From the Principal’s desk

Hoax Bomb Threats
As you will have heard in the media, there have been bomb threats made to a host of public schools across NSW, the nearest being Mona Vale PS. I have been liaising with my Director and the Department of Education about our procedures should our school be targeted. If we receive a call of this nature we will contact the police and School Safety & Security Unit who will then guide us with the next steps. We will endeavour to supply as much information as possible to the parent community via our school app, website and social media accounts. Please ensure you have access to all of these.

Our first evacuation point is our multi-purpose court outside the Year 6 rooms then, if required, we would walk to Woolgoolga Park via Gloucester Street. The next scheduled location is Seaforth Public School but in the case of a serious emergency, police and other emergency services may direct us elsewhere. Should the threat be coming from outside the school, we may need to put the school into a lockdown situation. This is where all children return to classrooms with blinds drawn and doors locked until it is deemed safe to return to normal operations. The teachers are familiar with all of these procedures. We regularly practice our Evacuation and Lockdown procedures throughout the year and the children are always very sensible in following their teacher’s directions. Our next evacuation practice is in a few weeks’ time.

Parent Information Evenings
Parent information sessions will be held next Monday & Tuesday as per the schedule below. It is a great opportunity to meet the teachers and hear what is happening in the different year groups. All of the meetings will commence in the school hall before moving off to individual classrooms. I hope to see many of you here.

Monday, 15th February at 6pm: Early Stage One (Kindergarten)
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)

Term Letters
Our term letters have been published to the website. You can access them via the ‘Newsletters & Notes’ tab.

Bike Riding
Children in Years 3-6 are permitted to ride to school once they have been issued a bike licence from Mr McCall. This is to ensure that all of our riders are familiar with the road rules and safe riding practices. I had a phone call from a neighbour this week who was concerned about the erratic way she saw children riding to school. If your child rides to school, please have a conversation with him or her about how to ride safely. All children under 12 years are allowed to ride on local footpaths.

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C meeting of 2016 will be held this Monday morning, 15th February, from 9am in Mrs Reinhardt & Mrs Hyett’s Year One classroom. There are many interesting items on the agenda for discussion. Additionally, we will hear from the principals of our three local high schools, Mackellar Girls, Balgowlah Boys and The Forest High, about high school enrolments and procedures. They will be speaking from 9:30am. I know it is difficult for some Year 6 parents to attend morning meetings so I will summarise the principals’ remarks and send home to you via email.

Working Bee
The P&C are organising a working bee on Sunday 13th March. When we have rooms painted via the Department, it can cost upwards of $3000, so any help from the parent community is greatly appreciated. We are working on a list of jobs at the moment and more information will be available shortly. It’ll be a fun day working with other parents and we’ll finish off with a thank you BBQ. If you are available to help with painting, cleaning, gardening, among other things, please contact Adrian Molloy at adrianbmolloy@gmail.com.

Owen Taylor, Principal
**Important Dates**

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**From the Deputy Principal’s desk**

**Assemblies**

Our K-2 and 3-6 assemblies have commenced this term. The assembly for 3-6 students will be held on Thursday afternoons at 1.45pm even weeks, and our K-2 assembly on Thursday afternoons at 1.45 pm in odd weeks of term. A K-6 assembly will be held in weeks 5 & 10 of each term throughout the year. A class roster of classes presenting their work for Term 1 is included for your information.

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**Stewart House School Clothing appeal 2016**

Stewart House clothing bags will be sent home to families via their children. Please fill the bag with good, clean, wearable clothes (suitable for adults and children), accessories and manchester you no longer require. Please return the bag to school by Monday 29th February 2016. Bags can be left next to 5S classroom steps each morning.

**You Can Do It**

You Can Do It! Education’s main purpose is to support communities, schools, and homes in a collective effort to optimise the social, emotional, and academic outcomes of all young people. Its unique contribution is in identifying the social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful in school, experience wellbeing, and have positive relationships including making contributions to others

and the community - in effect, what it means to be a good citizen.

**The 5 Keys of YCDI.**

The core purpose is the development of young people’s social and emotional capabilities, including:

1. Confidence (academic, social)
2. Persistence
3. Organisation
4. Getting Along, and
5. Resilience.

This term our students will focus on Organisation:

**Organisation** means setting a goal to do your best in your schoolwork, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready, and keeping track of your assignments’ due dates. Examples of organised behaviour include making sure you understand the teacher’s instructions before you begin work, having all your school supplies ready at a neat desk, recording your assignments and their due dates, and planning when you’re going to do your homework so that you have enough time.

Positive Habits of the Mind that help develop a young person’s Organisation include:

**Setting Goals** means thinking that setting a goal can help me be more successful at a task.

**Planning My Time** means thinking about how long schoolwork will take to get done and planning enough time to get it done.

This program complements our school wide PBL (Positive Behaviour Learners).

**Musical Notes**

It is with great excitement that all band rehearsals commenced this week! Learning to play a musical instrument and acquiring the unique habits of mind that come with it is one of the most incredible opportunities that you can offer your child. The instrument that will be placed in your child’s hands has the power to transform their lives in ways that no other endeavour can. In addition to musical accomplishments, this year your child will learn to:

1. Be patient and persistent with difficult tasks
2. Delay gratification by working in order to sound better
3. Develop curiosity, problem solve, and cultivate grit

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

Senior Band  
Conductor – Ms Lanneke Grace  
Monday 7.40am 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

Upcoming Dates:  
Band Committee Meeting – 25th February at 7pm - 5 Illalong Street.

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, Deputy Principal

Library News
It been a wonderful start to our year in the library already with lots of enthusiastic borrowing!  
All students in Years 2-6 this year will be using our Oliver Library website. This is our library management system which allows students to check which books they have on loan, reserve books and renew books. They can also look up books and resources to see what we have in our library. The website also has many other learning tools and benefits which we will be using in library lessons. Oliver Library can be accessed at home or at school where there is internet access. I encourage you to have a look with your children to see how it can be used. To access the website go to this link https://student.det.nsw.edu.au/ Students then log in using their school user name and password. Your child’s teacher can help you with the user name and password if they are unsure. Please come and see us if you would like any more information about this.  
Last year a number of books were returned the library and had to be disposed of because they were damaged from moisture or food. Could you please make sure your child has a library bag to use so we can try and avoid this happening.  
Debbie Horsley & Wendy Trute, Librarians

Sports News
Congratulations to Paige Etherington for making the 12 years Manly Warringah netball Representative team.

Congratulations to Hamish McLellan for gaining third place in the 12 years age group in the Cole Classic on Sunday.

Susie Stock

Next P&C Meeting
As always we welcome all parents to the P&C meetings so please order a coffee from the canteen and come along to Room 1R/H (Classroom closest to Bardoo St Gate) immediately after lines on Monday 15th February. We aim to have the meeting completed by 10.30am, please feel free to come for all or part of the meeting.

The Principals from Mackellar, Forest High and Balgowlah Boys will each present at the meeting. A number of current P&C agenda items will also be open for discussion, such as establishing a walking school bus, playground recycling, toilets, Kulkuna report update as well as planned landscape and building works (playground shade and COLA). We hope to see you there.

Monique Tompson

2017 High School Applications
Expression of Interest forms for high school enrolments 2017 will be sent out to all Y6 students as soon as they arrive, later this term.

Mackellar Girls Campus has a scheduled Open Day on Tuesday 23rd Feb. This is the same date as our school swimming carnival. Please note that there is also an Open Night on the Thursday of that week at 6.30 pm that parents and students can attend if they are unable to attend Open Day. Students wishing to apply for the Academic G&T program or the Talented Programs should access application forms and information from the Mackellar Girls Campus website. Students unable to attend the Open Day will not be disadvantaged as long as enrolment procedures are followed correctly.

Bev Wetzler (Y6 Coordinator)

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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.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-opportunities/year-7-academic-placements1

Closing Dates for Applications for 2017 Intake

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

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

Test Date

Thursday 17th March 2016 at 9 am

Contacts

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

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The Forest High School – GATS TEST, OPEN NIGHT & MEET THE PRINCIPALS

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

Saturday 17th March from 9.00am to 11.00am

It 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.

Dents 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 dent’s NAPLAN results from Year 5. The cost of the test is $40.00, payable on the day. Students are to bring a 2B or B 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

Dents are required to arrive at The Forest High School by 8.45am for a 9.00am start or by 3.45pm for a 4.00pm start. They are also required to bring a copy of their NAPLAN results on the day of the test.

Test Dates are invited to attend The Forest High School Open Night.

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

MEET THE PRINCIPAL – dates for 2016

For more information on the Principal’s Meet The Principal sessions, please visit the School’s website or contact the School Office on 9453 5111 to book a place or just come to the School Office at 9am on the day.

- Monday 27th February – 9am
- Monday 21st March – 9am
- Monday 10th July – 9am
- Monday 15th August – 9am
- Monday 24th October – 9am

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The Forest High School – GATS TEST, OPEN NIGHT & MEET THE PRINCIPALS

Wednesday, 10 February 2016

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