From the Principal’s desk

Welcome to the 2015 School Year!

Welcome back to all our children and parents. I hope you enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer break. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to our new children and their families and to our new members of staff. We are looking forward to another wonderful year at Balgowlah North Public School. Our dedicated staff have spent many hours during the holidays preparing for the 2016 school year.

We have some familiar faces returning to our school this year. Mrs Ridley has returned from maternity leave to teach Kindergarten and lead Early Stage One. She will be job sharing with Ms Trute whom you all know. Mrs Jenni Reinhardt returns to lead the Stage One team and to teach Year One. She will be working with Mrs Lauren Hyett who is also returning from maternity leave.

Due to several bouts of maternity leave and other moves, we have a number of fabulous new teachers this year: Miss Kirsty Mitchell, 6M, Miss Syke Migan, 5S, Mrs Lorna Micalef, 4M, Mrs Kylie Hicks 2H and Miss Tahlee Auton, Dance & Drama. Miss Auton will be teaching dance and drama to all children, K-6, as part of our RFF program. We are fortunate to add these people to our team of high quality teachers.

2016 Classes

All children in Years 1-6 were placed in classes last Thursday and our new Kindergarten children joined us yesterday. We have 645 children enrolled and have formed 26 single grade classes, the same as last year. I am pleased to report that all the children have settled quickly back into school routines. A new school map has been included with this newsletter.

School Uniform

I would like to request your support to ensure that your children wear full school uniform each day. School hats and black shoes are important parts of our uniform. The wearing of school uniform is important in building school spirit and it also has a very positive effect on school culture and behaviour. All children are to wear broad-brimmed hats from now on, caps are not acceptable.

Parent Information Evenings

Parent information sessions will be held in Week 4 for all classes. All parents are encouraged to attend these important sessions. Class teachers will outline class programs, procedures, expectations and ways in which parents can support their children at home. All meetings will begin in the school hall and then move onto individual classrooms. The times and dates are as follows:

Monday, 15th February at 6pm: Early Stage One (Kindy)
Monday, 15th February at 7pm: Stage One (Years 1 & 2)
Tuesday, 16th February at 6pm: Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
Tuesday, 16th February at 7pm: Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

School App

Please download our free BNPS app which we use to send additional information in the form of push alerts directly to your device. These alerts relate directly to your children’s year group.

1. iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch app: http://tinyurl.com/pguwtf7

You can also subscribe to our new email service to receive newsletters, notes and year specific information. You can sign up grandparents and other family members too.

2. Click the ‘Newsletters & Notes’ heading
3. Under the ‘Email subscribe’ heading check ‘Newsletters list’ and appropriate class lists
4. Enter your name and email address and click ‘Subscribe’
5. IMPORTANT: An email will be sent to your email address, you MUST click the ‘Activate Now’ link inside this email that is sent to you.

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Term 1 Week 1           Wednesday, 3 February 2016

Staff List
Principal     Owen Taylor
Deputy Principal  Marita Nieuwenhuis

Class Teachers
KG          Julia Gough
KH          Camille Hadley
KM          Eliza McAllister
KR/T        Rachel Ridley (AP)  (Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri)
KR/T        Wendy Trute (Wed)
1W          Mark Wallace
1R          Jann Reekers
1R/H        Jenni Reinhardt (AP) (Mon/Tues/Wed)
1R/H        Lauren Hyett  (Thurs/Fri)
1S          Carolyn Spooner
2B          Sarah Baker
2H/R        Anna Harris (Mon/Tues/Wed)
2H/R        Megan Rose (Thurs/Fri)
2J          Eva Jackson
2M          Amanda Mason
3H          Kylie Hicks
3J          Jenny Mercer
3M          Anna Marsh
3T          Katherine Turner
4H          Simone Hall
4M          Lorna Micallef
4N          Belinda Norrie (AP)
4V          Patricia Vitale
5B/P        Paulette Pocock (Mon-Wed)
5B/P        Tess Barns (Thur-Fri)
5M          Chris McCall
5S          Skye Migan
6M          Kirsty Mitchell
6S          Susie Stock
6W          Beverley Wetzler (AP)
Library      Debbie Horsley  (Librarian – Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs)
            Wendy Trute (Fri)
Music        Margaret Malar
CAPA         Tahlee Auton
Sport        Kerry Kelly (Mon/Tues/Wed)
Sport        Sascha Carroll (Thurs/Fri)
Administration  Colleen Tobler
                Kerrie Nugent
                Debbie Elder (Mon/Thurs,Wed - Lib)
                Amanda Baker (Tues/Wed)
                Ann Parkinson (Fri)
School Counsellor  David Montgomery (Half Tues/Wed)
Learning Support  Carolyn Watson
L.A.S.T      Katrina Ross (Tues/Wed + Every 2nd Fri)
SLSO         Marilyn Fitzgerald
SLSO         Karen Ackery (M,T)
SLSO         Michelle Fighera (Mon/Wed)
General Assistants  Howard Tempest (Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri)
                    Jim Zappia (Thurs)

Student Leaders 2016

I am looking forward to working with our 2016 Student Leadership team. The boys and girls were elected by their peers at the end of last year.

Captains: Clara Berry & Jack Mason
Vice Captains: Scarlett Moore & Cooper Bowyer
Prefects: Leah Burton, Chloe Mason, Hamish Simington & Michael Minaca

Owen Taylor, Principal

Important Dates
15th February             P&C Meeting – 9.00am
15th February  Parent Teacher Night
ES1 – 6.00pm
Stage 1 – 7.00pm
16th February Parent Teacher Night
Stage 2 – 7.00pm
Stage 3 – 6.00pm
20th February  Summer PSSA commences
23rd February Swimming Carnival

From the Deputy Principal’s desk
It was wonderful to see all our students return to school last week eager and ready to learn.

Congratulations to our Years 1 -6 students on settling back into the school routines so quickly. Teachers have commented favourably on how the students have demonstrated a positive approach to their new classes and activities.

Our Kindergarten children arrived for their first full day at school yesterday morning, most with big grins looking splendid in their shiny black shoes and uniforms. There were many parents also with big grins but a few with tissues, which I’m sure was just the excitement of waving their little one onto a new adventure. After visiting the Kindergarten classes I am confident the children will settle quickly under the care of our talented and caring Kindergarten team. Student supervision does not begin at school until 8.30am, when teachers are officially on duty. We request that the children play either on the front asphalt or bottom grassed playground(outside the Kindergarten rooms) where a teacher is on duty. The ovals and primary play equipment is not open for play in the mornings.

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Learning Lab
Our learning Lab reading program at Balgowlah North is based on the MultiLit program developed at Macquarie University. It aims to teach children, who are struggling with their reading, a bank of 200 sight words and the necessary ‘word attack’ skills to become accurate and fluent readers. Becoming a tutor at BNPS involves a small group training session with Mrs Watson, our STLA teacher, and ongoing support in your sessions with students from Years 1 and 2. If possible, tutors are asked to commit at least 1 or 2 hours a week, this can be on a share basis with another parent. Tutors invariably find the process of working with our students to be a rewarding one and also being able to use these skills when reading with their children at home. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Our tutor training session will be held in the Learning Lab on Friday 5th February at 9.00am. We are looking for tutors who may be available on Mondays and Thursdays. A love a of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children, please contact Mrs Watson on 9949 4499 or come along to the training session on Friday 5th to find out more.

Scripture and Ethics classes 2016
Scripture and Ethics classes will commence on Thursday 25th February. If you would like to change your scripture option please send your request in writing to your child’s class teacher by Monday 8th February. Kindergarten students were provided with this note in their information pack last year. Options available in 2016 include Combined Scripture, Catholic, Ethics, Bahai and Non scripture.

Assembly
This Thursday 4th February at 1.45 we will be holding our first 3 – 6 assembly for 2016. This assembly will be run by our Student Leaders. Parents and visitors are most welcome to join us in the school hall.

Musical Notes
Welcome to all our new and returning students, parents and conductors to a great year of music with the Balgowlah North Public School band program.

Rehearsals for all bands will commence in Week 3, 8th February. Specific times are listed below. Children need to be punctual for their rehearsal times. Please bring your instrument, band bag, lead pencil and music book, music folder to each rehearsal. During lunch rehearsals children will take their lunch to the rehearsal venue along with their equipment.

Junior Band
Conductor – Mr Angus Bullough
Tuesday and Thursday at 7.40am in the hall

Senior Band
Conductor – Ms Lanneke Grace
Monday 7.45am and Wednesday 12.40pm in the hall

Concert Band
Conductor – Ms Lanneke Grace
Monday 12.40pm and Wednesday 7.40am in the hall

Beginner String Ensemble
Conductor – Mrs Natasha Roumanoff
Monday 12.40pm in Kulkuna

Senior String Ensemble
Conductor – Mrs Natasha Roumanoff
Wednesday 12.40pm in Kulkuna

I would like to welcome our Band Committee members for 2016;
Chair: Annie White
Secretary: Marie Slocombe
Treasurer: Michelle Malley
Junior Band Parent Liaison: Klara Henderson
Concert Band Parent Liaison: Jackie Frawley
Catering: Alex Tucker
Music Librarian: Anita Filmer

We still require volunteers for the positions below. If you would like to assist please contact our Band Chairperson, Annie White on bnpsband@hotmail.com

Senior Band Parent Liaison
Strings Parent Liaison
Shirt Co-ordinator
Battle of the Bands Co-ordinator (x2)
Band Camp Co-ordinator (x2)

If you have any questions or wish to contact the Band Committee please email bnpsband@hotmail.com.au or contact the Band Liaisons, Mrs Jenny Mercer, 3J class teacher or myself.

Looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and music.

Marita Nieuwenhuis

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Sport
Tennis
Tennis will be offered for school sport this term starting Friday, week 3. Permission notes can be obtained from Ms Turner or on the school website and need to be returned to Ms Turner by Monday 8th February.

Katherine Turner

House Captains
I have great pleasure in announcing the House Captains for 2016;
Koalas: Harry Bortolussi and Sarah Gatherer
Kangaroos: Hamish McLellan and Jessica Hargreaves
Wombats: Thomas Rouse and Paige Etherington
Wallabies: Christopher Small and Millie Albert

Swimming Carnival
Our annual swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 23rd February at Manly Boy Charlton Swimming Centre. The carnival will commence at 10am sharp and conclude at approximately 2.00 pm. The carnival is open to all students aged 8 and over and is extended to students who will turn 8 years old in 2016. If your child does not have a house swimming cap they can purchase one from Mrs Stock for $3.

As we have done in previous years, judges will ensure our students swim using the correct stroke technique in accordance with the PSSA Zone guidelines. It is important that students are aware that they will be disqualified if they are using incorrect technique during the carnival. If you are able to offer any assistance during the carnival please contact us by Friday 19th February 2016.

This year we are using a computer program which is compatible with those used in Zone and District carnivals. We require all students to pre-enter, to ensure they are able to compete in the correct events and that the carnival runs as smoothly as possible. Please fill in the form which has been sent home with your child, (or can be found on the school website in Notes/Sport). It will be extremely difficult to make changes on the day, so if they select an event, they will be expected to compete. Please return the form to Mrs Kelly by Tuesday 16th February.

Please be advised that a $4.00 spectator’s fee applies to any member of the general public who wish to view the swimming carnival. Spectators are to enter via the new entrance on Kenneth Road. The Swim Centre does not allow students to swim in the 25m or toddlers pool, whilst the carnival is in progress. Thank you and we appreciate your support.

Susie Stock & Kerry Kelly
Carnival Organisers

Library News
We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term in the library. As with last year the library program will be planned by classroom teachers and librarians together so that the library learning is an extension of classroom programs.

On Monday the Year 6 classes were treated to a presentation by Paul MacDonald from the Children’s Bookshop in Beecroft. Mr MacDonald talked to the children about some of the lastest book releases and new authors and showed some wonderful book trailers. The children were inspired by his presentation and motivated with some new ideas for borrowing.

This year children have the opportunity to borrow books during their library lessons. They will also have the chance to borrow from the library on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at lunchtime.

Debbie Horsley Wendy Trute

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Music
Welcome back to another wonderful year of music!
There are a number of wonderful opportunities in music to develop technical vocal and performance skills. If your child is interested in joining one of the following music activities he/she needs to add his/her name to the list on the music room door.

Senior Choir
Children in Years 5 and 6 are welcome to join the senior choir. One of the highlights this year will be the regional combined school choir concert at the Sydney Opera House.

Primary Proms
Children in Year 4 are welcome to join this choir. The children learn a beautiful repertoire of songs throughout the year which they perform at school events and at the State Choral Concert (Primary Proms) at the Sydney Town Hall.

Year Three children are invited to join this choir. They will perform at all school based choral events but due to restrictions of numbers only year four perform at the town Hall.

Festival of Instrumental Music
This festival is held annually at the Sydney Opera House. It involves schools throughout NSW performing instrumental music.

Last year the parents were in awe of the standard of music and indeed very proud of their child’s achievement at this festival. The children in the string ensemble (taught by Natasha Roumanoff) and the recorder ensemble had a memorable experience performing at the Sydney Opera House. If your child is interested in joining the recorder ensemble please see me.

Looking forward to a magical year of music!
Margaret Malar
Music Teacher

School banking 2015
School Banking will start back this Thursday 4th February 830-9am outside the library.
If your child is keen to join the banking program come and visit us for further information.
Yolanda Johnstone

Clothing Pool
The second hand clothing pool will be opening on Fridays, once a fortnight from 3:00pm in The Music Room.
The Friday dates for Term 1 will be;
- 12th February
- 26th February
- 11th March
- 1st April

Please remember to bring in “cash” only and to try and bring in different denominations. It is sometimes difficult to have the right change. All money raised goes straight back into the School. Please also try to remind your children to be respectful near the clothing pool as Mrs Malar has lots of precious equipment in her room.

If you have any enquiries please feel free to email me on meaghan_croll@hotmail.com. Thank you.
Meaghan Croll
Citizenship Award K-2
Teya Cranley

Teya is a positive, polite and conscientious student. She sets herself high standards and works quietly and calmly to achieve her goals. Teya has a high regard for school rules and displays a respectful attitude at all times. She is a collaborative team member who exhibits fair play, tolerance and understanding. Teya is trustworthy and dependable with tasks and responsibilities, fulfilling these obligations in an exemplary way. With her gentle nature, she is sensitive and empathetic to the needs of her school friends. Teya is inclusive, encouraging and supportive of her peers both inside the classroom and out. She shows a quiet determination and a great sense of justice when helping those in need, sometimes speaking to teachers on their behalf. Teya is always willing to wait her turn, often putting fellow students before her. She never seeks reward for what she does. Teya has the ability to lead by example in an unobtrusive manner. She is an excellent role model and a valued student at Balgowlah North Public School.

Citizenship Award 3-6
Callum Van Schie

Callum is a mature, modest student who always treats others with the utmost respect. He works diligently and shows perseverance when undertaking challenging independent tasks. Callum’s peers value his harmonious, focused participation in group learning activities. He shows a genuine concern for the feelings of others and encourages his peers to play fairly and do the right thing. Callum’s keen interest in the world around him is evident in his care for the environment. His patience and kindness set a fine example to others. Callum is an outstanding citizen and a worthy recipient of this award.
BNPS P&C Committee 2016

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P&C Meetings Term 1 2016
Monday 15th February 9.00am
Wednesday 16th March 7.30pm

PLAN OF BALGOWLAH NORTH P.S. 2016

MANNING STREET

TOP OVAL

BOTTOM OVAL

1S  1R
B&A School Care

4H  4N  4V  4M
2B  2HR  2M  2J

SPORT SHEET  PLAYING AREAS

5B/P  5M  5S

OFFICE  STAFF ROOM

LIBRARY  TV/M

REF Classroom

K-2 TOILETS

KH  KR/T  KG  KM

6S  6W  6M

3H  3T

MONS ROAD

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Year 7 Academic Placement Test 2017 Intake

Placement in the Year 7 Academic classes at NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer Campus and NBSC MacKellar Girls Campus is based on supporting evidence of eligibility including the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test.

Application Forms

Application forms can be downloaded from The Northern Beaches Secondary College website.

http://www.nbsc.schoo ls.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-opportunity/year-7-academic-placements1

Closing Dates for Applications for 2017 Intake

- NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus 4th March 2016 by 4pm.
- NBSC Cromer Campus 4th March 2016 by 4pm.
- NBSC MacKellar Girls Campus 26th February 2016 by 4pm.

Students should sit the test at the NBSC campus they wish to attend in 2017.

Test Date

Thursday 17th March 2016 at 9am

Contacts

NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus: Lorna Curtis 9939 6942
NBSC Cromer Campus: Lorna Curtis 9939 6942
NBSC MacKellar Girls Campus: Wendy Malley 9949 2083

The Forest School – GATS Test, Open Night & Meet the Principal Dates

Forest High School will be holding our GAT (General Achievement Test) on the following date:

Saturday 17th March from 9:30am to 11:30am

The testing will take place in the school hall. If you are unable to attend on this date a reserve session will also be held on Monday 14th March from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Those wishing to be placed in our Gifted and Talented class for Year 7 2017 must first sit for this test.

Year 7 GAT class for Year 7 2017 will be determined after close examination of the test results and the NAPLAN results from Year 6. The cost of the test is $40.00 payable on the day.

Students are to bring a $20 or $50 pencil, an eraser and a ruler. No calculators or dictionaries can be used.

The test consists of three parts:

1. Mathematics – 40 multiple-choice questions
2. Reading and Language – 40 multiple-choice questions
3. One writing task

Parents and students are invited to attend The Forest High School Open Night on Monday 17th March at 6:00pm to 7:00pm

The evening includes an address from the Principal & School Captains; displays & activities from each canteen, faculty Treasure Hunt, school tours, music, dance & drama performances; teachers & parents will be available to answer questions.

MEET THE PRINCIPAL – dates for 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

The Principal and the School Captains are pleased to invite you to join us on Thursday 7th March for an Open Night at The Forest High School. The evening will include a tour of the school, an opportunity to meet with the Principal, Mr. Craig Matthews, to ask any questions you may have and to view the facilities. The school tour will commence at 6:00pm and will conclude at 7:00pm.

Our school is at the heart of the community.

Please join us at our Open Night so that students and staff can show you what makes The Forest High School such a special place to learn and thrive.

Find out about our unique opportunities such as:

- The GATEway extension class for Year 7
- Our special needs music, dance and drama programs
- After school study skills, homework and research program
- International trips to Japan, France and Italy
- Leadership opportunities in all years
- Camps in years 7, 9 and 11 specialising in outdoor education

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