From the Principal’s desk

School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff Recognition Week

Next week is School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff recognition week. Our SAS team of Mrs Hunt, Mrs Nugent, Mrs Elder, Mrs Baker, Mrs Tobler, Mrs Warnes, Mr Tempest and Mr Zappia, do an excellent job to ensure the smooth running of our school. Our office team are the first port of call for our parent community and they are extremely knowledgeable, professional and efficient. Their behind the scenes work is also vitally important. Our school is beautifully maintained thanks to our general assistants, Howard and Jim, and Mrs Warnes does a fabulous job supporting our children’s learning. I value the expertise and experience of all our SAS staff and would like to thank them all for their hard work. They really do make a difference in our school.

Stage One Performance

I must commend the children in Year 1 and 2 for the marvellous job they did on stage last Wednesday. It was a wonderful performance and all of the hard work really paid off. Thanks to those parents who made costumes and to all the teachers involved. Special thanks must go to the wonderfully creative Mrs Malar, Mrs Orrick and Mrs Spooner. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team of teachers to facilitate these fantastic opportunities.

Welcome Ian!

Many of you will have already met our new school crossing supervisor, Ian Nicholas. Ian is an experienced supervisor who has most recently been the school crossing supervisor at Greenwich Public School. We welcome Ian to the Balgowlah North school community. Make sure you give Ian a big smile as you cross Bardoo Avenue.

Chickenpox

Please be aware that we have had several confirmed cases of chickenpox at school. We recommend that you watch your child for the signs and symptoms of the disease. Symptoms include a slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash. If you suspect your child is ill with chickenpox, please inform the school and keep your child at home. Children with chickenpox are required to remain out of school until all of the chickenpox blisters have dried, which is usually around 5-7 days.

Pre-service Teachers

We have three pre-service teachers at our school at the moment. Nicole Cowley is working with KR, Emma James is working with 1L and Jess Gray is working with 4N. It is important for the future of our profession that pre-service teachers be given the opportunity to work alongside expert practitioners. We welcome them to our school and I know they will benefit greatly from the experience.

Happy Campers

We farewelled our Year 3 children to camp at Milson Island this morning and next Thursday our boys and girls from Year 4 will be off to Morisset. I know the boys and girls will have an excellent time. Let’s hope the weather is kind to them.

Enrolments

We are in the midst of planning for 2015. If you have siblings enrolling in Kindergarten next year and haven’t already completed the paperwork, you will need to collect the forms from the office or download them from our website. Should you not be returning to Balgowlah North next year, please let us know as soon as possible.
Fathers Day Breakfast on Friday
We’re looking forward to seeing plenty of dads here at school on Friday. Online orders with Flexischools close today - we have already taken over 500 orders! The morning starts at 8am in our back playground and we will be entertained by our Junior Band. In case of inclement weather, we will move the breakfast to our hall.

Bear Pit Public Speaking
Best of luck to Mary (6W) and Scarlett (4N) who will be representing our school in the Bear Pit Speaking Competition at Parliament House on Friday morning. This public speaking competition, coordinated by Mike Baird’s office, was initiated by Balgowlah North PS and is open to all the schools in the Manly electorate. Each school sends their best speakers from Stages 2 and 3 so the competition is always very tough. I know our girls will do a great job!

Best of luck Georgia!
All the best to Georgia (6W) who is representing NSW at the School Sport Australia Netball Championships on the Gold Coast next week. A magnificent achievement Georgia and we are very proud of you!

Only 79 Days to go until our Spring Carnival...

Owen Taylor
Principal

Important Dates
29th August  Fathers Day Breakfast
            Bear Pit Public Speaking @ Parliament House
1st September Zone field events
2nd September Zone track events
            Interrelate evening programs
3rd September P&C Meeting
4th & 5th September Year 4 Camp
9th September Book Parade

Stars of the Week
All the parent helpers for their creative costume making. The children looked wonderful.
Thank you for your part in making the show such an amazing success.

From the Deputy Principal’s desk
Responsible Pet Education Program
On Tuesday 26th August our K-2 children were involved in a free visit from the NSW Government’s Responsible Pet Ownership Program.
The sessions were delivered by a trained educator accompanied by their suitably tested dog. The program focussed on keeping children safe around dogs. Pet ownership also teaches children responsibility, and helps them develop their social and nurturing skills.
The key messages from this program for our children was, that it is important to understand that dogs are not little humans and that they do not think or naturally behave like us. To help prevent the instance of dog-related accidents and injury, it is important for children to recognise:
• times when we should leave dogs alone
• the warning signs given by dogs
• how to safely approach and greet a dog
• what to do if approached by an aggressive dog

Book Week /Open Morning
Our school will be celebrating Book Week on Tuesday 9th September. We will be holding a Book Parade where children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character that reflects the theme ‘Connecting with Reading’. The parade will be held on the 9th September at 9.15 in the front playground. Parents are invited to attend and then spend some time in your child’s classroom where you will have the opportunity to share in a range of learning activities connected to reading. To conclude the morning activities, parents are invited to have recess with their children in the playground. We look forward to sharing the morning with you.
9.15 – Book Character Parade
10.15 – Open Classrooms
11.00 – Recess with your children

Orientation Kindergarten 2014
It is hard to believe that we are planning for our Kindergarten 2015 cohort to attend Orientation in just a few weeks’ time! All our 2015 Kindergarten children are invited to attend the Orientation ‘Sports morning’ on Wednesday 17th September commencing at 10.15am. It will certainly be a busy morning in and around the school that day and we appreciate your understanding. If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2015, please make sure you have registered for the Orientation program through the school office, to ensure your child is placed in a colour group for the activities. Additionally, if you have not yet lodged your enrolment form, could you please do so as soon as possible even if you have a child already attending BNPS.
Assembly
This week our 3 – 6 assembly will be led by 5G. The ICAS writing certificates will also be presented. Year 3 certificates will be presented at a later assembly when they are back from camp. Our Senior Dance group will also be performing for your enjoyment. Parents and friends are welcome to join us, please be seated in the hall by 2.20pm.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Student Representative Council

Congratulations to our Semester 2 Balgowlah North Student Representative Council. We look forward to hearing your contributions in our meetings.

Katherine Turner

Music
Disney
Congratulations to all the children in Stage One for their spectacular Disney performance.

Gala Concert
Term 4, Week 2
Children wishing to audition for an individual performance in the Gala Concert need to add their name and performance details to the list in the music room. Auditions will be held at school in Week 9 of this term.

Margaret Malar
Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition
Congratulations to Scarlett Moore (Stage 2) and Mary Argyropoulos (Stage 3) for reaching the finals of the Bear Pit Public Speaking competition which will be held at Parliament House on Friday 29th August. We wish these girls the best of luck as they present their informative and entertaining speeches. We are very proud that you will be representing our school at this event.
Good Luck!
The Public Speaking Committee

Book Club
Issue No.6 of Book Club should be returned to the office by this 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

Year 6
On Monday 8th September at recess, year 6 will be holding a cake stall to raise money for our Year 6 farewell. There will be lots of yummy baked goods to buy. Make sure you save the date on your calendars.
Year 6 Students

SCHOOL BANKING REDEMPTION WEEK
Congratulations to all the consistent bankers who have now got 10 tokens. This Thursday at the school banking desk you can hand in your tokens and order your prize. Prizes ordered will be available for collection at the banking desk in two weeks’ time.
Prizes available this term include:
Handball
Whale shark pencil case
Penguin keyring
Shark keyring
Money tin
Swim bag
Wallet
Scented pencils.
Yolanda Johnstone

Band News
Junior band
The Junior Band will be playing at the Father’s Day Breakfast on Friday 29th August. They are to arrive at school by 7.45am to set up on the multipurpose court, weather permitting. The performance will still go ahead if it is raining with the contingency plan to use the hall. Once they are set up they will all be given an egg and bacon roll with the compliments of the Fathers Day Committee. The children are to come in their band uniform and must bring their sports uniform to change into. Remember the sports shoes as well. We are looking forward to your performance.

2015 Band Applications
If you were unable to attend the Band Information evening on Monday, but would like your child to join the band program in 2015, please pick up an application form from the office.
The new 2015 Band Information Handbook is on the website http://www.bnpsband.com.au which will answer most of your questions.
All Applications to join the 2015 band program need to be in at the office by Friday 29 August 2014. All applicants will be involved in a Blow Test on Tuesday 2 September: This is a short assessment of your child’s suitability for individual instruments. An acceptance form of your child’s allocated instrument will be sent home by the end of next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Friday 29 August: Father’s Day breakfast. The Junior Band will be performing.
Sunday 14 September: Battle of the Bands. Concert Band only
Jenny Mercer -School Liaison
Sports News
Summer PSSA returns for two dates only:
Week 7: Friday 29th August
Week 10: Friday 19th September.
Please return all soccer and rugby jersey’s to your sports coach as soon as possible.
Susie Stock

Interrelate
Please be aware that all interrelate numbers and payments should be made by Friday 29th August. Please see the notice later in the newsletter for further information.
Bev Wetzler
Dear Parents,
You are invited to

Balgowlah North Public School’s

Book Week Parade and Open Day.

Tuesday 9th September

9:15 – 10:15 Book Week Parade
10:15 – 11:00 Visit your child’s classroom
11:00 – 11:20 Morning Tea Picnic

https://www.facebook.com/balgowlahnorthps   https://twitter.com/BalgowlahNthPS
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
SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Balgowlah North Public School presents

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Held in the school hall
Proudly sponsored by Blackleys Estate Agents

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

Have your own stall!
Only $25

Enquiries: Laura Manchester
0403 941 615 or lauramanchester@bigpond.com
Set-up 8am

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

Sausage sizzle, cold drinks, tea & coffee bargains galore!!

Balgowlah North Public School, 10 Manning St North Balgowlah
**Canteen Roster**

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**Canteen Volunteers Needed**

JOIN OUR EASY ONLINE ROSTERING SYSTEM TO BROWSE THE AVAILABLE SHIFTS

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44adde3e2ff2-bnps3

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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!

COMMITTEE: CHAIRPERSON: Brigitte Campbell
SECRETARY: Shelley Buckley
TREASURER: Alexandra Tucker
ROSTER MANAGER: Petra Mazurkiew
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Lil Appledore, Bronwyn North, Tanja Muller
CANTEEN MANAGER: Mylene Stegman
NEWSLETTER: Sara Lindon

Enquiries: Mylene 9949 4499

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VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!
Please help by doing one shift per term

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**Nippers Registration**

Please check the community notice board for details of all the local Nippers Registration dates & times.