From the Principal’s desk

Book Parade, Book Swap & Open Morning

Thanks to Mrs Horsley for coordinating a terrific book parade and book swap. The children and the teachers certainly got into the spirit of the day. There were fairies, superheroes, cats in hats, Harry Potters and I think I even found Wally! It was wonderful to see so many parents here for the parade who then took the time to participate in some literacy activities in their children’s classrooms. The children brought in so many books for our book swap which ensured its success. The children were given the opportunity to choose a donated book to take home and paid a gold coin to participate. This initiative raised $614 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Carnival Wristbands & Carnival Cash

Our Spring Carnival wristbands and Carnival Cash are now 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 including: speed bowling, footy passing, bean bag tossing, plaster fun, lucky dips, glitter tattoos, face painting and ‘toss a choc’. However, Carnival Cash cannot be spent on stalls so you’ll need to bring some ‘real’ money along to the Carnival also. You can find more Carnival updates on the Spring Carnival Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/bnpscarnival/

Chickenpox

As mentioned in our newsletter two weeks ago, we have had many cases of chickenpox here 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 days. Many children are eager to return to school when they are no longer infectious, but some are so itchy that it is hard for them to concentrate on their school work. Please carefully consider whether your child is ready to come back to school.

Parent Interviews

As you know, we encourage parents to contact classroom teachers at any time throughout the year should the need arise. I know many of you are in regular contact with your child’s class teacher. If you have something specific to discuss, now is a good time contact your child’s teacher via note or email to set up a mutually convenient time before the end of this term or for early Term Four.

Term Invoices

Reminders for Term Three invoices went out last week. Thank you to those families who have settled their accounts. Your prompt payment is much appreciated. If payment is an issue, please contact the office to make an appointment.

Food for Thought

You may have read an article in the SMH recently which publicised a study into the career prospects of university graduates from public and private schools. The research found that ‘paying private school fees does not guarantee a better job after university… there is no long-term employment advantage as public school graduates earn as much in equally prestigious jobs. A research fellow at Canberra University, Jenny Chesters, analysed data from the Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia project and found private school students were no more likely to get a full-time job than public school students. And while private schools students were more likely to attend one of Australia’s most prestigious universities, even this did not lead to a higher income the research found.’ The article is certainly worth a read: http://www.smh.com.au/national/private-schooling-no-better-than-public-in-jobs-market-20140816-104do1.html#ixzz3AsvsuX4n

Only 65 days to go until our Spring Carnival...

Owen Taylor
Principal
Important Dates

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From the Deputy Principal's desk

Gala Concert

Our annual Gala Concert is fast approaching. The date is **Tuesday 14th October** from 6.30pm in the school hall. This evening is to showcase the wonderfully creative work of our students and teachers. The evening provides entertainment from our Junior and Concert Band, String Ensemble, Junior and Senior Dance groups, Junior and Senior Choir and Drama Ensemble. More information will be published shortly. Mrs Malar and I will be conducting auditions for individual items on Wednesday 10th September. If you would like to audition please see Mrs Malar as soon as possible.

Assembly

This week our assembly will be run by 5M. The Athletic Ribbons and ICAS Writing certificates for Year 3 will also be presented. We look forward to parents joining us. Our assembly will commence at 2.10 this week.

Kindergarten 2015 Sports Morning

All our 2015 Kindergarten children are invited to attend the Orientation ‘Sports morning’ on Wednesday 17th September commencing at 10.15 on the deck outside the school hall. 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.

Battle of the Bands and Trash n Treasure

On Sunday 14th September, the annual Battle of the Bands will be held along with the Trash n Treasure market in the front playground. The Concert Band will be competing for the title along with primary school bands from all over the peninsular. Parents and friends are welcome to come along for some great entertainment, food and perhaps you might even find that “elusive treasure” at the markets. All proceeds of the day go towards supporting our band program.

I will not be discouraged about how far I have to go. Instead I will be excited about where I’m headed.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Year 6 Cake Stall

Congratulations to our wonderful parents and students who made our cake stall such a resounding success. The most incredible cakes, slices and biscuits were shared with the whole school, raising over $800. Thank you to everyone who supported the students as they fundraise for end of year events.

Year 6 Students

Creative Design in Year 6

Last week, Chris Gatherer shared some of his company ‘secrets’ around business innovation and creativity in gaming technology. The students were enthralled at the possibilities that opened up before their eyes which might impact on their own futures. To listen to someone with cutting-edge experience in project based problem solving and design was invaluable to us in the classroom. We enjoyed his visit immensely. Many thanks from Year 6.

Year 6 Students

Star of the Week

Ed Sproule, 6W, who represented Sydney North in the State Rugby Union Championships recently. I received a letter from the coach commending Ed for his respectful behaviour and sportsmanship. Well done Ed!
Band News

2015 Junior Band
Please return the Acceptance of Instrument form for the 2015 Junior Band to the school by Friday 12 September.

Concert band
The Concert Band is participating in The Battle of The Bands this Sunday 14 September. All the children need to be at the school no later than 11am. They are to meet near the school hall with their music and instrument, dressed in full band uniform.

The Concert Band is also performing at the K-6 assembly next week, 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.

Upcoming Events
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 and String Ensemble performing.

Jenny Mercer
School Liaison

Road Safety
Drop off and pick up by car safety hints:
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Try to drop children off and pick them up on the school side of the road. Avoid calling out to them from across the road - they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It is safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Tess Burns

https://www.facebook.com/balgowlahnorthps  https://twitter.com/BalgowlahNthPS
Year 3 camp on Milson Island

We waited as our teachers called the roll. I was nearly jumping out of my skin with excitement! Today on the 27th of August 2014, year 3 was going to the wonderful destination of Milson Island on their first ever school camp!

We rode in a stylish coach for one and a half hours and then hopped on a pretty little ferry and went bobbing gracefully across the deep blue waters, to Milson Island.

Jess and Brendan showed us around the island and we were told which little cabins we were put in, out of Platypuses, Waratahs, Cockatoos, Lorikeets or Kookaburras. Once we had unpacked all of our precious stuff we went to the beautiful dining hall to have lunch.

After lunch we had the amazing activity of survival skills where we were split into groups and had to make a tent and water holder out of our surroundings. Our group made an awesome tent!

Next we did wonderful archery. It was so much fun! We shot at big foam targets with skinny, sharp arrows and big bows.

Then we had dinner. I was stuffed after that huge chicken schnitzel with gravy and broccoli for dinner and jelly for dessert.

Afterwards we had the cool and late night show where we played lots of games. Then we had supper and went to bed. I slept like a log that night!

In the morning we woke up and had a delicious breakfast of baked beans, toast and sausages plus optional cereal. We were very full.

After a yummy breakfast, we cooked awesome damper. It was so yummy with maple syrup. Then we had fantastic initiatives where we solved hard problems in groups.

We had lunch and because I was on duty, I had to do washing up with a big dishwasher. It was actually fun!

The same little ferry came to pick us up. It started raining as we left as if the clouds too understood that we were sad to leave.

We hopped onto the coaches that were waiting for us. I sat next to Merryn and had a jolly good time together.

At last we got home. Home sweet home. I was happy to see my mum’s beautiful smiling face through the huge crowd of people.

In conclusion, I am happy to be home but I hope that I can to back to lovely Milson Island once again. I want to thank our teachers for organizing this, so thank you teachers!

By Isabella White 3T
Balgowlah North Public School
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

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
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## Canteen Volunteers Needed

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http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0ee44adae28af2f3-bnps3

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## Canteen Menu Changes

In an effort to provide healthier options for our kids, the canteen has introduced the following menu changes as proposed by Term 4:

- **Meat Pies:** Fridays only
- **Chicken Nuggets:** no longer available
- **Sausage Rolls:** no longer available

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With Special Guest Josh Paul Jr.

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Wednesday 24th September 9.00am - 4.00pm

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- Must be in good condition and working order.
- Drop-off to be advised in coming weeks.

**BOOKS**

- Books in good condition of any genre.
- 10% Off at Balgo Store (all books provided at front door).

**CLOTHING**

- Clothes washed and in good condition.
- 24/7 Contact Street North Balgowlah.

**TOTES**

- Totes in great condition and full working order; no missing parts etc.
- No soft toys please.
- Email Sharon Totesharon@nsweducation.nsw.gov.au for collection of your toy donations.

**TENTS**

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Wednesday, 10 September 2014

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