From the Principal’s desk

NAPLAN Results

Parents of Year 3 and 5 children will be receiving their children’s NAPLAN results this week. As usual, our results are significantly higher than the rest of the State and we have lots to be proud of. NAPLAN is the most detailed external data we have access to and we use this information for our future planning in teaching and learning. We have access to departmental software which enables deep analysis of the aggregated data for our school. I will analyse this information and present an overview at our next P&C meeting on Wednesday, 2nd September in the library.

Parking in Mons Road

I received a call from the Road Safety Education Officer at Warringah Council. Council rangers have identified an issue at the intersection of Manning Street and Mons Road. Apparently, parents are parking too close to the roundabout making it difficult for motorists to see vehicles coming along Manning Street which also affects our neighbours’ ability to see oncoming traffic when exiting their driveways. Please consider our neighbours and park further away from the roundabout.

Term Invoices

Our Term Three invoices went home yesterday. Mrs Tobler has spent the first few days in her new role reconciling the bank accounts, paying our creditors and sorting the term invoices. Your prompt settlement of these accounts is appreciated, particularly as excursions we have already attended need to be paid for. If payment is a problem please make an appointment with me to discuss.

Partners in Learning Survey

The DEC has commissioned a survey tool through a company called The Learning Bar to help us gather the opinions of our school community. We surveyed our Year 4, 5 and 6 children earlier this year and we surveyed our teachers at the end of last year. The latest survey tool is called the ‘Partners in Learning’ survey which is designed for parents. You may complete the survey once, or more times should your opinions differ for each of your children. Your input will help us inform the next stage of our school planning cycle and we value your opinions. Thank you in advance for completing this important survey. The survey can be accessed via the following link: [Tell them from me](#)

PSSA Champions

Congratulations to our four PSSA teams who competed in the grand finals last Friday. We were successful in being crowned Manly Zone Champions in Senior B Soccer, Junior B Soccer, Junior B Rugby League and Junior A Netball. It is a huge achievement to win one grand final but to win four on one day was amazing! The trophies are on display in our trophy cabinet in the school office. Well done to all the players and thank you to our coaches: Miss Vitale, Mr Wallace, Ms Burns for their work over the season. Summer PSSA resumes this week.

Canteen Tender Meeting

Canteen tenders closed on Monday afternoon at 3pm. The Canteen Tender Team, consisting of myself, Monique Tompson, Sara Linden (P&C reps), Mark Wallace (staff rep), Toby West and Amelia Molloy (student reps) met yesterday to assess the canteen tenders. It was a very intense yet productive day and we have submitted our findings to the DoE for their approval. I will keep you up to date with the outcome of this process.

Owen Taylor, Principal

Important Dates

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From the Deputy Principal’s Desk

Last week I included some resilience ideas from Michael Grose where he explains that “promoting resilience in kids is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way.” Our YCDI (You Can Do It) program has a learning focus on ‘Resilience’. Resilience means to develop the ability to regulate and to be self aware of our emotions. This means that we are able to, in most situations, manage ourselves so that we don’t get too angry or too sad. Of course there will always be times when this happens to everyone, however, if we can remain calm most of the time it will assist all of us to make better decisions and better choices that will lead to better outcomes. If parents are able to build snippets of discussions together where you are able to consolidate this types of thinking, your child will benefit as they grow up and learn more about themselves and the world around them. Sometimes it helps to refer to the ‘Howbadzzat’ poster. These posters are in all our classrooms.

Congratulations to our Concert Band

On Monday night our Concert band performed with the Australian Navy Band in a wonderful concert at school. Our band members were able to learn from some outstanding musicians and perform alongside them. The Navy Band conductor commented on how well our students are progressing and was impressed with their standard of mastery, he urged them to keep on practising their music as there is no limit to where it might lead in the future.

Many thanks to all the parents involved in assisting to ensure the evening was such a success.

Assembly

This week our 3 – 6 assembly will be led by 3A. Our sport ribbons will also be presented. Parents and friends are welcome to join us, please be seated by 2.20 in the school hall.

Kindergarten 2016 ‘Journey of Learning’

It was lovely to meet our Kindergarten 2016 parents for our ‘Journey of Learning’ on Monday 17th August. Our new parents were able to view classrooms in operation and gain a snapshot of the exciting programs offered here at Balgowlah North Public School. Thank you to our wonderful current Kindergarten mothers, who were on hand to answer questions and our fabulous teachers and students.

To further help our 2016 Kindergarten students become acquainted with our school, children are invited to attend the Orientation sessions with the first being our Sports morning Wednesday 16th September followed by further visits in Term 4. These sessions give the students a taste of school life inside the classroom and allow the teachers to get to know and observe the students in readiness for Kindergarten next year. All information is located on our website under the enrolment tab.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Many congratulations to our most recent medal recipient, Matthew Williams
PSSA Champions
Senior and Junior Soccer
The Junior Boys soccer had a tough match against Beacon Hill. They overcame a 1-0 deficit to score 2 goals in the last ten minutes to take home the trophy for Balgowlah North. Well done boys.

The Senior Boys also played Beacon Hill. We also had a tough match but played cohesive team football to put 2 goals into the net by half time. The team continued to play outstanding possession football to put 2 more scores on the board. Beacon Hill had no answers and we finished winners on the day. A big thank you to Miss Barns for encouraging us throughout the soccer season!

Jack Giffin, Riley Coates, Josh Read and Cam Mace

Netball Grand Final
Last Friday the day dawned brightly with beautiful sunny weather for the Grand Final round of PSSA winter sport. The Balgowlah North girl’s junior ‘A’ netball team had finished the preliminary rounds second on the ladder behind Curl Curl North. After easily accounting for Beacon Hill 12-7 in the semi-final, we were facing the mighty Curl Curl North team. The first half was hard fought with a great defensive effort from Ella Maryska, Natasha Woodward and Alyssa Medved.

As the half time hooter sounded the teams were 2-2 all. The girls had a quick drink and pep talk and the second half loomed! Scarlett Davies, Jessie Dalton and Pepali Stoddart combined well to get the ball into our goal shooters Charlotte Skinner and Ava Warnock who were making the score count. The girls played with great heart and determination to finish the day as winners. Brilliant effort girls! We are all very proud of you.

Susie Stock

Junior Rugby
In the Junior Boys rugby final we played Curl Curl North. They were a good team and played well. Through quick runs and hard tackles we were able to score more tries and win. The final score was 30-10. Well done to the whole team.

Stanley Martin and Hugo Pike
Library News
This is the final week to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge! The challenge finishes on Friday 21st of August. All books need to be recorded by then on the PRC website. Well done to all the students who have participated and finished the challenge this year!

The theme for book week this year is Books Light Up Our World and preparations are underway for our celebrations. We will be celebrating book week in week 9 with our annual Book Week Parade and Book Swap. This year our book swap aims to raise money for the Footpath Library. This is a charity organisation which aims to enrich the quality of life for homeless people, encourage literacy and promote a society that is well informed about homelessness. Sarah Garnett, the founder of the library will be coming to talk to the students in assembly in Week 8. We are also looking forward to welcoming, author, Oliver Phommavanh to our school for the day to speak to the students about his books and the writing process. More information about these exciting events will be in the coming newsletters.

Operation Art
Every school in New South Wales was invited to participate in Operation Art 2015 earlier this year. Operation art is an initiative of The Children’s Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education and Communities. The Operation Art program provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales. Our school submitted five pieces of work selected from students in K-6. Well done to Valerie Morley, Chelsea Kick, Stuart Lane, Lucie Oliver and Isla Heron whose artworks will be on display at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park. The works will be exhibited from the 5th September – 25 October 2015.

Musical Notes
Congratulations to our Musicians of the Month for August;
Olivia Smith
Hugo Lane
Ella Bosinco-Hammett
Mya Cranley

Important dates and events
31st August Monday: Band Committee Meeting. Venue to be confirmed
4th Sept Friday: Intermediate Band performing at Father’s Day breakfast
13th Sept Sunday: Battle of the Bands – Concert Band performing & Trash and Treasure stalls
17th Sept: Junior Band performing at K-6 assembly

Jenny Mercer
School band liaison

Debbie Horsley & Wendy Trute
Teacher Librarians

Senior Choir at Arts Alive

Waste Free Wednesday

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P&C News

NEXT P&C MEETING: WEDNESDAY 2nd September, School Library 7.30pm

We would love to see as many people come along to our next P&C meeting in a few weeks. There is plenty to inform you about. We are here to represent our school community, and Mr Taylor always gives his time to attend and engage with parents on various topics. The Sub-Committees will be reporting as well. See you then!

NEW KISS & DROP Council signage / K&D banners

Last week we were ecstatic to see the council has finally put up the new street signage in the Kiss and Drop Zone on Manning St. The ‘No Parking’ area has more than doubled allowing 10 cars to fit into the K&D zone as opposed to 4 spots previously. The P&C have also finalised the designs of new banners to go along the fence line in the K&D Zone, just outlining the rules so it is clear for all to see. The printers will be doing them this week, and will be highly visible very soon.

We would like to thank all of those supportive BNPS parents who use the K&D zone in such a way to make it as efficient as possible – especially during the hectic times. We hope we achieved our objective of making life just that little bit easier for those who need to drop their little ones off at school in the mornings.

NEW BNPS Cricket Pitch

Last week’s magnificent effort by BNPS sports teams to win no less than 4 PSSA winter sports titles highlights what a hotbed of sporting activity our school has become. The P&C has been very pro-active in lobbying local, state wide and national sporting bodies seeking assistance in upgrading of our facilities. A week or so back we received approval for a new 30m x 2.7m cricket pitch to be laid up on the top oval, replacing the small and out dated wicket that is presently there. We have worked tirelessly with junior cricket club Harbord Devils CC, Cricket NSW and the MWJCA to get this project done, and the greatest benefit of all is that the project will be completely funded by the MWJCA!

We have many budding cricketers, both boys and girls, at the school and hopefully in future years our excellent facilities will continue to assist the grassroots of Australia’s national pastime. The new wicket is being set this week and will take about 4 weeks to ‘cure’, before the AstroTurf top is added to it, ready just in time for the season to start.

SHADE STRUCTURES FOR THE PLAYGROUNDS

The P&C and Mr Taylor have met with a shortlist of companies to build shade structures over the K-2 and 3-6 playground equipment. We are in the process of fine tuning a few aspects of the structures before going through the required procedures with the Education Department’s Assets Division who will give the final approval. In a perfect world we would like to get the structures up before the onset of summer, however we cannot pinpoint a definitive timeframe for the various approvals to be reached.

Once these structures are up, not only will they help protect our children from the sun, but also show what can be achieved for the benefit of the school through the generous efforts of parents and their fundraising contributions.

Enjoy the weeks ahead!
Adrian Molloy
BNPS P&C

Cinema Under the Stars

"Cinema Under The Stars“ is our first outdoor family movie night held at the school and it's going to be a super fun evening.

Kids get to watch a brilliant all-round funny movie with their mates, while parents can to catch up at the back and take the evening out of the kitchen. The fundraising committee will have a sausage sizzle, watermelon and drinks stand and of course they have got popcorn and ice-creams too. The movie is “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, VERY BAD DAY” with Steve Carell and a 5 star Hollywood cast. The movie is suitable for Kindy through to Yr 6’s.

BYO picnic rugs, blankets, beanbags and don’t forget coins and cash for food stalls.

Tickets are $10 per child, adults and under 4’s free. Purchase today at flexiSchools.

Mandy Hunt

Orders close 28 August

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Citizenship Award K-2

Laila Pike

Laila is a student with an evident love of school and all learning opportunities with which she engages. Her mature and responsible attitude is highly valued by her teachers and she is a wonderful role model and inspiration to her peers. One amazing quality Laila demonstrates is her genuine care, affection and empathy for her peers, teachers and family. She is very intuitive to others feelings and goes out of her way to show her gratitude and respect. Whatever the occasion, Laila makes sure that everyone feels included and shows thoughtful generosity in the creative cards she makes for her friends and teachers. Laila is a delightful and conscientious member of Balgowlah North Public School, always smiling and very deserving of this citizenship award.

Citizenship Award 3-6

Nicholas Tearne-Tonna

Nicholas is a friendly and polite student who endears himself to all who meet him. He is always positive, inclusive and supportive of his peers, younger students and teachers. Nicholas listens respectfully to ideas shared in class and he uses his initiative to assist others when the need arises. Nicholas brings a sense of humour and fun to all school activities and he also focuses on achieving his best. Nicholas is an asset to the class. He shows respect for the school expectations and is a valued member of the Balgowlah North Public School community.

K-2 Award proudly sponsored by John Ribot Plumbing

3-6 Award proudly sponsored by Blackleys Estate Agents
Dear Dad,

You are invited to

**Balgowlah North Public School’s Fathers Day Breakfast**

**ON**

Friday 4th September 2015

From 8.00 to 9.00am

Kids order: bacon and egg roll and a juice box $5
Adult order: bacon and egg roll $5
Tea and coffee will be available for all adults attending

All Fathers Day orders will be done through Flexischools. Please go to www.flexischools.com.au, to place your Fathers Day order.

All breakfasts must be pre ordered and prepaid by Tuesday 1st September by 4 pm. Please print off your ticket or have a picture on your phone to show staff on the morning of the breakfast.

Thank you
Fathers Day Committee
Balgowlah North Fundraiser

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HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL

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from primary schools across the peninsula, playing from 10am-12noon

ALL WELCOME, FREE ENTRY

support these talented young musicians as they compete for the Battle of the Bands Shield and John Speight Encouragement Award.

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SCHOOLS BANKING
IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update - Please Read
Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

Yolanda Johnstone
School Banking Representative