



Principal's Report

Open Day 2016 was from all indications a very successful event with some 400 families visiting the school during the day and in the evening. This year the school changed its program to accommodate the ever increasing numbers that want to get a taste of Balgowlah Boys. For the first time visitors were given a map and directions to wander through the school at their leisure with mini lessons and demonstrations set up at various areas across the school. The students behaved impeccably and our student leaders were outstanding promoters of our school.

The feedback from students and staff regarding the improvements made to the quad with its resurfacing has been very positive. We seem to have boys at school at lot earlier in the morning to use the quad for football!



The new "greener" quad

While there is still some work to do around the quad, the next area of improvement is now in the planning stage. The canteen area is in much need of redesign and ideas are currently being sought.

I am happy to announce a new sponsor partner to the school, Ray White Balgowlah's Director, Andrew White has met with one of our P&C representatives, Leila Knowles and me to put together a draft proposal for sponsorship. The final term will be tabled in our next newsletter. There will likely be both a financial assistance as well as an opportunity for the team to be involved in some of our educational programs.

A big thank you to Emma Puddicombe for her organisation of the Bushlink program. The group worked with parents, students and teachers last week to start to clear some of the weeds from the Coral Street side of the school. It is envisaged that the group will come in a number of times a term and the grounds can be replanted with low maintenance native shrubs.



The Student Environment Team with Ms Tadros at work with the Bushlink community group.

Deputy Principal's Report

Gifted & Talented Program

Our school has recognised and acknowledged that many of our students who arrive in Year Seven need to develop in areas such as intellectual, creative and social domains of human ability. To rectify this situation, the school was compelled to meet the needs of and challenge these individual students in a positive classroom setting conducive to intellectual growth.

In the past we have taken the students out of a normal classroom setting and given them special projects to stimulate their growth.

This year, students in the two extension classes in Year Seven will remain in their normal classroom settings and attempt faculty based projects. Each faculty has created a G&T program designed to extend and immerse our boys intellectually, creatively & socially. These programs will enrich our boys' knowledge and skills within the faculty curriculum.

Ian James



OnShow is a co-curricular activity that is offered to all students, Years 7-12. It takes place in Term One with all acts being auditioned by our dynamic Production Management Team, which consists of teachers from various faculties at each of the campuses.

OnShow is a wonderful opportunity for students to channel their specific creative talents into a worthwhile and very memorable NBSC event.

For all bookings please visit <http://www.trybooking.com/KIAW>

Date: Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th March 2016

Time: 7:00pm each night

Venue: NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus Auditorium
Maretimo Street Balgowlah, NSW 2093

For more information, please contact Mr Hasan Shanal (Director of OnShow) on 02 9949 4200 or hasan.shanal@det.nsw.edu.au

Library Lines

New Year 7 students attending the Library for wide-reading periods with their English teachers have made an excellent start to the year. They have been borrowing extensively and to our delight, mostly returning on time.

Our school Library is well-resourced with the latest high impact materials carefully selected to enhance boys literacy and numeracy. The boys may borrow up to **five Fiction and five Non-Fiction books** at one time for a period of two weeks. If they need longer, all that is necessary is to let us know and we will renew the loan. Finished earlier? No problem, simply return when finished.

The boys attend the Library each fortnight with their teacher and that time is for **quiet relaxed reading**. The time to **borrow is before school or lunchtime** when time can be taken to browse and select the books. **Mondays and Tuesdays when staff are available** are best for borrowing. Returns can always be placed through the return slot. We do encourage students to be respectful of the resources they borrow and responsible to return them on time.

The NSW Premiers Reading Challenge 2016

officially opened **Monday 7th March**. All Year 7 boys will be involved, the details explained to them in class. Their teachers will encourage them to log on and enter the books they have read. Year 7 students are able to do this on their own devices. Books read since last September may be counted. Further information is available on-line at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Library staff **welcome special requests**. Already several new students have indicated their love of a particular writer or series and orders have been placed accordingly. A large number of books previously ordered have arrived and once processed will be displayed in the Library.

Joy Jones

Teacher-Librarian

Sport Report

Sport continues this term in the exact manner it did in Term 4 of last year. We have been quite fortunate over the past term with an almost perfect run of weather. Fingers crossed this continues! Year 7 do sport as one year group for all of Term 1 and will be offered individual sports choices for winter sport which runs for Terms 2 and 3.

Just a reminder to all boys that, with the exception of Golf and Surfing, all sport commences at 1:10pm and concludes at 2:30pm. On wet weather days some sports are dismissed at 2:15pm to avoid congestion at the Sydney Road bus stop.

Thanks to all boys for settling well into their sports and participating well during sport time.

For the record sport selection for winter sport is on Wednesday 30th March 2016. Sport selection notes for winter sport have been emailed home last week and hard copies are available in the PE staffroom and at the front office. A copy can also be found on the Bally boys Facebook page and also our schools website.

Congratulations to all the boys who participated in last week's swimming carnival and also those that placed in the school swimming team to represent Balgowlah Boys at the upcoming zone swimming carnival this week.

Well done also to the Opens water polo team who played three magnificent games yesterday at Ryde pool to win the Sydney North Metro draw. They now play Wyong, and a win will see them progress through to the state finals for a third year in a row! Best of luck boys!

Well done to the Opens cricket team who defeated North Sydney Boys in a comfortable 5 wicket win. Well done Gary Theodore and the boys on another outstanding result.

And the praise continues. Well done to Mr Campbell and the 15's cricket team who beat Barrenjoey recently to progress through to the Grand Final v Davidson on 21/3. Good luck boys!

Dave Morris
Sports Organiser

Year 8 Report

It has been a positive start to the year for the new year 8 group. In the main the boys have settled well into the routines and added rigour of study. Whilst year 7 was a year to "get comfortable" in the new high school environment, year 8 is the year to begin to flourish. As we told the boys, every faculty in the school looks at them as the year 12 class of 2020 and has set programs in place to build their skills for success at that level. Year 8 is very much the year the drive to that begins and so developing successful study habits, extra concentration in class and being more active in their learning are all attributes the boys must work on.

Year 8 is also a year to begin planning for the future. Year 9 and 10 elective subject choices are coming up in the latter part of the year, providing a great opportunity to explore and develop skills in many areas. Subject choices range in nature from the more practical to the theoretical. Whilst it has been encouraging that a number of parents have been eager to find out more please understand that there is an extended process around this. It will be well into term 3 that subject choices are finalised ahead of beginning the subject selection process with students and parents.

Year 8 Connect has started well and the boys who have been coming are enjoying the extra opportunity of some assisted study. As was outlined in the note home it runs every Tuesday in the library and is an opportunity for year 8 students to complete homework, study or work on assignments. They are actively assisted by teachers and older students who focus on helping the boys develop good study skills and embrace the positive habit of study. All boys in year 8 are welcome and the **group runs from 3.20 to 4.20**. Please note that whilst we provide a small snack for the boys it is a good idea to ensure your son packs a little more food for the afternoon to keep them going.

Please feel free to contact us with any concerns you have relating to your sons welfare or performance through the schools telephone or email address.

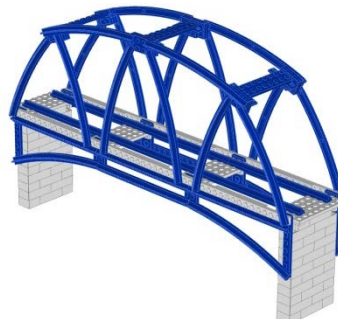
Daniel O'Brien and Ian May

Year 8 Co-advisors.

Technological and Applied Studies

Design Make Innovate

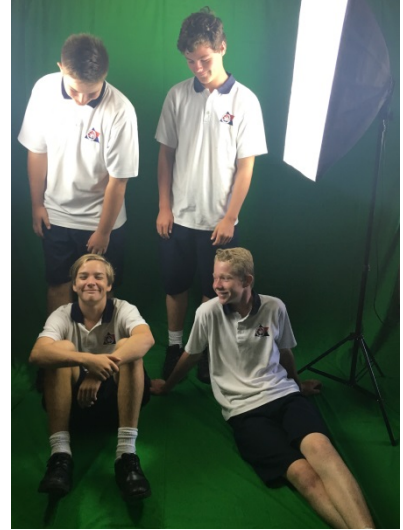
Selected Year 9 Students have been working with local primary schools for the Design, Make, Innovate Project. This project has allowed the students to develop a greater understanding of the design process which is a key concept in all TAS subjects. The students have been mentoring a small group of primary school students to develop and produce a Bridge Project.



Scenes from around the TAS area



Year 10 Multimedia
Learning how to use the green screen for their upcoming face swap project.

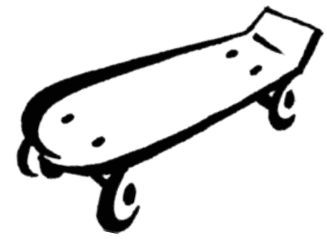


Year 12 VET Hospitality
White roll cake with house-made raspberry coulis.



Year 7 Technology

Skateboards



Term 2 Calendar following

Mth	Wk	Date	MONDAY	Date	TUESDAY	Date	WEDNESDAY	Date	THURSDAY	Date	FRIDAY
APR/MAY	1A	25 Apr	ANZAC Day	26 Apr	College Development Day Yr 7 Reports to Office Yr 11 Exam Booklets Distributed Yr 12 Reports to HT	27 Apr	Students Return School X Country Faculty Meeting ANZAC Day Ceremony	28 Apr	Learning Support Meeting (L) Yr 8-10 Booklets & Outcomes to SAM Yr 12 Reports to YA	29 Apr	Life Line-Hall (Fri, Sat, Sun) Yr 12 Reports to DP
MAY	2B	2 May	Yr 7/12 Parent/Teacher Night 4pm NBP Survey Yr 7 Reports to Parents	3 May	PBEL Meeting 3:30-4:30pm Welfare Team Meeting (L) Year 8 Work Inspiration P/HS Band Music Day Jamie Lyon Cup	4 May	Staff Meeting	5 May	ICT Committee Meeting (L) Project Penguin TBA Sea Eagles 9's	6 May	8, 9, 10 Exam & Prep Books Due P&C Trivia Night Newsletter Items Due
MAY	3A	9 May	TPL Meeting 3:30-4:15pm NBP Survey Year 10 Exam Booklets Distributed	10 May	P&C Meeting 7:30pm NAPLAN	11 May	Faculty Meeting Year 11 and 12 Art Excursion NAPLAN	12 May	NAPLAN	13 May	BBC Athletics Carnival Newsletter Distributed Trivia Night- all welcome!
MAY	4B	16 May	Yr 11 Assessment Period BBC Confidential Due	17 May	Yr 11 Assessment Period	18 May	Yr 11 Assessment Period Staff Meeting	19 May	Yr 11 Assessment Period Learning Support Meeting (L) BBC Confidential Distributed	20 May	Yr 11 Assessment Period
MAY	5A	23 May	Yr 11 Assessment Period PBEL Meeting 3:30-4:30pm Prelim/HSC Monitoring Year 8/9 Exam Booklets Distributed	24 May	Yr 11 Assessment Period Welfare Team Meeting (L) Year 7 Art Excursion	25 May	Yr 11 Assessment Period Faculty Meeting	26 May	Yr 11 Assessment Period ICT Committee Meeting (L) Zone Cross Country GIO Gala Day	27 May	Yr 11 Assessment Period Newsletter Items Due IJ Letter to Yr 10 parents re Info Ev.
MAY/JUNE	6B	30 May	Yr 10 Assessment Period TPL Meeting 3:30-4:15pm Year 9 Camp Principal Tour Con & Hos Yr11Work Placement	31 May	Yr 10 Assessment Period Year 9 Camp Con & Hos Yr11Work Placement	1 June	Yr 10 Assessment Period Year 9 Camp Staff Meeting Con & Hos Yr11Work Placement	2 June	Yr 10 Assessment Period Project Penguin TBA Con & Hos Yr11Work Placement	3 June	Yr 10 Assessment Period Empowering Young Minds Youth Mental Health Forum (Careers) Newsletter Distributed Con & Hos Yr11Work Placement
JUNE	7A	6 June	PBEL Meeting 3:30-4:30pm Yr 9 Assessment Period Yr 8 Assessment Period Year 10 Information Evening 6-7pm	7 June	Yr 9 Assessment Period Yr 8 Assessment Period	8 June	Faculty Meeting Yr 9 Assessment Period Yr 8 Assessment Period Year 11 Drama Excursion	9 June	Learning Support Meeting (L) Yr 9 Assessment Period Yr 8 Assessment Period Project Penguin TBA	10 June	Yr 9 Assessment Period Yr 8 Assessment Period HSIE Yr10 Project
JUNE	8B	13 June	Queen's Birthday	14 June	Welfare Team Meeting (L) P&C Meeting 7:30pm Music Camp (starts 5pm) BBC Confidential Due Yr 10+11 Reports to HT	15 June	Staff Meeting Music Camp	16 June	ICT Committee Meeting (L) Music Camp Yr 8 Reports to HT Yr 9 Reports to HT Year 8 Art Excursion BBC Confidential Distributed Yr 10+11 Reports to YA Project Penguin TBA	17 June	Music Camp cont. to Saturday 3pm Newsletter Items Due
JUNE	9A	20 June	TPL Meeting 3:30-4:10pm Yr 7 Vaccinations 2 Work Experience (10)	21 June	Work Experience (10) Ext St 1:30-3:30	22 June	Year 11 Camp Faculty Meeting Work Experience (10) Ext St 1:30-3:30 Yr 8/9 Reports to YA Yr 10+11 Reports to DP	23 June	Year 11 Camp Principal's Morning Tea Work Experience (10) Ext St 1:30-3:30 Ext St Evening NRL All Schools Comp.	24 June	Year 11 Camp Merit Day Out Work Experience (10) Syd North Cross Country Yr 8 Reports to DP Yr 9 Reports to DP
JUN/JULY	10B	27 June	Winter Band Tour Principal Tour	28 June	PBEL Meeting 3:30-4:30pm (?) Zone Athletics Carnival Winter Band Tour Jamie Lyon Cup Final	29 June	Staff Meeting Winter Band Tour	30 June		1 July	Newsletter Distributed End of Term 2