From the Principal’s desk

Warringah Council Traffic Committee
I attended the Warringah Council Traffic Committee meeting yesterday morning at the Council Chambers in Dee Why. Debbie Emmerton also attended as a representative of our P&C Association. We are concerned, and have been for a number of years, about the wombat crossing on Manning Street. It is TECHNICALLY not a crossing, rather a traffic calming device. The problem is that it looks like a crossing, there are white lines on the road with red and white bollards on either side. This creates confusion among children, parents, motorists and community members alike. I have seen many near misses and I don’t want the safety of our children compromised in any way. A simple solution would be to plant trees and shrubs by the side of the road to prevent it being used as a crossing. According to the Council, the wombating crossing has been assessed as ‘low’ risk which is certainly not how we see it. The outcome of today’s meeting will be known in 10 days’ time. You may wish to send a message to the B Ward councillors expressing your concerns via: http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/your-council/contact-us/customer-service/enquiry-form. In the meantime, please encourage your children not to cross at this point.

Farewell Julius!
Last Friday marked Julius’ 11th year as a crossing supervisor at our school. We are fortunate to have had Julius here for so long as he originally agreed to take the position for only 6 months! Sadly, the time has come for him to retire and his last day will be Friday 15th August. We plan to make a special presentation to Julius on behalf of the children at our K-6 Assembly on Thursday 14th August. It would be great to see many parents here to wish Julius all the best.

Washing hands
Since the holidays, we have had a few bugs spreading through our school. Now may be an opportune time to have a conversation with your children about the importance of hand washing to prevent the spread of germs. I hope that all our sick children, and staff members, are on the mend soon.

PAVE Research Project
Thanks to those parents who have returned their signed consent forms for the PAVE research project which is aimed at combating anxiety and developing resilience. All children in Years 3 and 4 received the note to take home. The research project involves taking a confidential online survey here at school in Term 4 and then eligible children and families will be invited to participate in the Cool Kids: Taking Control program run by Macquarie University. Two further online surveys will take place in 2015 and 2016. The consent form needs to be returned to your child’s class teacher by this Friday or you can give consent online at: https://jfe.qualtrics.com_FORM/SV_1Nx30am80nZH6v3. If you have any further questions, please contact me here at school.

Athletics Carnival
I know our boys and girls are excited about our Athletics Carnival next Wednesday. The carnival is for all of our boys and girls who are 8, or turning 8, this year and those who are older. Thanks to Mrs Stock and Mrs Kelly for their hard work in getting the carnival organised.

Owen Taylor
Principal
**Important Dates**

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**Stars of the Week**

**Queenie Harvey & Georgia Singleton**

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last week Georgia and Queenie played netball for the Sydney North team in the NSWPSSA State Netball Carnival. The team was successful in winning the carnival and bringing the trophy back to the beaches. Well done, girls! We are so proud of you!

Georgia is to be congratulated on her selection in the NSW State netball team that will travel to Queensland for the national carnival on the 30th August. Awesome effort, Georgia!

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**From the Deputy Principal’s desk**

**UNSW Maths Competition.**

The UNSW Maths Competition test will be held 12th August (next Tuesday) 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

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**Maths Olympiad**

The last round of the Maths Olympiad proved to be a most challenging one, with many of our problem solving quizzers challenged by this tests offerings. Congratulations to Chloe Martin for a superb effort in achieving 5 out of 5 and to Thomas Rouse, Isabella Rigatos, Mia Schwartz, Jayden Agapiou and Emily Wood for a wonderful effort in achieving 4 out of 5 in such a challenging Olympiad! Well done! Congratulations to all our Olympians for great problem solving. Thank you also to Maria Yanitsas for coaching our team this year.

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**Journey of Learning**

We are looking forward to meeting many of our 2015 Kindergarten parents at our ‘Journey of Learning’ 18th August at 11.30am commencing from ‘the deck’ outside our hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our students and teachers in action and experience some of the exciting learning programs our students are involved in.

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**Assembly**

We look forward to KT entertaining us at this weeks’ K – 2 Assembly. Parents and friends are welcome to join us, please be seated in the hall by 2.20pm.

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**Marita Nieuwenhuis**  
Deputy Principal
Fighting Poverty through Education
We would like to say a huge thank you to all our students for your amazing support for the school of St Jude. Your donation of $1343 has been put to incredible use.

What have YOU accomplished?
- ‘Powering a campus for 2 days’ to enable over 600 students to study, access computers, enjoy hot meals and more.
- ‘Buying a Medical and Welfare pack’ to ensure the students have all they need to stay happy and healthy.
- ‘Buying 240 baskets of fruit and vegetables’ to ensure students have a healthier diet.
- ‘Buying two excursion packs’ to ensure students continue to have a broad curriculum.
- It is wonderful to know that we have been able to help people on the other side of the world, most of whom we may never have the opportunity to meet in person.

Thank you Balgowlah North for your generosity.

Student Leaders

Stage One: Disney Performance
Week 6, Wednesday, August 20th
Matinee 10am
Evening: 6.30pm
Venue: School Hall
Attendance at Disney
Please return the note indicating the number of people attending the matinee and evening Disney performances to your child’s class teacher by the end of this week. As we are restricted with seating people in the hall, it would be extremely helpful if there could be balance with the number of people attending the matinee and evening performances.

Disney Dress Rehearsal
Information with details of the Stage One Disney dress rehearsal, to be held on Thursday August 14th, will be sent home with your child this week.

Senior Choir
Combined Rehearsal: Chatswood HS Tuesday August 12th
Choir Practice session: Every Thursday at 8am. Thank you to all the children who endeavour to be prompt. Please continue to practise the songs.

Years 5 and 6 senior choir only: Tickets for the Arts North choral Festival are on sale at the Sydney Opera House Booking Office

Margaret Malar (Music Teacher)

Library
Part of our Book Week celebrations are our Book Week Incursions. Last week a permission slip went home for these. K-2 will be attending Spike the Echidna, a story told through the art form of contemporary shadow theatre. This performance is in Week 5. Years 3-6 will enjoy a performance by an Australian Author – Mark Greenwood – who will talk about the writing process and inspirations for his books. We have many of his books in the library. This performance will be in Week 6. Please sign and return these permission notes so your children can attend.

This term in library year 5 and 6 are learning and researching about the theme of sustainability. At the moment they are exploring this huge topic and discovering some fascinating facts and ideas. We have been using a wonderful website: coolaustralia.org and our books in the library. In the coming weeks the children will narrow down an area of interest within this topic for deeper research.

On Sunday 31 August, the Children’s Book Council of Australia is holding a Big Book Day out at the NSW Writer’s Centre, Callan Park, Rozelle. You can meet authors, see illustrators in action and enjoy cake and Barbecue treats. More information is at: http://nsw.cba.org.au/pages/big-book-day-out.html
There is about 3 weeks left until the Premiers Reading Challenge closes. There is still time if you haven’t already registered to complete the challenge. Go to: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html for more information.

Thanks to everyone for helping their children remember their books on their library days. It’s great to see so many children so enthusiastic about reading and books!

Debbie Horsley Nicole Grover

Chess News
Congratulations to George, Marley, Euan, Finley and Will who qualified and represented our school at the Sydney Academy of Chess Interschool Chess Challenge 2014 Semi Finals last Friday. The competition was tough at the Northern Sydney regional semis and albeit no trophies, it was a fun and challenging time for all. These tournaments, which involve clocks to limit the total time each player can use, are a great experience for the kids and provides practice at making fast and accurate decisions under pressure. The Chess Club looks forward to more tournaments and great results throughout the year.

Nerralyn Loh
Chess Parent Coordinator
Athletics Carnival
The Balgowlah North Public School 2014 Athletics Carnival is fast-approaching with a week 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. We really require some assistance on the day, if you are able to help in any way; please make contact with me with your availability.

Susie Stock

The following photographs may be ordered until 28th August at a cost of $14 each. Please collect an envelope from the school office.

Year 6
Sports Captains
School Leaders

Hi! My name is Mary Argyropoulos and I am in year 6. My Mum, Paula, suffers with Parkinson’s disease. Parkinson’s disease is a condition that makes you wobbly and off balance and sometimes makes it hard to walk. My mum has good days and bad days, but somehow she perfectly juggles me and my big sister. My mum doesn’t let anything stop her. My Mum is my biggest inspiration. This weekend our good friend Shelly Buckley - mother of Hannah and Chelsea Buckley - is running the City2Surf and she is raising money for Parkinson’s NSW. Parkinson’s NSW is a charity helping people like my mum by providing support services, Parkinson’s Disease awareness and donating and collecting money to help find a cure. My mum also volunteers for Parkinson’s NSW and we are very grateful that Shelley has chosen to fundraise for this amazing cause! My Mum, Shelley and I would love if you could support this worthy cause by donating to Shelley’s fundraising page visiting the link below and donating.

Thank you!
City2Surf - Sunday 10th of August

Mary Argyropoulos
Band News

Information for all parents of the school: Band Recruitment for 2015 Junior Band this term.

Last week 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. Please note, the email with the Information Evening details had the incorrect day. It is on Monday 25 August 2014. 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.

The Band Information Handbook will be available on-line with all details of the program at the end of this week.

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

Monday 25 August: Band information Evening. School hall 7pm. Parents and students who are wishing 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 performing
Tuesday 9 December: Presentation Day. Concert Band performing

Jenny Mercer
School Liaison
Interrelate Program Parents and Students Years 3-6
Interrelate will be holding two information sessions at school on Tuesday 2nd September.
**Session 1** – ‘Where did I come From?’ (Y3-6) 6 - 7pm
**Session 2** – ‘Preparing for Puberty’ (Y5/6) 7.15 – 8.15pm
These sessions are invaluable, engaging, informative and fun.
Everyone is encouraged to attend.
**Booking Form:** See Website

[Interrelate](https://www.interrelate.org.au)

**Further Details:**
2014 Program Dates:
March 2014
June 2014
August 2014
October 2014

**Cost:**
$80 (or GST) per day
or $160 (or GST) per weekend

**Time:**
9:00am - 3:30pm

**Workshop Categories:**
Year 3/4, Year 5/6 and Year 7/8


When sexuality is the question...

interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years experience teaching sexuality education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skilful presenters.

The topic of sexuality will be handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The programs offer an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussion and games. A range of books on sexuality education and parenting will be for sale.

Evening programs provide age-specific sessions of about one hour's duration.

[interrelate](https://www.interrelate.org.au) Strengthening family relationships ... since 1926

https://www.facebook.com/cgiowlahnorthps  
https://twitter.com/BalgowlahNthPS
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](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
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Seaford Community Centre  
Cnr Baringa Av and Koobilya St  
MONDAY’S Juniors: 6:00pm

Forestville Senior Citizens Centre  
Cnr Warringah Rd and Sterkay St  
WED Juniors: 5:00pm

Also Beacon Hill and more

**Phone:** 04 1300 4094  
www.tkma.com.au

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Please help by doing one shift per term

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**Seaforth Cricket Club 50th Year**

Inviting boys and girls to join 2014-15 squads  
Kangas (6+ years) / Junior (Under 9’s to Under 18’s)

Registration  
Sat 2 Aug - Stocklands Baigowlah – 9am to 3pm  
Sat 9 Aug - Warringah Mall – 12-2pm  
Sat 16 Aug - Baigowlah Oval – 10am to 12pm

Online: www.seaforthcricketclub.com  
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Contact: Andrew Kennedy 0458 255550 / aakennedy@bigpond.com

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**play baseball!**

Are you looking for a warm weather sport which offers total participation for all children?

Do you have a soccer or football team looking to stay together?

Have you thought about T-Ball or Baseball?

We are a family orientated club which caters to everyone in the family, regardless of ability.

Seasiders are holding registration days on 26th July and 2nd August between 11am and 2pm at John Fisher Reserve (next to the Canteen)

More information on our website www.seasiders.com.au

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