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Balgowlah Boys Campus Newsletter

Week 10

Principal's Report

Reflecting upon another busy term at Balgowlah Boys, I am amazed at the resilience that students and staff continue to demonstrate at this school. Whether it has been senior students taking themselves to head teachers for space to study online when their teachers were absent with Covid or a junior class that is turned around and sent to another classroom because their timetabled room has been flooded. They have done so with no complaints and got on with their learning.

The school will celebrate those students that were able to give their best even through the challenges at our *By Effort We Achieve Assembly* on the first Friday of term 2. Parents of recipients will be invited via email.

Balgowlah Boys has been the subject of a Department of Education Case Study following the significant acclaim we have received for our HSC results, particularly in English. Our school has pioneered a very "explicit" style of delivery which has been extremely successful. It has enabled all boys to access sophisticated, high-level content. The Centre for Educational Research developed the paper after visiting the school, speaking with key staff and students, and then observing classrooms in action. The *What Works Best* case study link is.

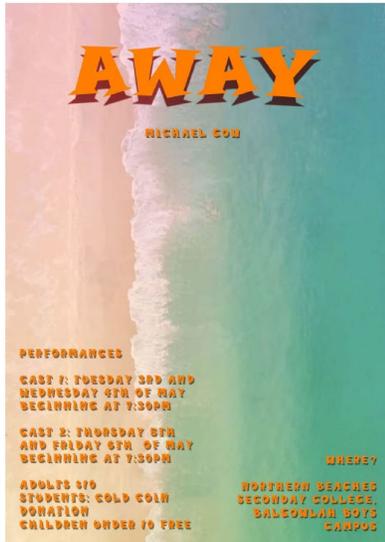
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Give me a high school with 1200 boys from the northern beaches and I will give you a sporting juggernaut. A huge congratulations to the boys that achieved in sport this term. The state knockout has been happening in all sports; the open Basketballers are in the top 8 of Sydney Metro, the Open Water Polo team are again Greater Sydney Champions (8 years in succession) and will travel to Newcastle this week for the state finals.



The rowing team were amazing at the state regatta, and we currently have a team competing at the nationals in Victoria. Our swimming team overwhelmed other local high schools in the zone carnival, and we had multiple relay teams competing in the state finals.

To Performing Arts, our ensembles are starting to get some traction with Covid restrictions fading out. The "Company" will be doing final rehearsals over the break ready for their performance of *Away* next term.



THE COMPANY

Away by Michael Gow

PERFORMANCES:

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CAST 2 Thursday 5th and Friday 6th beginning at 7.30pm

Where: Balgowlah Boys School Hall Theatre

Adults: \$10

Students: Gold coin donation

Children under 10 free

Stop the Press

Congratulations to the (my) Open Boys' Water Polo team that have just been crowned, State Water Polo Champions for 2022. The boys played in the state finals over the last 2 days of term in Newcastle, defeating archrivals Cronulla High in the grand final 8-7.





Technology and Applied Studies

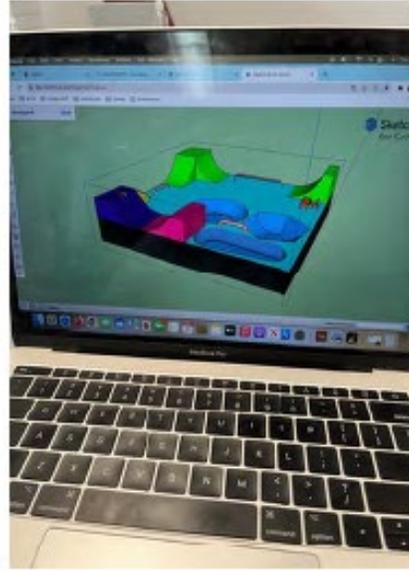
Year 7 Food Technology - Pikelets, Apple Danishes, Spaghetti & More!





Technology and Applied Studies

Year 7 Digital Technology - Designing a 3D Skatepark



Year 8 Food Technology - Making Waffles





Technology and Applied Studies

Year 9 Engineering - Designing and Testing their Bridge Designs





Technology and Applied Studies

Year 9 Industrial Technology Timber - Finished Chopping Board Designs



Year 9 Food technology - Making Pies





Technology and Applied Studies

Year 9 Developing their skills in the Food Technology Kitchen





Technology and Applied Studies

Year 10 Industrial Tech Timber: Putting our new Festool Power Tools to good use



Year 11 Hospitality - Practicing their Knife Skills

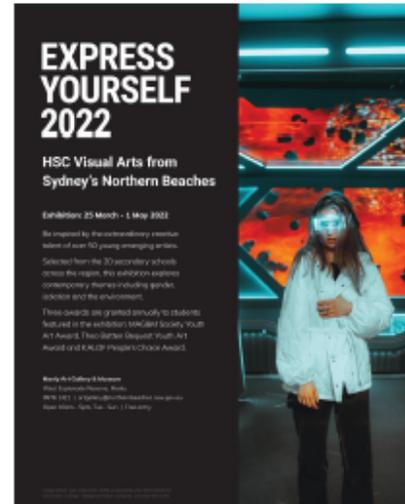


Creative and Performing Arts

VISUAL ARTS

EXHIBITIONS

Manly Art Gallery & Museum's exhibition of selected Northern Beaches HSC students' works from 2022 is on display from Friday 25th March 2022 - Sunday 1st May 2022. The exhibition celebrates the extraordinary talent of young emerging artists from our local creative community and features a broad range of expressive artforms including painting, printmaking, ceramics, documented forms, drawing, graphic design, photomedia, sculpture, textiles and fibre, collection of works, and time-based forms. This Year we had 5 Balgowlah Boys students selected for the exhibition, and we would like to extend a big congratulations to Norzom Tenzin, Joshua Palmer, Connor Callard, Luke O'Donnell, and Jonah Ovadia! Please visit the Gallery to see the outstanding works our students submitted.



We would also like to give a special mention to Luke O'Donnell whose photography featured on the advertising for the event (see image above right) - this is a fabulous achievement, and we are very proud of his work. A link to more information about the event can be found here: [Express Yourself](#).

DONATIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Visual Arts Department would like to extend our thanks to the family of local Northern Beaches artist Vic Eisenhut for their very generous donation of art supplies, including paints and canvases. We are always grateful for the support from the local community for their support of our student's creative endeavours.



BALLY ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM



This Term, our Year 9 Elective Visual Arts students worked with portrait artist Kristone Capistrano to create some very accomplished large-scale self portraits. Exploring the theme of 'Grit', our students were able to view some of Kristone's own highly realistic portraits, then participated in a workshop using charcoal materials and techniques. Students then worked on their own portraits for the rest of the day, working with the artist to show strength and determination in their artmaking along with tonal

strength and confident mark-making. The Bally Artist in Residence program for 2022 has been kindly sponsored by our Bally Boys P&C, and we would like to extend a big thank you to the P&C for their support.



Year 8

Year 8 have been working hard to create a self-portrait Abstract Expressionism artwork, inspired by the artist Steve Leadbeater. Students have developed an understanding of how artworks may contain text, signs, and symbols to communicate meaning and artistic intentions with the audience. This is the first time that students have experimented with oil pastels as a medium, and it is safe to say that there are some astonishing results!



Joe Mills



Flynn O'Connor



Kasper Lowe



Jackson Parker

Year 10

Year 10 have been working on creating an Abstract Expressionism artwork inspired by the artist Wassily Kandinsky. This artmaking task required students to incorporate their knowledge of music with their artmaking practice. In particular, students represented music and musical notes in abstract forms of art by using geometric shapes, lines, and patterns as a visual language to communicate their artistic intentions in their artwork. The results speak for themselves!



Alex Kidd



Joe Burnet

MUSIC

BAND PROGRAM UPDATE

The Band Program has had a slightly disrupted Term with COVID absences, but our ensembles are working well despite the unusual circumstances. Rehearsals for Term 2 will begin in Week 1 for Stage Band, Jazz Orchestra and Junior Concert Band, with all other ensembles resuming in Week 2. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Junior Concert Band (Year 7 – 8) – Friday, 7:30am in the School Hall

Senior Concert Band (Year 9 – 12) – Tuesday, 7:30am in the School Hall

Saxophone Ensemble (all years) – Monday lunchtime in DS7

Guitar Ensemble (all years) – Tuesday lunchtime in DS7

Junior Improvisation (for students new to improvisation) – Tuesday, 7:30am in DS7

Senior Improvisation (for students with experience improvising) – Monday, 7:30am in the School Hall

Stage Band (all years, auditioned) – Thursday, 7:30am in the School Hall

Jazz Orchestra (all years, auditioned) – Friday, 7:30am in DS7

Keep an eye on our [Bands at Bally website](#) for updates, news and more information about the Music Department!

STATE MUSIC CAMP

Applications are now open for State Music Camp. This is a great opportunity for students who are interested in extending their music skills and ensemble playing while collaborating with other public school students and expert teachers. Further information and registration forms can be accessed here: [State Music Camp Applications.](#)

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Year 7 have smashed through their first Term of high school music with enthusiasm and rigour. They have completed their chair drumming assessments to a high standard, impressing their teachers. Year 8 have finished their Rock and Blues unit, many having mastered three string riffs on the guitar. Considering that many of these students haven't played guitar before, it's great to see their improvement and enthusiasm for riffing. Year 10 have completed their unit on Electronic Dance Music, writing their own pieces using online production software. The results are absolutely phenomenal - we might have a few upcoming EDM artists on our hands!

Both the Music 1 and Music 2 courses in Year 11 have finished the Term strongly. Music 1 have completed their practical assessments with flying colours, while Music 2 students have given rousing presentations comparing the Renaissance and Baroque Periods. Year 12 are officially halfway through their HSC course, having completed compositions and performances this Term with great results. We're excited to see what else they have to offer!

DRAMA



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Synopsis:

Away is about the power of transformation and redemption.

Life during the depression years of the thirties was harsh and unforgiving, leaving individuals struggling, surviving and sometimes bitter. The play is set in 1968 during the Vietnam war which impacts some of the characters.

We watch a boy fighting to live and finding joy in the other world of acting and how that world can create joy and release. A catalyst in life may forge change and confronting oneself and one's behaviour causes self - reflection and transformation.

By going away, we can see our general reality in an objective way giving great insight into the way we live our lives and relate to others. Relationships are put under the scrutiny of the audience. Humorous, disturbing yet human, this is the play.

We are following our last Call Sheet and the boys are developing their characters well. We look forward to seeing you all on the Performance evenings. They are working incredibly hard through all Covid isolations.

- Tricia Herman, Director

Stage 5 French Excursion

Students in Years 9 and 10, and some select students from Year 8, participated in a French Excursion through the Alliance Française de Sydney on Thursday 31st March with Madame Hirsch and Madame Olivier.



Students watched the film "*Le Trésor du Petit Nicolas*" (*Little Nicholas' Treasure*) at a special school screening at the Hayden Orpheum as part of the annual French Film Festival. The boys were lucky enough to get a whole cinema to themselves to enjoy the film.

After the film, we travelled to the CBD to the Alliance Française building after a quick stop at Abbey's Bookshop to explore their language section.



We ate lunch at the Alliance and then the students were split into groups to participate in French theatre activities, including tongue twisters, tableaux, and performances. The instructors spoke to their groups exclusively in French, which was a shock to the boys at first, however feedback from them the next day was all positive, with students surprising themselves with just how much they could understand!



We are so lucky to be able to participate in excursions like this and are especially grateful to the Alliance Française for running such interactive and engaging workshops! Félicitations to our students who were so polite and respectful throughout the day.

Wellbeing Team

Year 7

Your first term of High School is over! Congratulations on successfully transitioning into Bally in what has been a stressful start to the year with Floods, sickness, and getting acclimated into a new schooling environment. Your resilience and enthusiasm has us both very impressed. We're looking forward to a productive and fun Term 2!

Mr Diaz and Ms Stokes

Year 8

Congratulations to our Year 8 students on a great effort displaying resilience and fortitude during Term 1. Another tumultuous term with more Covid disruptions, inclement weather and even a natural disaster level flood. You proved your resilience in the face of hardship, battling the odds to prioritise your education and doing so successfully. Well done this term boys, you deserve a restful and rejuvenating two week holiday. Treat yourself, decompress and reset ready to go again in Term 2.

Mr. Hardy and Ms. Hirsch

Year 9

Well done everyone on yet another successful term! As you move into your well deserved holidays, please take a minute to reflect on the hard work you've all put in these 11 weeks and congratulate yourself on your efforts and determination. This hasn't been an easy term by any means, but you have all handled yourselves with such grace. Next term will come with new endeavours, such as NAPLAN online (your last one ever, yay!) and the school sports carnival, so rest well & gear up for another exciting Term 2 at Bally!

Ms Sharratt and Ms Spink

Year 10

Congratulations to our Year 10 students for their hard work and determination this term. It's been a busy term, especially with assessments and exams these last few weeks, but the students have shown great maturity and commitment to their learning by working hard and applying themselves to the best of their ability across their subjects. Everyone has earned themselves a well deserved break so make sure you all take the time to relax and enjoy yourselves these holidays and get ready for Term 2. Have a happy and safe holiday break!

Miss Fitzpatrick & Mr. Stephens

Year 11

How have we come to the end of Term 1 already?

Our boys have seamlessly transitioned into Year 11 and we are incredibly proud of the resilience and determination they have demonstrated throughout the term, as well as the effort they are clearly putting into their coursework.

Our Senior Jerseys are almost ready to process, and we are very proud to reveal the winning design as selected by our students:



Payments have now been finalised which means manufacturing can begin. We are very much looking forward to seeing them in person in the coming months.

Our students are inching closer to an important milestone in their Year 11 studies known as the *Test of Limited Scope*. This is an assessment week where students will be tested on the course content they have covered throughout their first half of Year 11 in all subject areas they are studying. We encourage all our boys to ensure they are revising and preparing for these very important tasks and communicate with their teachers if they need clarification on anything.

Finally, we would like to thank all our amazing parents for their unwavering support of their sons and encourage you to communicate with us if you have any concerns about your son's progress.

Happy holidays and we look forward to seeing you back in Term 2.

Thomas Brecht and Holly Mason

Year 12

Congratulations on reaching two really important milestones; the completion of your mid-year exams AND reaching the half-way mark of your HSC studies. It's been a very dynamic term and we're so proud to see you demonstrate loads of

determination, maturity and resilience. We have noticed a lot of students supporting each other as you work to achieve your study goals, well done! Enjoy a well-earned holiday and don't forget the library will be open for Year 12 only, from 7:30am Tuesday and Thursday mornings right up to the HSC as a place for you to study effectively as you near the finish line.

Cam Mills & Jonathan Katz

Sports Report Term 1

Term 1 has nearly been run and won and we have had some outstanding results and many teams are progressing through their respective rounds of the NSW CHS knockout competitions.

Some results are as follows:

The open volleyball team easily dismantled Brisbane Waters Secondary College and now progress to the 3rd round of the NSWCHS K O Competition.

The open water polo team have qualified for the NSWCHS Final 8 to be held in Newcastle in week 10. We wish them all the best.

The open football (soccer team) cruised past North Sydney Boys 6-1 in rd 2 of the NSWCHS KO competition, with Monty Partington saving a brilliant penalty goal. Congratulation to Jett Rocker Graham and Tyson Dagenais on being NSWCHS runners up representing Sydney North at the NSWCHS Carnival. Further congratulations to Jett on his selection in the NSW CHS Volleyball team to contest the national championships.

The NSW CHS swimming championships were held in week 9 and we had some outstanding results from this very prestigious carnival.

The results were:

Jacob Chalmers

12yrs age group

50m freestyle 3rd

100m Freestyle 3rd

100m Butterfly 1st

200m freestyle 2nd

12 yrs 4 x 50 m relay 2nd : consisting of Jacob Chalmers, Mateus Aride Duarte Martin, Geoffrey Smith, Casper Bartley.

Liam Jordan

13yrs age group

50m Freestyle 3rd

100m Freestyle 3rd

200m Freestyle 3rd

13 yrs 4 x 50 m relay 3rd : consisting of Liam Jordan, Flynn Mackey, Fionn Lehane, Asher Fitzgerald,

Lachlan Davies

14yrs

50m Freestyle 1st

200m Freestyle 1st

100m Backstroke 1st

100m Freestyle 1st

100m Butterfly 1st

14yrs 4 x 50m relay: consisting of Lachlan Davies, Alex Mensdorff Pouilly, Harrison Bowker, Daniel Potega

Alex Smith

16yrs

200m Freestyle 2nd

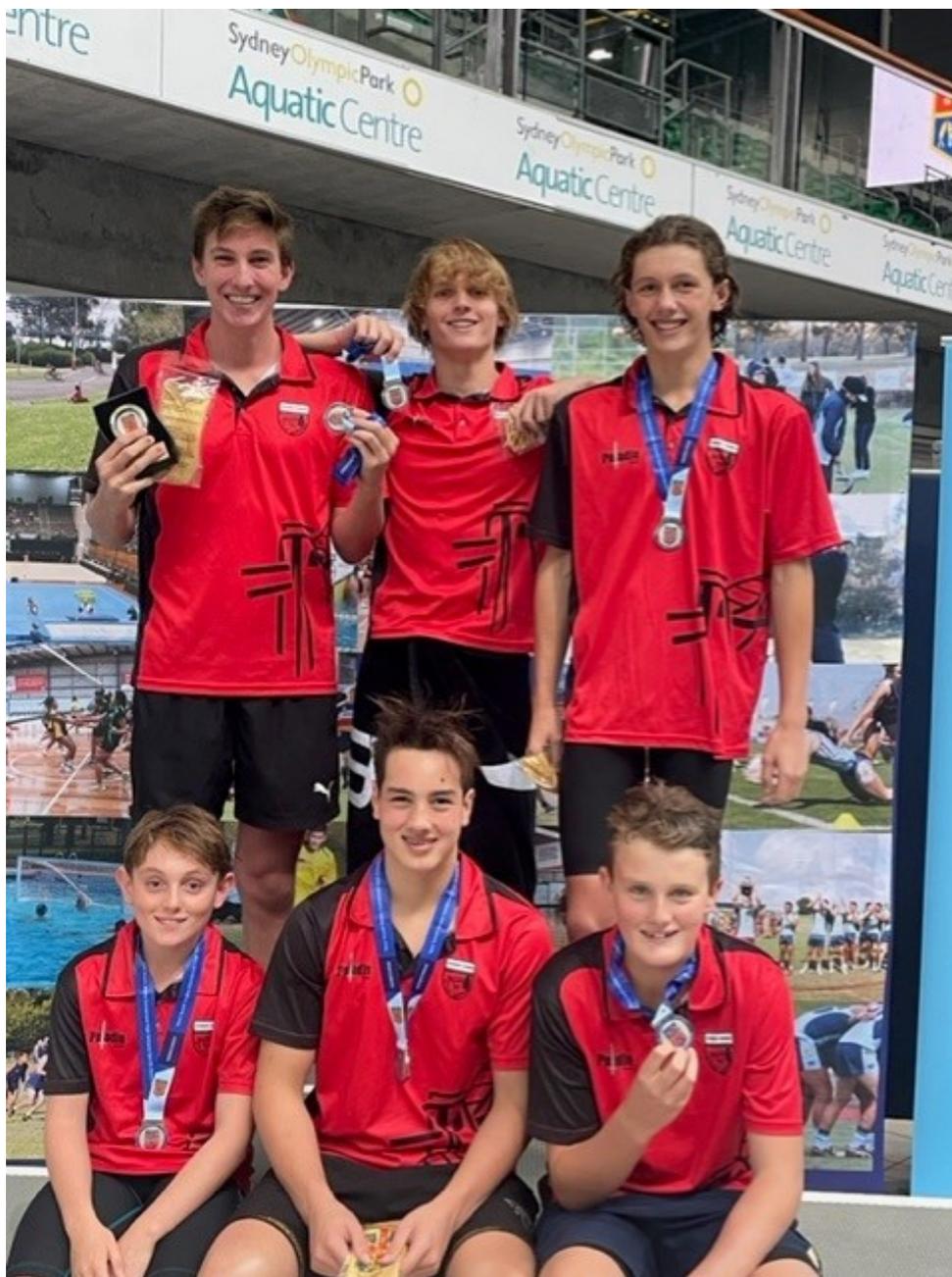
100m Freestyle 4th

100m Butterfly 2nd

16yrs 4 x 50m relay consisting of : Alex Smith, Ethan Green, Keaton Rongue Smith, Miller Manson

6 X 50m All age relay 1st- and they were .02 outside the NSWCHS record, please see photo of the boys below.

Carter Harrison, Alex Smith, Maz Ryan, Lachlan Davies, Liam Jordan, Mateus Aride Duarte Martin



Our rowing team had an outstanding NSWCHS Rowing Championships at Grafton after being crowned NSWCHS Champions, defeating Sydney Boys High who have a 100 year old GPS rowing program.

At the time of print our rowers are competing at Nagambie Lakes, Victoria for the week long Australian National Championships regatta and we will have a report on their return.

The annual school cross country carnival will be held on Wednesday 27th April at North Harbour reserve. This is the first Wednesday of week 1 Term 2. The course is a scenic route from North Harbour reserve to the top of the stairs at the old Marineland and return. A distance of approximately 4.5km.

Following the Cross Country carnival will be the Athletics carnival on Friday 13th

May at the Sydney Academy of Sport ,Narrabeen.
All details will be distributed to students and parents well in advance.
Have a great Easter break and look forward to another term of sport beginning April
27.

Regards
Gary Theodore

Library Lines

The forthcoming Autumn break offers greater opportunity to read. During the last two weeks of term, boys have had access to our vast collection of reading material and encouraged to borrow for the holidays. The loans will not be due for return until the beginning of Term II.



In their wide-reading English classes, the Teacher-Librarian has been working with all Year 7 students to promote the importance of reading, how to access electronic resources and ensuring that the boys know where and how to find the various collections.

Balgowlah Boys has a long history of association with the NSW Premiers Reading Challenge with annual success in completing the required reading. Most of Year 7 students are now also registered for this challenge online and Year 8 boys soon will be. This will allow:

- those students who have annually completed the challenge in past years, a further year to add to their record. Many are in line for Gold or Platinum Certificates. Several will be awarded the NSW Premiers Reading Medal
- the Teacher-Librarian to track individual student's reading patterns such as literacy levels, genre preferences, favourite authors etc. assisting in the selection of new material to expand the library collection
- the Teacher-Librarian to identify any students requiring further encouragement and support. Our keen readers are offered a variety of books containing more complex language and mature themes.

In the past few weeks, we have increased the library collection with approximately 60 new books, as well as replenishing the missing volumes in our extensive Manga range.

Here's a snippet of the exciting new books:



A further order of books has been placed which will roll out during Terms II and III as available. Something for everyone!

During, after hours and school holidays, our 24/7 library is available to all. Students may access the My School Library/Oliver website via their student portal or by:

<https://bbcnsw.wheelers.co/>

Simply press the 'Start Browsing' button and sign in with school username and password. eBooks and audiobooks are easily borrowed and returned automatically after two weeks. Another advantage is the portable nature of electronic reading or listening material. It can be read or listened to on almost every device. The easiest way to access is the Wheelers ePlatform app.



The ePlatform app is your ticket to unlock the world of eBooks and Audiobooks.

It's quick, simple, and free to set up. Within minutes you'll be able to read or listen to your library titles anywhere, any time, on most

devices.

Even if you're offline, the ePlatform app is the quickest and easiest way to borrow and read eBooks as well as listen to Audiobooks on your iPad, Galaxy, Windows tablet, or other tablet/mobile device - without downloading any additional software.

Search for Balgowlah Boys Campus, then key in your school username and password.

Just log in once and begin reading or listening; when you exit, your place is automatically book- marked and you can begin where you stopped with just one click.

In addition to eBooks and audiobooks, the school library offers easy access to an online encyclopaedia. This valuable resource supports the curriculum with a range of content and features that spans all subjects and grade levels.

WORLD BOOK ONLINE



Our school has a subscription to World Book Online!

What is *World Book Online*?

World Book Online is a safe, trusted, 21st-century learning environment for students. It supports the curriculum with a range of content and features that spans all subjects and grade levels.

Features include:

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Computer

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3. Bookmark the page and add it to favourites.

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Username: ballyboys

Password: library



As always, library staff are happy to assist with access and use of all online resources.

Joy Jones
Teacher-Librarian

P&C Sound Bytes

Thank you to all our Families

Once again, a huge thanks to all the families that kindly donated money to show our appreciation to the wonderful teachers and staff. We have purchased over 600 beverages that have been greatly appreciated throughout term 4 of last year and Term 1 this year. There is a small amount of money left which will be used to purchase some items for the new Staff common room that can be enjoyed by all the staff ongoing. Also big Thanks to Cafe Charlotte Balgowlah and Taste of Belgium Seaforth for keeping up the supplies!



We hope that all our new families are settling into Year 7 as we reach the end of the first term. The newly elected P&C Executive are just also getting settled and we will be in touch shortly to update you with our planned activities through the year.

Our next General P&C Meeting will be held on Tues May 10th 7.30pm in the Staff Common Room at school, we hope to see you there.

Here's wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy break over Easter and we look forward to a busy and productive Term 2. Happy Holidays!

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