From the Principal’s desk

Parent Information Evenings
It was great to see so many parents at our information evenings on Monday and Tuesday nights. I’m sure you enjoyed meeting your child/ren’s new teachers and received plenty of useful information. We always encourage open communication between our parents and teachers. If you have any questions or queries, the classroom teachers should always be your first port of call.

P&C Meeting
I look forward to seeing many of you at our P&C meeting tonight from 7:30pm in the library. In addition to our regular agenda, we will be joined by the principals of Mackellar Girls and Balgowlah Boys high schools which will provide useful information to our Stage 3 parents.

Working With Children Checks
We really value the support of parents at school be that in classrooms, the canteen, on scripture/ethics mornings or with the bands. If you will be volunteering this year, there is a new working with children check that needs to be completed. You can collect one from your child’s teacher, the office or online via this link. You need to complete your details and return the form along with 100 points of ID to be witnessed at the school office. Classroom teachers cannot sign off on the identification process. It’s a short form to complete which is valid for 5 years. This is a legal requirement for anyone volunteering in activities which involve close contact with children. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kindy Parents Welcome Evening
I must thank our incoming P&C president, Monique Tompson, for offering her house to host our inaugural Kindergarten parent welcome drinks next week. The evening will be held at 24 Waterview Street, Seaforth on Friday 20th February from 6:30pm onwards. There is no need to RSVP, light refreshments and finger food will be provided. It will be an informal get together in a relaxed environment. I look forward to meeting everyone on the night.

Working Bee
To coincide with Schools Clean Up Day on 27th February, we are asking for parent helpers to take part in a working bee to clean those areas of the school that the kids can’t access. One of our dads, Adrian Molloy, is coordinating the event and he has set up a BNPS site on the Clean Up Australia website with more information. Parents can meet at the office at 9:15am with their hats, gloves, sunscreen, water and any useful gardening implements. You can contact Adrian for more details:

Social Media
Thanks to the parents who have downloaded the school app. Our website is our main source of news and information but the app is another way to get information to parents directly. We also have official school Facebook and Twitter accounts where you can receive additional information. You can like our Facebook page at: Parents with Twitter accounts can follow us at:

Swimming Carnival
Good luck to everyone competing in our swimming carnival next Tuesday. I know you will swim your best and support your fellow competitors as they aim to achieve their personal best.

A Date For Your Diary
We will be hosting a parents’ night out on Saturday 28th March. The event begins at 7pm at the very beautiful Rooftop Dojo at Daniel San restaurant in Manly. Tickets will be on sale next week for any parents of the school who wish to attend. There are limited places available so it will be first in, first served.

Owen Taylor
Principal

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Important Dates
11th February  P&C Meeting
17th February  Swimming Carnival
20th February  PSSA commences
              Kindy Welcome Drinks
27th February  Clean Up Day

P&C Meeting
Tonight’s P&C meeting will cover a number of exciting opportunities and challenges facing BNPS this year so please join us for a glass of wine and be part of the discussion!

- Current school planning process, targets and parent focus groups
- Appraisal of P&C responsibilities including canteen, band and Kulkuna
- Spending options for 2015
- Creation of Grounds Committee
- Presentation by Principal of Mackellar Girls High School, Ms Christine Del Gallo
- Presentation by Principal of Balgowlah Boys High School, Mr Paul Sheather

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From the Deputy Principal’s desk
How you can help your child learn and experience a sense of success.

If we are trying to teach our children to do something they can’t yet do, we model what to do, give them guidance as they get the idea and eventually step back and see if they are ready to do it themselves. This term our teachers will be focusing on Organisation as part of our You Can Do It program. This habit focuses on GOAL SETTING.

While your child’s dreams or goals may change, the skill of setting goals and planning the steps needed to achieve goals requires constant practice. Students learn that a goal should be challenging and something they cannot yet do. They learn that achieving goals requires hard work and persistence. They learn that things don’t always go the way they expect but that they can learn from their mistakes.

3 – 6 Assembly
This Thursday 12th February we will be holding our 3 - 6 Assembly. The assembly will commence at 2.20pm in the hall. Our House Captains and House Vice captains will be receiving their badges. All parents and visitors are most welcome to join us.

Lost Property
Our Lost Property is located outside 5M classroom and KB classroom. If you have lost an article of clothing, hat, lunch box or drink bottle please check the lost property bins. Our Lost Property fairy, Rowena Casper, will be sorting through the items next week and returning those items which have a name and class on them.

Please remember to name ALL items clearly with name and current class. Any items that we are unable to return due to unreadable names will be donated to our clothing pool.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Ride2School Day
On Friday the 13th of February it is National Ride2School Day. It would be wonderful if your child or family could ride their bikes to school on this day. Any child who rides their bike to school at any time throughout the year must see Mr McCall for a bike license. The following road safety rules must also be followed:

- You must wear a helmet when riding your bike— it is the law.
- Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened to their head.
- Ensure your child wears a helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels— bikes, scooters, roller skates, rollerblades or skateboards.
- Take special care at driveways and intersections. Follow the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.

Children who ride to school on Ride2School Day will receive a road safety sticker.

Tess Burns

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Everywhere you go in our school you will see our expectations clearly stated. Teachers consistently remind students what being a safe, respectful and responsible learner means and looks like. Balgowlah North Public School incorporates lessons on social skills, following the rules and modelling our values into the classroom program.

Recognising positive behaviours

The most powerful form of recognition is positive praise. We all like to be told we’ve done a good job! This is our most powerful tool and we work hard to recognise students in all areas of school life.

Our Expectations

Be Safe      Be Respectful      Be Responsible

Welcome
Many congratulations to Karina & Matt on the birth of their gorgeous son, Charlie David. Charlie was born at 7.32pm on Wednesday 4th February and weighed 2.88kg. Both Mum and baby are doing very well.

Book Club
Book Club closes this Friday 13th February. Please make cheques payable to Balgowlah North Public School.
Gwen Hunt

Uniform Shop
There will be a sale of second hand uniforms this Friday, 13th February, from 3.30 – 5.00pm. Please bring small change.
Jenny Burgess

Library News
We have had a great start to the year in the library. It has been wonderful having all the new classes come with such enthusiasm for borrowing books and an obvious love of literature. As with last year, all lessons are be an extension of classroom programs with the teachers and the librarians planning lessons together.

In library this week the year 6 students were treated to a wonderful presentation by Paul McDonald from the Children’s Bookshop in Beecroft. He talked to the children about what is ‘hot’ right now to read and showed them a number of book trailers. Many of the children were very excited and inspired with some new book ideas.

Stage 2 students will be coming to the library every second week for a double lesson. 3T, 3W, 4N and 4Y will come on even weeks. 3A, 3J, 4S and 4V will come on odd weeks.

Children will have an opportunity to borrow books each week in their library session. The library is also open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday lunch times for borrowing.
Debbie Horsley & Megan Rose

Waste Free Wednesday
Don’t forget that every Wednesday we are promoting our Waste Free lunches. Each class aims to be win the Waste Free title for that week. Please see the information below to help your child pack a Waste Free lunch.

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School Banking

Important Notice regarding Tokens

In previous years we have been given the option of resetting token balances to zero at the beginning of each year to minimise confusion of mixed up tokens over the holidays. We recently have been advised to instead carry token balances over from last year.

IMPORTANT: All bankers who have had their tokens reset to zero will have their token balance from last year reinstated when they next come to the school banking desk. It will take some weeks to action this process so please be patient when visiting the school banking desk.

THURSDAYS: 8.30am - 9am outside the library

Please help us by completing the deposit slip BEFORE coming to the desk. And remember no banking can be done after the bell.

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

Yolanda Johnstone

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Year 7 Academic Placement Test 2016 Intake

Placement in the Year 7 Academic classes at NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer Campus and at Mackellar Girls Campbell is based on supporting evidence of eligibility including the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test.

Application Forms

Application forms can be downloaded from The Northern Beaches Secondary College website as well as the campus websites.

Closing Dates for Applications for 2016 Intake

- NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus: 3rd March 2015 by 4 pm.
- NBSC Cromer Campus: 3rd March 2015 by 4 pm.
- NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus: 27th February 2015 by 4 pm.

Students will sit the test at the Campus they wish to attend in 2016.

Test Date

Thursday 19th March 2015 at 9 am

Contacts

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THE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL
GATS (General Achievement) TEST
Saturday 14th March 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 6 students,

The Forest High School will be running their GATS Test on Saturday 14th March from 9am to 11.30am in the school hall.

Students wishing to be placed in the Gifted and Talented class for Year 7 2016 must first sit for this test. The Year 7 G&T class for Year 7 2016 will be determined after close examination of the test results and the students' NAPLAN results from Year 5.

The cost of the test is $40.00, payable on the day. Students are to bring a 2B or 2H pencil, an eraser and a ruler. No calculators or dictionaries can be used.

The test consists of three parts:

Part 1 – Mathematics – 40 multiple-choice questions.
Part 2 – Reading and language – 40 multiple-choice questions
Part 3 – One writing task

Students are requested to arrive at The Forest High School by 8.45am for a 9am start. They are also requested to bring a copy of their NAPLAN results on the day of the test.

Parents are invited to a light morning tea in the common room where they will be treated to our Barista and Music program between 8am and 11am.

If you would like your child to sit for this test please ring The Forest High School on 94515111 and register your name, your child’s name, address and phone number. Please register before Friday 6th March.

Principal

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