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Balgowlah Boys Campus Newsletter

Principal's Report

Week 2 Term 3 2019

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 gives this important occasion the gravitas that it deserves. Students that have worked to their best and achieved their potential are recognised with a merit award.

This assembly was even more important as we also announced for the first time our Prefects 2019 / 2020 and they were presented with their badges and ties in front of our school community.

Year 7 Recipients of the BEWA Award for term 2



As always, our Music students entertain the assembly. The Year 7 Concert Band.

The Year 8 Recipients of the BEWA Award for term 2.



Year 9 Recipients of the BEWA Award for term 2.



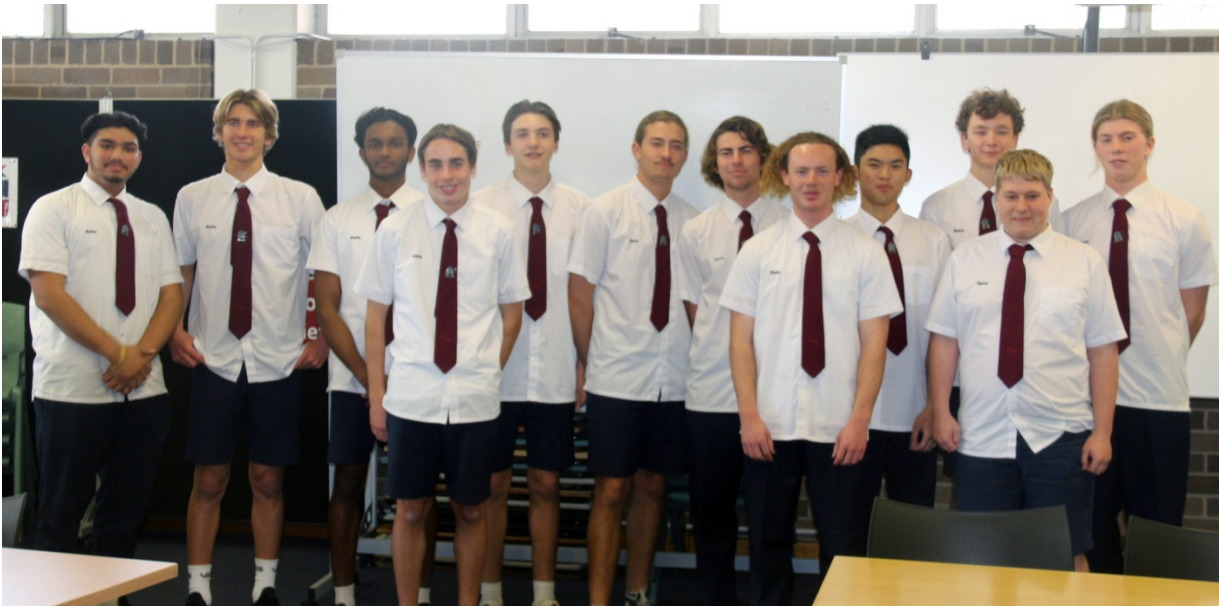
Year 10 Recipients of the BEWA Award for term 2.



Year 11 Recipients of the BEWA Award for term 2.



Year 12 Recipients of the BEWA Award for term 2.



Newly inducted Prefects 2019/20

Following the assembly, newly inducted prefects and their families join the teachers in the library for morning tea and the traditional “tying of the ties” ceremony.



I commend this issue of the School Newsletter for the coverage of an amazing array of curricula and co-curricula programs.

Paul Sheather



TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED STUDIES WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAS?

Term 2



Year 9 Engineering - Investigating and testing Engineering Structures



Year 10 Engineering - Testing their Hydraulic control systems





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Year 11 Multimedia Magazine Designs

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Year 11 Hospitality



Year 9 and 10 Food Technology



Year 7 Timber Skateboards





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Year 9 Industrial Technology Timber



Year 10 Industrial Technology Timber



Year 8 - Beach Chairs - Industrial Technology Timber





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Year 8 STEM

During Term 2 our year 8 STEM students learned to 3D model various designs which were then printed using our PRUSA 3D printers. Pictured below is a 3D rendered image of a fidget spinner (left) and the final production (right).



Year 12 Construction

A huge shoutout to our Year 12 Construction team for building the new partitioning to our MakerSpace and also the long concrete counter tops supporting our printers. Looks ace, solid as a rock and a job well done!





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New Bally **MAKERSPACE** Opening Soon!



A Makerspace is a collaborative and creative work space that is dedicated to hands-on creativity. Once open, the new Bally Makerspace will be a place where students can come during lunchtimes to learn and explore their creativity with 21st Century technology such as 3D printing, 3D modelling, coding, robotics and electronics. Opening times will be announced during assembly and posted on the TAS notice board

Library Lines

It has been wonderful to return from leave and once again immerse myself in all things Library. My sincere thanks go to Mr Geoffrey Walker (Relieving Teacher-Librarian) and Ms Debbie Dimova (Library School Administrative Assistant) who so ably kept our fabulous library running like clockwork. The school library resources and spaces are in heavy demand and successful management relies on the professional expertise of committed staff. Mr Walker and Ms Dimova have paved the way for a smooth transition.

Despite my absence from school, my time was in no way remote from libraries, my journey providing numerous opportunities to savour a wide variety of ages, purposes and architectural styles. When asked if any one library stood out, without doubt my answer was the new National Library of Latvia in Riga, the national capital. The building represents the culture and soul of the Latvian people.



The new building of the National Library of Latvia was opened in 2014. It was designed by the internationally renowned Latvian architect Gunnar Birkerts to be both a striking architectural symbol for Latvia and a multi-functional structure that meets the needs of a modern information based society. (<https://www.qaisma.lv/en/national-library>)

Even during a dark period in their history, the Latvian people have always practiced singing and storytelling. School children are taught the stories including the fable about a sleeping princess atop a mountain of glass, whose smooth surface defeats would-be suitors attempting to scale it to reach her. The glass mountain-shaped library represents the people's struggle for freedom and the sleeping princess is freedom. Our accomplished tour guide also considered the library to be a centre of learning and likened the glass mountain climb to the love of learning and the feeling that it is never-ending.

It is rewarding to note that as they strive for excellence, so many of our boys have developed a love of learning and recognise that there is always more to learn and improve. This is evident in senior students' application to school work during private study periods in the library and the increase

in the number of juniors completing homework and assessment tasks during their lunch break.

There has also been a massive increase in library resource circulation, especially amongst our junior students. More boys are borrowing and individual loans have increased greatly. We recently purchased over four hundred new fiction and non-fiction books which are currently being accessioned. These will greatly expand the already wide-range of reading resources carefully selected to appeal to our boys.



All student records for the NSW Premiers Reading Challenge are to be completed by 30th August this year.

This date is rapidly approaching and time is of an essence for the boys to complete their Challenge and record the results. It has come to my attention that a number of Year 7 and 8 students have read a large number

of books however have failed to record the titles. Please encourage the boys to enter all the books they have read on the NSW Premiers Reading Challenge website. Their student record is easily accessible via their student portal. **Ms Lepre** and I are always happy to assist.



All Year 7 students have been provided with access to eBooks and audio books in their English class with the Teacher-Librarian. The coming weeks the boys will be encouraged to complete the challenge and enter the titles before the August deadline. Remember the **audio and eBooks! They are accessible 24/7.**

Marvellous Marvel!

A large number of new edition Marvel Comics will soon be added to the Visual Literacy Collection. Many have already arrived and are ready for borrowing. Others are still being processed. These exciting new books are available on request. As they are expensive, the Marvel Comics are kept behind the circulation desk. Staff and students have only to ask library staff for access.



Was there a School Holiday Clean-up?

School holidays are ideal for serious room cleaning and a perfect opportunity to discover library books that have been misplaced during the term. If there was such a clean-up in your home, Library staff would really appreciate your effort to encourage the boys to return any discoveries.



It is vital that all students return or renew their loans by the due date, especially for the very popular titles. It is unfair to those students wishing to read a series when Volume 1 is long overdue. A similar situation is for reserved books. Students who ask library staff to reserve a particular book(s) are responsible to present to library staff and process the loan. Reserves will only be held for a week.

Research made easy!

Apart from an extensive collection of general reference books, your school library subscribes to World Book Online which is **available 24/7** to support a wide variety of research tasks.



World Book Online resources are available anytime, anywhere—at school and at home. **World Book** has been the trusted encyclopaedia of school and public libraries for decades.

World Book Online contains thousands of informational articles with stunning illustrations, videos, interactive maps, timelines, research help, and activities.



Available to all staff and students via Staff/Student Portal School Library link or online at <https://www.worldbookonline.com> **Explore!**

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Library staff are always happy to assist.

Joy Jones
Teacher-Librarian
English Faculty

Year 11 Business Studies Trade Fair

Year 11 Business Studies invite students to attend the Trade Fair during lunch on Thursday 22 August 2019 (Week 5). Students have been working on small businesses, which they will run as the culmination of their work on the four functions of business – Marketing, Operations, Finance & HR. Student businesses are competing to achieve the highest net profit, with profits being donated to the winner’s charity of choice.

A lot the businesses will be providing food/snack items. Payment on the day will be through tokens, in denominations of 50c, which can be purchased from Year 11 Students who will visit ELAN classes on the day or at the entrance to the hall.

All Things Sport in Term 3

Year 7 Gala Day

The Year 7 Gala Day will be held on Tuesday 13th August 2019. Students from Year 7 from Balgowlah Boys Campus, Mackellar Girls Campus, Mosman High School, Davidson High School, The Forest High School, Killarney High School and Cammeraygal High School will compete in a sport of their choice in a gala representing their school in a fun competitive environment. Our Year 7 Students have selected their team and either soccer, touch or ultimate Frisbee to participate on the day. Our Year 10 mentors and Year 9 PASS students will be coaching and refereeing on the day.

Date: Tuesday 13th August 2019

Time: 9:00am arrival

Venues: Soccer Nolans Reserve

Touch Millers Reserve

Ultimate Frisbee Frank Grey Reserve

Sydney North Athletics

The Sydney North Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 29th July and Tuesday 30th July 2019. We are thrilled to announce Balgowlah Boys have a large selection of students representing the North Sydney Zone at this carnival with relay teams representing in every age group. The boys have been training exceptionally hard with their coach Mr Theodore. Best of luck to the boys on the day.

Summer Sport Selection

Summer Sport Selection will take place in Week 7 this term for Term 4 2019 and Term 1 2020. Students will be required to sign up to their sport through School Bytes (using their student DET portal username and password). The following link will be opened up to the students at the times published online and via email to parents:

<https://online.schoolbytes.education/sport/>

There will be a staggered process for students when selecting a Sport depending on their cohort. Year 10 students will have the first pick of Sports, followed by Year 9, then Year 8 and finally Year 7. Students may select any sport, however, Sports may become full so students are advised to have a few options to choose from. Permission notes and sport choices will be distributed in Week 6. Sport will be open for selection on the following dates:

Year 10 Tuesday 3/9/19 from 5pm

Year 9 Wednesday 4/9/19 from 5pm

Year 8 Thursday 5/9/19 from 5pm

Year 7 Friday 6/9/19 from 5pm

Creative and Performing Arts - Music, Art and Drama



Year 7 students Arkie, Patrick and Austen playing a jazz saxophone piece for the whole-school assembly in Week 2.

HSC Visual Arts Exhibition and Ballybald Exhibition accompanied by Year 7 Concert Band

It was a lovely evening at Balgowlah Boys on Wednesday 24th July as we celebrated the achievements of our Year 12 Visual Arts students by exhibiting their HSC artworks in the library. The boys have worked exceptionally hard this year to produce outstanding artworks. Well done Year 12! We would also like to wish our Year 12 Visual Arts students all the best in their upcoming Trials. A congratulations also needs to go to our Year 11 Visual Arts cohort who also supported the Year 12 exhibition by displaying accomplished works based on themes of landscape and the body.

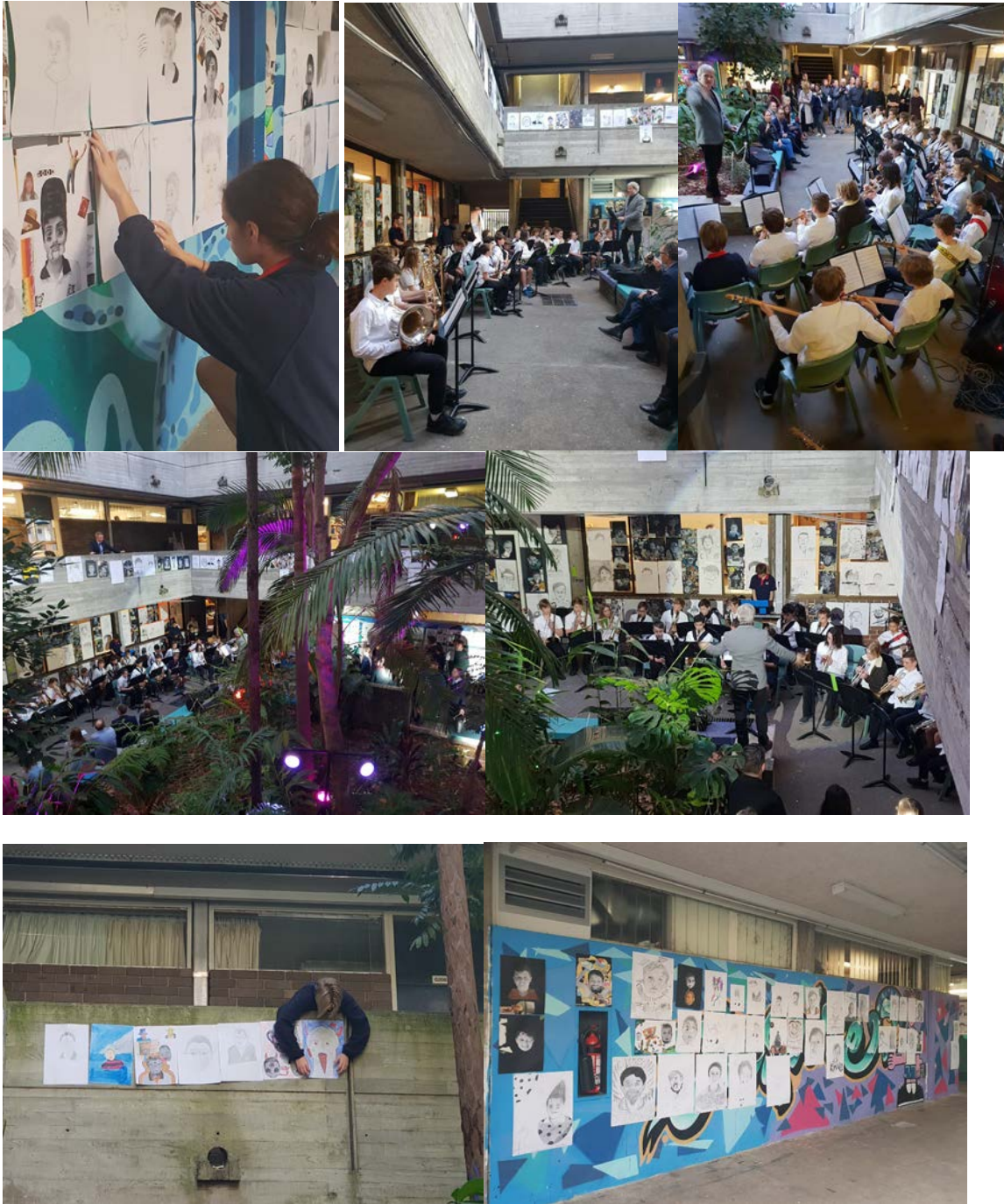


Year 12 art students with their teacher Mr Boylan

As part of the evening, our G-Block area was also transformed into an exhibition and music space for our inaugural "Ballybald" exhibition. Year 7 students displayed their realistic self-portraits and their self-portrait "mash-ups", and the wonderful Year 7 Concert Band played "Get Back" by the Beatles, "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen and "INXS Medley" by Queen. Thank you to Mrs Kennedy for your hard work in organizing such a fantastic event! Also, thank you to Music staff Mr Iain Robertson and Miss Eva Stokes,

and to Dale (ex-Bally student) and Luke (Year 10) for organising lighting.

The Creative and Performing Arts Staff would like to thank the school community for all their support of these events.



The inaugural Year 7 Ballybald Prize



Some of the amazing Year 7 works displayed as part of the Ballybald exhibition

Announcement of "Ballybald" 2019 winners!



Mr Boylan, Lucca Du Plessis, Jet Crawford and Mrs Kennedy

Congratulations to the Ballybald People's Choice Award Recipient Jet Crawford, the Ballybald Teacher's Award Lucca Du Plessis and the Ballybald Insane Mashup College Recipient Harrison Burke (artworks in order from left to right below).



General Music, Art and Drama news:

Music

A new guitar teacher has started at the school and if anyone is interested in guitar lessons please see Mr Robertson or Miss Stokes as soon as possible

Drama

The students belonging to The Drama Studio and The Company are continuing to enjoy the challenges of briefs presented to them each week and are refining the skills of improvisation, voice, character and action in time and space, consistency in attendance is imperative. The most important aspect of this training ground is to prepare the students for our next production *Skate* by Debra Oswald. Auditions are for those belonging to the Studio, Company or the Year 9 Elective Drama class. This work will also seed the future elective drama classes.

A reminder: Drama Studio: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

The Company (entry is by audition only): 4.30pm -5.30pm

Skate performance: Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th October in the Amphitheatre.

Director, co-curriculum drama

Tricia Herman