



The Balgowlah Boys Campus Newsletter

Principal's Report

Week 6 Term 3 2014

The Balgowlah Boys' current three year plan concludes at the end of this year and the school would like to start planning collaboratively for our next three years, so to that end, we are looking to consult with our whole community and get input from staff, students and parents.

We would greatly appreciate parents taking the time to complete an online survey to provide valuable feedback that will help set our strategic directions for the next three years.

The link below will take you to the online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G9ZX8VH>

The questions posed to parents will be:

- ⌚ What do you believe are Balgowlah Boys greatest strengths?
- ⌚ What would you want to tell your colleagues or friends in three years' time about the school and how it feels?
- ⌚ When you look at your son, what do you want to see as a result of his time at Balgowlah Boys?
- ⌚ What should our students be learning in three years' time at Balgowlah Boys Campus?

Parents will then be given an opportunity to see and discuss the results of survey at the P&C Meeting on the 9th September.

The P&C will be holding the annual fund raiser, Trivia Night, on Friday 29 August tickets are currently on sale and groups can organise whole table bookings.

The annual performance evening - MAD (Music, Art and Drama) will include a broad variety of musical and drama performances from students in elective classes as well as most students in Year 7 and 8. It will be held on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th August.

Congratulations to Aidan Torpey who is in the USA at present with the U12 Australia Baseball Team competing in the prestigious Cal Ripken Baseball World Series from August 8-16. Also Evan Kaporis has been selected and is currently playing in the NSW CHS AFL Team.

*Aidan Torpey in
Australian colours*



P. Sheather
Principal

Deputy Principal's Report Years 8, 10 and 12

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have just had the pleasure of attending two ski trips in the last two weeks! Firstly, I travelled with Mr Morris, Mr Santamaria, Mr Seldon, Mr O'Briern and trainee PE teacher Alex Bewley to Thredbo with our Yrs 9,10 & 11 students. There is nothing quite like a journey to our alpine country; fresh air & beautiful scenery. We stayed in the village at The Alpen Horn Lodge. This meant that the boys could access their ski & snow board 9am lessons independently. The lodge was cosy, well equipped & friendly. The boys were very responsible; turning up to lessons on time and with enthusiasm. The instructors were very impressed with our boys and commented favourably and frequently. The boys developed their skills on the mountain with the focus on responsibility and safety. We constantly remind our boys to ski within their limits as accidents will happen if they take risks beyond their expertise.



I also attended the Yr12 ski trip because of Mr Morris's busted shoulder- someone had to drive the school bus.

His misfortune was my fortune. The Yr12 boys are quite experienced; knowing the right gear to wear, getting a good night's sleep & looking out for each other. Although we travelled from Jindabyne each day, the boys were up and ready and on the bus at 8:15am each day and on the mountain and skiing by 9am. Mr Sheather, being an old hand at Thredbo (me being a Perisher skier) took me to the hidden stashes of powder and little out of the way runs. A big thankyou to Mr Morris for organising both trips- I know the boys appreciated his efforts.

Mr Shanal is putting in a huge effort in organising MAD 2014. It really showcases the musical, dramatic and art work of our boys. Creative expression in all its forms should be celebrated. Creativity is a lifelong skill and such passion should be both encouraged and support.

I wish the Yr11's good luck in their upcoming yearly exams. Ms Dibley has been very impressed with the way in which they have worked during their preliminary HSC year.

School Administrative Manager

Thankyou to all those parents that have paid their sons school fees. Please remember also that you can make arrangements to pay the fees off and both the Principal and myself are happy to speak to you about making such arrangements. These funds are used to provide equipment and consumables for your sons which will enhance their education.

When you are sending money for excursions, we would greatly appreciate the correct payment as we don't always have change available. We often have boys not collecting their change, sometimes up to 5 or 6 weeks, can you assist by reminding your son to come to the office and collect your change.

There is also going to be a change in the routine of the handing out of receipts from Monday 11 August, they will not be being handed out during ELaN classes. We will give all of the receipts to the Head Teacher of the Faculty or the Teacher in Charge of the excursion/incursion after the event has been held to distribute during class.

Thankyou in advance for your help with these changes.

Vicki Greening & the SASS staff

Sports Report

Wednesday sport continues to enjoy an almost unbelievable run of good weather and there has been no need to play any wet weather rounds in Grade sport, a first in many years. Our Senior Basketball and Junior Touch teams have made it into our local zone final this week. Winners from this round progress into the Super Zone final the following week. Good luck to our boys competing.

Sport selection for summer sport is on Wednesday 10th September. Notes will be emailed home in the next week or so and hard copies made available to all boys. A reminder to all parents that boys select their sports and pay on the day. Payments made beforehand to the school cannot be accepted and have to be returned to parents.

Congratulations to Aidan Torpey (Yr 7) who is in the USA at present with the U12 Australia Baseball Team competing in the prestigious Cal Ripken Baseball World Series from August 8-16. The team is made up of 15 high performance players from all over Australia selected especially to participate in this tournament. The Australia team will play games against Mexico, Korea, Canada, and New Zealand in their pool to determine 2 teams which will then advance to the championship round. Our best wishes to you Aidan.

Dave Morris
Sports Organiser

Library Lines

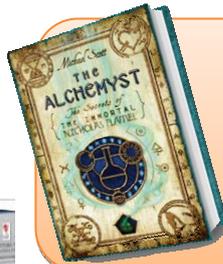
Why book series?

There are basically two types of book series. Either sequential books with connecting plots that happen chronologically and read in order or books with the characters and setting possibly the same in all the books, but each book can be read independently and in any order.

Our boys love to read book series of either type for two main reasons. Firstly, if they read the first book and like it, they tend to request more in the same series. Secondly, often the plots are more complex and the more they read, they become totally engrossed with the characters.

The Library Staff are always happy to follow-up and source requests. This term, a number of boys have requested book series and we are happy to announce that several have arrived and are currently being accessioned in the Library. They are:

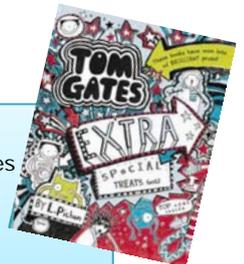
The Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott, *The Game of Thrones* by George R. R. Martin, *Tom Gates* by Liz Pichon and *The Sword of Truth* by Terry Goodchild. In addition, we are busy keeping up with the demand for graphic novels, especially Manga. As fast as they appear on the shelves, they are borrowed out. It is rewarding to observe the boys' excitement as they discover new titles and read for their enjoyment.



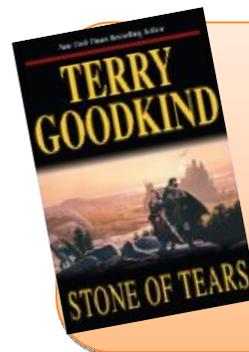
The Alchemist
The Magician
The Sorceress
The Necromancer
The Warlock
The Enchantress



A Game of Thrones
A Feast for Crows
A Clash of Kings
A Storm of Swords Parts 1 & 2
A Dance with Dragons Parts 1 & 2



The Brilliant World of Tom Gates
Excellent Excuses
Everything's Amazing
Genius Ideas
Extra Special Treats
A Tiny Bit Lucky
Tom Gates is Absolutely Fantastic



Chainfire
Phantom
The Pillars of Creation
Wizard's First Rule
Soul of Fire
The Omen Machine
Stone of Tears
Faith of the Fallen
Temple of the Winds
Blood of the Fold



Flame
Alien Sky
The Living Island
Light
Urban Legend
Melzez Door
Dragon
Visions
Forest of Bones
Tiger Stone
The December 2nd Revolution

Joy Jones
Teacher-Librarian

Science Techno Museum

"To inspire boys to see, enquire and understand the world around them"

The Techno Museum is an activity being conducted as part of Australian National Science Week with support from the Australian Science and Mathematics School.

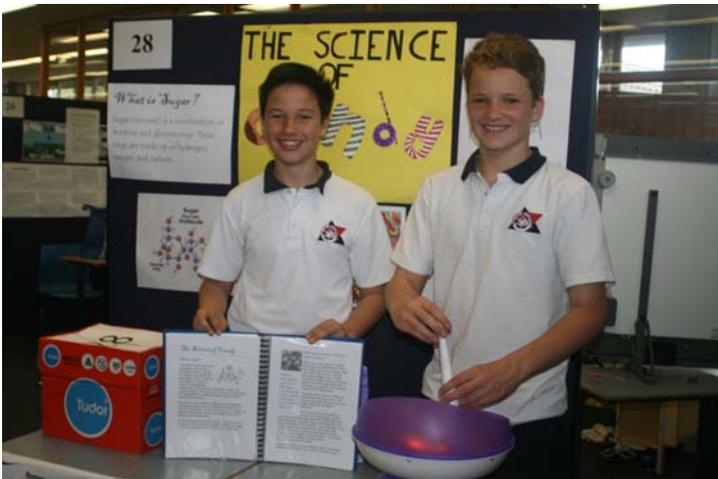
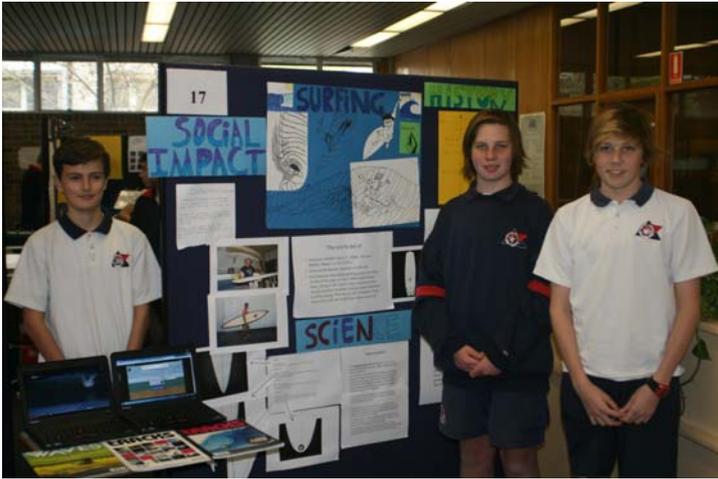
'Is everything better than it used to be?' The project asks students to choose an item or process we use today and track the improvements or changes in technology over time.

All of year 8, were asked to choose an item or process we use today and explain the science behind the technology, the social impact changes in technology over time. Year 8 started the project with a visit to the Powerhouse museum to give them some ideas to create their own museum display, 2 workshop days and the final presentation day in the school Library last Friday a big thank you to all parents who participated as guest judges.

This project is run by the Northern Beaches Secondary College with year 8 students from the 5 colleges taking part: Balgowlah Boys Campus, Mackellar Girls Campus, Manly Selective Campus and Cromer Campus. The final presentation day is in Science week on the 22nd of August well done to these students who will be representing our school on that day. Film, Ships, LED lighting, Drugs, Aviation.

I was so proud of the energy and enthusiasm all the year 8 students showed in working on this project and a big thank you to the Science, Art and Technology staff who supported the students through the project. These students were also highly commended in the judging of the displays by parents, teachers and students. Fishing, Lawn mowers, Gaming and Artillery.





The Faculty of Arts

Authentic and Innovative Creative Arts and Languages Education

Music

It was certainly a big Term 2 for the Faculty of Arts – Music department last term. Some of the highlights from Term 2 2014, include: **HSC Study Workshop** for Year 11 and 12 Music students, **Oxygen Group Music Industry Seminar** for elective Music students, **Combined High Schools Music Camp**, **HELP! The Musical**, and finally our **Winter Band Tour 2014**. Please take the time to see the wonderful array of photos from these events on our [facebook](#) page.



It is yet another great start to the term for The Faculty of Arts with lots of exciting opportunities for our students. It's also a term for challenges for our year 12 students with their Visual Arts Body of Work due later this term. Meanwhile our year 12 Music 1 students prepare for their HSC examination, which is scheduled for later in September. I urge these students to use the school facilities and seek out aid and advice from their eager and experienced teachers who are always there to help.



Combined High Schools Music Camp

Last term The Faculty of Arts in collaboration with another high school for Sydney organised a Music Camp for students enrolled in BBC Ensembles and Elective music classes.

Held at **Elanora Conference Centre**, the camp began on the afternoon of **Week 8 Wednesday 11 June**. The students worked with tutors and staff from both participating schools. The aim of the camp was to provide students with the opportunity to work on new music in an exciting, enriching and focused musical environment, lift performance practise to a higher level and learn music required for **Winter Band Tour**. Our Balgowlah students represented our school with distinction. At the conclusion of the camp, the families were invited to attend a showcase of the four days' work in the hall at 2:00pm on **Sunday 15 June**. We thank all our parents who not only supported the camp through various means but also for attending our camp concert. A special than you to Mr Ropa for his organisation of this camp.

HELP! The Musical

Straight on from the Combined High Schools Music Camp Mackellar Girls and Balgowlah Boys students took part in a musical production entitled **HELP! The Musical**. Students from years 7 to 12 participated in the production through various roles, including; cast, production crew, pit orchestra, set design and set making. Commencing on Tuesday 17 June and continuing for three night shows a one matinee, the performances were a spectacular display



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of our student's wonderful creativity and outstanding talent. We like to thank all our Balgowlah Boys parents for their time and support of the musical as well as helping out during the evening performances.



Help! 2014 Cast, Orchestra & Crew

Thank you to Ms Gardiner, Ms Jan and Ms Wiktorowicz for all the hard work they have put into the production. And a special than you to Mr Obrien and the Year 9 Workstudies students who have provided hot beverages during the intermissions.

BBC Winter Band Tour 2013

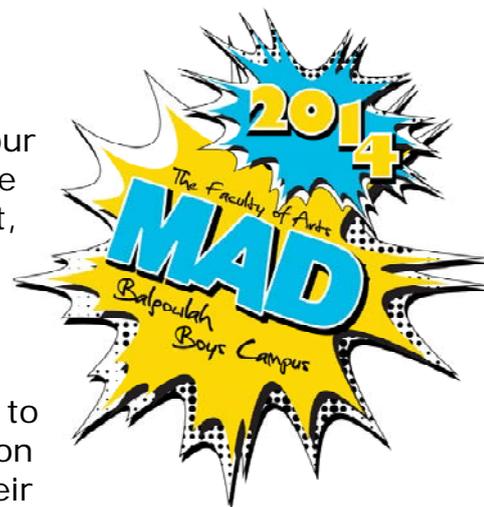


A week after the **HELP! The Musical**, student from Balgowlah Boys Campus Ensembles and Elective Music classes embarked on their third Band Tour. Winter Band Tour 2014 started on **Week 9 Monday 23 June** and continued through to **Wednesday 25 June**. Our Ensembles visited 6 primary schools (two each day) including: Terrey Hills Public School, Collaroy Plateau Public School, Seaforth Public School, Mimosa Public School, Wakehurst Public School and Beacon Hill Public

School. The students performed a one hour show to more than 3500 primary school students and staff. This tour not only gave our students opportunity to perform for a large audience but also realise their passion for music as well as strengthen our schools relationship with our local Primary schools.

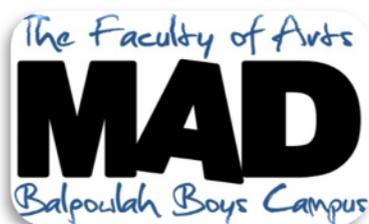
MAD – Music Art and Drama

This is special term for The Faculty of Arts. It's when all our students showcase three terms of hard work and the commitment they have shown in the areas of **Music, Art, Drama** and Languages in an evening we are calling **MAD**. **MAD2014** will be held over two nights, **Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 August**.



These two evenings will give our students the opportunity to display Year 7 to 12 Visual Arts works in an art exhibition where it will feature the Year 12 Body of Works in their completed form as well as display our Year 7 to 11 Visual Arts Works. The Visual Arts exhibition will also be accompanied by Balgowlah Boys Work Studies and

Hospitality students who will provide array of refreshments and nibbles for our guests.



After this exhibition, the evenings will continue for two fantastic nights of Music and Drama performances as well as video presentation from our Language students. These performances will feature our entire year 7 and 8 music students singing in a huge choir accompanied by the Balgowlah Boys Orchestra performing works such as ***Ode to Joy*** from *Symphony No. 9 Movt. IV* by Ludwig van Beethoven, ***Carmina Burana*** by Carl Orff, ***Tungaree*** by Stephen Leek, ***Party Rock Anthem*** by Lauren Bennett and Goon Rock, and many more... Our Drama and Language elective students will provide drama items as well as short movies by our language students. The whole school has been working extremely hard and is working towards a truly spectacular production. It is going to be an amazing event not to be missed.

MAD2014 will be held over two nights, **Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 August**. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.trybooking.com/FLNL> or from the front office at \$10 per ticket

Instrument Tuition Program

Our Instrument Tuition Program and Ensembles has again grown in student numbers. We can now provide private instrument tuition on any instrument our student's desire. Our tuition staffs are qualified instrument teachers with extensive musical backgrounds. These fantastic and dedicated tutors not only provide a comprehensive curriculum but also teach superior technical skills with confidence building performance dexterity. The Tuition program is available for every student at Balgowlah Boys Campus. No previous skill is required.



The tuition days are as follows:

Monday and Tuesday: Guitar acoustic, steel string acoustic, electric, and bass

Monday - Piano

Monday - Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium and Tuba)

Thursday - Woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone)

Friday - Strings (Violin, Viola and Cello)

The cost of the tuition is \$25 for 30 minute lessons. Please see Mr Shanal (Head Teacher Faculty of Arts and PDHPE) for application in to the Tuition Programs or for any inquiries through email

hasan.shanal@det.nsw.edu.au or phone (02)9949 4200 or you can download an application directly from our official school website

<http://www.balgowlahboys.nsw.edu.au/faculties/creativearts.cfm> .

Mr Hasan Shanal
Head Teacher
The Faculty of Arts and PDHPE

DRAMA CLUB

Drama club is back in full swing and the boys are currently combining their creative powers to establish something new, exciting and entertaining for our **MAD2014** program. Each member of the Drama Club made such a positive contribution to the recent school musical, and worked hard to showcase their creative flair and talent. Well Done Boys!

Drama Club is held every Tuesday afternoon from 3.20 until 4.45pm. New members are always welcome, please see Miss Gardiner for more information.

Miss Lisa Gardiner
Drama/English Teacher

Mathematics

"To have boys appreciate the value of Mathematics through a supportive and innovative environment"

Students in Year 7/8 Extension classes will have to sit the University of NSW ICAS test on Tuesday 12th August and I know they will do well . I look forward to seeing the results though they may not be available until next term.

Two students, Meet Patel Year 9 and Tom Kelsey Year 7 have made it to the final stage of the MCYA Challenge and Enrichment Program run by the Australian Mathematics Trust. This is a 4 hour examination which they will sit on 11th September 2014. We wish these boys the best of luck in this and congratulate them on achievements so far.

Year 12 have nearly completed their Trial Examinations and all teachers are in the process of marking and beginning to their final reports. Most of the Maths class have completed the course and are going to work on extensive revision until the end of term.

A Surace & the Team

TRIVIA NIGHT - Your help is required

We are making up some magnificent food hampers to raffle or auction for the Trivia Night on Friday 29 August. If you have any non-perishable food items that you could donate, please drop them into the School Office. Also, it would be great if someone could provide big plastic baskets or similar to put the items in.

Balgowlah Boys Campus P&C Committee

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More Information:

Diary → 26/27 August 2014

- All Year 7 + 8 students perform
- Performances by our best Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students
- Art Exhibition of Year 8 – 10 works + Year 12 HSC Body of Work
- Massed choral + orchestral performance by *all* students
- Tickets: <http://www.trybooking.com/FLNL> or Front Office





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Parents and Citizens' Association

Bally Trivia Night is coming up soon and we, at the P&C, are gearing up to bring about a terrific, fun-filled night with quizzes, games and a blind auction. This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to socialise with other parents and teachers (and to show off your brilliant general knowledge skills). Tables sell out fast, so make sure to get in quick.

This is our major fund raising event of the year and we are appealing to our school community to get involved. If anyone is able to contribute a prize, an auction item or would simply like to donate, Fiona McTackett is the person to contact. Her contact details are:

Mobile: 0403 811003 Email: fifimct@gmail.com

All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

All proceeds go to Bally Boys.

Bally P&C would like to thank Numberworks for making a head start by already donating a \$500 voucher as well as a \$250 donation.

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Bally Trivia Night: 2014

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Friday, 29th August 2014

7pm in the school hall

Tickets \$25 each

will be available through Flexischools -
details will be provided shortly.

**Get your tickets before they
sell out!**

Book for 1 to 10 people

Come with your friends or meet new people.
Everyone is welcome and we'd love to see
you there.

Keep 29th August Free

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