From the Principal’s desk
Parent Online Payments
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, our Parent Online Payment (POP) portal will be going live tomorrow, Thursday 22nd October. The POP is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac which accepts Visa and Mastercard credit or debit cards. Our Term 4 invoices will be sent out on Thursday so that will be a perfect time to check out the new system. There will be a ‘Make a payment’ link just below the menu bar on our BNPS homepage (as shown below) which will take you to a ‘Payment details’ page. This is where you enter your child’s name and date of birth and your payer details. In ‘Payment options’ you will find a suite options: Voluntary School Contributions, Subject Contributions, Excursions, Sport, Creative Arts, Sales to Students and Other. There are new codes on your term invoice which match these options: VSC, SC, Ex, Sport, CA, S2S and Other. The easiest way to pay the whole invoice is to choose ‘Other’ and enter Term 4 2015 in the payment description. If you prefer, you can also enter amounts into individual categories.

You will then be taken to a page to enter your credit or debit card details followed by a ‘Confirm Payment’ page. On this page, you will need to enter a ‘Captcha’ code which consists of several letters and numbers and acts as another security feature. You can then choose to print or email your online receipt. The steps are quite straightforward and are reasonably self-explanatory. I’m sure we’ll encounter a hitch or two, as with all new systems, but I’m sure you will find the process quite user-friendly.

Gala Concert
Good luck to all of the children performing in the Gala Concert tomorrow night. I know it will be a fantastic evening to showcase the talents of our children who excel in the performing arts. Thank you to Mrs Malar for coordinating the evening.

Concert Band Tour
I’d also like to wish our musicians the best of luck as they embark on their band tour of Bathurst and surrounding areas. I know they will have a great time and represent our school with pride. Thank you to Mrs Nieuwenhuis, Mrs Mercer and our band conductors, Lanneke and Angus, for giving up their time to make this tour possible. A wonderful opportunity for our budding musicians.

Bushwahzee – Lock in the date
On Tuesday, 1st December the talented ‘Bushwahzee’ will visit our school. Bushwahzee are a bush dance band from Melbourne who have worked with 100s of schools over the past 30 years. On their visit they will teach every child a dance, song or instrumental part which then becomes the basis of an evening show where the whole school performs. The children will perform for us on the multi-purpose court from 6pm. The theme for this concert is, appropriately, a ‘Bush Christmas’. The P&C will fire up the BBQs from 5pm and all parents are welcome to attend and join in the fun.

2016 Numbers
It is important that our 2016 enrolment numbers are as accurate 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
26-28 October Concert Band Tour
30 October Kindergarten 2016 Orientation (1)
5 November Day of Respect

PBL Focus
Be Respectful – Model respectful behaviour

From the Deputy Principal’s Desk
Assembly
We look forward to 3W leading our 3-6 assembly, this Thursday. The ICAS Maths certificates will also be presented. Parents and friends are welcome to join us, please be seated by 2.20pm in the hall.

Maths Olympiad and Maths Games
Congratulations to all students in Maths Olympiad team for all their hard work preparing for the Olympiads. These Olympiads have been a challenging and rewarding experience to ‘put their talent to the test’ and compete against other schools and students across Australia and New Zealand. Well done to Beatrix Jones, Zac Ottowa, Isabella Rigatos scoring in the top 10%, Jack Griffin, Mia Schwartz, Karin Sun, Leah Burton scoring in the top 20%, Oliver Mace-Smith and Lachlan Patterson scoring in the top 25%.
Year 6 participated in Maths Games this year. The games provided opportunity to learn and develop valuable maths problem solving skills, while offering enjoyment and an appreciation of maths. Congratulations to Evie Coulter scoring in the top 2% and Annabel Gallacher, Amelia Molloy for scoring in the top 10%.
We are very proud of all our teams, certificates will be presented at our K-6 assembly in week 5.

K-2 Sports Fun Day
What a fabulous day was had by all our K-2 children at the sports fun day where all our students were striving for their personal best. The weather was superb and it was wonderful to see so many parents supporting their children. Thanks to Mrs Spooner, Mrs mason and Mrs Kelly for organising a great day.

Mufti-Day for Seaforth Public School
We are planning a Mufti-Day event on Thursday 29th October in support of Seaforth Public School after the tragic fire last term. All students are asked to bring a gold coin on Thursday to support this initiative. The funds raised will go towards helping the students at Seaforth replace some of the items lost. Children can wear casual mufti clothes but thongs are not appropriate footwear.
Seaforth Public School are also are holding a ‘Phoenix Festival’ Sunday 25th October 12-5pm on their oval which will be a great afternoon of live music, entertainment, kids’ activities and food stalls. This is a wonderful way of showing community support, further information can be found on the attached flier.

Volunteer Needed
Unfortunately our wonderful Clothing Pool volunteer, Jenny Burgess, has torn her Achilles tendon. We are looking for a volunteer to manage the clothing pool until the end of term. There are no set hours for this particular role. If you can spare a little time to fulfil this important service please let either Mrs Tobler or myself know.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Write 4 Fun
Congratulations go to Y6 student Jake Osmond whose story entitled ‘Fading Light’ has been published in this year’s edition of “The Write Track”. The book is compiled of winner’s from the Write4Fun Competition which is held each year for all students in NSW.

Bev Wetzler
Musical Notes
Thank you
Thank you to all Concert Band parents for supporting the cake stall last Thursday by providing such delicious treats and our Concert Band students for taking on the initiative. The stall was a sell out raising $264.00 towards our tour.

“The cake stall was awesome” Izabella Feros-Salisbury

Congratulations
Congratulations to Ava Currie for achieving a B in her first grade clarinet exam and also to Mya Cranley for achieving a B in her second grade clarinet exam.

Concert Band Tour
We are very excited to have the opportunity for our Concert Band to perform at a number of schools in the Blue Mountains and Bathurst area next week.

A few reminders:
Please make sure that all forms have been returned to Mrs Nieuwenhuis.

Children need to be at school promptly at 6.00am so all instruments, music stands and drum kit can be packed along with the luggage. The bus will be leaving school at 6.30am. All children should come to school in their Band Uniform.

Please remember to pack your music folder, instrument, spare reeds, lip balm and a water bottle. Bring along a small backpack for each day’s necessities, a few snacks for the three days (no lollies), recess and lunch for Monday and of course a smile.

Band Rehearsals
There will not be rehearsals on Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th October. Rehearsals will continue as normal from Thursday 29th October

Important Dates:
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) Stage 3 Presentation assemblies. (11.30am)

Siena Nieuwenhuis

Silver Beet Harvest
After 11 weeks of hard work watering our herbs and silver beet it finally grew. All of my (3T) class got to take home a couple of big leaves of our silver beet on Tuesday the 13th of October. I took it home and steamed it. It was delicious! Other people in my class put it in a smoothie and in a stir-fry and the others steamed it as well as me. Some of the other plants we grew were parsley, mint, lemon thyme and tatsoi. The leaders went every day to water the plants. It was a great experience!

Eliza Champion

Harvest
Early last term, we planted lots of different herbs and vegetables including: silver beet, thyme, tatsoi and lemon thyme. In my opinion, it was pretty amazing watching Silver beet grow from tiny seedlings to ENORMOUS plants. In 3T we discussed what we did with the silver beet when we got home. Some people steamed it, while one person made a smoothie with it! It was an amazing experience. Every day at lunchtime, the leaders would come down and water all the plants, also the class would come and weed it regularly. It was a big responsibility, but it was worth it. In term 4, on Tuesday 13th of October, we finally harvested it! It tasted delicious and I loved it. It was amazing!

Siena Geisker
Sports Report
Date: 16th October 2015
Round:

**Girls Eagle Tag**

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Movember
We’d like to invite all the men out there to join the BNPS Movember team. Click on the following link: [http://moteam.co/bnps](http://moteam.co/bnps) and join the Balgowlah North Public School team. Remember to start the month, Sunday 1st November, clean shaven. Let’s get into the spirit and support many good causes!

Mark Wallace
Team Captain
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

PHOENIX FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER
12PM - 5PM
KEMPBRIDGE STREET CAMPUS OVAL

LIVE BANDS, DJS, DANCING, BBQ, CAKES, LOLLIERS
CRAZY HAIR, FACEPAINTING & MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

Bring a picnic rug & settle in for a fun afternoon

SIDEBYSIDE:
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The Health Psychology Unit, UTS is offering a free treatment research program for families who have children with behavioural problems.

Clinical psychologists from the Unit located near Royal North Shore Hospital will see families with children aged 7-14 for up to 14 sessions.

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