



## The Balgowlah Boys Campus Newsletter

### Principal's Report

Week 10 Term 2 2020

The half-year assessments have now been completed and teachers are very busy completing reports to be pushed home by end of term. The boys have been told that these reports are as much for their reflection as for parents. Students need to make plans about how they will take up the challenge of improving or refining their studies in semester 2.

Upgrade programs are again the topic of discussion with the new Science Laboratory under construction, remediation of the administration building underway and tenders drawn for improvement of the staff common room. Early next term we will begin the upgrade of 15 classrooms. The rooms will have the vermiculite ceilings removed, new carpet laid and be re-painted.

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell one of our families, Sean and Patrick Ruffner leave us to move back to the US for family reasons. They leave us with a tremendous legacy, having been one of the leading figures that started the Balgowlah Basketball program. Today it is perhaps one of the best organised sporting programs in public schools in NSW. On behalf of all the boys and their families that are enjoying participating in this game, whether it be at an elite representative level or as a healthy recreational activity I thank them for their hard work and commitment.



*The powerhouse that is now  
Balgowlah Boys Basketball*



The team are currently working on the "Bally Basketball" website;

<http://www.ballybasketball.com/>

They are hoping for this to become the main source of all information for Basketball at Balgowlah Boys and NBSC going forward and are 'almost' done and ready to release it.

At this time of the year our Year 12 students are finalizing their major works for the HSC, some of their progress can be viewed later in this newsletter. I commend this edition to you and thank our staff and students for their contributions.

Paul Sheather

### From The Learning Support Team



### After School Homework Club



We are pleased to announce that from Term 3, we will run a homework club on Tuesday afternoons after school. This club will provide our **English as an Additional Language/Dialect** (EAL/D) and **Learning Support** students support with homework tasks, assessment notices and new vocabulary taught in the classroom.

The club will run in Term 3 on Tuesday afternoons in the library, from 3.20 pm until 4.30 pm. Students will be provided with a snack. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Ms Victoria Pomfret  
EAL/D Support Coordinator & English teacher

Ms Shannon Sharratt  
Learning Support teacher & Year 7 Advisor

## TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED STUDIES WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAS?

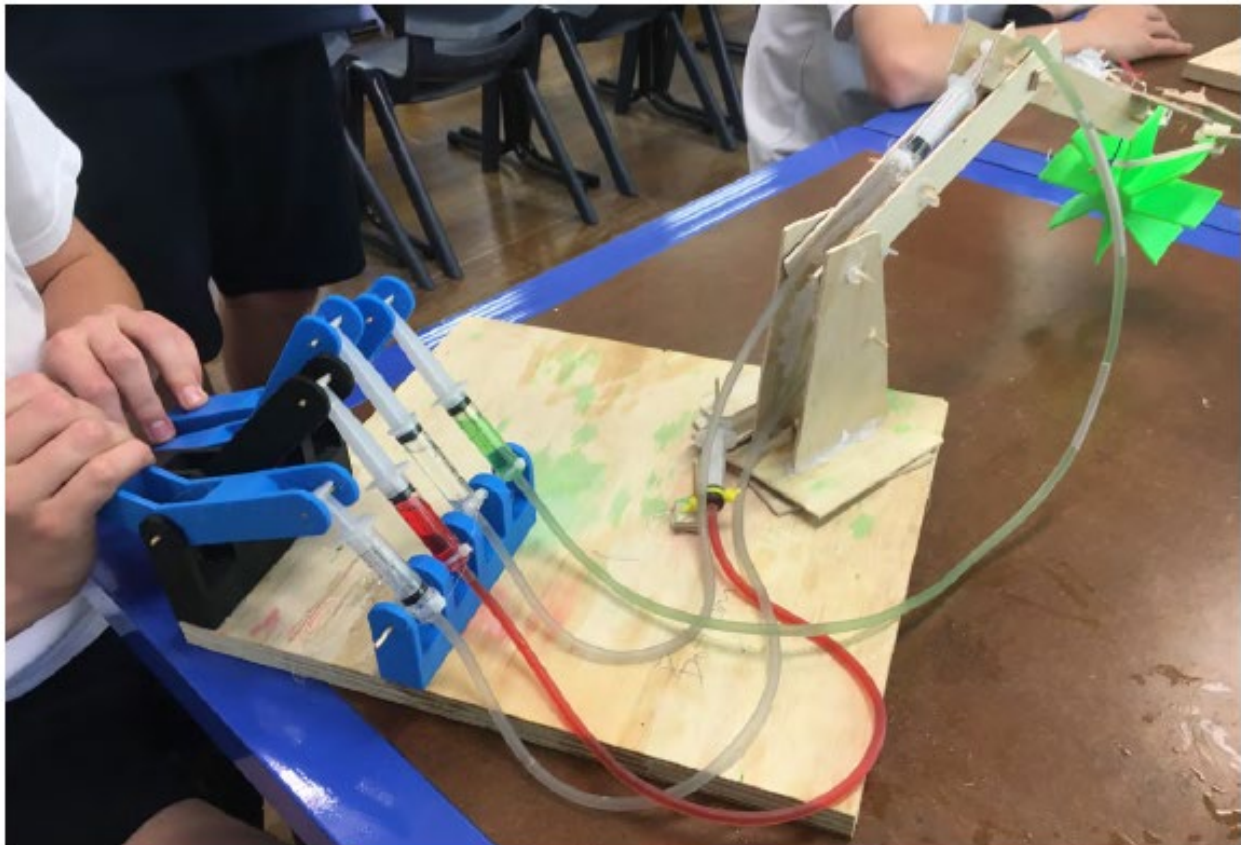
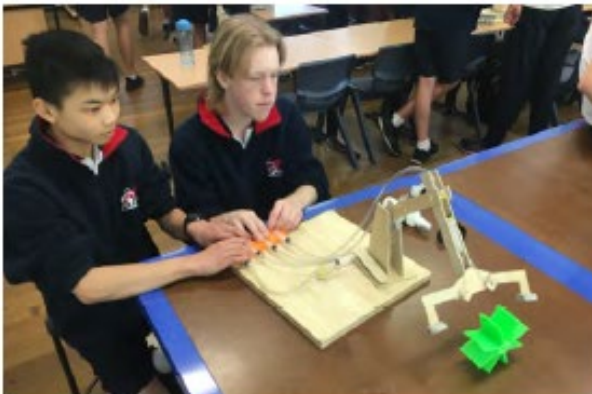
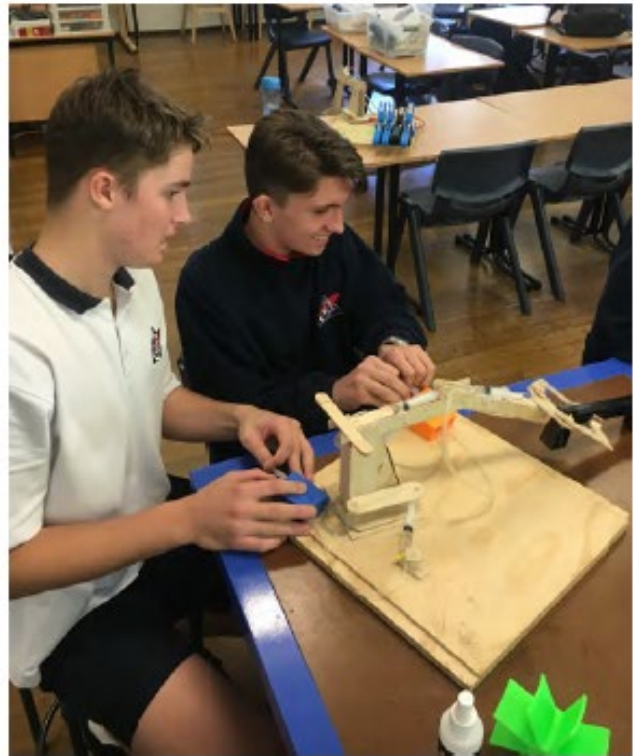
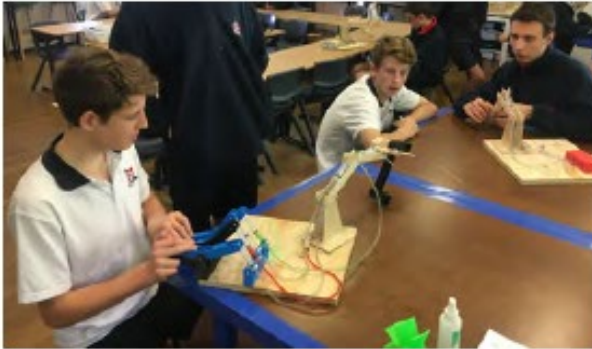
Year 7 learning about and using Computer Aided Design (CAD) to design and model a 3D Skatepark



# TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED STUDIES

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAS?

### Year 10 Engineering - Testing their Hydraulic Robot Arm Designs



# TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED STUDIES WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAS?

## Year 11 & 12 Hospitality



**TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED STUDIES**  
**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAS?**

**Year 12 Construction**  
**Creating concrete counter-tops for the TAS Makerspace**



**TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED STUDIES  
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAS?**

**Year 12 Industrial Technology Timber:  
Students working on their HSC Major projects**



## Music

Band rehearsals have now resumed and all students are welcome to return. We do have to make sure hygiene is adhered to during rehearsals so students should bring their own hand sanitiser where possible. School will also provide some.

Rehearsals are as follows:

Monday 7:30am, School Hall – Improvisation Ensemble 1

Tuesday 7:30am, School Hall – Senior Concert Band

Tuesday Lunch (1pm), Guitar Club, Music room Ds7 with Mr Corby and Mr Robertson

Wednesday 7:30am, School Hall - Improvisation Ensemble 2

Thursday 7:30am, School Hall – Stage Band

Friday 7:30am, School Hall – Junior Concert Band

Friday 7:30am, Music Studio, Jazz Orchestra



Bally's Instrumental Program is back up and running on school grounds with lessons happening weekly - anyone wanting to take up lessons with our music tutors should contact Mr Robertson or Ms Stokes in the CAPA staffroom. We have tutors for Guitar, Bass, Drums, Piano, Brass and Woodwind.



Assemblies will be in full swing soon so we are also looking for performers for assembly. Mr Robertson has introduced Brazilian Samba to our GATs classes so there will be a rather loud and percussive Samba style performance coming soon. See our Facebook page for video updates.

All things being well, we are hoping to do some concerts before the year is out so fingers crossed on that one.

We also have some student helpers taking part in some sound engineering and lighting training in order to help out with school productions in the future so we are looking forward to these boys contributing to our Music and Drama shows.



## Visual Arts

Students are finishing off their artworks for the Term. Here are a selection of some photos of Year 7 students in the studio working on their self-portraits, as well as some works from Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Year 12s are currently working hard to complete their body of works. A two-day Year 12 Visual Arts Body of Work Studio Workshop has been organised for the second week of the winter holidays. This workshop is to facilitate student artmaking practice for the upcoming HSC Body of Work submission. The workshop will be held in the Year 12 Studio space at Balgowlah Boys Campus from 10am - 3pm on Thursday 16th July and Friday 17th July, 2020. Full information will be provided to students in class and on CANVAS. Student Body of Works are due for internal assessment to their teacher on Wednesday 22nd July and to NESA on Monday 14th September, 2020. Images of Year 12 works have not been included here due to the requirements of the HSC – we look forward to celebrating the Year 12's success in artmaking in a future newsletter!





Malachi's self-portrait (Year 7)



Isaaq R's self-portrait (Year 7)



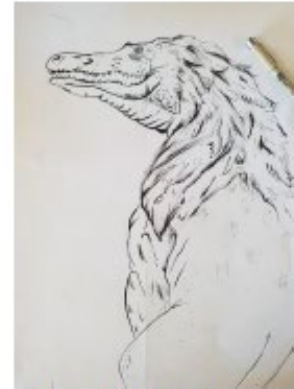
Will H's self-portrait (Year 7)



A juxtaposition between an apocalyptic wasteland and Michelangelo's Heaven by Hartley Elliott (Year 8)



A beautiful photograph by Dimitri (Year 8)



A crocodile, lion and hippopotamus hybrid by Jet C (Year 8)



Logan D's self-portrait (Year 9)



Lachlan B's drawing (Year 9)



Jasper B's self-portrait (Year 9)



Ollie B's self-portrait (Year 9)



Lachlan B's self-portrait (Year 9)



A detail of Lachlan E's abstract painting (Year 10)



A detail of Flynn S' large-scale abstract painting (Year 10)



Gor O's large-scale abstract painting (Year 10)



A detail of Indra A's large-scale abstract painting (Year 10)



Ruairi H's large-scale abstract painting (Year 10)



A detail of Shannon B's large-scale abstract (Year 10)



Theo S' large-scale abstract painting (Year 10)



Dave M's photograph (Year 10)



Lachlan E's photograph (Year 10)



Jake S' large-scale abstract (Year 10)



Gabe H's miniature gouache painting (Year 10)



Tom R's large-scale abstract painting (Year 10)



A detail of TJ H's large-scale abstract painting (Year 10)



Tom L's large-scale abstract (Year 10)



Will T's abstract photography



Jhett C (Year 11) Conceptual Art [Kaldor Do It](#)



Connor Callard (Year 11) Conceptual Art- [Kaldor Do It](#)



Koby B (Year 11) Conceptual Art- [Kaldor Do It](#)



Kabir working on his body of work (Year 12)

## Library Lines

The forthcoming holidays provide an ideal opportunity for all students to relax and immerse themselves in the magic of words and images. Our school **24/7 library** offers students online access to both eBooks and audiobooks with an app available for their personal devices (link on school website). The library is available prior to the holidays for the loan of all print resources, date due for return after the holidays.

**Holiday reading ...**

any day, any time



It is also the perfect time for all Years 7 and 8 boys read and register all books on their NSW Premiers Reading Challenge personal record. The 28<sup>th</sup> August closing date is fast approaching and during lockdown many students managed to add an impressive number of titles. With a generous collection of print, eBooks, audio books, graphic novels, picture books etc., there is something for everyone. Need help? Speak with library staff or **Ms Lepre**.

### Library Archives

Ms Dimova and Ms Donato have been working solidly on our extensive school archives. The sheer volume of the collection required a tremendous effort by the staff and I deeply appreciate the organisation and progress made.

**Spread the word!** During the sorting process, it became obvious that we lacked photographic records of some years. We are asking the wider school community for assistance in locating **any photographs** of school years groups, individual students' achievements, activities, events, past staff members etc. **1942 – 1977**. Slowly, but surely we will work our way through to the current cohort (please see flyer to follow). Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Although recent restrictions have delayed the delivery of many new planned initiatives such as author talks, research skills seminars, the introduction of an Indigenous Australian Literary collection, results of our poster competition and more. We look forward to the realisation of several in Term 3. Watch this space!

**Joy Jones**  
**Teacher-Librarian**

The Library Archive  
Collection is missing  
photographs!

A valuable piece of  
our history!

Can you  
help?

Wanted!

Photographs of  
past students,  
staff or events  
from  
1945 -1977.

If you have any  
or know of  
anyone who may  
have any, please  
contact us.

Ms Dimova  
9949 4200—Library

<https://nbscbalgb-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> Subject: Library Archives





## **P&C Sound Bytes**

Welcome to the latest update from the Bally P&C and a big thanks to everyone who joined us online for the June 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting it was our biggest attendance yet! A summary of the meeting content is now live on our website, [ballyboys.org](http://ballyboys.org)

### **Thank you to Bunnings**

We would like to say a huge **Thank You to Bunnings Warehouse Balgowlah** who have donated a number of wonderful items for use in general maintenance and the Hall and Surrounds Upgrade Project. [Find out the full details of their wonderful donation](#)

### **What skills do you have?**

In conjunction with the School executive, the P&C has been successful in obtaining a shared funding grant from the Department of Education to allow us to a major upgrade the School Hall Forecourt and surrounds. There are multiple opportunities to become involved with this and other projects and we are very keen to understand what talents we have already within our Bally Parents and would be grateful if you could complete the following short form. [Tell us your skills](#)

### **Mobile Device Survey**

The P&C have decided to Survey the current Bally Parents to gain an understanding of their thoughts on mobile device use in the school for the Boys. If you've not filled this in yet, please make sure you have your say, [complete our survey](#).

### **Latest News on our Projects**

New Updates on the [School Hall and Surrounds Project](#) and the new [Covered Outdoor Learning Area](#) on the website.

### **Next P&C Meeting**

Monthly P&C meetings have been held online and our next meeting is on August 11th and details will be posted on the website, <https://www.ballyboys.org/eventslist>

**Thanks again for all your support and have a safe holiday break!**

# ***GT Speed Coaching***

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**Professional Sprint Coach with over 30 years' experience**

- ✓ Ex Manly Sea Eagles sprint coach
- ✓ Ex Australian Beach Sprint Champion
- ✓ Coach of professional athletes and Stawell Gift finalists
- ✓ Current Head Sprint Coach at Newington College since 2012
- ✓ PD/H/PE teacher for 25 years
- ✓ All ages and abilities welcome, teams, groups, individuals ... *You will get faster!!!*
- ✓ Training at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen and Griffith Park, Long Reef.
- ✓ Wednesdays at 4.30 pm

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