From the Principal’s desk

Schools Spectacular

Wow! What an outstanding performance! I was fortunate enough to see our children perform in the Schools Spectacular at the Qantas Credit Union Arena last Friday night. There were so many talented children performing from public schools across New South Wales. These children were part of the 3600 strong team of performers: Matilda Daniels, Aaron Polkinghorne, Isabella Anderson, Lola Noble, Hamish Simington, Caitlin Heffernan, Karin Sun, Hope Schuttinga, Taylor Pollett, Jessica Emerton, Thea Devaris, Olivia Smith, Olivia Phillips, Ava Warnock, Madeleine Frawley, Claudia Briger, Natasha Woodward, Violette Roumanoff and Elana Bott. Thanks to Mrs Malar, Mrs Hall and the accompanying parents, Daniela Marenbach (Natasha, 4S), Kristy Smith (Olivia, 5P), Melanie Hughes (Lola 5M) and Sharelle Pollett (Taylor 5M) for making this experience possible. Don’t miss the national broadcast this Saturday 5 December 2015 from 7pm – 10pm on the Nine Network.

Bushwazee

Thanks to Bushwazee for the fabulous ‘Bush Christmas’ performance yesterday. The children had a great time singing and dancing throughout the day and into the evening. The evening performance under the trees in our fort area playground was well attended and the P&C BBQ was a massive success, selling out in record time. Thanks to all the parents for coming along and getting into the Christmas spirit.

Presentation Day Assemblies

Our end of year Presentation Day Assemblies are scheduled for next week on 7th & 8th December. Because of our increasing numbers, these assemblies are stage-based. It means they are more intimate and run for about 45 minutes.

Monday, 7th December:
Kindergarten Graduation at 9:30am
Stage 1 (Yrs 1&2) Assembly at 11:30am

Tuesday 8th December:
Stage 2 (Yrs 3&4) at 9:30am
Stage 3 (Yrs 5&6) at 11:30am

Bushfire-Prone Area

As our school is located in a bushfire-prone area we have a contingency plan in case of bushfire. During periods of increased fire danger we will monitor bushfire activity and keep up to date via the media and work closely with the Rural Fire Service (RFS). In the event of local bushfire activity we will liaise with emergency services and seek appropriate advice. If required, we will enact our emergency management plan. In the first instance, this involves moving all children inside the hall, away from harmful smoke. The hall also has toilets and running water. Emergency services may then advise us to evacuate to the next assembly point which is Seaforth Public School. Bus transport would be organised to take us there. During any bushfire threat, communication to parents will be via the website, school app and our social media accounts. Should the school need to be closed, this

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information will also be uploaded to the DEC’s School Safety web page. Hopefully, this is a plan we will not have to enact but we are prepared if need be.

P&C Executive
I would like to congratulate the members of the P&C Executive who were elected or re-elected last Wednesday night. They are: Monique Tompson (President), Adrian Molloy (Vice President), Sally Jacobs (Secretary) and Deb Barr-Dix (Treasurer). Two new fundraising positions were created on the executive team which were filled by Yogi Johnstone and Meagan Clarke. I appreciate the support and representations the P&C regularly make on behalf of the school community. The school works closely with the P&C and I look forward to our continued positive relationship in 2016.

Owen Taylor, Principal

Important Dates
03 December - Scripture Assembly at 10.30am
Helpers Morning Tea
04 December - Sports Assembly at 2pm

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 3rd December at 11.00am on the hall deck.

Learning Lab
I hope that many of our tutors will join us four Helpers Morning Tea on Thursday 3rd December. I wish to thank our tutors for giving their time so generously to assist our students this year. You have made such a difference to their learning as was evident at the ‘Learning Lab Celebration’ last Friday. There is no greater gift we can give our children than a love of reading. Thank you.

Assembly
This week we will be holding a K-2 assembly in the hall commencing at 2.20. KC will be leading this assembly and performing an item for your enjoyment. Our Senior String Ensemble will also be performing. We look forward to parents and friends joining us this Thursday.

Work Experience Students
We have two of our past students visiting our school. They have been assisting our teachers and students in the classroom and gaining valuable first-hand experience of ‘life on the other side’. We welcome Fraser Hall and Ruben Devaris back to BNPS during their work experience. We know you will enjoy this learning experience.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Congratulations
Congratulations to Violette Roumanoff who obtained a B+ in her 3rd grade violin exam and to Phoebe Barnes to who received an A+ in Preliminary grade violin.

Presentation Assembly Performances
All bands will be performing at our Presentation Day assemblies. Please see dates and times below. Children will need to bring their instrument and music on the specified days. Children will wear their school uniform not their band uniform.

Band Shirts
Could all band shirts be returned to the band room by the end of term.

Important Dates:
3rd December – Last Band rehearsal for 2015
3rd December - Senior String Ensemble perform at K-2 Assembly at 2.20pm
7th December - Junior Band performance at Stage 1 Presentation Assembly at 11.30am
8th December - Intermediate Band performance at Stage 2 Presentation Assembly at 9.30am
Concert Band performance at Stage 3 Presentation Assembly at 11.30am
10th December – “Salaka” Drumming Workshop for all Band members at 10.00am in the hall

Marita Nieuwenhuis

Library News
I would like to say a huge congratulations to the 10 students who received a Gold Premier’s Reading Challenge Certificate this year for completing the challenge 4 years in a row! Well done to Karin Sun, Natasha Woodward, Mathew Young-Thompson, Evie Noble, Ella Maryska, Emma Dunn, Izabella Feros-
Salisbury, Julia Minaca, Isabella White and Alana Wood.
Last week was our last week of borrowing. I will be sending home overdue notices to people who still have outstanding books. Could you please help your child find and return their books as soon as possible.

Debbie Horsley/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

Premier’s Morning Tea
Last Monday, the school captains and vice-captains were invited to morning tea with Premier Mike Baird at the Parliament of NSW.
We enjoyed a tour of both the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly where we were able to ask Mr Baird lots of questions about his role. We found out that he always wanted to be a famous sportsman and he worked in banking before becoming a member of parliament like his father before him.
We were able to wander around his office which is very swish, and enjoy delicious muffins, biscuits and juice for morning tea. His office is about as big as the staff room at school and even has a very comfortable lounge and coffee tables for visitors.
All schools were invited to prepare a speech about a person who inspired them. We took a risk and talked about our wonderful grandparents and the impact they have on our lives. We were very excited to be voted as runners up!

Phoebe and Toby (School Captains)

Attention Year 2 parents in 2016
Year 2 parents head up the fundraising team every year. We are looking to discuss ideas to make 2016 a fantastically fun and event-filled year! Please join us at 5 Nimbin Street on Thursday 3rd December at 7.30pm.

Gemma, Rebekka, Sylvia, Therese & Nicole

Kokoda Track Excursion
Recently, Year 6 went on an excursion to the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway in Concord. Our purpose was to recognise the harsh conditions men in World War II experienced when fighting against the Japanese during the Pacific War in 1942. Many of the soldiers who fought were inexperienced and very young. We learnt a lot from this experience and from our guides along

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the walk, many of whom actually fought during the campaign!
The Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway is an 800m walk representing the battles fought along the actual Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea which was 96km long and treacherous. Australian soldiers cleared dense undergrowth and climbed steep mountain ranges often with very little food, in their battle to stop the Japanese reaching Australian shores.

The memorial has many interesting facts about what happened, and serves to remind us about how lucky we are to live here in Australia. We enjoyed this very much, and learnt many new things that we never knew before. Thank you to the teachers for taking us on this, and to our guides for taking us through and sharing their own experiences and traumatic stories about World War II and the Kokoda Track campaign.

We would also like to thank Geoff McKay from Balgowlah RSL for organising the excursion on our behalf.

Tehama and Mia (Y6)

Year 6 Fun Day
Last week’s Fun Day activities organised by students in Y6 was a huge success.
We had amazing feedback from both students and teachers about the quality and simplicity of the games. From Kindergarten to Y5, everyone had a great time.

We raised a fantastic $1146 which will be used to purchase some ‘Water Stations’ as our gift to Balgowlah North School.
Thank you everyone for so much support.

Year 6 students and teachers

2015 Junior Tennis Competition
Over 500 students competed in last week’s tennis tournament at the Pennant Hills Tennis Centre. Charlie Brown and Rigby Whearty (Y6) and Mitchell Gerrie (Y4) all played incredibly well despite temperatures reaching 40°!

Charlie and Rigby reached the quarter finals where they lost 6 games to 3 to the No 1 seeds. Well played BNPS tennis champs!

Movember
Thank you to everyone who donated to the Balgowlah North Movember Team this year. With your generous support we raised over $1500 for men’s health.

Mr Wallace

Congratulations Ben Griffiths 6S on receiving a school medal!

NBLA White Ribbon Treasure Project
Last Wednesday, our prefects, Mia Schwartz and Lucas Grange, delivered 26 backpacks to LifeSource Community Care. The backpacks contained school supplies which will be given to children who have had to leave their homes at short notice due to domestic violence. As a school, we raised over $800 from our Day of Respect which funded the purchase of these resources. Thanks to Mrs Mason and the student leaders for coordinating this project.

Talent Quest
The K-2 Talent Quest will be held this year on Wednesday 16th December. This event is for children and teachers only. Class auditions will be held in classrooms in Week 10 and 2 acts will be chosen from each class for the finals in Week 11. All music, props and costumes need to be organised and brought from home.
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CREATIVE ART
Children will be encouraged to let their imaginative minds flow as they work to create some beautiful artwork. For ages 9-14 years. 
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6-7 years -Tuesday, 15 December 2015 10.00am-12.30pm
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