



Balgowlah Boys Campus Newsletter

Week 3, Term 3

Principal's Report

I would like to thank all those parents and friends that attended our "By Effort We Achieve" Assembly at the beginning of this term. It really gives this important occasion the gravitas that it deserves. Students that have worked to their best and achieved their potential are recognised with this commendation.

This assembly was even more important as we also announced for the first time our Prefects 2023 / 2024 and they were presented with their badges and ties in front of our school community. Congratulations to the following boys.



Prefects 2023 - 2024

Bodhi Hanson
Charlie Longmore
Wil Jessop
Levi Williams
Wil Matheson

Cameron Spry
Adam Fejes
Maverick Anderson
Harry Coddington
Dexter Monnington

Harrison Burke
Jack Groves
Oliver Klineberg
Faryan Kouchaki

Congratulations to *The Company* for their production of *Twelfth Night*. This was perhaps the pinnacle of performances thus far from this extremely talented group of students. It has been wonderful watching them develop over the past few years. It is also a tribute to the creative director, Ms. Tricia Herman, guiding them on this journey. For this production we had ex-students Owen Frost and Col Burns collaborate with Tricia to produce the play.



Amazing set design for the Twelfth Night Production

Our P & C has again been busy donating through its "Shark Tank" with a request of \$54,460 to purchase 20 new multimedia computers boasting impressive specifications that are industry competitive. Mr Miller is ecstatic with the specs of these computers,

- Nvidia 3060 12GB graphic cards
- 11th Gen Intel i7 CPU
- 32GB of Ram

The school has matched the funding to bring the total to 40 new devices to ensure all multimedia classes will have access to machines of this standard. This brings the total funding from the P&C to \$108, 920 for the last financial year.

Thankfully, most of the construction and maintenance work should be completed soon, and we will be taking a welcome break from these types of interruptions. The hall façade upgrade may be the only exception as work has been interrupted by year 11 and 12 exams.

Paul Sheather

Creative and Performing Arts

Upcoming events

MUSIC SHOWCASE EXTRAVAGANZA

BALGOWLAH BOYS MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



BALLY BOYS
MUSIC SHOWCASE
EXTRAVAGANZA

SENIOR SHOWCASE | WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST
FULL SCHOOL SHOWCASE | THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST
6:30PM START

BALGOWLAH BOYS SCHOOL HALL | MARETIMO ST

RAFFLE PRIZES | CANTEEN



TICKETS: \$10 ADULT, \$5 CHILD & STUDENT, \$20 FAMILY (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN)
TWO NIGHT TICKET DEAL: \$25 ADULT, \$8 CHILD & STUDENT, \$35 FAMILY
PURCHASE ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR.



BANDS AT BALLY



Experience two magical nights of Bally's talented musicians in the annual Musical Showcase Extravaganza. For the first year ever, our boys present two unique performances. With such a strong cohort of musicians at the school, the Music Department has extended our annual Music Showcase to span across TWO nights!

- **SENIOR SHOWCASE - Wednesday 16th August**
- **FULL SCHOOL SHOWCASE - Thursday 17th August**

Please come along for two awesome nights of talented performers!

Tickets are available via the [P&C Website](#).

MUSIC

STATE MUSIC CAMP REPRESENTATIVES

A big congratulations to the students who represented Bally at the State Music Camps at the end of Term 2 and start of Term 3. These students are the best of the best in the State, and have had very positive experiences at these camps:

- Benjamin Coughlan (Year 7)
- Zed Dawkins (Year 7)
- Gabriel Inokai (Year 7)
- Aodhan Lloyd (Year 7)
- Wyatt Antolik (Year 8)
- Banjo Kirkham (Year 8)
- Risheet Mazumdar (Year 8)
- Oliver Davis (Year 10)

A big shout out to the students who have represented Bally over the last few years and were not able to participate this year due to their commitment to their Stage 6 studies:

- Tristan Jorgensen (Year 11)
- Austin Holley (Year 11)
- Tom Vogel (Year 11)

BAND PROGRAM UPDATE

Our Band Program is gearing up for some big performances this Term - the Music Showcase is coming up on Thursday 17th August (tickets available through the [P&C Website](#)), and our Jazz groups are looking forward to hearing whether they've snagged a spot at Manly Jazz. Students are reminded to have their Bands at Bally uniform ready to go for these events.

The rehearsal schedule remains as follows:

CONCERT BAND PROGRAM:

- Junior Concert Band (Year 7 – 8, all welcome) – Friday, 7:30am in the School Hall
- Senior Concert Band (Year 9 – 12, all welcome) – Tuesday, 7:30am in the School Hall
- Guitar Club (all years, all welcome) – Thursday lunchtime in DEM6

JAZZ PROGRAM

- Junior Improvisation (for students new to improvisation) – Monday, 8am in DS7
- Senior Improvisation (for students with experience improvising) – Wednesday, 7:30am in the School Hall
- Stage Band (all years, auditioned) – Thursday, 7:30am in the School Hall
- Jazz Orchestra (all years, auditioned) – Monday, 8am in the School Hall

CURRICULUM MUSIC

YEAR 7

Year 7 have embraced their class band unit very enthusiastically this term! Year 7 are working through a selection of pieces, choosing to play guitar, bass, keyboard and ukulele. *Love Me Do* by the Beatles has been played in every class, with students working well as full class bands - well done Year 7!

YEAR 8

Year 8 students are studying music for film this term. We have kicked the term off learning the *James Bond Theme (007)* on guitar and piano. We will be moving on next week to *Tubular Bells* and playing this in a class band style. The students will also be composing a few of their own themes this term, writing a theme for a hero and a villain. The boys are showing significant development and growth in their Music studies over the course of Stage 4 so far. We are looking forward to creating and making music again this term.

YEAR 9

Year 9 have begun their study of the Baroque and Classical periods, beginning with a look at *Pachelbel's Canon* and the use of ground bass. Students have performed this piece beautifully as a class, and are learning to use notation software, MuseScore, by recreating their own variations on their devices. Well done boys!

YEAR 10

The boys in Year 10 have started studying Protest Music this term. Discussions have been based around various themes that people care about. From human rights and war, to wanting to have more practical lessons and who plays the best instrument; we have been looking at how music unites people throughout different stages of life. We have been learning how to write lyrics, creating a drum pattern and developing confidence performing to our classmates. The boys continue to develop their listening skills and many are starting to consolidate the knowledge in preparation for Senior Music studies. It is great working with a group of such talented musicians, keep up the great work!

YEAR 11

Year 11 Music are starting their in-depth study of Rock Music as part of their Preliminary course for HSC Music 1. This term we are concentrating on performance and preparation for the Yearly Aural Examination. The boys will be having several pieces in the upcoming showcases and there will be a lot of rehearsals over the next few weeks to ensure that the boys sound polished for their performances. The boys also need to be looking forward and learning pieces that will prepare them for their upcoming HSC year. Last term we completed a film soundtrack project where the students had to complete a composition over a scene from Wallace and Gromit. All of our boys completed their work and there were a number of excellent projects handed in.

YEAR 12 MUSIC 1

Year 12 are in the last lap of their studies with performances and exams coming up on the horizon. The boys are preparing pieces to play in the upcoming Senior Showcase which will be on Wednesday August 16th. This show will feature a large number of the performance pieces that will be played for examiners in their HSC performance exams in early September and I'm sure the boys would appreciate parents and friends supporting them at this showcase. The students are also in the midst of their Trial exams so the work is really ramping up for our boys. Good luck everyone with performances and exams.

YEAR 12 MUSIC 2

Our brilliant Year 12 Music 2 class have finished their internal assessments for their HSC - well done boys! They performed their HSC programmes for Ms Stokes and an experienced HSC marker to an amazing standard, with nearly all students achieving in the top box (13-15 out of 15) for all of their performances. This shows great promise for when they perform for external markers in Week 8 or 9 this Term. The boys have also completed their Trial listening exam with gusto and are waiting patiently for the return of their marks.

THE COMPANY

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

was an outstanding success. Two of the three performances were well attended with a full, last night. I thank my two Assistant Directors Owen Frost (Company leaver 2022) and Coll Burns currently Year 12. Their support and continued relationship with the ensemble helped the creative process considerably.



The audience was most appreciative and the performance level attained by The Company ensemble was outstanding. A critique given was that, "The students inhabited the language of Shakespeare and the vocal work was outstanding" Actors were spoken to individually, reinforcing their characterisation and Company training over many years. I will be auditioning students from Year 7 - Year 9 soon for the New Company and they will begin training in third term while Mr Burns is in rehearsal. Company times are to be advised. The students involved need to be committed and dedicated to the training programme which includes movement, improvisation, characterisation, and voice work. Performance is a combination of these skills supported by the production

elements of costume, set, lighting and sound. As The Company we have organically moved into a more complex arena as the students have become more adept in their roles.

As a Director, for many years the set was spare and minimal as a preference with staging.

However, since The Players (2021) the sets have become more complex.

After reading the play, the Director thinks carefully about the concept of the play and sketches ideas for the set.



My first concept drawing is the one I use, as it comes from intuition and impulse in response to the play. Discussion with the set builder creates a reality and the actors are then able to work with blocking from the set design. The Prompt copy is invaluable as all moves are scribed into the book, ready for the technical crew to take over for the technical rehearsal. Ben Corby is teaching Entertainment and we give the students involved a great deal of experience. The Year 12 crew for this production was a tight knit and focussed group. Thank you to all those involved and especially parents who have supported each play by opening and operating the kiosk and my

colleagues in the Creative and Performing Arts Department.

Tricia Herman

(Director)

ENTERTAINMENT



Year 12 Entertainment students completed their final practical task during the production 'Twelfth Night'. The boys demonstrated a level of independence and problem solving that enhanced the production and allowed it to run seamlessly. They have developed knowledge and skills that can be applied in the industry and should be proud of the work they have accomplished as a team. Well done Year 12!



VISUAL ARTS

Year 12

On Wednesday 19th July, Year 12 held their annual Visual Arts body of work exhibition. Visual Arts at Bally would like to thank the school community for their support of a brilliant exhibition, and congratulate the Year 12 students for their efforts in making, curating and exhibiting their works for the enjoyment of audiences. Unfortunately we are unable to publish photographs of the student's works until they have been marked by NESA, however, we look forward to sharing these with the school after the marking period. We would also like to extend a very special thank you to the Year 11 Hospitality students who put on an extensive spread which stopped everyone in their tracks. The food was delicious, beautifully presented, and was very fitting for a fabulous night.

There is still a lot of work to be done on the artworks prior to the NESA submission on the 28th August, and the boys are encouraged to keep working on the artworks with diligence and critical reflection to ensure refined and resolved work with a sophisticated articulation of concepts.

Year 11

Year 11 are currently working on an artmaking unit of work which explores the concept of the artist as social and political commentator. Students are using collage and other artmaking practices to provoke, change opinions, make fun of, and inspire action. The resulting works are coming along well. Year 11 are also heading into their assessment period, with their Yearly Examinations being in Week 9 and 10. Artworks are being investigated in class, with students participating in collaborative response building to produce an essay based on the concept of the artist as social and political commentator. Students are encouraged to study these responses in anticipation of writing the essay under examination conditions.

NAIDOC Week

Balgowlah Boys Campus celebrated NAIDOC Week from the 17th to the 21st of July this term. The theme for this year's NAIDOC Week was 'For our Elders', a celebration of cultural knowledge holders, advocates, teachers, leaders and loved ones.

This year Bally began the school term with a moving smoking ceremony which welcomed the boys back to NAIDOC Week hosted by Susan Moylan. Our First Nations students also organised a teachers vs students touch footy match on Thursday as well as a mufti day on Friday.

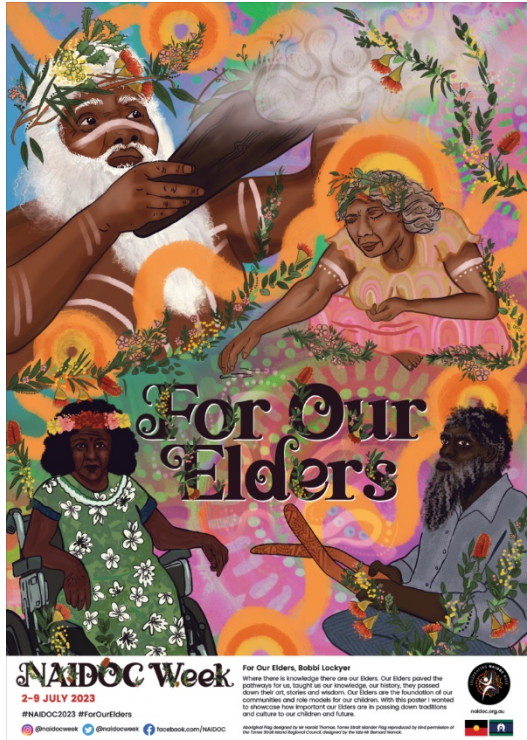
Thank you to the Balgowlah Community for a terrific week.



NAIDOC Week Colouring in Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the NAIDOC Week colouring-in competition.

The National NAIDOC poster competition has become an iconic feature of National NAIDOC Week and has a rich and significant history beginning in 1967 when the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) first began producing posters.



Bobbi Lockyer, a proud Ngarluma, Kariyarra, Nyulnyul and Yawuru artist, born and based on Kariyarra Country in Port Hedland, is the winner of the prestigious National NAIDOC Week Poster Competition for 2023 with her entry, For Our Elders.

"Where there is knowledge there are our Elders. Our Elders paved the pathways for us, taught us our knowledge, our history, they passed down their art, stories and wisdom. Our Elders are the foundation of our communities and role models for our children. With this poster I wanted to showcase how important our Elders are in passing down traditions and culture to our children and future." said Bobbi

First Place: Andreas L (pictured to the right)

Runners up: Kody B, Matthew N, Tom D



Languages Report

Balgowlah Boys won a class prize from the Japanese Teachers Association of NSW for our display of Tanzaku in the Japanese Classroom."

This display is to celebrate the holiday of Tanabata (otherwise known as the star festival) occurring in July or August. It is a story about two star-crossed lovers. Students wrote down what they wished for and placed on a bamboo tree, hoping for their wishes to come true. Some wishes included wanting ramen, Japanese snacks, curing sickness and M & M's



Last week we had 10 Japanese students visiting us on exchange. They spent some time in English lessons and attended class with their host brothers for observation. There was also the mandatory excursion to Taronga Zoo.



Year Advisors Report

Year 7 has had a great start to Term 3 after coming back refreshed from the mid-year break. The boys are now working towards their term 3 assessments, so it is important to remain organised in their studies. If the load of schoolwork becomes overwhelming the boys can reach out to their teachers, year advisors and wellbeing team for support. Beyond Bally is also run on Mondays at 3.30pm in the library and is a great opportunity for the boys to learn to be more efficient and effective in completing their school work.

We had an incredible morning at the BEWA assembly recognising those boys who represent the "By Effort We Achieve" ethos of the school. Teachers are continually monitoring behaviour and achievement to positively reward the boys, it is important for boys to strive to achieve their best in each class. These can lead to a Bally Red, an entry into the raffle for a prize drawn at assembly.

Gala Day is on Tuesday and we look forward to seeing the boys take their great attitudes out onto the sporting field for a fun day out.

Year 8

Year 8 has had a brilliant start to Term 3, following a wonderful mid-year break.

Beyond Bally has started again this term, a program which we heartily encourage all Year 8's to attend in the lead up to the end of the year examinations. Beyond Bally is run every Monday afternoon from 3.30pm in the library with the aim of teaching you how to become more efficient and better in completing your school work, whilst also learning about how to adopt a mindset that will help you excel in all areas of your life.

Year 8 can be a very changing time. Organisation and understanding study skills are often overwhelming, therefore it is important that the boys continue to reach out for support from their teachers, staff and year advisors.

This term Year 8 have continued to strive to achieve both academically and in the wider community. Each week we are monitoring the positive behavior of the boys and awarding 10 'Bally Red' prizes, which they go in the draw to receive a larger prize. We encourage students to strive to get recognition for their good behaviour by asking their teachers to remember to put in Positive Incidents on Sentral.

Well done on the fantastic start to Term 3!
Miss Williams & Mr Diaz

Year 9

Year 9 had a cracking end to term 2 and have started Term 3 in a really positive manner. We are monitoring students for their achievement and effort in lessons with "Bally red" tickets which enable our students to enter a draw for a twice termly prize. There are at least 10 Bally reds up for grabs each week so it would be great if our boys can strive to achieve these prizes. Camp was a success at Morriset and we had such an amazing time with 127 students attending. Thanks to all of the teachers who attended. I know that the boys had an amazing time and they participated in all sorts of exciting activities such as high ropes, canoeing, fan jump, giant swing and table tennis. Our boys demonstrated what a good community of students we have in year 9 and there was a great deal of teamwork demonstrated on the camp. There are a number of year 9 students participating in the upcoming school concert and some

productions. The sports teams at Bally also feature a large number of our boys so thanks as always to parents and the school community for your support.

Onwards and upwards Year 9!
Mr Robertson and Ms Hirsch

Year 10

Term 3 is well underway and we hope results from Half Yearly assessments have helped you fine-tune your study techniques. This is the year to adjust and improve your strategies to prepare for assessments before your senior years begin. Please remember that your teachers are there to help if you need any guidance before your next assessment!

We could not be more pleased with the feedback we got from students on work experience and we highly encourage those who did not go to try and do it later in the year. For those that went, we hope it was an enlightening experience, even if it highlighted what you don't want to do! Subject selection interviews are coming up which is the next step in Year 11 subject selections and you will find out when your interview is in the coming weeks.

We encourage students to strive to get recognition for their good behaviour with a Bally Red by asking their teachers to remember to put in Positive Incidents on Sentral. We are pleased with what we have seen so far, but would be even happier to see positive incidents from all of you this term!

Ms Armstrong and Ms Spink, Year 10 Advisors

Miss Williams & Mr Diaz

Year 11

It has been a big couple of weeks for Year 11 to kick off Term 3.

The 2023/2024 Prefect Body was inducted at our recent BEWA Assembly. We would like to congratulate the successful applicants on their appointment. We are excited to see what you achieve in the year ahead! In the coming weeks, the prefects will self-nominate for the role of School Captain, with candidates presenting a speech to all school staff. The announcement on the successful applicants for School captain and Vice captains will be made at the Year 12 Graduation ceremony at the end of the term.

The Year 11 Yearly Examination period will be in Week 9 and 10 of this term. We are encouraging Year 11 to start thinking about what strategies they need to be put in place for them to achieve their very best during this time. Some things we would strongly recommend at this point are:

- Compiling revision notes for each subject
- Completing revision activities on Canvas
- Communicating with class teachers if concepts need clarification.
- Finding a quiet place in the school Library to make effective use of their study periods during the school day
- Completing practice papers and past questions

We would like to wish all of Year 11 a successful and happy Term 3.

Clare Fitzpatrick and Peter Stephens
Year 11 Advisors

Sports report

Welcome back to sport for term 3. We have the grade sport finals approaching on the 16th August. It is the top two teams in each competition that qualify for the playoffs. As of today, the points table for Balgowlah Boys in the various sports is as follows:

Jnr soccer are 3rd by 1 point from Davidson who we play this week.- this is a must win game
Senior soccer are 1st
Senior Basketball are 1st
Jnr Basketball are 3rd and must win their two remaining games to qualify
Volleyball are 2nd
Senior touch are 1st
Jnr Touch are 1st

We are in a good position to qualify the majority of our teams for the play off. Each team that wins their competition will receive a collared polo shirt at the end of year sports assembly.

While we generally comment on the representative sports there has been some outstanding achievements from some boys at the recreation sports.

At Powerlifting :

Eli Poulli of year 8 squatted 95kg and Tadgh Carpenter also of year 8 Deadlifted 120kgs...these are fantastic numbers for boys just learning their trade.

Then at Axe throwing we had Tyga Laganza win the \$200.00 gift voucher for overall champion of term 2.

Congratulations boys.

The Sydney North athletics carnival was held on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July at The Mingarra athletics centre.

Congratulations to the following boys who placed at this carnival and now progress to the NSW CHS Athletics carnival on the 6-7-8th September at Homebush:

12 yrs 4 x 100m relay team 1st-Harper Maisey, Otto Labador, Enzo Massie, Johan Hawryluk
16YRS Discus 1st, 16yrs Javelin, 2nd 16yrs Shot put - Freddie Benson Sparkes
17yrs Pentathlon 1st - Ollie Benson Sparkes.

Congratulations to Corey Webber, Lachlan and Max Ryan who represented NSWCHS at Australian Schools waterpolo exchange they placed third. Fantastic achievement.



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Also, congratulations to Oscar Crotty on his selection in the Sydney North 15yrs Rugby League team to contest the NSWCHS Championships.

Well done to the open touch football team who travelled 6hrs in the school bus to Armidale last Wednesday, stayed overnight at a Motel, had their breakfast and then went on to defeat Armidale High School 16-4. They now progress to the final 10 schools in NSW CHS tournament and a big thank you to Mr Scheffers for taking the boys on this tour.

Congratulations to the 15yrs Basketball team who defeated Kincumber High school 62-27 at the Balgowlah Boys cauldron last Friday and now progress to the Sydney North finals. Looking forward to an enjoyable term in sport.

Regards
Gary Theodore.

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