From the Principal's desk

World Teachers’ Day Lunch
I would like to thank the P&C for the special lunch which is being prepared tomorrow for our terrific teachers. The rest of the world celebrated WTD on 5th October which was the last day of our Term 3 holidays. We are truly blessed to have such a team of dedicated, hardworking professionals who always give their very best to ensure our children are provided with high quality learning experiences every day. I am very proud of the work that our BNPS teachers do and this lunch organised by our school community is a much-appreciated gesture.

Parent Online Payments
Our new Parent Online Payment (POP) portal went live last Thursday and many parents have already paid their Term 4 accounts. Thanks for your prompt attention. To access the new POP you need to click on the ‘Make a payment’ link just below the menu bar on our BNPS homepage which takes you to the ‘Payment details’ page. Unfortunately, we cannot link directly to the POP page itself, this must be done via the homepage link. The simplest way to pay is to enter your child’s name, choose ‘Other’ and pay the total in full with Term 4 2015 in the payment description. Thank you for your support as we get this new system up and running.

Gala Concert
Congratulations children on a wonderful performance last Thursday. It was a terrific showcase of the talents of our children who excel in the performing arts. Thank you to the tutors, teachers and Mrs Malar for coordinating the evening.

Concert Band Tour
By all accounts our band travellers have had a terrific last few days in western NSW. The bus is due to arrive back at school around 5pm this afternoon and I’m sure the musicians, and their adult counterparts, will sleep well tonight. There will be a comprehensive report of the tour in next week’s newsletter. Well done everyone!

A Visit from the Premier
Earlier this year, Maddie Peck wrote a letter to our local member and Premier, the Honourable Mike Baird MP, inviting him to visit our school. Mike liked what he read and he has organised to visit our school and meet with Maddie from 8:45am next Monday. Mike hopes to speak with Maddie about all aspects of school life – the good and the bad – and seek out any solutions she has to improve education at BNPS and across the state. Hopefully, he will be available to briefly address our school at our morning lines.

Calling all Dads!
Mr Wallace has created a BNPS Movember team and it would be great to have you on board! During the month of Movember, participants sign up and grow moustaches to raise money for men’s health issues such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and physical inactivity. If you’re interested you can join our team at: http://moteam.co/bnps. Thanks for your support.

Seaforth Mufti Day
The boys and girls can all come to school in mufti clothes tomorrow as we raise money for our friends at Seaforth Public School. As you know, Seaforth PS lost several classrooms in a fire at the end of last term. Our children need to bring along a gold coin donation which we will pass on to help SPS re-purchase resources and other items lost in the blaze.

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

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Important Dates
28 October Concert Band Return
29 October World Teacher Day
Mufti Day for Seaforth PS
Interschool Chess Gala Day
30 October Kindergarten 2016 Orientation (1)
05 November Day of Respect

Write4Fun
Many congratulations to Zoe Lemlin for your poem entitled ‘The Tree,’ which placed 2nd in the ‘Write4Fun’ Short Story and Poetry competition, 2015. There were over 9,100 entries in the Australia-wide contest. This is such a wonderful achievement.

The Tree
by Zoe Lemlin,
Wind rustles my soft, delicate leaves
Rain stains my twiggy branches
Every day of summer, the children swing on my old arms
Every day of winter, I hear their cheerful voices as they play in the snow
Every night, I hear a happy couple chatting in the fading light
And I know... they will love me forever
As the years pass, I watch them cripple
I realise that I too am growing old
One day as I listen to the children playing, I hear another sound
The crying of an ambulance breaking the calm
Red flashing lights, the crying of an old man... Silence!!
I feel the dirt being shovelled
And my life-long friend is placed by my feet
He kneels at the grave, weeping
As I wrap my roots around her tiny coffin
Keeping her close to me forever.

Congratulations to Year 2 student, Kai Woodward, who also entered ‘Write4Fun’ Short Story and Poetry Competition. His original story has been selected from the 9100 entries for publication in ‘The Write Track’ 2015. Kai dedicated his wonderful story, ‘The Man-Eating Ants’ to his family and the homeless.
We are very proud of Kai’s achievement.
Bev Wetzler, Amanda Mason & Wendy Trute

White Ribbon Foundation
On Thursday 5th of November, students will be participating in a Day of Respect recognising the important work of the White Ribbon Foundation. The White Ribbon Foundation was established to provide awareness and support for families who have faced domestic violence. The White Ribbon Foundation is collecting school packs which include stationery items, lunch boxes and backpacks for families who need help. We are asking all students to bring a gold coin donation so we can purchase items for these packs. Please come to school wearing something white, whether it’s a white shirt or a white ribbon to acknowledge this event. Thank you.

Student Leaders

Musical Notes
A few reminders:
Band Rehearsals
Rehearsals will continue as normal from Thursday 29th October.

Important Dates:
5th November - Intermediate and Concert Band : Assembly performance
19th November – Senior Strings Assembly Performance
7th December - Junior Band performance at Stage 1 presentation day (Approx11.30am)
8th December - Intermediate and Concert Band performance at Stage 2 (9.30am) Stage 3 Presentation assemblies. (11.30am)
Marita Nieuwenhuis
Sports Report
Date: 23rd October 2015
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K-2 Sports Carnival
What a fantastic day it turned out to be for our K-2 Sports fun day last Wednesday! A big thank you goes to all the parents and supporters who were able to make it to school to cheer on our students in their events.

There was a slightly different format this year with some extra events added to emphasize participation and fun. Despite the early heat, the children participated in all events extremely well and we are all so proud of their efforts. Well done everyone!

House point results were...

1st Wombats - 254 Points
2nd Kangaroos - 248 Points
3rd Wallabies - 218 Points
4th Koalas - 212 Points

Thank you,
Kerry Kelly and the K-2 Teachers
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 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

FOR SALE
Homemade Strawberry Jam & Chutney $5 from the school office

All proceeds to BNPS