From the Principal’s desk

Schools Spectacular
The countdown to this year’s Schools Spectacular is on, with only two more sleeps until Friday’s first performance. Our boys and girls have been practising for months and have been busy rehearsing at various venues. There are four shows in total, a matinee on Friday and Saturday and an evening performance on both of these nights. There are still tickets available for all shows from the following link: http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=SCHOOLSS15&v=SEC. If you can’t make it to the shows, the national broadcast time is next Saturday 5 December 2015 from 7pm – 10pm on Channel 9 and GEM. The broadcast will be three hours long and include background stories on the students, teachers and schools. A full broadcast of the show will be available online at Jump-In.

Bushwahzee
The world-renowned Bushwahzee will be at Balgowlah North next Tuesday. The children will learn some songs and dances throughout the day and then everyone will perform on the multi-purpose court in the evening from 6 – 7:30pm. We’d love to have parents get up and join in. Bring a picnic rug or some comfy low chairs and we’ll see you at the BBQ from 5:15pm. The children need to meet up with their teachers at around 5:45pm in readiness for the show.

Canteen Survey
Thanks to those people who have already responded to our school community canteen survey. The online survey can be accessed via https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LGYJGBK for the rest of this week. Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey, your responses will help us make our canteen service even better.

Social Media
At school, children do not have any access to social media as our internet access is filtered by the DEC server. The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik and Snapchat is 13. Despite these clearly stated and published age restrictions, large and growing numbers of children are using social media networks, often with their parent’s knowledge and consent. Please ensure your children comply with these age restrictions and have a conversation with them about what to do if they come across inappropriate content on the internet. Raising good digital citizens requires a partnership between school and home.

Smoke Free Work Environment
The Department’s ban on smoking on all school premises and administrative areas is detailed in the Department's Drugs in Schools policy which states that smoking on school premises, including school buildings, gardens, sports fields and car parks, is prohibited. This includes students, employees, visitors and other people who use school premises, including community groups. The Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 also requires certain outdoor areas to be smoke-free including within 10 metres of children's playgrounds, public transport stops and stations, spectator areas of sports grounds and within 4 metres from an entrance used by pedestrians to get into or out of a building. These rules also apply on weekends. Thank you for your cooperation.

P&C Meeting
I hope to see many of you at our P&C Meeting tonight. It is our AGM combined with our final meeting for 2015. All executive positions will be declared vacant and up for nomination. You must be a financial member of the P&C in order to vote. Come along to hear the latest about what’s happening at our school.

Owen Taylor
Principal

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Important Dates

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From the Deputy Principal's Desk

Morning Tea

It has been another busy year and we could not have offered so many opportunities for our students without our wonderful volunteers! If you have helped us along the way to success this year in any way, we would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution you have made to our school this year. **You're invited to an informal morning tea with our Principal and staff on the 3rd December at 11.00am on the hall deck.**

Assembly

This week we will be holding a 3-6 assembly in the hall commencing at 2.20. 4V will be leading this assembly and performing an item for your enjoyment. We look forward to parents and friends joining us this Thursday.

Presentation Day Assemblies

Our annual Presentation Day Assemblies will be held in the school hall on Monday 7th December and Tuesday 8th December. At these assemblies, students receive awards from their class teacher, from our specialist teachers in music, sport and science and a number of major awards are presented to Year 6 students. All our Kindergarten children receive a graduation certificate. Parents of students receiving awards in Years 1-6 will be notified by their child’s class teacher.

Parents need to note that these are four separate assemblies, so check the date and time below carefully to ensure you attend the correct assembly. All assemblies are an open invitation and all parents are most welcome to attend.

Presentation Day K – 2

We know we will have many parents/cares at our K – 2 Presentation day on Monday 7th December. We will be holding these celebrations in the school hall. Kindergarten Graduation commencing at 9.30am Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) commencing at 11.30am

Presentation Day Years 3 – 6

Presentation Day is coming up on Tuesday 8th December for our 3 – 6 students. These celebrations will be held in the school hall. Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) commencing at 9.30am Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) commencing at 11.30am

Combined Scripture Assembly

There will be a combined scripture assembly next Thursday 3rd December in the school hall at 10.30am. All students are invited to attend. Students who attend Ethics or non-scripture are also invited. **If you would prefer your child not to attend the assembly, please let your child’s class teacher know in writing.**

We thank all our scripture and ethic volunteers this year and hope you will be able to join us for morning tea after the assembly next Thursday.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

PBL Focus

Be Respectful -
Be polite


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Our Expert Lego Designers
P&C News

Our next meeting is the AGM which will be held at 7.30pm in the library on Wednesday 25 November. All committee and sub-committee positions will be up for re-election and sub-committee reports will be presented.

In 2016 we will be looking to fill the role of Treasurer and Grounds/Environment Co-ordinator, we would welcome any interested parents. Please contact Monique Tompson moniquetompson@bigpond.com or Sally Jacobs sallyjacobs@me.com

Current members, if you are unable to attend the AGM, please submit apologies to sallyjacobs@me.com. Previous P&C AGM minutes for 2014 can be found under the P&C section of the school website.

Monique Tompson
P&C President

Musical Notes

Salaka Drum Workshop

All band students will be participating in a highly interactive drumming performance by one of West Africa’s top cultural troupes The Salaka Ensemble. “Salaka” means “Sharing” in the Ga language of Ghana. The performance by visiting artists from Ghana will immerse the students in the rich culture and rhythms of Africa, in an entertaining and educational way. The students will learn a traditional African song to accompany the drumming rhythm, and experience African dancing. The workshop will introduce the students to an array of traditional African instruments of all shapes and sounds, including the ‘talking drum’, djembe drum, kpanlogo drum, box drum, bells and shakers.

The children will be attending the workshop on Thursday 10th December at 10.00am in the school hall. Thank you to the band committee for providing this opportunity for our students.

A reminder, that the AGM for the Band Committee will be this Thursday 26th November.

Important Dates:

26th November – AGM Band Committee for 2015
3rd December – Last Band rehearsal for 2015
7th December - Junior Band performance at Stage 1 Presentation Assembly (11.30am)
8th December - Intermediate Band performance at Stage 2 Presentation Assembly (9.30am)
10th December – “Salaka” Drumming Workshop for all band members 10.00am Hall

Marita Nieuwenhuis

Movember

The BNPS Movember team having been growing their facial hair over the past few weeks and are looking very hairy! Click on the following link: http://moteam.co/bnps to support them.

Mark Wallace
Team Captain

Library News

This year 101 students from K-6 participated in and completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The students will be given their awards next week and acknowledged for their achievements in Monday morning lines.

Many students have enjoyed coming to our Lego lunchtime club over the last 2 weeks and there have been some wonderful creations built. Students in K-2 are invited to come on a Tuesday and Years 3-6 on a Thursday.

Last week was the final week for borrowing from the library this year. We will be sending home overdue notices over the next 2 weeks for any outstanding books. Please help your child to find and return their books.

Debbie Horsley and Wendy Trute
Tennis Court Hire 2016

From January 2016, to hire the schools facilities including the tennis court either as a casual user or a permanent booking, the DET require a Community Use Agreement completed with a copy of a “certificate of currency” for public liability insurance policy.

If you are not able to provide the required insurance, individuals are able to hire a court at Wakehurst Tennis Centre, 300 metres from the school. To arrange a booking please call WTC on 9907-9180. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to our regular players.

Colleen Tobler

Gardening Club

2HR have been working hard helping the garden grow near our classroom. Thank you to Sadie Melov, who has contributed her time, knowledge and resources. Also, to Emily Hargreaves for her support every Wednesday.

We take care of the plants. 2HR loves nature, we won’t give up. We have little helpers which we found in the garden – worms! (Ava Jacobs) We have been making a worm farm with scraps like egg shells. We took the weeds away to help the plants grow. (Amelia Martin)

It is making a really big difference to the garden beds outside of 1R, 2HR and 2MT. It is a lovely gardening experience. (Freya Hayes)

It is awesome because I got to feed the worms and I got to pull out the weeds. (Tasman Morley) We also help the environment by planting some well grown potatoes in a heavy bag at the front of our classroom. (Laila Pike) When we started garden club we grew beans, zucchini and cucumber. (Matilda Thresher)

I enjoyed planting potatoes. (Madison Nolan)

We have been composting in the composting bin. (Jonah Looi) 2HR is helping the environment, recycling food scraps and giving it to the worms. (Sebastian Rayel) We’ve been watering plants every day and they are growing. (Ava Martin)

Year 6 Fun Day Activities

A huge thank you goes to all students and teachers (Y3 to Y5) for supporting the ‘Fun Day’ this morning. Activities ranged from skill-based games such as target shooting, golf, ping pong, Tarp Surfing and ‘catch a duck’ to guessing games, hair braiding, nail polish, face painting, Twister and a raffle. The morning was a huge success. Mrs Tobler is busy counting the money raised so far.

On Friday, we will be running the same event for students K-2.

- Y2 remember to bring plenty of 10c, 20c and 50c coins.
- K and Y1 bring a gold coin donation and come along to have some fun.

The money raised will be used to buy a gift for the school as a thank for all the happy years we have shared at Balgowlah North and in the hope you will always remember us.

Thank you again from exhausted Y6 students.
Community Fun Day
Wakehurst Tennis
Supporting The McGrath Foundation
Sunday, 29 November 2015

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
- Pro-am: Featuring Sandon Stolle, US Open Grand Slam Winner and Davis Cup Player; Steve Healy, President of Tennis Australia; and Michelle Jaggard-Lai, Wimbledon and Australian Open Junior Champion and Federation Cup Player
- Ultimate Parents vs Kids Contest
- Soccer Zone: Challenge a Soccer Pro
- Minis: Kids Zone
- Babolat Speedserve
- Sausage Sizzle, Cake Stand and Lemonade
- All funds raised on the day donated to The McGrath Foundation

FUN PRIZES TO BE WON!
Where: Wakehurst Tennis, Upper Clontarf Street, Seaforth
When: Sunday, 29 November 2015
Time: 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
SEE YOU THERE!

FOR SALE
Homemade Strawberry Jam and Chutney $5 from the school office
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Learn the ukulele in 5 weeks!
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Jan: Jan 6 – Jan 19
Dec: Dec 23 – Jan 5

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January Dates: 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 26th, 27th
Times: 8am to 5pm (activities between 8am and 3pm)
Costs: $275 for any 10 days* $160 for any 5 days* $42.50 per day*

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