From the Principal’s desk

Indigenous Day
What a wonderful day we had today! The boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed our Indigenous Day presented by the Koomurri Aboriginal group. From boomerang throwing to painting, the activities were interesting and engaging and the children learnt a lot about Aboriginal culture and traditions. Congratulations children on your respectful behaviour throughout the day.

PAVE Research Project
Our children in Years 3 and 4 have been invited to participate in a research project aimed at combatting anxiety and developing resilience. The Preventing Anxiety and Victimisation through Education (PAVE) research project is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Federal Department of Education and Macquarie University. The study is being conducted by some of Australia’s leading researchers in education and is chaired by Professor Ron Rapee AM who is one of Australia’s foremost experts in anxiety research and treatment. Children in Years 3 and 4 participate by completing a confidential survey at school on four occasions over the next three years. Eligible children, and their parents, then participate in the Cool Kids: Taking Control program. This study will provide our school with valuable resources and data and the school fully endorses the study.

All Stage 2 parents will receive a letter of invitation tomorrow which requires signed consent. You can return this consent form to your child’s class teacher by 8th August or you can give consent online via: https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_1Nx30am80nZH6v3. If you have any further questions, please contact me here at school.

Drama Performance
It was a pleasure to see our children perform on stage at NIDA last Thursday. The children all gave confident performances and our piece was a highlight of the evening. It was clever, well delivered and very entertaining. I would like to thank our talented, creative teachers, Miss Collings and Mrs Parsons, for coordinating the program and providing such a valuable opportunity for our boys and girls.

Spring carnival: 15th November for our Spring Carnival
Remember to reserve 15th November on your calendar. Our Year 2 Fundraising Team have been working hard to ensure the carnival’s success. I would like to thank Wayne Blackley, from Blackley’s Estate Agents, who will be the Presenting Partner of the Spring Carnival. We appreciate Blackley’s support over many years to our school. We still have some tickets left for our ‘Big Night Out’ on Saturday 16th August. You can book online through Flexischools.

Debating
In our final Premier’s Debating Challenge debate, our team took on Seaforth Public School on Monday afternoon. The topic was ‘that Australia should ban eating meat’ and we were the negative team. Seaforth opened the debate strongly but our successful rebuttals won us the debate in the end. Our team of India, Skye, Eliza and Emily all spoke very well. Good work team!

PSSA State Knockout
Congratulations to our senior netballers who were narrowly defeated by Newport on Monday. It was a spirited and entertaining match and the girls should all be very proud of their efforts.

Supervision
I would like to remind you that teacher supervision begins at school from 8:30am. Please do not send your children to school before this time, except for rehearsals or morning sports practice. Thank you for your support in this matter.

P&C Meeting
I hope to see many of you at the P&C meeting tonight at 7pm in our library.

Owen Taylor
Principal
From the Deputy Principal’s desk

Assembly Roster
Thank you to KR who entertained us at the K-2 assembly with their wonderful item Tadpole Blues and 3S who displayed their wonderful vocal and musical skills in their item Gadi Gadi Yinam. Thank you to all the students and teachers involved in these performances. Please note the schedule of classes leading each assembly this term as we always look forward to parents joining us each week at our Assemblies.

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Concert Band Open Rehearsal
An invitation is extended to parents and students to attend our Concert band rehearsal next Wednesday 6th August from 7.45 – 8.30am in the school hall. If you are interested in joining our Band program this is the perfect opportunity to listen and watch our band and conductors at work.

University of NSW Mathematics Competition
The UNSW Mathematics Competition test will be held 12th August commencing at 8.00am. Students will need to be at their designated room at 7.50am for an 8.00am start. The test cannot be delayed for students arriving late, so it is important to be on time with 2 pencils (2B pencils) sharpener and eraser.
Year 3 – 6W classroom
Year 4 – 4N classroom
Year 5 – 5M classroom
Year 6 – 6C classroom

Kindergarten 100 days at school
Congratulations to Kindergarten for reaching such an important milestone in their learning journey last Friday – 100 days at school! There are many wonderful accomplishments from our Kindergarten students and this day is one where each child can reflect on the amazing things they have achieved in such a short time. We are very proud of you Kindergarten!

Don’t wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great.
Orison Swett Marden

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Jessica Sigurdson, 2R, who received a runner up prize in the Anti-Discrimination Board’s Law Week Indigenous Art Competition. There were only 3 winners and 15 runners up across the state. Well done Jessica!

Artists in Action

Year 6 students, Skye Jessett, Zali McKay and David Turner attended a two day art program at the end of Term 2. The students worked closely with artists and students from the Northern Sydney Region, developing their knowledge and skills in drawing, painting, mixed-media and sculpture. An exhibition of their work is on display in the office for everyone to share. We are very proud of Skye, Zali and David.  
Bev Wetzler

Commonwealth Games News

Robbie White (year 2) is currently at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow with his grandfather who is the Chairman of the Glasgow Games and was fortunate to participate in the Baton Relay with his grandad - Go Australia!

Music

State Music Camp
Congratulations to Lara Frawley and Elsie Watson-Clark who were selected to participate in the State Music Camp held at the Narrabeen Academy of Sport in week one of this term. The girls were involved in many exciting and interesting activities throughout the week which culminated in an outstanding instrumental and vocal concert. Both Lara and Elsie thoroughly enjoyed the experience of working with highly accomplished tutors and meeting children from a variety of schools with a strong passion for music. Well done girls!

Disney

Stage One Performance: Years One and Two) Week 6, Wednesday, August 20th
Matinee 10am
Evening: 6.30pm
Venue: School Hall
A special thank you to all the wonderful class parents, who have so generously given their time and talent to create beautiful and very imaginative costumes for the children. Your efforts are very much appreciated and will be greatly admired when the children perform for you on stage. Please aim to have any necessary costume items organised by the end of Week 4. The Dress Rehearsal will be in week 5. Details will be sent home next week.
A note will be distributed this week for you to indicate the number of people attending the matinee and evening Disney performances. Please complete the details and return it to your child’s class teacher.

Senior Choir
Workshop: Curl Curl Public School Tuesday afternoon August 5th
Combined Rehearsal: Chatswood HS Tuesday August 12th
Choir Practice session: Every Thursday at 8am. Please endeavour to be prompt!
Years 5 and 6 senior choir only: Tickets for the Arts North choral Festival are on sale at the Sydney Opera House Booking Office. Congratulations to Sarah, Layla and Maddison who are members of the Regional Choir and performed in the foyers for the Nida Drama Festival last week. Great work girls!
Margaret Malar
Arts North Festival of Drama

We were so proud of the BNPS Years 3 and 4 Drama Ensemble who performed twice last week at NIDA. Our talented group closed the matinee show with a bang and during the evening show their performance was flawless!

Congratulations to the BNPS Drama Ensemble for a fantastic performance of ‘Debacle at the zoo!’ We are looking forward to further performances on Open Day and Gala night!

**Mrs Parsons and Miss Collings**

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**Athletics Carnival**

The Balgowlah North Public School 2014 Athletics Carnival is fast-approaching with two weeks to go before the carnival on Wednesday 13th August. The carnival will once again be held at Narrabeen Sports Academy starting at 9.30am sharp and concluding at approximately 2.15 pm. Please note this altered start time is half an hour earlier than last year. This year the carnival is going to include the field event finals (high jump, long jump and shot put) as well. The carnival is open to all students turning 8 years old in 2014.

If you are able to offer some assistance to help on the day please make contact with me with your availability.

**Susie Stock**

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**NSWPSSA Netball Knockout**

The Balgowlah North senior A netball team played host to Newport Public School on Monday for the semi-final of the NSWPSSA Netball knockout. The team of Zali McKay, Sophie Walters, Queenie Harvey, Tehama Levasa, Sophie Andrew, Georgia Singleton, Hannah Buckley and Jamie Egger played with poise and demonstrated an extremely high skill level. The first half was hard fought with a huge defensive effort by the girls. As the half time siren sounded we held a tenuous lead. In the third quarter the girls passed the ball well and combined to score a number of goals but Newport pulled the score back to be level with us at three quarter time. The girls played with courage, but were out-played by Newport to be beaten 17-21 at the final siren. Great effort girls, we are all very proud of you. A big thank you must go to Jen Sargent for umpiring on the day and all the wonderful parents who came to support us. Well done, team!

**Susie Stock**

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**School Banking**

**Rewards orders this week**

This week if a student banker has 10 tokens they can order their reward item.

Items on offer this term are:

- Whale shark Pencil case
- Scented pencils
- Penguin keyring
- Shark Keyring
- Handball
- Swimming Bag (**new**)
- Tin Money box (**new**)

Prizes ordered this week will be available for collection at the banking desk in **2 weeks time**.

The next opportunity to order is in Week 7 so keep banking to reach your 10 tokens!

**Yolanda Johnstone**
Band News
Information for all parents of the school:
Band Recruitment for 2015 Junior Band this term.

An e-mail was sent to all parents of students in years 2, 3, 4 and 5 regarding the opportunity to join the band in 2015. The information evening is being held this term, Monday 25 August. See the whole page information sheet for details in this newsletter.

If your child decides to join the band, tutorials will commence in Term 4 for 8 weeks and they will have a band rehearsal at the end of term. All the details will be explained at the Information Evening.

You can also go to the School’s Band website to find out more about the band program and further details. Log into http://www.bnpsband.com.au

As a lead-up to the Band Information Evening there are a few events the children and parents can involve themselves in to help decide whether you would like to be a part of the school Band Program.

A Band Information Booklet will be available on-line with all details of the program in the near future.

Wednesday 6 August: Open rehearsal - Concert band.
Any child who is considering joining the band program is invited to a rehearsal to see what is involved at a typical morning rehearsal. It will commence at 7.45am – 8.45am. Parents and students may sit and watch for any length of time. Questions will be answered at the Information Evening.

Tuesday 19 August: Open rehearsal - Junior band. 7.45 – 8.45
As above

Monday 25 August: Band information Evening. School hall 7pm. Parents and students who are wanting to join the band program are welcome.

Tuesday 2 September: Blow test. This is a short assessment of your child’s suitability for individual instruments.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Thursday 14 August: K – 6 Assembly String Ensemble performing
Friday 29 August: Father’s Day breakfast. The Junior Band will be performing.
Sunday 14 September: Battle of the Bands. Concert Band only
Thursday 18 September: K-6 Assembly Concert Band performing
Tuesday 14 October: Gala Night. Concert and Junior band performing.
Thursday 6 November: K-6 assembly. Junior Band performing
Saturday 15 November: Both bands performing at the Fun Fair.
Tuesday 9 December: Presentation Day. Junior Band & Concert Band performing

Semester 2 Band Fees
Semester fees are due and can be paid by cheque, Eftpos or Flexi-school. Please pay as soon as possible.

Jenny Mercer
School Liaison

\[\text{https://www.facebook.comcnwpsband.com.au} \quad \text{https://twitter.com/BalgowlahNthPS}\]
Interrelate Program Parents and Students Years 3-6
Interrelate will be holding two information sessions at school on Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September.

\textbf{Session 1} – ‘Where did I come From?’ (Y3-6) 6 - 7pm

\textbf{Session 2} – ‘Preparing for Puberty’ (Y5/6) 7.15 – 8.15pm

These sessions are invaluable, engaging, informative and fun.
Everyone is encouraged to attend.

\textbf{Booking Form:} See Website
Dear Parents,

The recruitment process for the Junior Band in 2015 has been brought forward to this term, so children can begin tutorials in Term 4 for 8 weeks and have one band rehearsal at the end of Term 4, in preparation for a great start in 2015.

An important introduction to the school band program is the information evening scheduled for:

7.00pm Monday 25 August in the school hall

The introductory evening is for all parents and children from years 2, 3, 4 & 5 who are interested in joining the 2015 Junior Band. It is important that all new band parents and children attend this meeting to hear about the format of the band program, commitment from both students and parents and costs involved.

Before the Information Evening students and parents are invited to attend either two of the open rehearsal times listed below. This will give you an insight into how a typical band rehearsal is conducted twice weekly for each band. You may drop in at anytime for any amount of time. Questions will be answered at the Information Evening.

Open rehearsal 6 August – Concert Band 7.45-8.45am
Open rehearsal 19 August - Junior Band 7.45-8.45am

The band conductor, Angus Bullough, will outline:
- the development program for the Junior Band
- assessing a suitable instrument for your child
- sources and arrangements for tutorials for Junior Band members
- sources for instruments for purchase and/or hire
- other questions you may have

Applications will be given out on the evening and can be filled out immediately or returned to the office by Friday 29 August 2014.

All interested students are encouraged to attend with their parents. Looking forward to seeing you there.

For further updates please refer to the website and/or to the school’s weekly newsletter on-line. The Information Booklet will be available soon on-line. It will not be available in hard copy.

If you are unable to attend the Information Evening but would like your child to join the band program, please read the information booklet online at http://www.bnpsband.com.au and pick up an application form from the office, otherwise they will be handed out on the evening.

Jenny Mercer
Band liaison
**Canteen Roster**

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**Canteen Volunteers Needed**

Join our easy online rostering system to browse the available shifts.

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**Roger**

**Scan the QR Code Above**

**Roster Enquiries Email:** petracanteen@optusnet.com.au

**PLEASE DO THE RESPONSIBLE THING. IF YOU CAN’T MAKE IT, PHONE OR SWAP. PLEASE BRING AN APRON!**

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