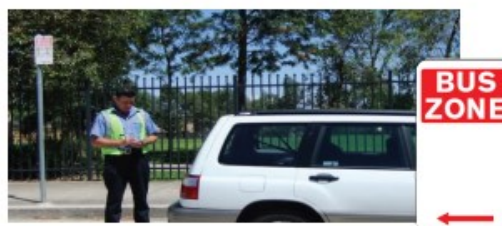
NO STOPPING

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 \$352 and 2 demerit points



BUS ZONES

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points



NO PARKING

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.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$196 and 2 demerit points



DRIVEWAYS

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.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points

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THERE ARE NOW INCREASED PENALTIES AND DEMERIT POINTS ASSOCIATED WITH ALL OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES.



NO PARKING

You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty from
**\$196 and 2
demerit points**



NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

Penalty from
**\$352 and 2
demerit points**



BUS ZONE

You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Penalty from
**\$352 and 2
demerit points**

Double parking	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Stop on path or nature strip	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing	\$469 & 2 demerit points
Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely	\$587 & 4 demerit points
Illegal U turns	\$469 & 4 demerit points
Stop across driveway	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Drive using a hand held mobile phone	\$469 & 5 demerit points
Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line	\$352 & 2 demerit points

FINES CURRENT AS OF DECEMBER 2021

For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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4.45pm – 5.30pm Lyrical

5.30 pm – 6.15 pm Acrobatics

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4pm – 4.45pm Jazz

4.45pm – 5.30pm Hip Hop

5.30pm – 6.15pm Cheerleading

7.15pm – 8pm Adults Mums Class Jazz/Hiphop

THURSDAY

4.45pm – 5.30pm BOYS ONLY Hip Hop

5.30pm – 6.15pm BOYS ONLY Acrobatics

SATURDAY

10am - 10.45pm Ballet

10.45am – 11.30am Jazz

11.30am – 12.15pm Acrobatics

12.15pm – 1pm Hiphop

1pm – 1.45pm Tap



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COMMUNITY NEWS



How to enrol?

If your child is starting kindergarten, you should be given an SRE/SEE enrolment form. Otherwise, contact your school office to inform them that you want your child to attend ethics classes.

What if my school doesn't offer ethics?

Ethics classes depend on having enough trained volunteers to run the classes. We always welcome new volunteers and offer free training workshops throughout the year, both online and face to face, to suit your schedule.

Contact us to find out how to start ethics classes at your school and how to become an ethics teacher.

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Why choose ethics classes for your child?

Ethics classes for all age groups run in the SRE/SEE* timeslot in schools each week.

Classes are free and are run by specially trained volunteers, who are often parents and grandparents.

The lessons are prepared by experts in the fields of childhood education and ethics. Our curriculum is reviewed by the Department of Education.

Ethics classes are for children of all faiths and none.

Ethics classes are designed to get children thinking, deeply and well.

*Special Religious Education/Special Education in Ethics



"Ethics classes help me think about things more carefully and try to make better choices"

What happens if you send your child to a weekly ethics class?

Ethics lessons explore everyday ethical issues pitched at your child's age level.

Ethics teachers present stories and questions that encourage children to consider what they would do - and what they ought to do - in that situation. The teachers don't give their own opinions - they help the children to discuss amongst themselves issues such as:

- what if I hurt someone without meaning to?
- what if I break a promise?
- when, if ever, should we tell on someone?
- is bragging wrong?
- what is fairness?

Which skills will my child develop in ethics classes?

- careful listening to all points of view
- being able to disagree without put-downs
- resisting peer pressure without losing friends
- understanding other children's problems
- giving evidence-based reasons for their opinions.

These are essential skills as they grow up in our complex and pressurised world.

Why not volunteer as an ethics teacher?

- It's a rewarding way to get involved and learn new skills yourself
- you can have a positive impact for the future generation
- we offer comprehensive free training and ongoing support
- join a community of volunteers from all walks of life and all ages.



Every ethics class follows 6 rules.

- 1 Only one person speaks at a time.
- 2 Pay attention to the person who is speaking.
- 3 Speak to the other students, not just the teacher.
- 4 Give others a chance to speak.
- 5 Build on others' ideas.
- 6 No put-downs.

"I realise that I can still like someone who has a different opinion"

"It really helps with your personal confidence to know your opinion is valued in ethics"

What do children say about ethics?

"I learned that it is okay to be honest about what you think"

"I learned how to tell friends I didn't want to do things they tried to make me do"





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