From the Principal’s desk

Class Formation for 2016

Over the next number of weeks, the teachers and executive staff will be preparing our classes for 2016. We anticipate forming 26 classes across the school, the same number as this year. It is most important that we have accurate student numbers to form classes and engage teachers. I would like to remind parents to contact the office or class teachers if their children are not returning to our school next year.

The school employs a number of delicately-balanced criteria to ensure that the classes are formed are in the best interests of ALL students. Our class placements are carefully considered to ensure an even spread of girls and boys with a range of learning abilities and social attributes. Our teachers work collaboratively to analyse a vast range of information to place children in appropriate classes. We take into account the social and emotional needs of the children and we ask each child from this year’s Year 2-5 classes to identify five other children with whom they work well. We ensure the children are placed with at least one person from this list.

Parents are welcome to supply information - directly to me in writing - about their child which has particular relevance to class placement. This information needs to relate to the child’s educational needs. Please be aware that there is absolutely no guarantee that requests will be honoured as so many other factors influence class formation. Requests for particular teachers will not be considered.

A Visit from the Premier

It was great to have the Premier, the Honourable Mike Baird MP, visit our school yesterday. As I mentioned last week, he was invited by Maddie Peck in Year 3 to visit our school. Mike spoke with Maddie in the library before he addressed the children and parents at morning lines. He then spent some more time in Ms Marsh’s class where he answered questions on a range of topics about his own schooling to his role as Premier. Mr Baird is always generous with his time and his support of our school and we thank him for that. He will be back at BNPS to present the Dux Award at our Stage 3 Presentation Day Assembly on 8th December.

Day of Respect

Tomorrow, we will be hosting a day of respect at our school. The boys and girls will be working on a number of respect-related tasks throughout the day. Children will wear something white in place of part of their school uniform and bring along a gold coin donation. The student leaders will use the money collected to create emergency school packs to give to children who have had to be relocated from their homes due to domestic violence. Our Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, recently said that ‘Not all disrespect leads to violence but all violence begins with disrespect’. In order to reduce domestic violence, which doesn’t discriminate across cultural or socio-economic groups, we need to teach our young people the significance of respectful relationships.

School Hats

This is a reminder that our school caps will be phased out by the end of this year. From next year, the only hats to be worn are our broad brimmed hats available from Pickles. This decision was made last year in consultation with the parent community to ensure our children are being adequately protected from the sun when playing outside.
Kindergarten Orientation

It was great to meet so many of our new Kindergarten children and their parents last Friday. The children happily headed off to classrooms whilst the parents heard some important information from Mrs Nieuwenhuis, Miss Hannan and myself. The boys and girls have two more orientation sessions to go and then I’m sure they’ll be ready to run through the gates in 2016.

Seaforth Mufti Day

I would like to thank our school community for their generosity once again. Last week’s Mufti Day raised almost $1000 for our neighbours at Seaforth Public School. I have spoken to their principal, Mr Cheng, and he asked me to pass on his sincerest thanks on behalf of the Seaforth school community.

Owen Taylor, Principal

Important Dates
05 November  Day of Respect
09 November  Life Education K-6 (1)
16 November  Life Education K-6 (2)
17 November  Yr6 to Kokoda Memorial Trail
20 November  Yr6  fund raising Fun Day

Presentation Assembly dates is as follows:
- Kindergarten Graduation: 7th December @ 9.30am – School Hall
- Stage 1 (Years 1 &2) Presentation Assembly: 7th December @ 11.30am – School Hall
- Stage 2 (Years 3&4) Presentation Assembly: 8th December @ 9.30am – School Hall
- Stage 3 (Years 5&6) Presentation Assembly: 8th December @ 11.30am – School Hall

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Mufti Day Fundraiser

Congratulations and a huge thank you to all students and staff for your wonderful donations at last Thursday’s gold coin, mufti day. The school raised an incredible $965 which will be given to Seaforth Public School to help replace some of their lost resources in the recent fire. Thank you again to our wonderfully supportive community.

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

PBL Focus

Be Respectful – Assembly manners

From the Deputy Principal's Desk

K – 6 Assembly
This week we will be holding our K – 6 Assembly commencing at 2.10pm. Our celebration will include Principal Awards, banner and medals along with Math Olympiad and Maths Games certificate presentations. The Intermediate and Concert band will be performing together at this assembly. We look forward to parents and friends joining us, please be seated in the hall at 2.10pm.

End-of-Year Calendar

Don’t forget to place important calendar dates into your diary for upcoming events in Term 4. Please check the school website calendar regularly. Some highlights include Kindergarten Orientation, Sport Assembly, Bushwahzee, K-2 Picnic, Helpers Morning Tea, Kindergarten Graduation, Presentation Days, and Year 6 Farewell. More information will follow about these activities throughout the coming weeks.

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Term 4 Week 5
Wednesday 4 November 2015
Musical Notes

Combined Schools Band Program.
The Arts Alive offers the opportunity for Primary and Secondary students to join the Combined Schools Band Program (CBS). The ensemble provides maximum opportunity for training and performance of the highest quality for young aspiring instrumentalists from government schools.

Auditions for the CSB program will be held at Belrose Public School on Saturday 5th December 9:00am through Midday.

All new students who wish to audition will need to submit the audition form so they can be given an audition time. Audition forms can be found on the website http://www.artsalivecsb.com/2016-auditions.html
Audition times will be posted on the website from Monday 30th November.

Important Dates:
4th & 5th November – Open rehearsal for Junior Band
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)

Marita Nieuwenhuis

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. Let’s get into the spirit and support many good causes!

Marita Nieuwenhuis

Chess News

BNPS – 2nd place! Congratulations to the 21 children who represented BNPS at the Sydney Academy of Chess Interschool Chess Gala Day held at Killarney Heights Public School last Thursday. The schools competing included Castle Cove, Manly West, Balgowlah Heights, Killarney Heights, Pymble, Curl Curl, North Narrabeen and Queenwood. After 7 rounds of chess, BNPS finished in 2nd place on 21 points, 2 points clear of 3rd placed rivals Manly West but just edged out by Castle Cove on 22 points. A special mention to Tighe Jones who finished 3rd overall in the 96-player tournament.

Thanks to the support of Mr McCall and the parents who willingly assist with transport and supervision so that the children may participate.

Nerralyn Loh
Chess Parent Coordinator
Concert Band Tour

By now I am sure you have all heard the first-hand account of the Band Tour from some tired but excited children last week.

We had a wonderful three days of Band Tour where we spent time visiting five schools and performing for 45 minutes with some outstanding duet and trio pieces. On arrival at each school the children were organised working as a team to unload instruments, stands, and percussion gear and set up. After struggling a little with all the instruments for our first performance the children soon became adept and worked out a most organised system. The scenery around the area was beautiful especially the drive down to Megalong Valley Public School. Spectacular! We arrived at a gorgeous little school where our band was larger than the total school population.

The band played a set of nine pieces from New World Symphony to Happy for enthusiastic audiences. The children had a wonderful experience playing to an audience other than their peers and parents. Jessica commented, “I’m not scared to perform now”. The children worked hard to refine their sound and the energy at each performance was amazing – it was a very unique and special experience and we hope your children enjoyed it as much as we did. The children were just wonderful and a real credit to the school and of course their parents.

As the concert band set off, the excitement flowed through the coach, we were going on our first ever tour to perform in front of five schools, some without bands! We had to drive for six hours to get to where we were staying, a place called Heritage Park, a farm in Bathurst. Whilst touring, we performed nine pieces at each school including; Happy, Michael Jackson Hit mix and Moves Like Jagger, some of us also played individual pieces to demonstrate our instruments to everyone. But it wasn’t all just hard work, we got to go gold panning, have a hayride, dance at a disco and even have a campfire night! Overall the band tour was a great experience for all of us and a great way to see how lucky our school really is.

Isabella White 4Y

The Concert Band was fortunate enough to experience a wonderful tour to perform at a number of schools in the Blue Mountains and Bathurst area. The highlights of the tour were being able to play in front of big and small audiences, gold panning, hayrides, bush dancing and visiting the Three Sisters. It was an amazing and memorable opportunity.

Olivia Smith 5P

On Monday 26th October, our Concert Band embarked on an exciting trip to the Blue Mountains and Bathurst. We stayed at Heritage Park where we saw the Sheep and cattle Show. We learnt about the different animals that live on the farm and were amazed at how many breeds of cattle there are. We slept in a bunk-house and got to know each other more than just musicians. The purpose of the tour was to perform at other schools and learn some valuable performance skills. The schools we played at were Katoomba, Kelso, Bathurst South, Zig Zag and Megalong Valley Public Schools. It was amazing to see how different schools can be, especially Megalong Valley having only 17 students and two classes. Overall, we all think this was a great learning experience.

Leah Burton 5BP and Sarah Gatherer 5M

Now it’s time for the credits...

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the many people who put a great deal of thought and effort into ensuring this Band Tour was a great experience for your child.

Firstly – our amazing conductors Angus Bullough and Lanneke Grace who gave up their personal time to come on tour with us. Thank you to Angus for the herculean effort in organising all the instruments, including ensuring we had a spare parts for instrument, oils, etc. Lanneke put an amazing amount of thought
and effort into the repertoire and items for the band, and engaging the school audiences at each performance. Also – Jenny Mercer for her assistance with the organisation details, dietary requirements, communication.

To the five schools, Katoomba, Kelso, Bathurst South, Zig Zag and Megalong Valley Public Schools who opened their doors for us. Our children had an amazing opportunity to perform for you and meet your students. Thank you.

Finally I would like to thank all of our Concert Band parents for supporting the tour. I am sure there will be some long lasting memories the children will take with them, along with the music and performance experience. You can access some of the many photos taken on tour at http://photopeach.com/album/dkoeh7

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Sports Report

**Date: 23rd October 2015**

**Round:**

**Girls Eagle Tag Semi-Final**

Last Friday was a stunning day for the semi-final round of PSSA summer sport. The Balgowlah North girls Senior ‘A’ eagle tag team of Jamie Brown, Tehama Levasa, Evie Coulter, Tilly Daniels, Tilly Allen, Bea Jones, Chloe Mason, Angie Taylor, Annabelle Gallacher and Sophie Walters had finished the preliminary rounds equal third on the ladder. The game was hard fought with a huge defensive effort by the girls. Unfortunately it wasn’t to be our day and Narraweena ran away with the win! Girls you played with determination and lots of heart. You have done BNPS proud!

The Senior ‘B’ eagle tag team have played every game this season with great enthusiasm and ever increasing skill. They more than deserved to find themselves playing in the semi-finals. When the girls realised they were up against Manly West their pre-match nerves set in. From the moment the whistle blew all doubts were left on the sideline as they defended and attacked with such determination for two exciting halves. Coming back from being down 3-1 at half time to a nail biting 5-4 win was nothing short of brilliant. Congratulations and we look forward to your efforts in the final.

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### Opponents

- Narraweena
- Manly West
- Balgowlah Heights (friendly)

### Score

- 0-5 (loss)
- 3-7 (loss)

### Best & Fairest

- Evie Coulter
- Olivia Smith

### Boys Eagle Tag

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### Opponents

- Manly Vale (friendly)
- Cromer (friendly)

### Score

- 5-5 (draw)

### Best & Fairest

- Ava Warner

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**FOR SALE**

Homemade Strawberry Jam & Chutney $5 from the school office

All proceeds to BNPS

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For more information please contact Dr. Patrick O’Hare on 9914 4077 or at Patrick.ohare@uts.edu.au teaching, research, health psychology unit

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