From the Principal’s desk

Thank You Everyone!

Thanks to all the boys and girls, parents and teachers for another fantastic term. We have been busy working and learning and the children and teachers have really earned these upcoming holidays. I would like to wish all of our families and staff an enjoyable and restful break. School will resume for all on Tuesday 6th October, the day after the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Seafort Public School

Our thoughts go out to Mr Cheng and the entire school community at Seafort Public School following the fire there last Sunday night. It will be a while before things get back to normal following the investigation and subsequent rebuilding. We have offered books and sports resources to help out in the meantime and we know the Seafort community will pull together to support each other during this difficult time.

Cinema Under the Stars

Thank you to the team of Year 2 parents who did an outstanding job organising our Cinema Under The Stars last Friday night. It was a beautiful evening, albeit a little chilly, and everyone enjoyed the movie. All of the food on offer was delicious – the popcorn stall was a big hit – and the clean up was swift and thorough. Thanks to our sponsors for their generous support of this evening especially Cunninghams, ICM Property Services and the Wakehurst Golf Club.

Farewell

I would like to thank Miss Yore for the wonderful service she has given our school over recent years. She is a very talented young teacher, especially in the creative pursuits, and our loss will definitely be England’s gain. Mrs Sascha Carroll will take the class for the remainder of this school year and I would like to warmly welcome her to our team. I would also like to thank our long-serving canteen supervisor, Mylene, for the 17 years of service she has given to our school and wish her the best for the future.

Partners in Learning Survey

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to complete the Partners in Learning survey. The survey will be open until the end of the term: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent16825&j_password=Bal3984. I really appreciate your feedback which will help inform our future planning.

Lead Lease Foundation Community Day

We are fortunate to have a team of approximately 20 volunteers from Lend Lease working in our school grounds tomorrow as part of their Foundation Community Day. They will be rolling their sleeves up to start work on our new entrance on Manning Street, adding mesh to stop balls rolling under buildings, filling our garden beds and starting some landscaping works near our 3-6 playground equipment. Following this initial groundwork, we plan to organise some parent working bees in the near future to complete the works. We have a number of parents employed by Lend lease and I’d like to thank the company for their support of our school.

High School Transition

Warringah Council, in conjunction with Northern Beaches Secondary College, Freshwater Campus, have organised a seminar entitled ‘Transition to High School’ which is designed for the parents of children in Years 6-8 to support high school transition and enhance children’s early high school experience. The seminar is on Wednesday 7th October (during the first week back of next term) from 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Freshwater Campus. There is no cost involved but bookings are essential: youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Primary Proms

I was fortunate enough to attend the Primary Proms Concert at the Sydney Town Hall last night. Our choir were part of a 450-strong contingent of singers who sounded wonderful. They sang a variety of songs which were both energetic and uplifting and I am so proud of the children for their efforts. Thanks also to the fabulous Mrs Malar and Miss Yore for organising this experience.

Owen Taylor, Principal
PBL Focus

Be Responsible
Ask for help


From the Deputy Principal's Desk
Think!

I was recently shown a useful acronym which I would like to share. Hopefully many of you will have seen it before, but if not, please do point it out to your children and encourage them to use it. It encourages us to THINK before we speak and in doing so helps to ensure we are being responsible, treating each other with respect and always aiming for our personal best.

ICAS English results
Congratulations to all our students who participated in the University of NSW English competition. The English certificates will be presented next term.

The results are as follows:

Year 3
Distinction: Evie Noble
Credit: Daniel Bott, Emily Devine, Cristian Herold, Micah Jones, Lauren Kelly, Max Linden, Owen Malley, Enzo Munro, Hayden Pang, Abigail Rowe, Sophie Slavkovski, Luke Sun, Hugo West, Jamie Young-Thompson

Year 4
High Distinction: Alyssa Medved, Natasha Woodward, Matthew Young-Thompson
Distinction: Ashleigh Barton, Liberti Lorefice, Ella Maryska, Mischa McCulloch, Hugo Pike
Credit: Lukas Mullar, Matthew Burgess, Phoebe Champion, Scarlett Davies, Finn De Mars, Oliver Mace-Smith, Stanley Martin

Year 5
High Distinction: Sarah gatherer.
Distinction: Holly Baynham, Chloe Barnes, Hamish Simington

Credit: Elana Bott, Tighe Jones, Taylor Pollett, Jamie Stodart, Karin Sun

Year 6
Distinction: Jasmine Barnard, Jack Giffin, Beatrix Jones
Credit: Evie Coulter, Euan Loh, Zach Ottawa, Sofia Walia

Assembly
This week our assembly will be a K-6 assembly. The Junior Band and the Choir will entertain us along with the presentation of Principal’s awards, banners, medals and citizenship awards and the ICAS Writing certificates. Our assembly will commence at 2.10pm this week.

Battle of the Bands
A sensational spring Sunday for the annual battle of the Bands! The weather was glorious, food delicious and the crowds constant throughout the morning. Congratulations to our Concert Band on a wonderful performance. Many thanks to our dedicated Band Committee who have worked tirelessly, not only to ensure the success of the Battle of the Bands, but also providing a great program for our students. Special thanks to Wayne Blackley for his generous sponsorship of the event.

Maths Olympiad
Congratulations to our Maths Olympiad team for outstanding problem solving in this year’s competition. Our quizzers have certainly been challenged by the test offerings. Congratulations to Mia Schwartz and Isabella Rigatos achieving 5 out of 5 in Maths Olympiad 3 and Leah Burton for achieving 5 out of 5 in our last Maths Olympiad, these have been such challenging Olympiads. Thank you also to Mrs Ingrid Chapman who has given her time so generously to coach our Olympiad team this year. You may like to try and solve one of this weeks’ challenges, the answer is somewhere in the newsletter. Consider the list of numbers that starts with 3. After the first number, each number is two times the one before it. What is the last digit in the 20th number in the sequence?

After a very busy term, I wish all our students and their families a safe and restful holiday as you enjoy time together and a break from the busy routines of the term. I look forward to greeting our students on their return to school on Tuesday 6th October.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Library News
Thanks to everyone for getting into the spirit of Book Week with such fabulous costumes and enthusiasm. The variety of costumes and energy the children have for Book Week shows how much books and reading impact our students. Thank you also for helping to support our Book Swap. I am excited to say we raised a total of $666 for the Footpath Library and will be presenting a cheque to Sarah Garnett, founder of the charity, next term in morning lines.

As the end of term approaches please help your child return any overdue books. Children are welcome to borrow books for the holidays from our library and I also encourage you to make use of our local libraries, such as the Manly Library and Warringah Mall Library.

Have a wonderful holiday and happy reading

Debbie Horsley & Wendy Trute
Teacher Librarians
## Musical Notes
### Congratulations

Congratulations on a fine performance from our Concert Band on Sunday at the Battle of the Bands. Comments from the judges………”Bravo! Shake it off, Rocked!, A varied program choice to be commended. Wonderful to see horns, oboes and a bassoon in the band, great to hear such challenging music and succeeding.”

We are looking forward to your next performance at the Gala Concert.

Congratulations to Claudia Briger who obtained a B in her grade 3 violin exam and to Antonia Mergen who received a B+ in Grade 1 violin. Also well done to Juliette and Josephine Roumanoff who both obtained an A grade in their preliminary piano exams.

## Manly Jazz Festival

There are a number of special concerts at Manly Jazz this year from 25th Sept – 5th October. These concerts are a great opportunity for children to see professional musicians up close. All of these musicians started their music careers in primary/high school band programs. There is also a lot happening on the 5 outdoor stages across the weekend including a stage devoted to high school bands and a morning showcasing primary school stage bands.


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| 26th-28th Oct | Concert Band Tour (Depart 6am<br>26/10 return approx. 5pm 28/10.)<br>
| 5th Nov    | Intermediate and Concert Band : assembly performance (2.20pm)         |
| 19th Nov   | Senior Strings Assembly Performance                                   |
| 7th Dec    | Junior Band performance at Stage 1 presentation day (Approx. 11.30am) |
| 8th Dec    | Intermediate and Concert band performance at Stage 2 (9.30am) Stage 3<br>Presentation assemblies (11.30am) |

Jenny Mercer, Band Liaison

## P&C News

It’s been a very busy time for the P&C and there is plenty to update you with this week:

### Fathers Day Breakfast: Thank You Staff

On a wet and blustery Father’s Day morning, our wonderful BNPS staff led by Miss Parsons (SP5) organised the annual Fathers Day breakfast for Dads and students alike. Some quick reconfiguring saw the School Hall host the event as the weather was sour and we needed cover. A well-oiled machine of 5 BBQs and plenty of service tables saw the bacon and egg rolls fly out the door, accompanied by big welcoming smiles from our staff.

On behalf of all the BNPS Dads we would like to say a big thank you to all the staff for their efforts. It was greatly appreciated. Hopefully next year the sun will shine!!

### Lend Lease Foundation Volunteer Day

This Thursday, 17th September, will see the company Lend Lease attend our school. The company has a volunteer day where employees go out into the community and complete projects for the benefit of different community groups – in our case, BNPS is the very lucky and grateful recipient. We will have 22 Lend Lease staff present working on various projects, with the total donated labour and material totalling close to $15,000!!! The main focus will be on the entry area on Manning St and landscaping around the senior playground equipment.

If you see them working away, please don’t hesitate to thank them for their time and efforts to make our school a better place.

### Battle of the Bands

Well done to the Band Committee for their excellent work with the annual Battle of the Bands held in the hall on Sunday. 6 local public schools battled it out and Harbord PS came away winners. There were some truly amazing sets by these youngsters, showcasing some incredible musical talent at our local schools. The Trash and Treasure stalls were a success, and the parent community got stuck right in firing up a big breakfast BBQ and cake stall that kept the hungry masses from all the schools well fed.

### Latest Cricket Pitch News

The astro-turf has now been laid on the concrete slab and the crease lines been drawn as we near total completion of the square. I have been assisting in the process laying new turf on the surrounds, and with school holidays coming up we will continue to keep it fenced off while we water it and get the new grass to catch hold. Everything going to plan, the children of BNPS will be able to steam in off the long run in the
first week back. We must thank the MWJCA and their representative Tony Pecar, who have fully funded this project for the benefit of cricketers not only at the school, but in the surrounding area as well.

**BNPS ‘Cinema under the Stars’ night last Friday**

We are so blessed at BNPS to have such a dedicated Year 2 Fund Raising committee this year who have done a remarkable job raising much needed funds for our school. The passion and dedication from the mums and dad’s involved has been second to none! They came up with the movie concept and on a warm but windy evening up on the school oval, a big screen was erected and our school community were able to enjoy Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, VERY BAD DAY. Poor Alexander......Whilst munching on popcorn or a gourmet chicken bath, washed down with mini gelato ice creams!

More than 300 kids tickets were sold, and it was estimated there were 600-700 people there enjoying the evening. The feedback has been fantastic. Given its success we think such an evening might become an annual event. Well done to all concerned who volunteered their time to make it the movie night such a success, and of course we thank the sponsors for their support.

**Shade Structures**

We are still stuck in this frustrating holding pattern whilst the Education Department give the ok for our Shade Structures proposition to go ahead. We have the company lined up and everything is ready to go but unfortunately we cannot proceed until the Department say ‘yes’. The plan was to have the shade structures put up in the holidays in time for school resumption in the 4th term but this won’t happen now. The lead time on such projects is usually 6-8 weeks. Hopefully we can get them in for the last few weeks of school, but if not, when students return in 2016 they will be nicely shaded from the hot February sun in 2016. Yes it is frustrating and we as a committee really wanted the school community to see their fundraising dollars at work before the year is out, but unfortunately red tape is hard to cut!

**School Canteen**

As the school canteen heads in a new direction next term, the P&C would like to thank all the staff, Mylene, Liz, Tania and Alexandra, who have ensured the smooth running of the canteen over many, many years. On behalf of the entire school community, we wish them well. We would also like to thank the countless parents who have worked tirelessly as members of the canteen committee over the years, managing its operation, finances and volunteer rosters. A special thanks goes to the current committee, Sara Linden, Alexandra Tucker, Christina Franze, Jenny Pittar and Rachel Davidson, who have managed the transition process over the past few months.

**Seafort School Fire**

Our P&C have been in contact with Seafort P&S P&C to offer our assistance in any way after the terrible fire that destroyed several classrooms on Sunday night. The school has been shut for the remainder of term causing significant disruption. It’s at times like this where our community needs to pull together and help where we can, and given how close they are to us geographically, we all know families who have been affected by the fire. We wish them well as they rebuild, and the offer of assistance in any way is the least we feel we can do.

That’s about all the updates so far and we will keep you informed as we move forward, especially with respect to the shade structures over our playgrounds. The P&C would like to wish you all a happy and safe holidays. Spring is in the air as the weekend showed with dazzling weather, hopefully we get plenty more over the next few weeks!

**Adrian Molloy**

**BNPS P&C**

**Maths Olympiad Answer = 4**
Fun Sports Day

Wednesday 21st October
9.00am – 12.40pm

Top Oval at Balgowlah North Public School
Join in the fun at the K-2 Fun Sports Day and picnic lunch.

Parents, family and friends all welcome.
Don’t forget to bring your fold out chair and waterproof picnic blanket. Dress up in your child’s house colours to show your support.

Some of the novelty activities may include:
• Parachute
• Egg and spoon race
• Sack race
• Parent race (if time available)

ALL STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR THEIR SPORTS UNIFORM, INCLUDING HOUSE T-SHIRT AND THEIR HATS.

*If it is wet, the carnival may be postponed til Wednesday 28th October.*

Emphasis of the day will be ‘to have fun’ and ‘to join in’.
DIRECTORS CHOICE CONCERTS

Come and join us for two great evening performances of Manly Jazz. After a day of enjoying the festival along Manly’s beautiful beachfront, Manly Jazz brings you some fantastic concerts at Star of the Sea Theatre.

The Idea of North and Darren Percival
Rarely do you get to hear five superb vocalists in one concert but in this concert, ARIA award-winning a capella group, The Idea of North and the multi-talented, Darren Percival will present an evening of sublime sounds.

When: Saturday, 3rd October, 7.45pm
Where: Star of the Sea Theatre, Manly
Cost: $50 (concession $40)

James Morrison Academy Presents Jeff Clayton
This is a rare opportunity to see US legendary sax, flute and multi-reed instrumentalist Jeff Clayton heating things up with a group of young, emerging jazz players currently studying under Jeff at the James Morrison Academy. You can be sure that this will be a memorable concert.

When: Sunday, 4th October, 7.45pm
Where: Star of the Sea Theatre, Manly
Cost: $50 (concession $40)

Tickets available online manlyjazz.com.au

TERM 3  WEEK 10

Wednesday, 16 September 2015
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**TEEN HOLIDAY CAMPS**

Week 1: Sept 21st – Sept 24th (Tuesday to Thursday)
Week 2: Sept 28th – Oct 1st (Tuesday to Thursday)
Camp Time: Half Day from 10am Full Day from 9am – 3pm
Belgarnah Tennis Club, Cnr of Camden Rd & Belgarnah Rd Belgarnah
Half Day: $30.50 Full Days: $60 Full Days: $120
For more details or to register please go to or call 0413 742 071
www.tennish2o.com.au

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**TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL**

For parents and carers of children in Years 6 - 8 looking to enhance their child’s early high school experience.

**Wed 7 Oct**
6.30 - 8.30pm
Led by trainer Cay Camden, topics include changing relationships, building confident teens and tools to assist through difficult times
Northern Beaches Secondary College,
Senior Campus, Freshwater
FREE
Bookings essential
youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACROBATICS AND GYMNASTICS PROGRAM**

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Times: 9am – 1pm
Place: 5/106 Old Pittwater Rd, Brookvale
Cost: $45/day
info@aagi.com.au
or call on 9938 2017
www.aagi.com.au

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**NSW Government**
**North Balgowlah Community Centre**

**Spring Holiday ART workshop + Term 4**

**Flower Power 23rd September**
Chalk pastel & collage flower & insect drawing. Pop up an easel and paint an impasto still life like Van Gogh. Paint & decorate a beautiful wooden desk holder.

**Wonderful World 30th September**
Use vivid watercolours and metallic paints & pens to create a fantasy landscape. Roll and chop a clay tile to draw into and paint. Create a gorgeous nature inspired dreamcatcher.

**Age:** 5-10  **time:** 11-2pm  **cost:** $55

**Term 4 After School Program**
- **Wed:** 3.30-5.00 $200
- **Thurs:** 3.30-5.15 7-10’s $215
8 week term starts 14th October

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**Vocal Arts Centre Sydney**

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You’ll get to sing all the latest pop & rock hit songs & perform them in a concert for family & friends!

*Songs by Adam Lambert, The Script, Ed Sheeran, Guy Sebastian, Imagine Dragons, Meghan Trainor and tons more!*

**VenuE: The Balgowlah Uniting Church**
122 Condamine Street Balgowlah

**Ages 6 to 13yrs – $220**
**Course dates:**
- Tues 22nd Sept - Friday 25th Sept 2015
10% Early bird discount closes Friday Aug 28th
The week will culminate in a concert performance on Friday 25th for family & friends!

**Call 9976 9652 E: info@voc.com.au for Bookings/Enquiries**

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