From the Principal’s desk

Debating Team
Well done to the Interschool Debating team of Skye Jessett, Eliza Tompson, Josh Bortolussi and Mary Argyropoulos who argued against Allambie Heights Public School on Wednesday. The topic was ‘Homework should be banned in primary school’. The BNPS team debated the negative case. Although our team didn’t win the debate, win or lose, these are great experiences for our students to practice their critical thinking and public speaking skills and the students did very well in their first debate.

Semester One Reports
Over the last few weeks our teachers have been putting together the Semester One reports. Our reports are a snapshot of our students’ learning and are being finalised by teachers and checked by our leadership team. This process takes some time and it is important to bear in mind that the report covers the learning we have assessed up to midway through this term. Learning is assessed using a range of strategies, which include collecting the work students complete in class, making observations of what they do and say and some common tasks across the grade. Teachers then spend time together checking their judgments of students against the syllabus outcomes. Comments are constructed around the assessments and the outcomes from the syllabus. Parents who have previously received a student report from our school may notice some slight changes especially to the English. The new English curriculum has no strands and our report will reflect this with an overall grade for English and comments to support this. Teachers are currently implementing the new content of the NSW English Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum. As a result, you may encounter some new terms embedded in the English comment. Following is an explanation of some of the new terms. Semester 1 reports are due to come home on the last day of this term, Friday 27th June.

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<td>Visual literacy</td>
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Frequently asked questions about Reading
Why is my child’s home reader easier than the one he/she is reading in class?
Reading with your child is one of the most positive things you can do both at school and at home. Many of you would be familiar with the leveled reading books that are in the classroom and those that are sent home as home readers. You may have questioned why your child’s home reader is at a lower level that the one they are reading in class.
There is a good reason for this. We want your child to be able to read at home confidently and comfortably with a text that is at their leisure level. This means they know the story line, they know the characters and they know what happens at the end. These facts give them the ability to read confidently and fluently with the knowledge they bring to the text. Reading a new book brings challenges of unfamiliar vocabulary, an unknown story line and new language structures. Processing all of this takes time and is cognitively challenging. If children are constantly faced with new and difficult texts they do not have the opportunity to practice the skills they need to become confident readers. By reading familiar text children are able to draw on and recall knowledge of the text and past experiences of reading and translate this into a fluent reading of the text.
So next time you visit the classroom don’t be tempted to switch your child’s reader. The teacher will get them to move on when they see that you child is ready. We want to produce fluent, confident readers who will be ready to approach new texts at new levels of complexity once they have mastered the required skills.

Raffle Tickets
The fundraising committee has sent home $2.00 raffle tickets with each child to sell. First prize is an iPad mini, kindly donated by a local family. 2nd prize is a Globe bantam Unisex skateboard kindly donated by Boarders Skate and Snowboard shop and 3rd prize is a $50.00 Stockland Voucher kindly donated by Stockland. The raffle will be drawn at the K-6 assembly on the 26th June. Tickets and money can be returned to class raffle boxes or the raffle box in the school office.

Band Disco.
Don’t forget to purchase your disco tickets before next Wednesday 18th June. The ticket cost is $12.00 and are available through the Flexischools website. The children will be given a ‘fluoro’ wristband as their ‘ticket’ for the disco. DJ Andy will be here once again for the Junior and Senior disco – a great time will be had by all!

P&C Meeting.
I look forward to seeing many of you at tonight’s P&C meeting. It will be held in the Library, commencing at 7pm.

Term 2 Invoices
A reminder, that we would appreciate it if Term 2 accounts were settled by the end of this term. If there are any difficulties with making a payment, please telephone the office to make an appointment to discuss an alternative. All conversations are strictly confidential. Payments for the Stage 2 and 3 camps need to be paid as per the camp note.

The best portion of your life will be the small nameless moments you spend smiling with someone who matters.
Unknown

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Relieving Principal

From the Deputy Principal’s Desk
BNPS goes on safari for St Jude’s!
The excitement of last week’s visit from Felix from the school of St Jude spilled over on Tuesday as Balgowlah North turned into an African safari tour. You could be mistaken for thinking we had slipped into the Serengeti or the Ngorongoro Crater in Northern Tanzania. Zebras, lions, tourists, monkeys, giraffes and gorillas (to name just a few!) all made an appearance. The students and staff all donated generously and we are pleased to announce that we have raised over $1300 to donate to St Jude’s! This much needed donation will go towards supporting the education of the students at St Jude’s. There is a collage of photographs at the end of the newsletter.

UNSW Writing competition
The UNSW writing competition is Wednesday 18th June at 8am. As with the science competition, students must be at school by 7.50am with two 2B pencils and an eraser. Students will need to go to the same classrooms as the science competition: Year 3 in 6W, Year 4 in 4N, Year 5 in 5M and Year 6 in 6C. Class teachers have been given a list of all students who are competing.

3-6 Assembly
Year 6 will be leading the assembly and the drama group will be performing. Please be seated by 2.20pm.

Lost Property
There is still so much lost property! Please check regularly and label all items.

Have a great week,

Belinda Norrie
Relieving Deputy Principal

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### Important Dates
- **Friday 13th June**: PSSA Gala Day - Take 2
- **Monday 16th June**: Dance groups dress rehearsal
- **Monday & Tuesday 16th & 17th June**: Student Leaders Camp
- **Wednesday 18th June**: ICAS Writing
- **Thursday 19th June**: Project Penguin Expo

### Stars of the Week
Congratulations to our Student Leaders for their initiative to support The School of St Jude and to the school community for their backing of this wonderful cause.

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**NSW Government Education & Communities**

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Band News

Concert Band

The Concert band will be participating in the Instrumental Festival at Barrenjoey High School on Saturday 21st June. Brief details below, however a note will be sent to the Concert Band students soon.

Time: 1.30pm – 3.15pm
Where: Barrenjoey High School
Date: Saturday 21st June.

Junior Band

The Junior Band will be presenting their first public performance at the K-2 assembly in Week 8 Thursday 19 June. Keep up the great practice Junior band members, you are sounding fantastic. Parents welcome.

The Junior Band will also be participating in the Instrumental Festival at Barrenjoey High School on Saturday 21st June from 1.35 – 3.15. Further details will be sent home soon.

String Ensemble

They are performing at the Opera House on Wednesday 25 June. Further details will be supplied later.

Disco

This is for all K-6 students.

When: K-2 4.30-6pm
3-6 6-8pm

Where: School Hall

Theme: Fluoro

Tickets: On-line at www.flexischools.com.au

We hope to see every child coming along for a great time.

Please see the flyer in this newsletter for further details.

Jenny Mercer

School Liaison

Car Free Friday

Leave the car at home on Friday the 20th of June as it is Car Free Friday! It would be wonderful if we could have a car free school area on this day. Studies generally find that students who walk to and from school most days of the week have a higher level of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity compared with students who inconsistently walk or travel by car, bus or train. Although shops or schools may be within walking distance of most children’s homes, children may not choose to or may not be allowed to walk or cycle to these destinations due to heavy traffic. Active travel to school is also associated with active travel to other destinations, making walking or cycling to school indicative of wider use of active travel modes.

Tess Burns

Wednesday Skipping Group

Come and have some skipping fun! We had a great turn out last week at the first skipping group session. The group is open to boys and girls in Years 2 through to 5. We will skip individually to music, learn new tricks and perform some fun group skipping. Skipping group meets in the hall every Wednesday lunch time. I hope to see you there!

Mrs Kelly
BNPS DISCO
Wednesday JUNE 18th 2014

Let's Go Fluoro!

Tickets available through Flexi-Schools
www.flexischools.com.au
or Direct Deposit
BNPS Band BSB 062251 Account 10088207

Cost of $12 includes: professional DJ, drink & fluoro wrist band.
Years K-2 4.30-6pm
Years 3-6 4.30-6pm
Parent helpers are required at both discos.
Please email bnpsband@hotmail.com if you're able to help out.

Easy Costume Ideas:
- Fluoro Loom bracelets
- Fluoro Tape
- Hair chalk
- Fluoro Zip
- Dad's bike gear
- Fluoro Hairpray
- Glow Sticks
- Fluoro Nailpolish

SPRING CARNIVAL NEWS

WANTED: PRINTERS
We are seeking assistance with getting banners and promotional material printed for the Carnival. If you have a business or contact that can help us out please email us.

STALL HOLDERS STILL NEEDED:
- BBQ CHICKEN SKEWERS
- WHITE ELEPHANT
- SECOND HAND CLOTHING

KEEP THE JARS COMING!
Thanks for all the donations so far. Ideal are jars less than 300ml and with label removed. Please leave donations in the front office.

If you can assist please email bnpscarnival2014@gmail.com

BIG NIGHT OUT

FROM 7.00PM SATURDAY AUGUST 16 BALGOWLAH RSL
WITH 80'S COVERS BAND MONEYPENNIES
TICKETS $40 PER PERSON INCLUDES CANAPES
SMART CASUAL WITH A BIT OF GLAM
TICKETS AVAILABLE ON FLEXISCHOOLS
ANY ENQUIRIES CONTACT BNPS2014FUNDRAISING@GMAIL.COM

**July Holiday Camps**  
30th June – 11th July

Join our Holiday Clinics and play soccer indoors on grass.  
CLINICS FULL FAST, SO BOOK NOW!
- Professionally qualified & engaging FFA & AFE Coaches
- Learn new tricks, skills & techniques to improve your overall ball mastery and game play. We teach you how to execute a “Maradona Spin”, “Cryuff Cut”, “Ronaldinho Stepover”, or learn how to do an “Oxford”!
- Play football indoors in your boots!
- Small-sided games.
- Heaps of fun. Finish the day with Laser football.
For 5 – 13 year olds  9am – 3pm

**Extreme Football Tournament - Daily**

Play Bubble football, laser and 5 aside!!!
From 3pm daily.
- Play an extreme mini world cup with 5 A-Side,
- Laser Football & Bubble Football,
- Organise a team of mates.
- Team Registration $200.

Check out our website for details: www.thefootballfactory.com.au

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**Winter Holiday ART workshop + Term 3**

North Balgowlah Community Centre

**Fantasy & Adventure 3rd July**
Join us for a magical art experience! Canvas painting with glitzy paints & gems Watercolour scenes + paint and decorate treasure chests.

**Delicious Art 9th July**
Come and make mouthwatering art with us! Sculpt and paint clay cupcakes. Create mega ice cream cones on canvas + mixed media gumball machines.

Age: 5-10  time: 11-2pm  cost: $55

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**Manly United Football Club July Holiday Camps**


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**Brush Art 4 Kids**
We believe all kids can be creative!

Fun Creative Art Workshops
@ If u like ART studio  1a Powells Road, BROOKVALE (cnr Mitchell Rd)

Many WINTER school holiday workshops to select from in our spacious studio in Brookvale

**Daily Workshop Schedule & Costs**
Monday 30th JUNE to Friday 11th JULY
9.30am to 12.30pm (Ages 5 to 9): $45
10am to 3pm (Ages 5 to 12): $65-$85

Cost incl. materials, BYO drink, snack & for lunch

**Wonderful NEW Options to select from:**
Free Choice Canvas Painting
Design & Create Large Mosaic Mirror
Caricature & Cartooning
Paint / Décor Jewellery/Treasure Box
Sew a Colourful Groovy Bag
Sew a Pillow & Blanket

Visit www.brushart4kids.com.au for form

**DON’T MISS OUT, BOOK EARLY!**
Call Daphne  0409 569483
e: daphne.katos@bigpond.com

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**JITA Kids School Holiday Camps**

Week 1:  Mon 30th June– Fri 4th July
9am – 12pm
$20/day  OR  Kids Pass4 - $60 for 4 kids/day

Week 2:  Mon 7th – Fri 11th July
9am – 12pm
$20/day  OR  Kids Pass4 - $60 for 4 kids/day

For more information or to book in give us call on 9907 9180.

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