From the Principal’s desk

School App
As discussed at our last P&C meeting, we are working with software developers to create a Balgowlah North PS app which can be used on iPhone, Android and iPad platforms. In addition to our website, email, Facebook and Twitter, this app would be another method to communicate messages from the school. The app does this using push notifications which means messages can be sent to smart phones or tablets without incurring SMS charges. Once the free app is downloaded, you can opt in to the year group you would like to receive messages about. If you had children in Years 1, 3 and 5 you could select these options to receive updates for these grades. At the end of each year, your settings would automatically roll over into the following year. The app also has a facility to manage our newsletter distribution list. At the moment we download the latest set of parent email contacts from our enrolment database and use this as our distribution list. The app would allow parents, grandparents or other community members to manage their own newsletter subscriptions. You could choose to have the newsletters sent to multiple e-mail accounts. Our newsletter is our most important form of communication and it is important that someone in each family reads it weekly. Last week, our website only received 1099 page views overall which is several hundred down on previous weeks. Only 194 of those page views were of our newsletter. Hopefully, the app may help improve these statistics. The app should be ready to go early in Term Four, following approval from Apple and Google.

Stop, Walk, Talk
As part of our PBL and ‘You Can Do it’ programs, we teach the children important resilience skills to help them manage conflict and difficult situations. When children find themselves in difficult social situations, we teach them to stop, walk, talk.
1. **Stop:** ask the person to stop.
2. **Walk:** remove themselves from the situation.
3. **Talk:** tell a teacher.

It is important to tell a teacher when there is a problem so the teacher is aware of the issue and can help to sort things out. All too often, our children do not want to tell a teacher about problems or issues because they don’t want to dob or tell tales. It is important to bring issues to our attention so we can act on them. I know it will be difficult to break this culture but I’d appreciate you talking to your children at home about the importance of letting teachers know what is happening at school so we can support them.

Carnival Wristbands & Carnival Cash
Don’t forget our Spring Carnival wristbands and Carnival Cash are available from the Flexischools website. The wristbands are $25 for unlimited rides on carnival day and the ‘carnival cash’ can be used on many activities throughout the day. You can find more updates on the Carnival Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/bnpscarnival/

Congratulations Gwen, Eliza and Anna!
Best of luck to Miss Collings and Miss Marsh who are both getting married during the holidays. Miss Collings will return as Mrs McAllister and Miss Marsh will return as Mrs Marsh. I look forward to seeing the photos. In other marriage news, our school admin manager, Mrs Hunt, and her husband Neville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Friday which is a wonderful milestone. Congratulations to all!

Happy Holidays!
Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a happy, safe and relaxing holiday. The boys and girls deserve a break after another busy term. I’d like to thank the teachers for providing such stimulating and challenging learning opportunities for all our children. Thanks also to the parents for bringing them to school so ready and eager to learn. School resumes for everyone on Tuesday 7th October following the Labour Day long weekend. Enjoy the break and let’s cross our fingers for some beautiful spring weather!

Only 58 days to go until our Spring Carnival...

Owen Taylor
Principal
**Important Dates**

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**From the Deputy Principal’s desk**

**Battle of the Bands**

A sensational Sunday for Balgowlah North Public School began with the annual Battle of the Bands! The weather was fabulous, food delicious and the crowds were constant through the morning. Bands from across the Northern Beaches gave outstanding performances making the judges’ decision very difficult, with Frenchs Forest Public School being awarded first prize. Congratulations to the students in our Concert Band on their great performance, to Cassie White for her work conducting the band and the dedicated band committee who have worked tirelessly not only to ensure the success of the Battle of the Bands but providing a wonderful program for our students. Special thanks to Wayne Blackley for his generous sponsorship of this event.

**Assembly**

This week our assembly will be a K-6 assembly. The Concert band will entertain us along with our Principal’s awards, Banners, Medals and Citizenship awards. We look forward to parents joining us. Our assembly will commence at 2.10pm this week.

**University of NSW English Competition results**

We have received our results from the ICAS English competition. Our students received a total of 2 High Distinctions, 17 Distinctions and 36 Credits. Congratulations to all our students who sat for this challenging competition. This is an excellent result.

**High Distinction**

Year 3 – Chiara-Bella Attard, Matthew Young-Thompson.

**Credit**

Year 3 – Ava Currie, Meagan Hearne, Morgan Jones, Violette Roumanoff, Josh Tucker, Isabella White, Natasha Woodward.


Year 5 – Matilda Allen, Olivia Bradley, Evie Coulter, Thomas Hawke, Beatrix Jones, Harvey Jones, Euan Loh, Phoebe O’Brien, Zach Ottawa, Anthony Schiro, Mia Schwartz, Sofia Walia.

Year 6 – Lauren Devine, Jamie Dunn, Georgina Dwyer, William Mace-Smith, Georgina Singleton, Emily Wood.

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- Ava Currie, Meagan Hearne, Morgan Jones, Violette Roumanoff, Josh Tucker, Isabella White, Natasha Woodward
- Elana Bott, Leah Burton, Tara Flack, Tighe Jones, Marley Kierans-Ball, Noah Klugsberger, Lola Nicou, Lola Noble, Hope Schuttinga, Hamish Simington, Karin Sun
- Matilda Allen, Olivia Bradley, Evie Coulter, Thomas Hawke, Beatrix Jones, Harvey Jones, Euan Loh, Phoebe O’Brien, Zach Ottawa, Anthony Schiro, Mia Schwartz, Sofia Walia
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Library News
Thank you to everyone for the wonderful efforts made with last week’s Book Week Parade and Book Swap. It was so exciting to see so many book characters that day and the enthusiasm put into creating the costumes. The Book Swap was also a great success with children bringing fabulous books from home to swap with their classmates. We raised $626 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation which will go a long way to supporting a rural Aboriginal community.

This term during their library lesson year 5 and 6 have been doing short book reviews on books they have recently enjoyed and would recommend to their classmates to read. I thought I might include some of their recommendations as suggestions for holiday reading.

Lauren (Yr 6) - Wild Boy by Rob Jones, Sarah (Yr 6) Air Head by Meg Cabot, Mary (Yr 6) Wonder by RJ Palacio, Dylan (Yr 5) Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens, Lucas (Yr 5) The Fall by Robert Muchamore, William Klem (Yr 5) The Last 13 series by James Phelan, Mia (Yr 5) Museum of Thieves by Lian Tanner.

Happy holiday reading!
Debbie Horsley Nicole Grover
Band News
Concert band
Congratulations to the Concert band who played at The Battle of The Bands last Sunday. They can be very proud of their performance. It was a great morning had by all. A special mention to Anna Purvis and Zali McKay who welcomed and thanked our judges and bands, they did a fabulous job.

The Concert Band is also performing at the K-6 assembly tomorrow, Thursday 18 September. They need to remember their music and instrument as it is not their rehearsal day. They will perform in their full school uniform.

2015 Junior Band
There are still some forms that have not been returned. Please do so as soon as possible so the Band book and bag can be ordered.

Upcoming events
Tuesday 14 October: Gala Night. Concert and Junior Band and String Ensemble performing.
Jenny Mercer
School Band Liaison

Circus Mufti Day
To support our school’s Spring Carnival in November, we will be having a mufti day on Thursday 9th October, the first week back after the holiday.

The theme will be ‘Circus’! Children will be able to come to school dressed as, perhaps, a clown, acrobat, strong man, circus master – put on your thinking caps over the holidays!

Each grade is asked to bring the following items for our Spring fair.
K – 3 - tombola Jars. Select a clean jar, fill the jar. Ideas could include sweets but also things like bouncy balls, small toy cars, small colouring pencils or pens, stickers, novelty erasers/sharpeners, hair clips, hair bobbles, crayons, bath salts, hair bands, glow sticks, bangles etc. You can decorate the jars with stickers, labels, cloth covers or tying extra little things to the jar like a bubble wand with a jar of bubbles.

Years 4 and 5 - a bar of chocolate
Years 6 - a packet of marshmallows

Please start thinking about your Circus costume to support the Spring Carnival.

Thank you
Student Leaders

Clothing Pool News
There will be a second hand uniform sale this Thursday, 3.15 to 4.15, outside the Music Room. Please small change as there is no float. Many thanks.

Jenny Burgess
MAJOR RAFFLE

As part of the Spring Carnival we are holding a Major raffle. Your child has been given a book of 12 tickets to sell. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. The prizes are fabulous and many Thanks to our generous sponsors for these prizes.

Please sell what you can and return all sold (and unsold) tickets and cash in the ziplock bag provided to the box in the school front office. Thanks for your support.

PHOTO COMPETITION

Being launched at this week’s K-6 assembly is the Photo Competition. It is another opportunity to get the kids involved. We invite the kids to submit a photo they have taken.

The theme is ‘An Active Life’ and the photo must include in some way an item of the school uniform. Photos can be submitted to: bnpsphoto@gmail.com So encourage your child to get snapping during the holidays!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

To keep informed about all things Spring Carnival follow and like us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/groups/bnpscarnival/

DONATIONS

With spring here and North Balgowlah council cleanup this weekend take the opportunity to do a spring clean and de-clutter.

Any donations of items in great saleable condition would be must appreciated. Please see drop off points listed below:

★ BOOKS: 11 Alto Ave Seaforth
★ CLOTHES: 34A Clontarf St Seaforth
★ SPORTING GOODS: hold onto them for now - drop off point TBA
★ TOTS: email sharon.tomlin@hotmail.com to arrange drop off or collection
★ LEMONS: basket in Front Office

HUGE THANKS

To Stockland and Johnstaff (Ioan Morgan - Rhys Yr 2) for sponsoring the Main Entertainment Stage at the Spring Carnival.

Mrs Watson & her husband’s business, UBF Inspirational Print Solutions for printing the Major raffle tickets. Your help and generosity is much appreciated.

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Gala Concert

Come along and be entertained by the following fantastic groups and individuals of Balgowlah North Public School.

- brilliant bands
- captivating choirs
- superb string ensemble
- junior and senior dazzling dance groups
- dynamic drama ensemble
- outstanding individual items!

Where: Balgowlah North Public School Hall.

When: Tuesday, October 14th at 6.30pm

Tickets will not be issued, however, please complete the Gala Concert Attendance Note below so that we are able to accommodate the number of people wishing to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Nieuwenhuis, Mrs Mercer and Mrs Malar

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Gala Concert Attendance Note

I/We would love to attend the Balgowlah North Public School Gala Concert on Tuesday, October 14th at 6.30pm.

Number of people attending the evening _______

Child’s name: ___________________ Class: ___________

Please return to the office
**Term 3 Week 10**

**Wednesday, 17 September 2014**

**TERM 4 - Roster Now Open**

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**Fridays Only!**

**Meat Pies, Chicken Nuggets & Sausage Rolls**

**NEW!**

**TERM 4**

**Mon - Fri**

Pasta Napolitana with melted cheese

**Mon - Thurs**

Mild Tandoori Chicken Wraps

Delicious chicken marinated in mild tandoori with minted yoghurt and shredded lettuce

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**Menu Changes**

In an effort to provide healthier options for our kids the canteen the following menu changes are proposed in Term 4:

**FRIDAYS ONLY!**

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NEW hot foods options will be available!

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**Volunteering... what’s involved?**

A typical shift in the canteen involves:

- preparing salads
- toasting garlic bread
- frying pikelets
- making sandwiches
- packing lunches
- serving

And FREE LUNCH! That’s it, easy!!

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**A BIG THANK YOU** to all the helpers for Term 3, we couldn’t do it without you!!

**Extra special thanks to those who helped out by doing multiple shifts.**

Alison Kelly
Adrian Molloy
Alessandra Velu
Amanda Hunt
Angela Martin
Annie White
April Rowe
Birgitte Campbell
Chris Mulley
Camille Corleise
Coran Brooks
Clare Wise
Debby Egger
Emma Ragnier
Fiona Hayes
Fiona Laidlaw
Fiona Oliver
Hazel Jarrett
Jane Theunissen
Justine Knight
Kate Albert
Kirrili Fischer
Kirsten Campbell

Kiara Henderson
Kylie Ford
Laura Graham
Liz Carter
Lizzie Taylor
Megan Wishart
Mel Bradley
Melanie Tully
Naomi Berry
Naomi Champion
Naomi Morgan
Paula Minacq
Rachel Davidson
Rebecca Mulca
Sarah Tobin
Sharon Medved
Stacey Kelly
Suzi Lemlin
Tina Hessell
Tracey Holmes
Trish Madrone
Victoria Hull
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**CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3**

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

**COMMITTEE:** Chairperson : Birgitte Campbell Secretary : Shelley Buckley Treasurer : Alexandra Tucker Roster Manager : Petra Mazarak Committee Members: Liz Aspleton, Bronwyn Norris, Tanja Muller Canteen Manager: Mylene Stiegemann Newsletter: Tara Linden

Enquiries: Mylene 9949 4499

**TERM 4 - Roster Now Open**

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**NSW Government**

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JITA Kids
School Holiday Camps

Week 1: Mon 22nd Sept – Fri 26th Sept
9am – 12pm
$20/day OR Kids Pass4 - $60 for 4 kids/day

Week 2: Mon 29th Sept – Fri 3rd Oct
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.

www.tennish2o.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
ACROBATICS
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PROGRAM

September – October

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Times: 9am – 1pm
Ages: +4
Place: 5/106 Old Pittwater Rd, Brookvale
Cost: $40/day

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