From the Principal’s desk
Welcome back everyone!
I trust you all had a restful break. The children are all excited to be back at school and ready for a busy term of learning. There are 11 weeks in this term, which finishes for the children on Wednesday 17th December.

Congratulations Mrs Hunt!
Today marks Mrs Hunt’s 30th anniversary here at Balgowlah North Public School. I would like to thank her on behalf of the entire school community for all of her efforts over the past three decades. Fortunately for us, what started out with the offer of a term’s work, has turned into 30 years of dedicated service to our school. Gwen has a wealth of knowledge about our school and our community, past and present, which is highly valuable to the school’s operation. Congratulations Gwen, on achieving this tremendous milestone!

School Planning
Our school is about to embark on the next phase of our planning process which covers the years 2015-2017. Over the coming months, we will consult with our parent community, through the P&C and randomly-sampled focus groups, to help guide our vision and future directions for the school. I will discuss this further at our next P&C Meeting on the Wednesday 29th October.

Gala Concert
I’m looking forward to our annual Gala Concert next Tuesday evening. We will get to see and hear from our choirs, bands, strings, drama group, dance groups, and some very talented individual performers.

We are fortunate to have so many talented children here at Balgowlah North and it’s great to have them perform on stage on one evening. Thanks to Mrs Malar and Mrs Nieuwenhuis for coordinating this performance.

Choir
My congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 children from our senior choir who performed at the Opera House as part of the ArtsNorth Choral Concert on the last Thursday of last term. The children were part of a 500+ group of performers which included bands, string ensembles, singers and soloists, along with the choirs from many schools across our region. The children sounded fantastic and it is such a special opportunity to perform in one of the country’s most iconic venues. My thanks to Mrs Malar and Ms Symons for preparing and accompanying the children to this event.

2015 Student leaders
Our School Leadership Program for our prospective 2015 leaders will begin shortly. Children in Year 5 who are considering the formal roles of student leaders or sports captains will need to participate in this course in order to be eligible for leadership positions. The sessions will be run by Miss Norrie and Mrs Wetzler over four lunchtimes. Our current student leaders will be participating in this program to help prepare our future leaders for their important roles. The children will receive more information over the coming weeks.

Term Letters
Our stage/class letters for Term 4, which outline what the children are working on along with other important pieces of class and stage-specific information, are now published to our website. You can access the letters here:

Only 37 days to go until our Spring Carnival...
Owen Taylor
Principal
Important Dates

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Stars of the Week

Isabella White, Natasha Woodward & Amber McCulloch are the BNPS finalists for the 2014 Sydney Youth Writing Competition. Their work will be published along with other winning entries in the book ‘Drop.Wind. Keep.’ Congratulations girls!

From the Deputy Principal's desk

Welcome back to our final school term for 2014! I hope you have had the opportunity to spend some quality time together as a family over the Spring break. It was wonderful to see so many smiles and excited children arrive at school ready for another great term of learning.

Kindergarten Orientation – School visits.

This term we will be holding our Kindergarten 2015 Orientation school visits on Friday 31st October, 7th November and the 14th November. All students enrolled for Kindergarten in 2015 are invited to participate in activities in the current Kindergarten classrooms. For the first visit on Friday, 31st October parents are requested to collect an information pack from the hall prior to proceeding to the classroom. This pack will contain your child’s name tag which will need to be worn on each visit. We ask parents to then join us in the hall for a presentation from key personnel on starting the school journey, you will then be able to collect your child at 10.50am. On the third Friday (14th November) after dropping your child off, you are invited to join us in the hall to purchase school uniforms, tour our after school care centre “Kulkuna”, finalise administration and chat to current parents and staff.

K-2 Sports Fun Day

Our fingers are crossed that the weather will be sunny and warm for our annual Sports Fun Day on Wednesday 29th October from 9.30 – 12.30 on the top oval. There will be a variety of novelty races as well as age races throughout the morning. Parents are welcome to join us on the top oval from 9.30am to cheer on our youngest school members as they strive to achieve their personal best. Thank you to Mrs Spooner and Mr Rees for organising this event.

University of NSW Mathematics Competition. ICAS

Congratulations to all our students who sat the ICAS mathematics competition.

The results for this competition are:

Year 3
High Distinction: Oliver Mace-Smith
Distinction: Tyler Campbell, Morgan Jones, Edward Martin, Mischa McCulloch, Violette Roumanoff, Matthew Young-Thompson.

Year 4
High Distinction: Daniel Martin.
Distinction: Lachlan Alexander, Holly Baynham, Leah Burton, Tara Flack, Sarah Gatherer, Tighe Jones, Marley Kierans – Ball, Chloe Mason, Amber McCulloch, Thomas Rouse, Karin Sun
Credit: Chloe Barnes, Hugo Bawtree, Daisy Harrison-Brown, Mia Jarrett, Olivia Phillips, Hamish Simington, Lachlan Williams

Year 5
Distinction: Beatrix Jones, Jack Giffin, Anthony Schiro
Credit: Jamie Brown, Harvey Jones, Amelia Molloy, Vanessa Sebel, Flore Kwakernaak, Zoe Lemlin, Euan Loh, Mia Schwartz, Sofia Walia, Elspeth Watson-Clark

Year 6
Distinction: Jayden Agapiou, William Mace-Smith, Chloe Martin
Credit: Jay Sargent, Georgia Singleton, David Turner

Assembly

This Thursday, 9th October, 3T will be running our 3 – 6 assembly. The University of NSW ICAS English certificates will also be presented. Parents are most welcome to join us, please be seated by 2.20 in the hall.

Ever wondered whether your child’s vision needs checking?

OPSM presents ‘Penny the Pirate’ – a storybook that allows parents to screen their child’s vision to determine whether a thorough eye test would be beneficial. This storybook uses three key eye screenings and covers common vision issues found in children such as: distance vision, colour vision and depth perception. A copy of the paperback book, ‘Penny the Pirate’, is on display in the school office. If you are interested in acquiring a copy, please visit opsm.com.au/penny. This opportunity is also available as a free app from Google Play or the Apple App store.

Have a wonderful week

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal
Music
Gala Concert
Tuesday, October 14th at 6.30pm
Balgowlah Public School Hall

Detailed information regarding the Gala Concert will be given to all student participants this Thursday, October 9th. Please forward Gala Concert audience attendance numbers to the office staff by Friday October 10th.

Amazing extension opportunities for talented musicians!!
The NSW department of Education Arts unit offers many enriching opportunities for young musicians in Years 5 - 12. Membership to any of the following programs is through audition. All rehearsals take place at The Arts Unit, Lewisham.

NSW Public schools Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE)
This ensemble is one of the premier student wind ensembles in Australia. The group rehearses Monday afternoons 4.30-7pm at the Arts Unit.

NSW Public Schools Symphonic Wind Orchestra (SWO)
The NSW Public schools symphonic Wind Orchestra (SWO) was formed to offer students an extension to their school band program and a training ground for SWE. SWO rehearses Monday afternoon 4.30pm-7pm at The Arts Unit.

NSW Public Schools Symphony Orchestra
The orchestra offers students a rare opportunity to play orchestral music to the highest standard. Rehearsals are Thursday afternoon at the Arts unit.

NSW String Sinfonia
The String sinfonia is a complementary ensemble to the Symphony Orchestra. Rehearsals are Thursday afternoons 4.30pm to 7pm at the Arts Unit.

NSW Public schools Jazz Orchestra
This is one of the state’s leading big bands. Rehearsals are Tuesday afternoons 4.30 pm to 6.30pm at the Arts Unit.

NSW Public Schools Stage Band
The Stage Band is an adjunct to the Jazz Orchestra and augments the jazz ensembles program offered by the Arts Unit. Rehearsals are Tuesday afternoons 4.30pm to 6.30pm at the Arts Unit.

NSW Public Schools Millennium Marching Band
This band is one of Australia’s premier and dynamic ensembles. It provides opportunities for instrumentalists, dancers and rhythmic gymnasts. For detailed information on any of the programs please see Mrs Malar.

Margaret Malar
Music Teacher

Circus Mufti Day
To support our school’s Spring Carnival in November, we will be having a mufti day this Thursday 9th October. The theme is ‘Circus’! Children will be able to come to school dressed as, perhaps, a clown, acrobat, strong man, circus master.
Each grade is asked to bring the following items for our Spring fair.
K – 3 - tombola Jars.
Years 4 and 5 - a bar of chocolate
Year 6 - a packet of marshmallows
We look forward to seeing all your exciting circus costumes in support of the Spring Carnival.
Thank you.

Student Leaders

From the Sports Desk
In the first 4 weeks of Term 4, all students will be participating in Gymnastics in their scheduled PE time. The children who have participated so far have thoroughly enjoyed their lesson. Please ensure that girls in years 3-6 who will be in school uniform either bring their sports uniform to change into at recess or lunch, or wear some sports pants/bike pants under their uniform so they feel comfortable rolling. The school has purchased lots of new gymnastics equipment this year which we are very excited to be using!
Kerry Kelly & Rachel Adams

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K-2 Fun Sports Day
Wednesday 29th October
9.30 – 12.30pm

Top Oval at Balgowlah North Public School
Join in the fun at the K-2 Fun Sports Day
and picnic lunch.

Parents, family and friends all welcome.
Don't forget to bring your fold out chair and picnic blanket. Dress up in your
child's house colours to show your support.

Some of the novelty races may include:
- Bean bag race
- Egg and spoon race
- Sack race

ALL STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR THEIR SPORTS UNIFORM,
INCLUDING HOUSE T-SHIRT AND THEIR HAT.

"If it is wet, the carnival will be postponed - 5th November."

Emphasis of the day is to 'to have fun' and 'to join in'.

Sports Report
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Tennis
Places are still available if your child in years 3 – 6 wishes to take part in tennis for school sport this term. Permission notes can be obtained from Ms Turner or on the school website and need to be returned to Ms Turner as soon as possible. Tennis lessons start next Friday, 17th October.
Citizenship Award  K-2

Ashley Gerrie

Ashley is a positive student who always comes to school with a big smile on her face. She is a very respectful student who always demonstrates respect for her teachers and peers. Ashley is a kind and thoughtful student who selflessly supports her friends and is trustworthy and dependable. In class, she is very conscientious and always completes set tasks to the very best of her ability, often going beyond what is expected of her. Ashley always follows school values of being ‘Respectful, Safe & Responsible’ and encourages others to do the same. She is an excellent role model and a well deserving recipient of this Citizenship Award.

Citizenship Award 3-6

Hayley Dalton

Hayley is a conscientious and self-motivated learner who succeeds in setting and achieving high standards. Her positive and caring nature can be seen in all that she does. Hayley never puts herself before others. She is considerate to both her peers and teachers and she is always willing to lend a hand. Hayley displays a mature attitude and is an exemplary role model in all school activities. She is a most deserving recipient of this award.
MAJOR RAFFLE

As part of the Spring Carnival we are holding a Major raffle. Your child has been given a book of 12 tickets to sell. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. The prizes are fabulous and many Thanks to our generous sponsors for these prizes.

Please sell what you can and return all sold (and unsold) tickets and cash in the ziplock bag provided to the box in the school front office. Thanks for your support.

PHOTO COMPETITION

Being launched at this week’s K-6 assembly is the Photo Competition. It is another opportunity to get the kids involved. We invite the kids to submit a photo they have taken.

The theme is ‘An Active Life’ and the photo must include in some way an item of the school uniform. Photos can be submitted to: bnpsphoto@gmail.com So encourage your child to get snapping during the holidays!

DONATIONS

With spring here and North Balgowlah council cleanup this weekend take the opportunity to do a spring clean and de-clutter.

Any donations of items in great saleable condition would be most appreciated. Please see drop off points listed below:

- **BOOKS**: 11 Alto Ave Seaforth
- **CLOTHES**: 34A Clontarf St Seaforth
- **SPORTING GOODS**: hold onto them for now - drop off point TBA
- **TOYS**: email sharon.tomlin@hotmail.com to arrange drop off or collection
- **LEMONS**: basket in Front Office

HUGE THANKS

To Stockland and Johnstaff (Ioan Morgan - Rhys Yr 2) for sponsoring the Main Entertainment Stage at the Spring Carnival.

Mrs Watson & her husband’s business, UBF Inspirational Print Solutions for printing the Major raffle tickets. Your help and generosity is much appreciated.

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Balgowlah North Public School
Gala Concert

Come along and be entertained by the following fantastic groups and individuals of Balgowlah North Public School.

- brilliant bands
- captivating choirs
- superb string ensemble
- junior and senior dazzling dance groups
- dynamic drama ensemble
- outstanding individual items!

Where: Balgowlah North Public School Hall.
When: Tuesday, October 14th at 6.30pm

Tickets will not be issued, however, please complete the Gala Concert Attendance Note below so that we are able to accommodate the number of people wishing to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Nieuwenhuis, Mrs Mercer and Mrs Malar

Gala Concert Attendance Note

I/We would love to attend the Balgowlah North Public School Gala Concert on Tuesday, October 14th at 6.30pm.

Number of people attending the evening ______

Child’s name: ______________ Class: __________

Please return to the office
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THU  OCT  9
9.30 - 11.30      3 SHIFTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
9.30 - 1.30
9.30 - 1.30      Naomi Champion
10.45 - 1.30

FRI  OCT  10
9.30 - 11.30      Paula Minice
9.30 - 1.30      2 SHIFTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
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10.45 - 1.30

MON  OCT  13
9.30 - 11.30      Annie White
9.30 - 1.30      2 SHIFTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
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TUE  OCT  14
9.30 - 11.30      Alex Bentivoglio
9.30 - 1.30      1 SHIFTS VOLUNTEER NEEDED
9.30 - 1.30
10.45 - 1.30

WED  OCT  15
9.30 - 11.30      2 SHIFTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
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10.45 - 1.30

THU OCT  16
9.30 - 11.30      3 SHIFTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
9.30 - 1.30      Kylie Ford
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10.45 - 1.30

FRI OCT  17
9.30 - 11.30      Gin
9.30 - 1.30      2 SHIFTS
9.30 - 1.30
10.45 - 1.30

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