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The Balgowlah Boys Campus Newsletter

Principal's Report

Week 2 Term 3 2014

Welcome back all to another action packed term at Balgowlah! This term we will introduce our new school leaders, Prefects 2014/2015 at the By Effort We Achieve Assembly next Friday 25 July. The induction will be part of our celebration of our achievers from term 2 that is those students that have given their personal best in all classes. Parents will be receiving invitations by mail as this newsletter goes out so good luck, (I know I will be keeping my fingers crossed).

This term we will continue the School Aesthetic Improvement Program. Painting was completed in the holidays and we have now a new canvas for A, E, G and F Blocks. All previously painted surfaces are now in the new colour scheme of ironstone / china white / shiraz / deep ocean and sea bed. You may be wondering why these colours, the new colour scheme was derived from consultation with students and teachers. In fact it was overwhelmingly supported by students that the scheme contained the "Bally school colours" as its basis. So the red white and blue has been modernised to shiraz, china white and deep ocean/ seabed. The next phase of the plan will be consultation over the modernisation of the quadrangle.

This term the school community will also seek consultation for its new School Plan where the community will decide the new strategic directions that we shall take in the coming 3-5 years. We certainly are at a new cross-road, with demand for the school increasing sharply; it is timely that we consider carefully what "we" would like the school to become in the future. As just one indicator of this demand we currently have over 160 enrolment applications for year 7 2015 and face having a ceiling placed on our intake in coming years.

A performance of the school band on their Winter Tour at the end of last term. Playing to "full houses" at our local primary schools.

Paul Sheather



Deputy Principal's Report Years 7, 9 and 11

Our staff, students and parents have well and truly been working towards our core value of **excellence** this term.

In only 9 weeks last term there has been an incredible number of activities happen above the regular events of the term that have outlined our staff and student's dedication and commitment to excellence.

Standard happenings in any school during Term 2 might include assessment (marking), reporting, NAPLAN, professional learning, work experience and athletics carnivals however, the list below outlines the lengths our school community will go to provide world-class quality education for our students.

Congratulations and a heart-felt thank you to those staff and students and families who have made the following events possible by their participation, support and dedication – much of which occurs outside of regular teaching/school hours.

- ★ ANZAC Day Parade Sydney CBD
- ★ Bally/Macka
- ★ Big Day Out
- ★ Bill Turner Cup
- ★ Cross Country
- ★ Debating Team
- ★ Digital Citizenship Workshops
- ★ Environment Club Zoo Excursion
- ★ Help! The musical

- ★ HSC Music Study Day
- **★** Legal Aid Workshops
- ★ Music Business Seminar
- ★ Music Camp
- ★ NBEN Careers Expo
- ★ Project Penguin
- **★** RFACH Seminars
- ★ Rugby, Water Polo Teams
- ★ Science HSC Study Day

- ★ Winter Band Tour
- ★ Yr 10 Drama Excursion
- ★ Peer Tutoring Training
- ★ Yr 11 Crossroads Camp
- ★ Yr 12 PDHPE Study Day
- ★ Yr 12 Physics Day
- ★ Yr 7 & 8 Drama Incursion
- ★ Yr 7 Zoo Excursion
- ★ Yr 9 & 10 French Excursion
- ★ Yr 9 Zombie Apocalypse



Help Tim Yang (11) raise funds to buy the school an outdoor chess set for students to use at recess and lunch!

Purchase your 2014/2015 Entertainment™ Membership now!

Supporting the "Balgowlah Boys Chess Club"

To purchase a large chess set for the School Outdoor Area.



https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/915b305

Purchase Online and Timothy Yang will receive notification of the order and leave your copy at the Front Office to Collect.

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Sports Report

We have had some outstanding individual and team results in term 2. Harry Tanswell gained selection in the 14yrs NSW Hockey team, the 14yrs rugby league team won the manly Warringah All schools gala day and they now progress to the State championships. An outstanding achievement was recorded by Connor Wood as he gained selection in the Australian 16yrs Water Polo team. Congratulations to Harry and Connor and to the 14 yrs League team.

The Zone athletics carnival is approaching on Friday 20th June at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. The relay teams have been training and the whole team is ready to defend their zone championship from 2013.

There was an amendment to the 13 yrs point score from the school athletics carnival, with Joshua Smith (48 points) gaining first place and Kyle Martin (38 points) second in the overall point score. Well done to both boys in such a hotly contested age group.

Regards **Gary Theodore**Relieving Sports Co-ordinator

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

What are our Duke of Ed students up to? **GOLD**

Congratulations to Balgowlah Boys Year 12 student **HUON WILLIAMS** who has completed his SILVER Duke of Edinburgh's Award and has now started Gold. Huon completed a 3 night *Gold Practice Expedition* during the April School holidays with 21 NBSC Gold students. The students hiked for 4 days along the Great North Walk from Patonga Wharf to Somersby. This completes the first component of Huon's Gold Award.

In 2014 five NBSC students have already been signed off for completion of their Gold Award and will be receiving confirmation of their Presentation Ceremony at Government House within the next 12 months. We hope to see all of our current students achieve their Gold award toward the end of this year and in 2015.

Students are continuing their *Skill, Service and Physical Recreation* activities. Gold level students need to do an hour a week for at least 12 months of each activity. That's great commitment! Gold participants also need to organise a *Residential* Project – 5 days voluntarily completing a purpose. For ideas check out www.dukeofed.com.au

SILVER

Balgowlah Boys who are doing Silver this year must sign off their Bronze and commence Silver by the end of the term. Silver takes at least 6 months to complete, so you are encouraged to start now to finish by the end of the year.

Follow these steps to complete your Bronze Award:

- Ensure your log book is completed (either using the Online Record Book or the 'NSW Offline records' (paper forms) which can be downloaded from http://www.dukeofed.com.au/Resources-NSW.html.
- 2.
- 3. Ask your assessors to sign off your activities. They can do this simply by signing the 'NSW Offline Records' mentioned in step 1. Hand these in to the front office. Note: if you have logged your hours online you don't have to also do it offline

This is all that you need to hand in to complete your award!

BRONZE

Congratulations to the 13 Balgowlah Boys Bronze students who are regularly participating in their skill, service and physical recreation activities! Remember one component needs to be 6 months, the others are 3 months. All participants must setup their activity details on the Online Record Book (ORB) by the end of this term. This is accessible from the first page of your ORB once you have signed in. It is important to enter your Goal for each activity. Please contact Mrs Busse if you need further assistance.

If you have not commenced your activities you are encouraged to do so ASAP so that you can complete your entire Bronze award by the end of the year. This means making sure you have submitted your Award Plan, Assessor Commencement Guides and been logged on the Duke of Ed Online Record Book.

Most Boys have completed their *Practice Adventurous Journey Expedition*. The *Qualifying Expedition* will take place in October term 4.



Balgowlah Boys Duke of Ed students are encouraged to access their emails regularly for updates and information from the College Coordinator Vicki Busse.

Bronze students getting started on their Adventurous Journey at the Colo in March.

Vicki Busse

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Science

Long reef Rock Platform excursion





Year 11 Crossroads Camp

For our last camp as a year group 63 boys and 5 teachers made their way to Forster Adventure Land for 3 days. This camp had lots of great activities including waterslides, quad bikes, go karts, challenge ropes and a flying fox. All boys participated in all activities, even braving the very cold water to make use of the slides. We also had a great night eating pizza and watching the State of Origin together. The boys topped off the night with their own Playstation FIFA World Cup challenge for several hours and then watching the Australia Vs Netherlands game. After making their way to bed at 4am they were back up again by 8am to do their activities for the day. On our second night we were lucky enough to get a "fire show" by the camp staff, Ms Pendle and Mr Dowsett. I would like to thank the boys for coming on camp and making it such an enjoyable camp. I have had a great time on all 3 camps with this year group and I hope they enjoyed it just as much as I have. Thank you to Mr Dowsett, Ms Pendle, Mr Hu, Ms Dowsett and Mr Ropa for attending camp.













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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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| Mth | Wk | Date | MONDAY | Date | TUESDAY | Date | WEDNESDAY | Date | THURSDAY | Date | FRIDAY |
| JULY | 1A | 14 July | Start Term 3 College Development Day | 15 July | Students Return P&C Meeting 7:30pm | 16 July | Faculty Meeting | 17 July | Learning Support Meeting | 18 July | CHS X Country English Assessment Adv/Std |
| JULY | 2B | 21 Jul | Syd Nth Athletics Carnival PBEL Meeting 3:30-4:30pm ACCoP Meeting | 22 Jul | Syd Nth Athletics Carnival Welfare Team Meeting Yr 7 & 8 Belvoir St Excursion | 23 Jul | Staff Meeting | 24 Jul | Yr 7 & 9 Vaccinations ICT Committee Meeting Aust. National Chemistry Quiz Yr 9+10 G+T Science Challenge | 25 Jul | BEWA & Prefect Induction assembly Yr10 Peer Training Leaney |
| JUL/ AUG | 3A | 28 Jul | Education Week Yr 12 Trial Exams TPL Meeting 3:30-4:10pm Ski Trip Yr 8 - 11 | 29 Jul | Education Week Yr 12 Trial Exams Powerhouse Exc Yr8 Yr 8 to 9 Subject Info Ev Ski Trip Yr 8 - 11 | 30 Jul | Education Week Yr 12 Trial Exams Faculty Meeting NSBC Short Film Festival Futsal Semi-Final Ski Trip Yr 8 - 11 | 31 Jul | Education Week Yr 12 Trial Exams Class Lists 7-12 to IJ Yr 8 Language Day Ski Trip Yr 8 - 11 | 1 Aug | Education Week Yr 12 Trial Exams 2 Aug - Sat Practical & Oral Examination Period Begins Techno W'Shop P1-4 |
| AUG | 4B | 4 Aug | Yr 12 Trial Exams Year 10 Interviews Yr11 Const W'Placement Techno W'Shop P1-4 Yr11 Maths Ass MAD2014 Rehearsal (Yr 7) P1-2 | 5 Aug | Yr 12 Trial Exams Year 10 Interviews Yr11 Const W'Placement Techno W'Shop P1-4 Yr7 GALA Day | 6 Aug | Yr 12 Trial Exams Staff Meeting Yr11 Const W'Placement MAD2014 Rehearsal (Yr 8) P3-4 | 7 Aug | Yr 12 Trial Exams Learnging Support Meeting Duke of Ed (First Aid) Yr 7 VA Excursion Yr11 Const W'Placement | 8 Aug | Yr 12 Trial Exams Yr 10 Application to FSC & X Campus Due to CAC Yr11 Const W'Placement |
| AUG | 5 A | 11 Aug | Prelim/HSC Monitoring Due PBEL Meeting 3:30-4:30pm Hospo Yr11 W'Placement | 12 Aug | MAD2014 Rehearsal (Yr 7+8) P1-2 Welfare Team Meeting P&C Meeting 7:30pm Hospo Yr11 W'Placement | 13 Aug | Faculty Meeting Hospo Yr11 W'Placement | 14 Aug | ICT Committee Meeting Hospo Yr11 W'Placement Executive Conference | 15 Aug | Newsletter Items due Hospo Yr11 W'Placement YR10 MacBeth Exc. Techno Pres Day P3-4 |
| AUG | 6B | 18 Aug | TPL Meeting 3:30-4:10pm Life Ed Drug & Alcohol Ed P1&2 Yr9, P3&4 Yr11, P5&6 Yr10 Hall | 19 Aug | MAD2014 Rehearsal P5-6 | 20 Aug | ACCop Meeting Staff Meeting | 21 Aug | Yr 12 Reports Due to HT Yr 11 Exam Prep Books to DP Digital Citizenship Training P3 Yr 12 Biology Excursion RCH | 22 Aug | HALL MAD 2014 Rehearsal P5-6 Digital Citizenship Workshop 3 Techno Museum Finals College |
| AUG | 7A | 25 Aug | HALL MAD 2014 Rehearsal P1-4 HSC Visual Arts Body of Work Due | 26 Aug | HALL MAD 2014 | 27 Aug | HALL MAD 2014 Faculty Meeting | 28 Aug | Yr 12 Reports Due to DP Yr 12 Grades to Tony Learning Support Meeting | 29 Aug | Trivia Night Year 8 Top Gear Excursion |
| SEPT | 8B | 1 Sep | PBEL Meeting 3:30-4:30pm HSC Practical Exams Begin | 2 Sep | Yr 12 Reports Due to YA Welfare Team Meeting | 3 Sep | Staff Meeting YR 10 English/Drama Excursion | 4 Sep | CHS Athletics Carnival | 5 Sep | CHS Athletics Carnival Newsletter Items due Executive Conference |
| SEPT | 9A | 8 Sep | Yr 11 Yearly Exams Yr 7 Exam Prep Books to DP Yr 9 Exam Prep Books to DP TPL Meeting 3:30-4:10pm Yr 7 Gifted & Talented Wkshops | 9 Sep | P&C Meeting 7:30pm Yr 11 Yearly Exams Yr 7 Gifted & Talented Wkshops | 10 Sep | Faculty Meeting ACCop Meeting Yr 11 Yearly Exams | 11 Sep | ICT Committee Meeting Yr 11 Yearly Exams Yr 7 Gifted & Talented Wkshops | 12 Sep | Newsletter Distributed Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal P4 Year 7 Environment Excursion Yr 11 Yearly Exams |
| SEPT | 10B | 15 Sep | Yr 11 Yearly Exams Year 12 Car Wash | 16 Sep | Yr 11 Yearly Exams P&C Meeting 7:30pm Year 8 – 10 Exams due to Ian | 17 Sep | Yr 11 Yearly Exams Staff Meeting Year 12 Grad Dinner Staff Vs Student Touch Football | 18 Sep | Yr 11 Yearly Exams Year 12 Graduation Assembly | 19 Sep | Yr 11 Yearly Exams End of Term 3 Year 12 Picnic Day Last Orders to Finance |