From the Principal’s desk

Debating
I had the privilege of watching our debating teams at Seaforth PS yesterday. All of the children spoke well and rebutted the other teams’ arguments strongly. The topics had a technology focus. Our ‘Bardoo’ team’s topic was ‘That we should ban primary school aged children from using the Internet’. We were the negative team and the strength of our three main arguments won us the debate. Our ‘Manning’ team had to argue the negative case that ‘Smart phones should be banned for children under 18’. In a close contest, the adjudicator awarded the debate to Seaforth. It is great to see the children’s public speaking skills really developing with each debate.

Defence of Sydney Service
The service last Friday to commemorate 73 years since the night Japanese midget submarines entered Sydney Harbour was both informative and thought provoking. Many schools and other community organisations from our local area were represented. Our captains, Phoebe, Toby, Tehama and Riley enjoyed the experience and Mr Abbott commented on the maturity of our leaders.

Well done Monique!
Congratulations to Monique Wacher, 5P, who represented Northern Sydney Region at the NSWPSSA hockey championships last week in Murwillumbah. She was one of only three Year 5 girls in the team. A great effort indeed.

Multicultural Public Speaking
Mrs Parsons, Mrs Nieuwenhuis and I really enjoyed being judges in our school final of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition today. The boys and girls all did a great job and we wish them all the best in the next round at Manly West PS. Thanks to Mrs Parsons for coordinating this opportunity.

Building Improvements
You may have noticed painters working on our A & F blocks over the last two weeks. This area includes the Year 5 classrooms, 3J and 3W, the computer room and the canteen. They are repainting and repairing the external cladding and also replacing some guttering and downpipes. This upgrade is being funded from the DEC programmed maintenance budget and should be completed this week.

Kindergarten Enrolments
We are now accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or collected from our school office.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th June in our library from 7:30pm. We had an excellent turnout for our morning meeting earlier this term and it would be great to see similar numbers at the next one.

Enjoy the long weekend everyone!

Owen Taylor
Principal
Important Dates
8th June  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
10th June  P&C Meeting
12th June  Zone Gala Day
17th June  ICAS Writing Test
St Jude Colour our World Mufti Day

From the Deputy Principal’s Desk
Writing is a complex and demanding activity (even for adults!) The teachers at BNPS across K – 6, link reading, writing, speaking and listening in a variety of learning opportunities. Visitors to classrooms will witness small group, whole class and individualised programs in operation. Watching the growth of students in the early stages of learning to write is one of the most exciting aspects of being a teacher. Mrs Stergiotis’ 1K completed some wonderful writing during the week. Their writing is already showing a strong use of punctuation, spelling conventions and vocabulary. One strategy teachers work on is to encourage students to expand their range of vocabulary to create sentences of greater complexity and depth. It is the difference between a sentence such as, “I saw a bird.” and, “I watched a charcoal-black crow hovering near my lunchbox, looking very mischievous.” Of course, some of this is a reflection of a child’s age, but at any age parents can help with their child’s vocabulary extension by verbally modelling better sentences and by encouraging children to speak using a wider range of words and a variety of sentence constructions.

Similarly, to get your child in the habit of developing reasons or arguments (for a persuasive text) you could pick a topic and ask your child to persuade you with reasons and back-up evidence. Good talking is the direct precursor to good writing, and your verbal input with your child will contribute to his or her development as a writer.

K-2 Assembly
This week’s K – 2 assembly will be led by 2HN and they will also entertain us with an item. We welcome parents and friends to join us on Thursday 4th June and please be seated in the hall at 2.10pm.

Maths Olympiad
Congratulations to Karin Sun for her achievement of 4/5 in our first Maths Olympiad test.

Did You Know?
An interesting video, this 4:58 minute video looks at some aspects of our rapidly changing world, fuelled by the explosion in population and human knowledge. A couple of facts included in this video:

- If Facebook was a country it would be the second largest in the world with 1.3 billion users
- The information contained in one week of the New York Times is more than the total information a person would come across in their whole lifetime
- In 1900 human knowledge doubled every 100 years and that in 2014 this figure is 13 months. By 2020 it is expected to be 12 hours ……

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcZg51l9no

The best way to predict the future is to create it.
Peter Drucker

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal
Library News
Last week many of our classes took part in an annual campaign called National Simultaneous Storytime. The campaign aims to encourage children to read quality texts as well as to promote an Australian author. Each year a date and time is set and people from all over the country in classrooms, libraries, bookshops and other settings get together to read a chosen picture book. The book this year was *The Brothers Quibble* by Aaron Blabey, a beautifully written and illustrated book with a theme many children and adults can relate to. Kindergarten was lucky enough to have the book read to them by Mr Taylor. 1S and 1L was read to by Mrs Nieuwenhuis. In the library 2MT and 2HN enjoyed the story and got creative with some crown making.

Congratulations to these people who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge: Zara Durkin, Alexis Harvey, James Kuys, Indiana Ottawa, Caitlin Ravell, Alexander Gudman, Kai Woodward, Charlotte Dix, Natasha Woodward, Matt Young-Thompson. We now have 34 people in total.

Keep Reading!

Debbie Horsley & Megan Rose

Musical Notes
ICAS Tests
Band rehearsals will continue as scheduled even when ICAS tests are running. Children are welcome to join rehearsals if they finish their tests sufficiently early.

Band Rehearsals
Thank you to everyone who has arrived on time for rehearsals even during these cold mornings. It is important to maximise this time with our conductors by arriving on time.

Individual Exam Achievements
Congratulations to Juliette Roumanoff who achieved a B in her AMEB 2nd Grade Cello Exam.

Disco
Keep this date free - Thursday 18th June. Tickets are on sale for the School Disco now.
This is for all K-6 students. Brief details:
When: Thursday 18th June
Times: K-2 4.30pm – 5.45pm
3-6 6.30pm – 8pm
Where: School Hall
Tickets: $12 available through flexischool
Theme: Heroes and Villains
We hope to see every child coming along for a great time. Please see the flyer for further details.

Forthcoming and important events:
11th June Thursday - Band Committee meeting
13th June Saturday - Northern Beaches Festival of Music for String Ensembles
   Senior strings 12.30pm - 2.00pm
   Beginner Strings 3.30pm - 5.00pm
18th June Thursday - Disco
20th June Saturday - Northern Beaches Festival of Music for Intermediate and Concert Bands
   Intermediate Band 4.00pm - 5.35pm
   Concert Band 5.45pm - 7.20pm
21st June Sunday - Northern Beaches Festival of Music for Junior Band 5.10pm - 6.20pm
Can you please ensure that all pieces being performed at the Northern Beaches Festival of Music are being practised at home and with tutors in their lessons.
25th June Thursday - Concert Band workshop and K-6 assembly performance with Forest High School Band

Jenny Mercer
School Band Liaison

P&C News
The next P&C meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th June.
So please join us for a glass of wine and hear updates from each of the P&C Subcommittees; Kulkuna, Canteen and Band.

Monique Tompson
P&C President

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Make a Difference (MAD)

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Unwanted Board Games, Children’s Books and Magazines.
As part of the Make A Difference Project that year six is involved in.
All Donations are going to Stewart House.
Please place in box provided on the Verandah outside 6S.

Tennis
As part of our Make a Difference Project, the Y6 boys will open the tennis courts every Wednesday after the eating bell for the rest of term. You will get ten minutes to have a game with your friends.

You can play singles or doubles games. No experience required. A maximum of 3 other people may come along to help as ball boys or girls.

Sign up for a game and remember to bring your sports shoes! Rackets and balls will be provided.

Cup Cakes
This Thursday after school some year 6 girls are holding a cake stall at the flag pole. We are raising money for the Manly Women’s Shelter and would love it if you would come along, with a gold coin donation to buy some yummy treats. This is part the Make A Difference project.

The Royal Far West
This term Year 6 is involved in a project called Make a Difference. Our group had decided to make a difference to the children at the Royal Far West. We chose to make some cupcakes. On Monday morning Lisa Sakasita, Vesna Giberac and Nerida Bourne came in to pick up the vanilla and chocolate cupcakes that we had made. The kids and the staff appreciated the effort that we put in to help them. They thanked us with a card that the kids had made.

Primary Ethics at BNPS - Volunteers Wanted!
Did you know that 175 children from Years K-6 are enrolled in ethics classes? Our 5 dedicated volunteer ethics facilitators lead them through 9 ethics classes every Thursday. Three are parents, one is a grandparent and one is a part-time staff member. Ethics has proven to be very popular at our school. A number of the children enrolled are on a waiting list until we can find at least one more facilitator. So we are looking for more volunteers!
What's involved? A not-for-profit organisation called Primary Ethics provides all volunteers with 2 days of training, which is both stimulating and very well run. Being a volunteer takes about 1-2 hours per week of time with classes every Thursday morning.
If you would like to find out more about being an ethics facilitator, or you know someone who might be interested, please email me stuart@stuartj.net and have a look at the Primary Ethics web site www.primaryethics.com.au. It is not just parents who can help, grandparents or friends are also welcome.
Thank you Jill, Harriet, Jenny, Amanda and Klara for your enthusiasm and commitment teaching ethics in 2015!
Stuart Jones
Ethics Coordinator

Canteen Survey
The Canteen Committee and P&C are currently conducting an extensive assessment of the school canteen.

We would like to ensure that we make our decisions regarding the forward planning of the canteen based on information provided by our school community.
Therefore, we are inviting each family to complete a survey regarding their usage, needs and opinions relating to the school canteen.

This survey is completely anonymous so please don’t hesitate in being candid with your answers.

SURVEY CLOSES TOMORROW Thursday 4 JUNE 2015
To ensure the integrity of the data one survey response only is required from each school family. Please click here to complete the survey: Canteen Survey

We greatly appreciate your participation in this important research.
Sara Linden - Convenor
Balgowlah North Canteen Committee
Sports Report
Date: 29th May
Round: 4

Girls Soccer
Opponents | Senior A | Senior B
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Manly West | Manly West | 0-6 (loss)
Score | 0-5 (loss) | 0-5
Best & Fairest | Darcie McDermott | Gabby Tearne-Tonna

Boys Soccer
Opponents | Senior B1 | Senior B2 | Junior B1 | Junior B2
---|---|---|---|---
Beacon Hill | Curl Curl North | Beacon Hill | Curl Curl North | Curl Curl North
Score | 1-0 Win | 11-0 Loss | 4-4 Draw | 0-0 Loss
Best & Fairest | Cameron Mace | Aaron Polkinghorne | Josh Tucker | Lukas Muller

Netball
Opponents | Senior A | Senior B | Senior C
---|---|---|---
Harbord | Cromer | Cromer 1 | 0-9 (loss)
Score | 9-27 (loss) | 11-3 (win) | 0-9 (loss)
Best & Fairest | Taylor Pollett | Jemima Giffin

Netball
Opponents | Junior A | Junior B White | Junior B Blue | Junior C
---|---|---|---|---
Balgowlah Heights | Curl Curl North Yellow | Cromer | Curl Curl North Red
Score | 11-2 Win | 5-0 Win | 5-0 Loss | 2-0 Loss
Best & Fairest | Scarlett Davies | Ava Currie | Molly Allen | Chi-Chi-Attard

Netball
Opponents | Netta Red | Netta White | Netta Blue
---|---|---|---
Harbord | Curl Curl North | Curl Curl North | Curl Curl North
Best & Fairest | Hayley Ling | Maddison Hookway | Amber Davies

Rugby League
Opponents | Senior A | Junior B | Senior B
---|---|---|---
Harbord | Seaforth | Curl Curl North
Score | Loss 36 – 18 | Win 30-8 | Win 36 - 4
Best & Fairest | Robert Lacey | Stanley Martin | Sarah Mazaraki

From the Sports Desk
Athletics season is upon us! In their weekly sports lessons, students in years 2-6 will be running throwing and jumping away in the next few weeks. These lessons will double as trials for our school athletics carnival which is in week 3 of next term. Please ensure your child has the correct shoes to change into for their sports lesson, there have been a few children forgetting shoes of late. Provided the weather is conducive, I am aiming to conduct long jump trials next week and high jump the following week. Especially for high jump, your child may wish to bring some bike pants or shorts to change into in order to compete to the best of their ability.

Kerry Kelly -Sports Teacher

Individual Achievements
Congratulations to Monique Wacher for making the Sydney North hockey team competing at the PSSA State Hockey Championships at Murwillumbah. The photo is taken on the first day of the three day carnival.

NSWPSSA Netball Knockout
The Balgowlah North senior A netball team played Harbord on Tuesday for the second round of the NSWPSSA Netball knockout. The team of Tehama Levasa, Lara Frawley, Matilda Daniels, Matilda Allen, Paige Etherington, Chloe Mason and Scarlett Moore played with poise and demonstrated a high skill level. The first half was hard fought with a huge defensive effort by the girls. As the half time siren sounded we were a few goals down. In the third quarter the girls passed the ball well and combined to score a number of goals but Harbord continued to score well. The girls played with courage, but were out-played by Harbord to be beaten 9-29 at the final siren. Great effort girls, we are all very proud of you. A big thank you must go to Lauren Mills for umpiring on the day and all the wonderful parents who came to support us. Well done, team!

Susie Stock
Term 2 Week 7

Wednesday 3rd June 2015

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