From the Principal’s desk
Kindergarten Welcome Evening
It was wonderful to see so many Kindergarten parents at our welcome evening last Friday night. The night offered a relaxed and informal environment to meet and network with other Kindergarten parents, both new and not so new. The food and company were both excellent. Thank you to Monique and Andrew Tompson for offering their house as the venue.

Farewell Mrs Hunt
At the end of this term, Mrs Hunt will be retiring. Gwen has worked in our school for the past 30 years and plays an integral part in the daily management of the school. We will miss her dearly but we know that all good things must come to an end. There will be a Farewell Assembly on 26th March for all of the children followed by an afternoon tea for our current parents in the library. On Friday, 8th May an evening has been organised for all past and present teachers, parents and community members to celebrate Gwen’s illustrious career. It will be held at the Seaforth Bowling Club from 6:30pm. The cost is $10 per person or $15 per family which will include entertainment and nibbles. You will need to RSVP to Donna O’Donnell at greg_donna@optusnet.com.au.

Evacuation Procedures
As part of our Workplace Health & Safety (WHS) guidelines, we regularly practice evacuation and lockdown procedures. When the evacuation signal is given, the teachers take their classes to the bottom oval and line them up adjacent to the multi-purpose court. Rolls are marked and when the all clear is given, the children return to classes. Should we be required to evacuate further, our next assembly area is Woolgoolga Park. In the case of a real emergency, we would be guided by the relevant authorities and keep parents up to date via the school website, school app and Twitter accounts. We hope that we don’t have to use these emergency procedures but it is important to be prepared for all eventualities.

Thank you Mrs O’Neill
I would like to thank Mrs Jenny O’Neill for her contribution to our school’s public speaking program over many years. Unfortunately, Mrs O’Neill is no longer able to work with our public speakers to prepare them for the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod, however, she will still be involved at our school as one of our Ethics teachers. Entries for the competition close this Sunday and interested boys and girls can register online at: http://www.northernbeacheseisteddfod.com/entries.html

Peer Mediation
Next week, our Year 5 boys and girls will be training in Peer Mediation techniques. This training will equip them with the skills to resolve disputes and solve problems to ensure our Fort playground area is a positive, friendly and safe place. The Year 5 children enjoy this interaction with the younger boys and girls and the duty teachers value their input into minor dispute resolution.

Term Invoices
Our invoices for Term One were sent home last week. Thanks to those families who have already returned their payments. It is much appreciated.

We love catching up with our buddies!

Owen Taylor
Principal
Important Dates

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From the Deputy Principal's desk

Scripture / Ethics Classes

Scripture and Ethics classes commence this Thursday 26th February. Unfortunately, some children will be unable to attend ethics classes at this stage, this may include children who have previously participated, as there are insufficient volunteer ethics teachers at Balgowlah North Public School to meet the demand for ethics classes.

We are hoping to offer more classes later in the year as trained teachers become available. Ethics classes are available at our school as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) / Scripture. The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for-profit organisation, to design curriculum and provide school communities with training and support to establish and maintain classes in their schools. The teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, and the curriculum and teaching resources are provided. Volunteer ethics teachers must attend a 2 day training, complete the required compliance paperwork, and facilitate their weekly class during school terms for a minimum of 1 year. If you are interested in becoming an Ethics teacher please contact our Ethics coordinator Monique Tompson at Mobile: 0410 646 736 Email: moniquetompson@bigpond.com

If you think your child has attended the wrong class, or if you have any questions regarding your child’s placement, please contact the class teacher or me at school.

Handy School Hints

You can assist your child to a successful start to this school year by establishing clear routines for getting to and from school, and by setting aside a regular time for them to complete their homework or home reading. Children thrive on certainty and set routines for such activities. For some, it may mean coming home and completing homework straight away; other students may be better suited to a break, exercise or some refreshment before commencing their set tasks. Work out a plan that suits your schedule and do your best to stick to it. We fully recognise and appreciate how hectic life can be some weeks, so if homework completion becomes an issue, please talk to your child’s teacher.

One aspect of schooling that I am passionate about is reading. Research shows that parents can greatly assist their children to be successful readers by reading with them on a regular basis – bedtime is a perfect opportunity for sharing some wonderful literature. Children will also receive encouragement by simply witnessing mum, dad or caregivers enjoying reading themselves – by modelling a love of reading to your children, they will benefit immensely. For ideas on age appropriate reading, you can visit the website of the Premier’s Reading Challenge at, https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Writing Competitions K-6

Does your child love to write?

There are a few competitions open to primary students this year, Write4Fun and The Epic Short Story.

These competitions are now open for school students from Kindergarten to Year Six. Children can write a poem or short story for a chance to win. All it takes is a burst of inspiration, a dash of creativity and a little bit of effort for great poems and stories to appear! Children wishing to enter these competitions should see further information at:

- Write4fun
  http://www.write4fun.net/competitions/
  Entries close Sunday, 29th March.
- ‘The Epic Short Story Competition’.
  www.footpathlibrary.org
  Entries close 2nd April

University of NSW Competitions (ICAS)

If you would like your child in Years 3-6 to enter in to the statewide testing program conducted by the University of NSW please find the information and permission note under the Newsletter & Notes tab of our website. Tests are available in English, Writing, Mathematics and Science.

Dates for the competition are;

- Science – 3rd June @ 8.00am
- Writing – 17th June @ 8.00am
- English – 28th July @ 8.00am
- Mathematics – 11th August @ 8.00am

Please complete the tear off slip and return with your payment to the school office. The final date for payment is Wednesday 25th March 2015. No late entries will be processed.
Assembly
This week we will be holding our first K-6 assembly of 2015 with the presentation of badges to our SRC, Principal’s certificates and citizenship awards. Our Junior Choir will be singing for the first time this year. We look forward to celebrating the many achievements of our students and hope you will be able to join us from 2.20pm in the hall.

Success is never achieved by the size of our brain but it is always achieved by the quality of our thoughts. Anon

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Library News
We have had a busy couple of weeks in the library with lots of enthusiastic borrowing. It’s great to see many of our older books have stood the test of time and are still popular to borrow. Books written by Enid Blyton are an example of this with nearly all of the Famous Five and Secret Seven series off the shelves being read at home. These are especially popular with our Year 3 and 4 students.

We are so happy to announce the new library monitors for 2015. Thank you to Holly Coulcher, Matthew Williams, Ayden Woolaston, Abbie Clarkin, Alistair Kirk, Ben Griffiths, Rigby Whearty, Isabella Rigatos, Emily Wesley, Stuart Lane, Beau Davies and Dylan Wilkie. These students have volunteered to help in the library one lunch time each week and make a great contribution to the smooth running of the library.

It’s that time of the year again when registration opens for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. 78 students completed the challenge last year and received certificates for their efforts. The challenge is a great way for students to be recognised for their reading. It aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read. We encourage all students to participate!

Registrations for the Premier’s Reading Challenge will open next week on March, 2nd. Students will need their DET Log-On and Password, which class teachers will be sending home. Please visit the reading challenge website for instructions or alternatively come to see us in the library. https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

We look forward to getting to know lots of new families this year and encourage you to drop into the library when you’re passing by.

Debbie Horsley & Megan Rose
Teacher Librarians

Clean Up Our School Day 2015
Can You Help Us This Friday?
Staff and students at Balgowlah North Public School will be doing their bit to help the environment by taking part in Schools’ Clean Up Day this Friday, 27th February. This is a perfect opportunity for us to examine what types of rubbish are most common, discuss what we can do to avoid the creation of this environmental problem and consider the problems this pollution creates. Students are asked to bring gloves, preferably reusable to avoid creating further waste.

Parents are also invited to take part to help tackle some less child-friendly areas and assist some classes with bigger jobs. Parents are asked to meet our P&C vice president, Adrian Molloy, at the Bardoo Street entrance at 9:15am with their hats, gloves, sunscreen, water, any useful gardening implements and an enthusiastic smile! You can contact Adrian Molloy for more details: adrianbmolloy@gmail.com

The BNPS Clean Up Campaign has been registered on the official website: http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/BNPS

Clean Up Australia Day is this Sunday, 1st March.

Katherine Turner

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Sports Report  
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A Journey to Antarctica  
Last Wednesday, Year 5 received a visit from Mr Chris Olsen and his Antarctic adventure presentation. ‘A Journey to Antarctica’ involved student participation, props, images and sounds. The students learned about the effects of global warming on this fragile environment as well as amazing facts about Antarctica and its wildlife. The incursion ended with a craft class on how to make your own penguin.
OPEN DAYS 2015

SHORTERBOYS CAMPUS

Open Day: Tuesday 24 February 6.30 – 7.30 pm
Tour of the campus, bard performance, meet teachers in Science, Music, PE, Technology and Visual Arts. BBQ for students,지만 내는 시간
Information Night: Wednesday 25th February 6.30 – 7.30 pm, in the School Hall. Enquiries: 9938 4200
Principal: Rod Shailer

MISSISSIPPI SELECTION CAMPUS

Open Day: Tuesday 24 February 6.30 – 7.30 pm
Guided tour of the campus and student activities. Welcome assembly and Meet the Principals. Information session and morning tea for parents and students.
Information Night: Thursday 26th February 6.30 – 7.30 pm
Enquiries: 9930 2053
Principal: Christine Del Gallo

MSC CROWNE CAMPUS

Open Day: Thursday 26th February 6.30 – 7.30 pm
See band and other performances, student presentations and speakers. Tour of the campus. Morning tea provided for parents and students.
Enquiries: 9930 3992
Principal: Anthony Rudd

MSC FRESHWATER CAMPUS

Open Afternoon: Saturday 28th February 9.30 – 11.30 am
See the campus in action. Professions and cultural activities conducted throughout the afternoon. View the facilities and classrooms with students and staff, the full range of programs offered at the campus.
Enquiries: 9930 2634
Principal: Frank Rihart

ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST

For 2016 Year 7 academic extension classes at Balgowlah Boys Campus, Crowne Campus and Mackellar Girls Campus. Closing date: MSC Monday 27th February 9.00 am, or 3rd March
Enquiries: 9930 1195
Principal: Justin Wiln

Wednesday, 25 February 2015

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Mosman High School
OPEN NIGHT
Thursday 5th March
5pm - 8pm
Displays and Student Performances
Information on Special Programs
Principal’s Welcome

The Forest High School
FRENCHS FOREST 2086
Phone: 02 9451 8111 Fax: 02 9978 3263
www.theforest.h.schools.nsw.edu.au

An Invitation to our Open Night
Wednesday 4th March 2015
6-8pm

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 our Gifted and Talented class for Year 7 2016 must first sit for this test. The Year 7 GAT 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 8 pencil, an eraser and a ruler. No calculators or dictionaries are allowed.
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 our common room where they will be treated to our Music and Music program between 9am 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.

Ms Rosemary McDowall
Principal

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Term 1 Week 5

Band News
2015 Band shirt distribution will take place outside the hall after the K-6 assembly on Thursday 27 Feb.

Training band members all need to collect a shirt. A $25 deposit is payable, refundable on return of the shirt. Payment by
- Cheque – payable to BNPS band,
- cash or
- EFT - BSB 062-251, Account No. 1008-8207

(please send EFT receipt with your child)

Intermediate / Concert band members can exchange their shirts for bigger sizes if needed.

Ex-band members please return shirts freshly laundered.

Suzi Lemlin
Band Committee

Positive Behaviour for Learning

*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 Merit System encourages a continuity of positive behaviour based on our PBL program as students move from grade to grade throughout their school years.

*Merit Certificates* – Our school uses merit certificates to recognise students. Merits certificates are issued when students collect 10 mini merits or by teachers in weekly assemblies.

PBL Team

School Banking

Rewards now available!
ORDER YOUR PRIZE THIS WEEK – Thursday 26th Feb

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:
- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

OTHER PRIZES AVAILABLE TO ORDER:
- Wallet
- Pat Moneybox
- shark keyring
- Beachball
- Projector cup
- Swimbag
- Slap band ruler
- Pru Moneybox
- Knuckles Game
- Headphones
- Scented pencils
- Sea Streamers

If you have 10 tokens on Thursday 26th Feb you can order your prize. If you prefer to wait here are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Yolanda Johnstone

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Enjoying learning with our buddies!

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Canteen Volunteers Needed**

JOIN OUR EASY ONLINE ROSTERING SYSTEM TO BROWSE THE AVAILABLE SHIFTS

tinyurl.com/BNPScanteenroster

OR SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE

ROSTER ENQUIRIES EMAIL: petracanteen@optusnet.com.au

PLEASE DO THE RESPONSIBLE THING. IF YOU CAN’T MAKE IT, PHONE OR SWAP. PLEASE BRING AN APRON!

COMMITTEE: CHAIRPERSON: Bridgette Campbell SECRETARY: Shelley Buckley TREASURER: Alexandra Tucki ROSTER MANAGER: Petra Mazarski

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Liz Appleton, Bronwyn Norris, Tanja Muller CANTEEN MANAGER: Mylene Stegman NEWSLETTER: Sara Linden

Enquiries: Mylene 9949 4499

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VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED! Please help by doing one shift per term

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Enjoying learning with our buddies!
BALGOWLAH NORTH PUBLIC PRESENTS
SUNDOWNERS
AT DANIEL SAN

FROM
7 PM
SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2015
ROOFTOP DOJO @ DANIEL SAN MANLY

$60 includes canapes, welcome drink on arrival & entertainment
limited tickets available | tickets through flexischools
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DRESS CODE - A TOUCH OF SUMMER

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