From the Principal’s desk

Big Night Out
The Big Night Out last Saturday was a great success! The parent, and ex-parent, band did a wonderful job entertaining the crowd with their tunes from the 80s. Our thanks to those businesses who donated prizes for the raffle and the silent auction and also to our parent community for their generosity. Thanks to them we raised almost $9000 from the evening which was a terrific achievement. Well done Helen, Jenny and the coordinating team for organising this event. All our fundraising energies are now focused on the Spring Carnival on Saturday 15th November. Check out our BNPS Spring Carnival 2014 page on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/groups/bnpscarnival/

Thanks Julius
Thank you to the children and parents who were part of Julius’ Farewell Assembly last Thursday. The choir sang and the string ensemble played beautifully. Our student leaders, David and Mary, spoke on behalf of the children and presented him with a booklet filled with messages from the children. Mrs Parkinson also presented him with a gift on behalf of the parent community and I presented him with a gift from the staff. Julius has been a part of our school for a long time and we wish him all the best for the future. We are still liaising with the people from Roads and Maritime Services to find a replacement supervisor. At this point, no new crossing supervisor has been appointed and we have been unable to secure a relief supervisor. In the meantime, please be careful when using the Bardoo Avenue crossing in the mornings and after school.

Disney Performance
One down and one to go... The Year 1 and 2 boys and girls did a wonderful job this morning at the matinee performance of the Disney Concert. The dancing and singing was simply wonderful. I’m looking forward to seeing the performance again tonight. Break a leg children!

Morning Bells
You may have noticed two bells ringing at our school in the morning. The first bell rings at 8:57am and lets the children and teachers know that school is soon to begin. When the children hear this bell they may wash their hands, go to the toilet and head towards their classrooms. The second bell rings at 9am to indicate the official start of the school day.

Fathers Day Breakfast
Don’t forget to purchase your Fathers Day Breakfast online at flexischools. You can order bacon and egg rolls for $5 and half-serves for $2.50. We are celebrating a week earlier than usual on 29th August due to our Year 4 children being at camp on the Friday before the actual Fathers Day. It would be great to see plenty of fathers here at school to help celebrate the wonderful things our Dads do for us.

Northern Sydney Combined Schools Choir
Well done to three of our Year 6 girls who sang in the Northern Sydney Combined Schools Choir at the Town Hall last night. Layla (6C), Sara (6C) and Maddison (6W) performed beautifully as part of the Arts North Choral Festival. Congratulations girls!

Year 3 Campers
The Year 3 children are very excited about going on camp to Milson Island next week. Milson Island is a NSW Sport and Rec camp on the Hawkesbury River near Brooklyn which offers some terrific activities. I can’t wait to hear the stories on their return. Thanks to the Year 3 teachers and Mrs Nieuwenhuis for facilitating this experience.
Netball Grand Final Winners
Well done to our Senior A netballers who won the Manly PSSA Zone grand final last Friday! It was a very tight game but our girls got home in the end by 17 points to 15. Coincidentally, our opponents, Curl Curl North, beat our team in the Junior A grand final two years ago by exactly the same scoreline. Congratulations to Mrs Stock and the girls on winning this title two years in a row.

Owen Taylor
Principal

Important Dates
20th August
Stage One Disney evening Performance
27th-28th August
Year 3 Camp
29th August
Fathers Day Breakfast
Bear Pit Public Speaking

Star of the Week
The Stage One children and their teachers who have done a fabulous job preparing for the Disney Performance. A special thank you to Mrs Malar and Mrs Orrick for all of their efforts.

From the Deputy Principal’s desk
Citizenship and Medal Recipients
Congratulations to Riley Coates and Cristian Herold on being awarded the Citizenship Award. Congratulations also goes to the recipients of the school medal; Lara Frawley, Holly Coulcher, Lucas Grange, David Turner, Skye Jessett and Angus McLellan who was unfortunately absent when the photo was taken. It is a great honour to receive these awards and we are very proud to have these students recognised for being exemplary role models at Balgowlah North Public School. Thanks go to Oops-a-Daisy and Blackley’s Real Estate for their ongoing support and generous sponsorship of our Citizenship award.

UNSW Writing Competition Results (ICAS)
Congratulations to all our students who sat for the ICAS writing completion.
The results for the writing are as follows:
Year 3
High Distinction: Annabel Lynch
Distinction: Meagan Hearne, Morgan Jones, Matthew Young-Thompson.
Credit: Ashleigh Barton, Tyler Campbell, Ava Currie, Jessica Dalton, Finn de Mars, Jessica Hardy, Oliver Mace-Smith, Ella Maryska, Mischa McCulloch, Alyssa Medved, Kai Organ, Violette Roumanoff, Isabella White, Marina Yanitsas.

Year 4
Distinction: Claudia Briger, Daisy Harrison-Brown.
Credit: Chloe Barnes, Sarah Gatherer, Noah Klugsberger, Amber McCulloch, Thomas Rouse, Karin Sun.

Year 5
Distinction: Zoe Lemlin, Phoebe O’Brien, Mia Schwartz.

Year 6
Distinction: Mary Argyropoulos, Lauren Devine, Georgina Dwyer, India Moore, Hannah Scopelitis.
Credit: Mirabelle Giandiri, Emily Wood.

The certificates for the Writing Competition will be presented in our next 3 – 6 assembly in Week 7.
Assembly
We look forward to KM leading our K – 2 Assembly this Thursday 22nd August. We will also be entertained by our Junior Dance Group, performing their dance piece “Happy”. Parents and friends are invited to join us, please be seated by 2.20pm.

Kindergarten 2015 ‘Journey of Learning’
It was lovely to meet our Kindergarten 2015 parents/carers for our ‘Journey of Learning’. Our new parents were able to view classrooms in operation and gain a snapshot of the exciting programs offered here at Balgowlah North Public School. Thank you to our wonderful class mothers, Megan Wishart, Michelle Morley, Nicole Margetts, Kim Baesana who were on hand to answer those parent questions and our fabulous teachers and students.

To further help our 2015 Kindergarten students become acquainted with our school, children are invited to attend the Orientation sessions with the first being our Sports morning Wednesday 17th September followed by further visits in Term 4. These sessions give the students a taste of school life inside the classroom and allow the teachers to get to know and observe the students in readiness for Kindergarten next year. All information is located on our website under the enrolment tab.

Band and String Ensemble Information Evening
We look forward to meeting all interested parents and students at our Band Information Night on Monday 25th August in the school hall at 7.00pm. If you are also interested in joining the String Ensemble please come along on Monday to find out about the program.. Please make sure you read the 2015 Band Information booklet which can be downloaded from the Band website http://www.bnpsband.com.au to see the new 2015 Band Information Handbook and have a read before the evening.

Challenges make your life more interesting, lifts your courage and spirit. Overcoming those challenges makes your life more meaningful and joyful.
Anon

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Book Club
Issue No.6 of Book Club should be returned to the office by Friday 29th August. Cheques should be made payable to Balgowlah North PS. Thank you.

Gwen Hunt

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

Band News

String Ensemble
Congratulations to the String Ensemble on your wonderful performance at the K-6 assembly. You are always a delight to listen to. Well done.

Junior Band
Thank you to the Junior Band for their demonstration of a typical band rehearsal on Tuesday 19 August and to the interested new band recruits for coming along and listening to their great talent.

2015 Band Information Evening
Come along to all interested students who are wishing to join the 2015 band program. All questions will be answered from conductors, current band parents and staff. It is in the School Hall, Monday 25 August at 7pm. In the meantime, go to the website: http://www.bnpsband.com.au to see the new 2015 Band Information Handbook and have a read before the evening. See the information sheet for details in this newsletter.

All Applications to join the 2015 band program need to be in at the office by Friday 29 August 2014. They will be given out on the evening.

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

Upcoming Events
Friday 29 August: Fathers Day breakfast. The Junior Band will be performing.
Sunday 14 September: Battle of the Bands. Concert Band only
Jenny Mercer - School Liaison

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Library News
This is the last week to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge. The challenge closes for students on 22nd August. If you have not completed your list, please do this by the end of this week. Well done to all those children who participated and have completed their lists. The children greatly enjoyed attending the Book Week incursions, which have been held over the last week. K-2 children experienced a wonderful performance done by a shadow puppeteer. The story was based on Australian animals, which connects to themes they have been learning in class. Years 3-6 enjoyed an inspirational performance from a well-known Australian author, Mark Greenwood, who talked to the children about his books and the writing process. This year we are having our main Book Week celebrations in Week 9. Please look for more information about this in this week’s newsletter.

Debbie Horsley  Nicole Grover

Operation Art
Every school in New South Wales was invited to participate in Operation Art 2014 earlier this year. Operation Art is an initiative of The Children’s Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education and Communities. The Operation Art program provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales. Our school submitted six pieces of work selected from students in K-6. Well done to Clara Naughton, Jessica Suwart, Maddison Sparkes, Cameron Alexander and Enzo Munro whose artworks will be on display at the Armory Gallery, Jamieson Street Sydney Olympic Park. The works will be exhibited from 6 September – 26 October. Open daily 10am – 4pm.

Debbie Horsley

Environment Week
Next week is Environment Week. To help support this important cause the school is going to do our best to have a ‘Waste Free Week’. All students are encouraged to have no waste in their school lunches and recess all week. We will record class results and Waste Free Wendy will go to the class with the least amount of waste for the week.
We will also support Environment Week with ‘Car Free Friday’ on Friday the 29th of August. Please try to leave the car at home and walk to school. It would be lovely if you could walk to school with dad before you enjoy your Fathers Day Breakfast at school.

Tess Burns

You are invited to Connect to Reading
In week 9, our school will be celebrating Book Week! The theme this year is Connect to Reading highlighting how books can be a way to connect with others and our world. On Tuesday 9th September we will be having our annual Book Week parade where children can dress up as one of their favourite book characters – one that they have connected with. All parents are invited to attend this parade and then spend some time with your children in their classrooms to enjoy reading activities. You are also invited to stay and have a morning tea picnic with your children.

This year, as well as our book week parade, we will be having a book swap. Our aim for the book swap is to raise money for Aboriginal communities in remote areas. In this way we hope to connect with another community less well off than our own through books and reading. On the day of the parade children are encouraged to bring a book from home that they have loved but do not read any more. Please help them to make a good selection. Children are asked to bring a gold coin and they will have the opportunity to come to the library and choose a book from the book swap to take home. The book swap is a way for the children to connect with each other through their books. So come along and join in our celebrations. I look forward to meeting you and seeing all the children’s wonderful outfits and posters.
Thank you in advance for your support.

Debbie Horsley  Teacher Librarian
Nicole Grover Teacher Librarian

Book Week Parade 9:15 – 10:15
Open Classrooms 10:15 – 11:00
Picnic Morning Tea 11:00 – 11:20
Book Swap 11:30 – 2:30 (children only)

Debbie Horsley Teacher Librarian
Nicole Grover Teacher Librarian

A Big Thank You
Julius and I would like to take a minute to express our sincere thanks to everyone who made Julius’ last days at Balgowlah North so memorable.
We’d also like to thank everyone, including the P&C, for their great gifts and cards.
Finally, we would like to thank the whole community for their support over the past 11 years, with a particular mention to the children for acting in such a responsible way which made Julius’ job that much easier.

Julius & Sandra Kulhan

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Athletics Carnival Track and Field Results 2014

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the athletics carnival last Wednesday. The teachers were extremely impressed with the great sportsmanship, teamwork and effort put into all the events by all our students. To all the teachers and parents that helped, a huge thank you for making our sports day such a wonderful success.

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Assembly
Ribbons for the first three place-getters will be presented at the 3-6 Assembly in week 9 on Thursday 11th September.

Zone Carnival
The zone carnival field events will be held Monday 1st September and track events Tuesday 2nd September at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen.
*** Students that placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the 100m and 800m will represent Balgowlah North Public School at the zone carnival.
**The 800m heats will be held on Monday’s field event carnival. The final of the 800m will be held on Tuesday's track event carnival.
***Students that place 1st or 2nd in the 200m, high jump, long jump and shot put will represent Balgowlah North Public School at the zone carnival.
Susie Stock

Netball Grand Final
Last Friday the day dawned brightly with beautiful sunny weather for the Grand Final round of PSSA winter sport. The Balgowlah North girl’s senior ‘A’ netball team had finished the preliminary rounds second on the ladder behind Curl Curl North. We competed against Harbord in the semi-final and won with a score of 24-5, which placed us in the final against the mighty Curl Curl North team.

It was a hard start for Balgowlah North as we only had five players on the court, as two of our defenders needed to have their nails cut, and weren’t allowed on to the court until the first goal was scored. The first half was hard fought with a great defensive effort by Tehama Levasa, Sophie Walters and Zali McKay.

As the half time hooter sounded our team was down by two goals. The girls had a quick drink and pep talk as the second half loomed! Xanthe Seipelt Walker, Sophie Andrew and Queenie Harvey started to dominate the centre court. They combined well to get the ball into our goal shooters Hannah Buckley and Georgia Singleton who were making the score count. The girls played with great heart and determination to finish the day as winners 17 -15.

Brilliant effort girls! We are all very proud of you. A big thank you must go to Jen Sargent for helping me throughout the season with all the umpiring and Shelley Buckley for always being available to transport the girls to all the netball games we participated in.
Susie Stock
Dear Dad,
You are invited to

Balgowlah North Public School’s Fathers Day Breakfast

on
Friday 29th August 2014
From 8.00 to 9.00am

Bacon and Egg Roll with Tea or Coffee $5
Kids ½ Bacon and Egg Roll $2.50

This year all Fathers Day orders will be done through Flexischools. Please go to www.flexischools.com.au, to place your Fathers Day order.

All breakfasts must be pre ordered and prepaid by Wednesday 27th August. Students will receive their food tickets from their classroom teacher before Fathers Day Breakfast.

Thank you
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 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
Cristian demonstrates outstanding citizenship skills. He consistently upholds the values of fair play and exhibits tolerance and understanding towards his peers. Cristian’s positive approach to learning makes him an exemplary role model to others. He sets high standards for himself which he quietly strives to achieve. Cristian’s impeccable manners have given him the reputation of a highly respectful and trustworthy student. He shows initiative in helping his peers and teachers without being asked, and without expecting a reward. Cristian is a truly worthy recipient of our Citizenship Award.

Riley is a thoughtful, courteous student in his interactions with peers, younger students and teachers. He never seeks reward for what he does. Riley listens respectfully to ideas shared by his classmates and takes the initiative to assist others when a need arises, always offering an encouraging word. Riley demonstrates responsibility and a positive attitude within the classroom by consistently striving to achieve his own educational goals. His caring, considerate nature and inclusive, friendly manner are widely appreciated endearing him to all who meet him. He shows great respect for our school expectations and is a valued student at Balgowlah North Public School.
SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Balgowlah North Public School Presents

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Held in the School Hall
Proudly sponsored by

Featuring bands from primary schools across the peninsula, playing from 10.15am-12.30pm.

All welcome, free entry. Support these talented young musicians as they compete for the Battle of the Bands Shield and John Speight Encouragement Award.

Also featuring the famous Trash & Treasure Markets 9am-1pm

Pick up a Bargain or declutter & make some $$$ by having a stall yourself - the kids will love helping sell their old toys and books.

Have your own stall! Only $25

Sausage sizzle, cold drinks, tea & coffee. Bargains galore!!

Balgowlah North Public School, 10 Manning St North Balgowlah

ENQUIRIES: Laura Manchester
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SET-UP 8am

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Would our child like to join the Balgowlah North Public School Band Program in 2015?

If so, you and your child are invited to attend the Balgowlah North Public School Band Information Evening. Our band program is open to all children from Year 2.

Where: Balgowlah North Public School Hall  
When: Monday 25 August 2014  
Time: 7.00 pm

Our band committee and band conductors will outline our wonderful band program and answer any questions you may have.

An information booklet can be downloaded from http://www.bnpsband.com.au this outlines our current band program.
The canteen has always been the domain of the wonderful mums we have at the school, volunteering their time to help throughout the year. As we are leading up to the annual Father’s Day breakfast next Friday 29th, we thought why don’t the dad’s show their kids that what the mum’s do so well, the dads can do just as well (we hope)…..So dad’s out there if you have some time during next week grab your apron, bring a smile and let’s show them what we have got. Your kids will love seeing you in there and it’s a great way to connect with the machinations of the school on a daily basis.

There shift options are:
- 9.30-11.30
- 9.30-13.30
- 10.45 – 13.30

It’s only a few hours out of your day so if you have some spare time at home next week or want to escape the office groundhog day for a few hours, please do get in contact.

And let’s not forget the brownie points you will chalk up at home!

The shifts available are below on each day.

Adrian Molloy is helping organise the week and coordinating the roster so any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact him on 0425 219 482
You can also join Sign Up Genius to sign up to a shift online:
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