From the Principal’s desk

Congratulations Miss Burns!

Miss Burns gave birth to her twins on Monday night. Leo Thomas weighed 3.05kg and Remi Violet weighed in at 2.6kg. By all accounts mum and babies are all doing well and we wish Tess and Corey all the best on their parenting journey.

Dance Groups

The senior and junior dance groups have completed their dress rehearsal and first evening show at Glen Street Theatre. They have an early evening show tonight and a matinee performance on Thursday to go. The costumes look great and it’s an exciting opportunity to perform in such a professional environment. Mrs Malar and I are looking forward to seeing the children perform this evening.

Fallen Trees

As you can see, we are still waiting for our fallen trees to be removed. This work is being undertaken through Treasury Managed Fund, the insurance arm of the State government. I’ve been assured that they will be taken away shortly but the enormous backlog of work from last month’s storms is holding everything up.

Choir and String Group

I’d like to wish our string and choir children all the best for their rehearsal at the Opera House tomorrow. The children will be performing in August as part of the Festival of Instrumental music. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children and I’d like to thank Mrs Malar and Natasha Roumanoff for their dedication to making this happen.

Camp Deposits

Camp deposits for Year 3-6 children were included in this term’s invoice. We need this deposit to confirm our numbers and secure our bookings. If you have not paid this deposit, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Footpath Library Writing Competition

Congratulations to Natasha Woodward and Isabella White in Year 4 who have been placed on the honour roll for the Footpath Library’s Writing Competition.

There were 400 entries Australia wide and we were the only school in Australia to have two students on the honour roll. Isabella and Natasha’s stories are published at this link: Footpath Library

Emergency Contact Forms

We sent home emergency contact forms earlier this term to be updated. Our records show many haven’t been returned. We need to have your latest contact details here at school in case of an emergency.

School of St Jude

I must congratulate Natasha Woodward of Year 4 for her generosity. Natasha recently celebrated her 10th birthday and asked her friends not to buy presents, rather give some money which she would donate to a worthy cause. She brought $439 in cash along with a handwritten note to be forwarded to the School of St Jude in Tanzania. Her brother Kai kicked in some money he raised from a juice stall over summer. Thank you, your donation will be much appreciated by those who need it most.

Natural Beauty

Mr Wallace sent me through this picture last Wednesday afternoon of a double rainbow over our school. A beautiful end to a wet and miserable day.

Happy Holidays!

This Friday 26th is the last day of Term Two. It has been another busy, successful term and I thank the teachers and the children for their efforts. The teachers resume on Monday 13th for a day of professional learning. We are exploring the research of Professors John Hattie and Helen Timperley around assessment and feedback which will become the focus of our professional learning throughout Term 3. The children return on Tuesday 14th July. Enjoy the break!

Owen Taylor
Principal
**Important Dates**

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**PBL Focus**

**Be Responsible – Care for others**

**From the Deputy Principal’s Desk**

As semester 1 comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents and students for their contribution and support over the last two terms. After a very busy term, I wish all children and their families a very happy and restful holiday, as you enjoy time together and a break from the busy routines of the school term. I would also like to congratulate the students on their enthusiasm and commitment to their studies and co-curricula activities.

**Disco**

Last Thursday evening BNPS band hosted the school disco over two sessions; K-2 and 3-6. The theme was ‘Heroes and Villains’ and I recognised many characters but not too many children. The children had a fabulous time bopping and dancing to new and old favourites led by our DJ Andy. They behaved very responsibly for the duration of the disco. It was a fun filled event and I’d like to thank the Band Committee for their organisation of the evening as well as those parents who helped to supervise the children on the night. Thank you also to the teachers who attended and showed us their great dancing skills as well!!

**Pittwater Festival**

Last weekend saw many schools perform at Pittwater High School. BNPS Concert, Intermediate and Training Band performed outstandingly at this event. Not only did they perform, outstandingly, but they also represented Balgowlah North Public School extremely well. All the students looked professional, were respectful of their peers and teachers and played with passion and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all the students who performed over the weekend and our String Ensemble last weekend on your remarkable achievements! We are extremely proud of each and every one of you. Thank you to all the parents who supported the students on the day and for also supporting their children through attending tutorial sessions and encouraging lots of practice at home. Thank you also to our dedicated Band Committee and conductors. They are an amazing team!

**Staff Development Day (SDD)**

In a time of new educational reforms the staff is united to ensure the very best for all students. One area we are learning about is feedback, learning intentions, success criteria and formative assessment. This is a mindset change and journey we will be on over the next few years. Part of our SDD will focus on assessment functions formatively to the extent that evidence about student achievement is elicited and used by teachers, learners, or their peers to provide feedback about the next steps in learning. Teachers will then undertake a Learning Inquiry over the term putting their learning into practice in the classroom.

**Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools. The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. It will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers. Parents and carers can have a say until July 31, 2015 via an online contributions portal, located at [http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers](http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers)

**K – 6 Assembly**

This Thursday 25th June, we will hold our K-6 assembly. We will be presenting Principal’s certificates, banners, medals and citizenship awards. Our Concert band will entertain us. We look forward to parents joining us and ask that you be seated in the hall at 2.10pm.

**Marita Nieuwenhuis**

**Deputy Principal**
Coding Club
We would like to invite children from Stage 2 to join our BNPS coding club. At coding club children will create, explore and collaborate through computer science. Coding club begins week 1 of Term 3 and takes place after the eating bell at Thursday lunch times. The club can only accommodate 15 children and will enrol on a first come first served basis. Please follow the link below to apply. Coding Club

Premier’s Spelling Bee
Congratulations to the children who participated in the School Premier’s Spelling Bee last week.

Junior Participants

Senior Participants

The four children who will go on to represent Balgowlah North Public School at the District Premier’s Spelling Bee are: Tyler Campbell, Mischa McCulloch, Charles Brown and Isabella Rigatos. Congratulations on a great achievement and we all wish you the best of luck. Details of date, venue and time will be sent out soon.

Jenny Mercer

Uniform Sale
The last uniform sale this term is on Thursday from 3.15pm til 4.15pm. Many thanks.

Jenny Burgess

Library News
This term has been very busy in the library with lots of interesting project based work. We are looking forward to seeing presentations by year 5 students this week who have researched Australia’s involvement in World War 1.

Well done to these people who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge: Annabelle Croll, Tara Kelly, Henry Knight, Jessica Mace-Smith, Josie Mercer, Angus Power, Mya Cranley, William Mercer, Violette Roumanoff, Oliver Smith, Pepali Stoddart, Isabella White, Josephine Theunissen. There is still time to enter and complete the challenge. The closing date for logging book entries is August 21st.

Have a wonderful holiday and happy reading.

Debbie Horsley & Megan Rose

EnviroMentors Program
Students in 3T, 3J, 3A and 3W will be taking part in the Keep Australia Beautiful EnviroMentors program to be held at the school on Wednesday, 15th July (Term 3, week 1). This interactive experience aims to educate the students on a wide range of environmental issues. We will be taking part in the ‘Close the Loop’ program which explores the concept of recycling.

Students discover what and how new items are made from recycled materials, where their waste goes and what actions they can take to start saving resources in their day-to-day lives.

The module takes into account local recycling services while teaching students about the broader implications of resource recovery through interactive games and audio-visual material. Every student should go home armed with valuable lessons and the motivation to live more sustainably.

Katherine Turner

Fundraiser for the School of St Jude
Congratulations on a wonderful Day of Colour last Wednesday. Despite the grey clouds and wet weather, the students arrived at school in bright, colourful clothes and many of us attempted to have a technology free day. We have raised an incredible $1054 through gold coin donations and this amount is to be doubled to $2108 which is an amazing achievement. The student leaders and Miss Norrie thank you for your fabulous support. We are sure that your contributions will make a huge difference to the students attending the school of St Jude. Thank you

Toby West on behalf of the Student Leaders
Make a Difference

Y6 would like to thank the community of Balgowlah North Public School for their support and generosity throughout the ‘Make a Difference’ projects.

The success of the project has been achieved through effective teamwork and many lives have been positively impacted because of the students’ creativity and dedication.

W4W – Over $600 has been raised so far to support the Waves For Water initiative. [http://www.wavesforwater.org/](http://www.wavesforwater.org/) Waves For Water implements projects that provide access to clean water for those in need throughout the world. A personalised surf board is currently being raffled. Tickets are on sale until the end of term. For more information, contact Y6.

Josh Read, Jack Giffin, Nic Tearne-Tonna, Cameron Mace, Will Klem, Charlie Brown and Riley Coates

Let’s Dance – A visit to Killara Gardens Aged Care Facility last Thursday, was a huge success. The dance group choreographed and performed four dance routines to music from the 60s. We would like to thank Yogi Johnstone for making the wonderful costumes. The residents really loved the performance and sang along during the dancing.

Flore Kwakernaak, Zoe Lemlin, Zoe Johnstone, Annabel Gallacher and Elsie Watson-Clark

Royal Far West School – Students made cupcakes for students staying at the Royal Far West School to enjoy. Teachers Vesna Giberac, Lisa Sakashita and Nerida Bourne collected the cakes and thanked our budding Masterchefs on behalf of the students at their school. The girls also made lasagnes for the Collaroy Foodbank.

Jamie Brown, Sophie Walters, Angie Taylor, Holly Atkinson, Matilda Daniels, Vanessa Sebel and Amelia Molloy and Olivia Bellevue

Whilst the projects have come to an end, we are sure that all students will continue to make a difference to the lives of others.

Thank you for making a huge difference Year 6!

Mrs Wetzler and Mrs Stock
Term 2  Week 10

Musical Notes
Instrumental festival
Our three school bands participated in the instrument festival at the weekend and they all put on fantastic performances. Well done to all band members for all your hard work. You did a wonderful job, played beautifully and you should be very proud of yourselves. Thank you to both Angus and Lanneke, our wonderful band conductors, on having the children perform at their best.

Disco
Everyone had a fantastic time at the school disco and the kids looked sensational. They bopped till they dropped and we hope they slept well afterwards! Huge thanks must go to Suzi Lemlin for organising it all and indeed to all the wonderful volunteer helpers for contributing their time and help on the afternoon and evening. Thank you to all the staff who turned up to also assist with supervision and enjoy the evening with the children.

Forthcoming and important events:
25 June Thursday - our concert band will put on a special performance with forest high school band at the k-6 assembly tomorrow - this is a performance not to be missed!!!

Please note the following important Term 3 dates in your diaries:
20 July Monday: Band Committee Meeting
6 August Thursday: Senior Strings at the Opera House on 6/8
13 August Thursday: Training Band Performing at school assembly
17th August Monday: Navy Band Workshop and Concert
3 September Thursday: Band Committee Meeting
4 September Friday: Intermediate Band Performing at Fathers’ Day Breakfast
13 September Tuesday: Battle of the Bands
Jenny Mercer
School Band Liaison

Waste Free Wednesday

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Term: 2
Date: 17 June ’15
Winner

Term 2  Week 10
Wednesday, 24 June 2015

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

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**June - July**

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