

BASC TERM 1

TERM 2 2026

PENNANT HILLS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Acknowledgement of Country

Pennant Hills BASC would like to acknowledge the Dhurug and Guringai people who are the traditional owners of this land. They have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years and we thank them for sharing and caring for the land Pennant Hills BASC plays and learns on. We would like to pay our respects to elders past and present and extend that respect to any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples. We commit ourselves to an ongoing journey of reconciliation.

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Reminders

Please ensure you read and reply to your emails in regards to and medical documents required, surveys, or updates from the service.

Upcoming Events

- Term 3 commences Tuesday 21st July
- Week 1: NAIDOC Week
- Week 5: Bullying No Way Week - Small Acts, Big Impacts
- Week 5: National Science Week
- Week 6: Children's book week

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From our Director

In Term 2 we have been building on our relationships with the children and activities we began in Term 1. The kindy children have demonstrated their sense of belonging in their time with us and relationships with the team. The Wednesday Drama Club and Thursday Dance Club are going strong with regular attendees and this is a wonderful way to build confidence in our young people. While we regularly invite feedback for our program and our menu from the children, please feel free to offer your thoughts and ideas as parents and carers and friends of BASC. We have an amazing winter Vacation Care program planned and then Term 3 will be upon us before we know it! - **Katherine** Director

From Our Educational Leader

What a busy and exciting term we have had at BASC, packed full of new sports, creative arts, and Assessment and Rating visit from the Department of Education! Thanks to the P&C's wonderful toy drive, we received a fantastic range of new equipment, including basketballs and soccer balls that the children loved using while the World Cup has been on. We also added a volleyball set and survival tags to our afternoon oval sessions, both of which have become huge hits. Indoors, a beautiful donation of puzzles from our families sparked a daily mission where educators and children collaborated to complete one puzzle a day, building great teamwork and shared pride. Our cooking activities have also been thriving, featuring a diverse range of international cuisines inspired by your recipe survey feedback, which the children have loved tasting. While our Department of Education visit was a bit stressful, it was an incredibly rewarding opportunity to showcase the dedication and hard work our staff put in every day to keep BASC a safe, inviting, and engaging environment. - **Armelle** Assistant Director/Educational Leader

SERVICE NEWS

Assessment and Rating

On the 9th of June 2026, Pennant Hills BASC received notice regarding our upcoming Assessment and Rating. This required us to update and submit our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) and prepare for an official visit from an Authorised Officer from the NSW Department of Education on the 16th of June. In preparation, our Senior and Management Team worked hard to compile all compliance documentation and ensure the entire team was ready for the day. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the staff and to Armelle, who was in charge on the floor during that Tuesday afternoon session. We so deeply appreciate the Senior Team for their incredible support throughout this process, and of course, our wonderful children, who are the ultimate reason we did so well. While we have yet to receive our official results, we are immensely proud of everyone's hard work, dedication, and ongoing commitment to our child-centred service.

Emergency and Evacuation Drills

As part of our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all children and staff at Pennant Hills BASC, we conduct regular lockdown and Evacuation Drills. These mandatory drills are completed and reflected upon every three months, typically taking place during Weeks 4 and 8 of each term unless stated otherwise. Following each Safety Week, our Senior Team reviews the exercise to reflect on what went well and identify areas for improvement. We kindly ask for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to prioritise the safety and well-being of everyone in our community.

SERVICE NEWS

Term 2 Project with Ava



Last term we reached out to a local Indigenous artist named Ava Muir. We had noticed her beautiful artwork on social media. She met with us and we discussed ways we could work with her to bring the children some authentic Indigenous experiences.

In Term 2 Ava has come every Wednesday afternoon to run an art/craft Indigenous experience including weaving bracelets, learning and drawing Indigenous symbols and having interesting conversations around culture and what this means in Australia.

Ava has been working on a meaningful mural for our back verandah wall which the children will contribute to in the coming weeks. The children have loved engaging with Ava, watching her work, and imitating her brush strokes and designs as we have been painting alongside her.

Watch this space for a big reveal!



SERVICE NEWS

Staffing Updates

This term, we have been delighted to welcome quite a few new educators to the BASC team! They have all done a wonderful job with active supervision and engaging with the children as they learn the ropes and understand how our service runs.

Please help us in welcoming:



Leone



Tahlia



Evie



James T



Hannah



Josiah



Maya

We are also thrilled to welcome back Calum, who was an integral part of BASC before leaving for Japan 4-5 years ago. While he is only back with us temporarily, it has been an absolute gift having this experience and warmth back at the service for a while



SERVICE NEWS

Farewells and New Chapters

While we welcome quite a few new faces, we also bid a fond farewell to several staff members who have been an important part of the BASC family for a long time.

Lucy:

Though Lucy left us during Term 1, we wish her the very best in her future endeavours and in her new role within her university field. Thank you for your time with us Lucy!



Arrow:

Arrow has been with us since high school and has decided it is time to explore new jobs and pursue their art practice. "Unfortunately, I have decided to leave BASC. It's time for me to explore new jobs, pursue my art practice, and see what else there is for me. This was a difficult decision because I really enjoyed BASC and have made great memories here. It was my first job and I couldn't have asked for a better first experience. I'll miss you guys, take care!"



Bec:

Bec has relocated to the other side of the bridge and is now working at another OSHC service. We miss her already and wish her the absolute best with her new community.



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Tegan:

Tegan has jetted off to Europe for a holiday before she begins her exciting new full-time career as a nurse! Safe Travels, Tegan!



Grace T:

Grace is exploring different employment opportunities as she completes her degree. She left us with this message: "Hi friends, I wanted to say thank you! Over the past four years, I have had nothing but positive experiences at BASC. I have made some of my very best friends and I am so grateful for the relationships that will continue long beyond my time here. Keep up making BASC a safe place for children based around fun and inclusion for all children. We all have such an impact on the children we look after, so keep up the good work!"



Jasmin:

Jasmin is also off to Europe before embarking on her next career chapter in line with her degree. We wish her the very best. She sent this lovely sign-off to the team: "Thank you everyone for such a lovely send-off. I will truly miss you guys and BASC so much. It's been such an important and influential part of my life, but it couldn't be without you all. You are such beautiful people who have kind hearts and make BASC the lovely place it is today! Keep up the puzzles, I'm there in spirit."



We are incredibly grateful for the immense impact all of these beautiful educators have had on our service, and we wish them the absolute best in their future adventures!

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Staff Stars of the Term



Lizzie Boxwell:

We want to give a huge shout-out to Lizzie and recognise her incredible work ethic! Lizzie consistently goes above and beyond whenever she is at work, always putting the children first. As a dedicated, proactive, and reliable member of our Senior Team, her positive energy and leadership make a massive difference to our service every single day. We are so lucky to have you, Lizzie, thank you for everything you do!



Eva Frith:

A massive shout out to Eva for her incredible work during her first round as our Vacation Care Coordinator! Organising Vacation Care programs is a big job, but Eva's meticulous organisation ensured our holiday programs were seamless, diverse, and (most importantly) pack with so many incredible moments that the children look forward to all term. Not only has she done an amazing job with Vacation Care, but she also consistently puts in 110% into everything she does whenever she is with the children.

Thank you, Eva!

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Vacation Care Program

JULY/WINTER VACATION CARE

MONDAY 6TH

DISNEY DAY

Step into the magical world of Disney with themed crafts, exciting activities, imagination and fun - all inspired by your favourite characters!

\$90

TUESDAY 7TH

BRICKS4KIDZ

Enjoy hands-on LEGO building activities, creative mosaic designs, and imaginative free play while exploring teamwork, creativity, and engineering skills.

\$113.80



WEDNESDAY 8TH

NAIDOC

Celebrate NAIDOC Week with cultural crafts, games, and activities inspired by First Nations traditions and stories.

\$90

THURSDAY 9TH

ICE SKATING

Come along with us to Macquarie Ice Rink for an ice cold winter adventure. Practice your skating moves and enjoy an exciting day out with friends!

\$123



FRIDAY 10TH

GAMES GALORE

Do you have what it takes? Get ready for an action-packed day filled with board games, puzzles, trivia and group challenges, with plenty of opportunities to win prizes and have fun!

\$90

MONDAY 13TH

ROCK CLIMBING

Challenge yourself with an exciting rock climbing experience that encourages confidence, resilience and adventure. How high can you go?

\$119.80



TUESDAY 14TH

BASTILLE DAY

Discover the culture and traditions of France through themed crafts, cooking and games inspired by the celebration of Bastille Day.

\$90

WEDNESDAY 15TH

GREAT OUTDOORS NATURE ADVENTURE

We're heading to Clifton Gardens! Join us for a beautiful bushwalk followed by activities including bug and crab catching, as well as building beach habitats for native turtles and penguins!

\$125



THURSDAY 16TH

WORLD CUP FEVER

It's World Cup time! Kick into action with soccer challenges, mini matches and team activities. Feel free to wear your favourite team's jersey!

\$104



FRIDAY 17TH

BASC'S GOT TALENT

Step into the spotlight and share your unique talents through singing, dancing, comedy or more in this exciting day!

\$90

MONDAY 20TH

SNUG AS A BUG IN A RUG

Wrap up warm and enjoy a cosy day filled with movies, relaxing crafts, and games. Perfect for a chilly winter's day!

\$90

TUESDAY 21ST

BACK TO SCHOOL

ADDITIONAL COSTS

EXPERIENCES

BRICKS4KIDZ = \$23.80
Rock Climbing = \$29.80
Soccer Workshop = \$14

EXCURSIONS

Ice Skating = \$12
Bus = \$21
Great Outdoors Nature Adventure = \$15
Bus = \$20



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Term 2 Menu

Winter Menu 2026

Breakfast served daily from 7.15am to 8.15am. A choice of cereals, toast and fruit toast. Warm Milo on request.

Week 1

Monday

Pesto Pasta

Tuesday

Trail Mix

Wednesday

Chicken Tender Wraps

Thursday

Spring Rolls

Friday

Chicken Fried Rice

Week 2

Monday

Korean Rice Bowls

Tuesday

Berry Crumble

Wednesday

Pasta Bolognese

Thursday

Mac and Cheese

Friday

Nachos

All afternoon tea is served with fresh fruit. Water is available all day.
Dietary preferences and allergies catered for.

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Babysitting List

Name	Phone Number	Current First Aid Training	Child Protection Training	Started at BASC
Armelle Kolton	Please Contact BASC for Further Information	✓	✓	Sep 2019
Lizzie Boxwell		✓	✓	May 2022
Ethan Ditchburn				Oct 2024
Cerys Howells		✓	✓	Jan 2023
Eva Frith		✓	✓	Jul 2024

All staff at PHBASC have current Working with Children Checks and experience working with children.

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Babysitting Policy

Policy Statement

This policy has been implemented to provide clarification of some points regarding private babysitting arrangements between staff and parents / guardians.

Considerations

Care for Kids website advice
Child Care Central advice

Procedures

At times, employees may come to the centre and already have babysitting arrangements with families or develop relationships with families that extend to babysitting arrangements. All employees are reminded that such arrangements are in no way connected to their duties as a Pennant Hills BASC employee, that these arrangements must not in any way compromise their duties and responsibilities as a Pennant Hills BASC employee and that this must be explicit between the parties in all such circumstances.

- The centre will not be responsible for any private babysitting arrangements or agreements made between staff and parents / guardians.
- Out of centre hours babysitting arrangements must not interfere with a staff members' employment at the centre.
- Confidentiality regarding other staff and children at the centre must be adhered to by staff members and respected at all times.
- The centre will not be held responsible for any health and safety or other issues that may arise from these private arrangements.
- A contact number list is available with staff contact numbers to be handed out for babysitting when requested. No staff member will be put on the list without prior consent.
- The contact number list is for babysitting arrangements only and is not to be used for any centre related questions, issues, or concerns.

Parents / Guardians of the centre who engage staff in external babysitting duties do so at their own discretion and the responsibility is their own. The centre takes no responsibility for staff members' actions whilst babysitting.

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What's Coming in Term 3

LAs we look ahead to Term 3, we have some exciting goals focused on enriching our play spaces and boosting our environmental footprint.

Revitalising Loose Parts and Craft Play: We are thrilled to have Calum with us for a bit longer! As the original BASC educator who first introduced loose parts play to our service, he is truly the King of Loose Parts. This term, Calum will be heading to Reverse Garbage to source a fantastic variety of sustainable materials for both open-ended play and craft projects. Keep an eye out for an influx of exciting “new” resources!!



Growing Our Sustainability Initiatives: With Spring on the horizon, Term 3 is the perfect time to bring our beloved vegetable garden back to life. We want to get the children actively involved in planting and nurturing new growth. Alongside the garden and our sustainable sourcing from Reverse Garbage, we are also committing to regular paperless days to challenge our creativity and reduce our daily waste.



We cannot wait to see the children engage with these initiatives and explore new creative possibilities!



COMMUNITY LINKS

Emergency Number

000

Australia's primary emergency call service number for police, ambulance and fire department

Police Stations

Pennant Hills / Eastwood: 9858 9299

Ryde: 9808 7401

Crime Stoppers

1800 333 000

Poisons Information

131 126

State Emergency Services (SES)

132 500

SES is an emergency and rescue service dedicated to assisting the community in times of natural and man-made disasters

Wires

1300 094 737

Wires Wildlife Rescue is the largest wildlife rescue and rehabilitation charity in Australia.

Ausgrid

13 13 88

NSW Rural Fire Service

1800 679 737

HazardsNearMe app

Hospital Contact Details

Hornsby Hospital: 9477 9123

Royal North Shore: 9926 7111

Westmead Children's Hospital: 9845 5555

Local Doctors

Rooftop Medical Practice

Thornleigh Marketplace Rooftop

2 / 263 Pennant Hills Road Thornleigh
8287 3400

Pennant Hills Family Medical Practice
20 Hillcrest Road Pennant Hills
9481 3200

Cherrybrook Medical Centre
Cherrybrook Shopping Village
Shop T05 / 41-47 Shepherds Drive
Cherrybrook, 9484 5676

West Pennant Hills Medical Centre
Thompsons Corner Shopping Village
16-18 Castle Hill Road
West Pennant Hills
9481 7773

Health Engine

www.healthengine.com.au

Book Doctor, GP, Dentist or Healthcare
Specialist Appointments Online

COMMUNITY LINKS

Suicide Call Back Service

1300 659 467

suicidecallbackservice.org.au

A free nationwide service providing 24/7 phone and online counselling to people affected by suicide.

1800RESPECT

1800 737 732

This 24-hour national sexual assault, family and domestic violence counselling line for any Australian who has experienced, or is at risk of, family and domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Relationships Australia

1300 364 277

Relationships Australia is a leading provider of relationship support services for individuals, families and communities

Daisy App

The Daisy App connects people who may experience violence or abuse to support services in their local area. It was developed by 1800RESPECT and is free to use and download. It includes some safety features to help protect the privacy of people using it.

NSW Domestic Violence Line

1800 656 463

The NSW Domestic Violence Line provides counselling and referrals to women experiencing domestic and family violence.

Hornsby Kuring-gai Women's Shelter

8411 2046

www.hkws.com.au

We empower women and children experiencing domestic abuse and homelessness through opportunities for personal growth, and the development of life skills. Also crisis accommodation.

MensLine Australia

1300 78 99 78

www.mensline.org.au

MensLine Australia offers free professional 24/7 telephone and online counselling support for men with concerns about mental health, relationships, anger management, family violence (using and experiencing), stress, and suicidal thoughts.

The Sanctuary - The Hills Womens Shelter

www.thesanctuaryshelter.org.au

The Sanctuary provides safe, temporary, supported shelter, for up to 3 months, for women and their children who are escaping homelessness and/or domestic violence.

Services Australia

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au

Services Australia is an executive agency of the Australian Government, responsible for delivering a range of welfare, health, child support payments and other services to eligible Australian citizens and permanent residents.

COMMUNITY LINKS

myGov

myGov is a secure way to access government services online in one place.

This includes

- Centrelink
- Medicare
- Child support
- Australian Tax Office

Child Care Subsidy

Service Australia

Assistance to help you with the cost of child care.

Service NSW

www.service.nsw.gov.au

Service NSW makes it easier for NSW residents and businesses to access government services, including :

- Driving and transport
- Health and care
- Education
- Concessions, rebates and assistance
- Housing and property
- Legal and Police services

Community Migrant Resource Centre (CMRC)

Level 4, 1 Horwood Place

Parramatta, NSW 2150

9687 9901

www.cmrc.com.au

CMRC is a not-for-profit, charitable organisation that focuses on providing specialised support services to newly arrived migrants, refugees and humanitarian entrants.

Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)

TAFE NSW

amep@tafensw.edu.au

www.tafensw.edu.au

1800 114 707

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) is a free service to help eligible migrants and humanitarian entrants to improve their English language skills and settle into Australia.

ESL Class

Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai Community College

9482 1189

www.hkcc.nsw.edu.au

Email: enquiries@hkcc.nsw.edu.au

This course is designed for learners from a non-English speaking background with basic English skills. You will practice your spoken and written English.

SNAICC

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