From the Principal’s desk

Welcome back Stage 3!
Our Stage 3 children and teachers are back with us after a busy week on camp last week. There are loads of photos capturing their experiences sailing, rock climbing, cooking and climbing on the ropes course, among other things. We have added a few later in this newsletter. As usual our children represented our school with pride and the camp staff reported that the standard of behaviour, attitude and manners exhibited by our kids was among the best they have ever seen. It makes me very proud to receive such positive feedback.

Parent Online Payments
Most of our parents (around 85%) pay their school accounts via credit card and many have expressed their preference to pay online. We are pleased to announce that as of Thursday 22nd October, parents will be able to pay school accounts online through the new Parent Online Payments (POP) system. The POP is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac which accepts Visa and Mastercard credit or debit cards. It will avoid the double handling required by our office staff to enter card details and receipts for payments can be emailed or printed directly from the payment page. There will be a link from our school’s web page which will go live next Thursday. I will present more information at our P&C Meeting this coming Monday morning.

Term Letters
Our term letters were published today on the website and the app, with Kindergarten receiving an advance copy last week. These letters are produced for stage groups: Years 5&6 (Stage 3), Years 3&4 (Stage 2), Years 1&2 (Stage 1) and Kindergarten (Early Stage 1), and outline the important dates, activities and expectations for this term. Please take the time to read these letters, I’m sure you’ll find the information useful.

Year 6 Leadership Opportunities
It is that time of year when we start thinking about formal student leadership roles for next year. Positions available include captains, prefects, house captains, library monitors, band captains and sound crew. There will be no house vice captains next year. Mrs Wetzler and Miss Norrie will be running a leadership development course for those children who would like to run for one of these positions. The LDC program will occur on Monday lunchtimes over four weeks and completion of this course is a pre-requisite for any leadership role in Year 6. Our current student leaders will be participating in this program to help prepare our future leaders for their important roles. More details will follow in next week’s newsletter.

2017 Selective High School Applications
If your child is in Year 5 this year and you are considering Selective High School placement for 2017, applications are now open. You must apply online at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/placement. Children will sit an external exam on 10th March next year and the website will be open until 16th November.

New Fans in Hall
Over the next two days, contractors will be installing new fans in the hall. The fans have 3.1 metre blades and will cool our hall during summer for an operating cost of around 10c per hour. The fans will also help circulate warm air from our existing heaters during the cooler months.

2016 Numbers
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, it is important that our 2016 enrolment numbers are as accurate as possible. We need to know of any new or departing students as early as possible. Please let the school office know, in writing, if you have children that will not be returning to Balgowlah North next year.

Owen Taylor,
Principal
**Important Dates**
19 October  P&C Meeting  9.00am  
21 October  K-2 Fun Sports Day  
22 October  Gala Concert  

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**PBL Focus**  
Be Responsible – Care for the environment  

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**From the Deputy Principal’s Desk**

**Assembly**
We look forward to KH leading our K – 2 assembly, this Thursday. Parents and friends are welcome to join us, please be seated by 2.20pm in the hall.

**Gala Concert**
Our annual Gala Concert is fast approaching. The date is Thursday 22nd 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, Intermediate and Concert Band, String Ensembles, Recorder Group, Dance groups, Choirs and Drama Ensemble. Please add this date to your diary. Thank you to Mrs Malar for her outstanding organisation and all our dedicated teachers who have worked with the performing groups.

**Earn and Learn**
Thank you to all parents who contributed to the Earn and Learn program. Your efforts raised 13380 points. We have ordered some exciting construction equipment to add to our ‘deck games’ for children to use during lunchtimes. This equipment will be delivered to our school next term. A special thank you to Michelle Skold for being the organising coordinator.

**PSSA Lunch Orders**
Please remember to tick the PSSA box when ordering lunches from Flexischools if your child is representing BNPS in one of the PSSA codes.

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**Congratulations to Rigby Whearty, Elsie Watson-Clark, Vanessa Sebel and Chelsea Buckley on receiving a school medal at the end of Term 3.**

**Musical Notes**

**Congratulations**
Congratulations to our Musicians of the Month, Chelsie Kick, Violette Roumanoff, Daniel Bott and Lukas Muller. Also to Ashleigh Barton, on gaining an A in 2nd grade Alto Sax.

**Band Cake Stall**
Remember the Concert Band will be holding a cake stall tomorrow, Thursday 15th October at lunch time. All cupcakes will be $1.00.

**Junior Band 2016**
For families interested in joining our Band program in 2016 please send your completed form to the office by Friday 17th October. Forms are available from the office or the school website under the ‘Our School’ tab.

**Band Tour**
All Medical Consent forms need to be returned to Mrs Nieuwenhuis by Friday 16th October please.

**Important Dates:**
15th October – Concert Band cake stall  
20th October – Blow tests  
22nd October – Gala Concert – all bands and strings. Overflow Blow tests if needed  
26th -28th October - Concert Band Tour (Depart 6am 26/10 return approx. 5pm (28/10.)  
5th November - Intermediate and Concert Band : Assembly performance  
19th November - Senior Strings Assembly Performance  
7th December - Junior Band performance at Stage 1 presentation day (Approx 11.30am)  
8th December - Intermediate and Concert Band performance at Stage 2 (9.30am) and Stage 3 (11.30) Presentation assemblies  

Jenny Mercer, Band Liaison

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Marita Nieuwenhuis  
Deputy Principal

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**https://twitter.com/BalgowlahNthP**
Write4fun Schools Writing Competition
Students from Balgowlah North can be very proud of their achievements in writing. Congratulations to the following students who were placed in the top 10% of entries received:
Jasmine Barnard, Lara Frawley, Beatrix Jones, Zoe Lemlin, Amelia Molloy, Jake Osmond and Dylan Wilkie.
Bev Wetzler

Year 5 & 6 Camp
On behalf of the Stage 3 teachers, I would like to thank our students for their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm at camp last week. They approached all activities with a positive mind set and challenged themselves to conquer their fears. We even managed to get some sleep.
Bev Wetzler

Concert Band Cake Stall
Thursday 15th October
Come and buy a sweet treat for lunch
All cupcakes $1.00
Proceeds go to supporting the band tour.

Sports Report
Date: 9 October 2015
Round: 6

Girls Eagle Tag

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7-3 (win) 6-2 (Loss)

Best & Fairest

Team effort as only 7 players and no subs.

Boys Eagle Tag

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7-8 (loss) 4-3 (win)

Best & Fairest

Tahi Levasa  Harper Philpot

T-ball & Softball

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16-10 Loss 16-8 Loss

Best & Fairest

Tilly Birch  Sofia Briger

Volleyball

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Best & Fairest


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2/11 win 9/11 loss

Best & Fairest

Sophie Clarke  Tilli Jesset

Cricket

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Score

win

Best & Fairest

Stanley Martin

Water Polo

Congratulations to Sophie Walters and Hamish McEllan for making the Sydney North Water polo team. Well done!

Susie Stock

Library News

We are looking forward to another busy term in the library with lots of interesting learning and discovering. This term in library, Year 2 students will be reading and learning about traditional Fairy Tales to learn about story structure and how authors create stories. This will connect with and support their classroom writing program. As a culminating activity for their learning the students will be involved in retelling a Fairy Tale using our school i-Pads and an application called Book Creator. They will be asked to create scenes from their stories using Duplo. We have a small supply of Duplo already available but we were wondering if anyone would like to donate any Duplo they have at home which is not being used anymore. Any donation would be most appreciated!

Debbie Horsley & Wendy Trute
Teacher Librarians

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Seaforth Community Centre
Cnr Borings Av and Koobilya St
MONDAYS Juniors: 6:00pm

Forestville Senior Citizens Centre
Cnr Warringah Rd and Starkey St
WED Juniors: 5:00pm
Also Beacon Hill and more

Phone: 04 1300 4094
www.tkma.com.au
Gala Concert
2015
Thursday, October 22nd
6.30pm
School Hall
Performance Groups:
Junior, Intermediate and Concert Bands
Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 Choirs
String Ensemble, Recorder Ensemble,
Individual Performers
Junior Dance, Senior Dance, Drama Ensemble
Jessica has a genuine love of learning and is a valued member of our school. She is an extremely conscientious student. Jessica can be trusted to complete any given task in an efficient and responsible way and embraces challenging activities with confidence. She is full of enthusiasm at all times, both in and out of the classroom. Jessica is an inspiration to all her peers. Her positive approach to learning makes her an exemplary role model to others. She is an asset to the class and a truly worthy recipient of the citizenship award.

Matilda Allen is a genuine, warm-hearted student who has distinguished herself by exhibiting a mature, friendly and respectful attitude in all classroom and playground situations. She maintains a positive attitude even through difficult challenges. Matilda sets high standards and works confidently and diligently to achieve her goals. She is a valued team member who exhibits fair play, tolerance and understanding. Matilda honestly appreciates the accomplishments of her peers and embraces school activities with enthusiasm and responsibility. She takes pride in Balgowlah North Public School and is an excellent role model and a truly wonderful citizen. Matilda is to be congratulated on receiving this well-deserved award.