The Balgowlah Boys Campus Newsletter

Principal’s Report

Week 10 Term 1 2015

On behalf of the staff I wish all our community a happy Easter! Term 1 has been very productive. The school was recognised in the media for its NAPLAN success, hosted the College’s annual music showcase On Show. Successfully competed on a range of sporting arenas and participated in two school camps. Not to mention delivering the curricula and co-curricula programs expected.

One such program was the Year 7 extension activity. Students of classes 7P and 7Q participated in the yearly Northern Beaches Secondary College’s Gifted and Talented Project for 2015. Three teams were chosen to represent the school at the college along with teams from Manly, Mackellar and Comer. The boys revelled in the challenge and presented their perspectives on “Equality.”

Well done to our volunteers who raised $5,000 for the Woodham family, to support Branden’s recovery. The team sold cakes donated by parents, and cooked bacon and egg rolls on Election Day. The day was not only a financial success; it was also an opportunity for the community to come together in a very positive atmosphere.
The By Effort We Achieve Assembly was held on the last day of term and a large number of parents joined us to celebrate the hard work and achievement of their sons. Our year’s 7 – 10 award winners are below:

Year 7

Paul Sheather

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | EXCELLENCE
North Shore Zone Swimming.

On Wednesday the 11th March, the Bally swim team competed at the North Shore Zone swimming championships at Warringah Aquatic centre. With Mr Coopers last year as team manager the boys did not disappoint with Bally winning the carnival by 113 points.

**Overall team results**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>School</th>
<th>Points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Balgowlah</td>
<td>701</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Killarney</td>
<td>588</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>438</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Davidson</td>
<td>316</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mosman</td>
<td>218</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cammeraygal</td>
<td>61</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(this is a new school with only year 7 students)

**Age Champions**

Joshua Smith  14 years  
Zachary Nicholls  15 years

Special mention goes to the relay teams who finished 1st or 2nd in every age group except the opens. The 14 years relay team (Joshua Smith, Braiden Williamon, Callum John Chapman and Mitchell Hodge) smashed a 20 year old record by 2 and half seconds with a time of 1:57.39. From an individual note Joshua Smith broke a record in the 100 meters freestyle with a time of 1:00.59. This beat a previous record of 1:00.99 held by Joel Lewis (ex Bally boy) held back in 1998. Joshua also narrowly missed out on breaking the 50 meter freestyle record. A tiny 8/100’s of a second away! Congratulations to the following boys who represented the North Shore Zone at the Sydney North Carnival.

Samuel Allen  Callum Chapman  Liam Cooper  Jackson Edney  Henry Goarin  Kai Graham  Sean Harlen  Zachary Nicholls  Rentaro Thomas  Braiden Williamson  
Liam Hart  Mitchell Hodge  Flynn Kelly  Tenzin Kyishi  Jonas Marsters  Louis McGrath  Oscar Murphy  Joshua Smith  Archie Wiesis

**Sydney North Carnival.**

The Sydney North Carnival kicked off at 8am at the Sydney Aquatic centre at Homebush on the 17th March. Congratulations to the following boys who have progressed to the CHS swimming champs.
14 years relay team (Joshua Smith, Braiden Williamson, Callum John Chapman and Mitchell Hodge)
These boys finished in second place by 30/100’s of a second to Epping Boys High.

15 years relay team (Rentaro Thomas, Kai Graham, Zachary Nicholls, Liam Cooper)
This relay team finished 2nd to Turramurra High School by 28/100’s of a second.

12 by 50 freestyle with Mackellar – after setting a zone record this team won this event defeating Terrigal High school by 3 seconds. Congratulations to Josh Smith, Mitchell Hodge, Kai Graham, Zachary Nicholls, Rentaro Thomas and Liam Cooper and the following girls from Mackellar. (Charlie Brown, Lara Jones, Bronwyn Rees-Evans, Nadine Niemanis, Ashley Roestorf and Christine Washer)

Outstanding individual performances

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Place</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Henry Goarin</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>100m Breaststroke</td>
<td>3rd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zachary Nicholls</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>100m Backstroke</td>
<td>1st</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joshua Smith</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>200IM</td>
<td>1st</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>50m Freestyle</td>
<td>2nd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>100m Freestyle</td>
<td>2nd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>100m Backstroke</td>
<td>2nd</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

AGE Champion Joshua Smith

Richard Campbell
Swimming convenor

Year 9 Camp

A few weeks ago, Year 9 set out for another action-packed, fun-filled three day adventure to Morisset located 90 minutes north of Sydney. By the end, we had 110 very tired boys (and five teachers) and a bond that is uniting this year group in a very exceptional way.

It must be said from the word go the boys threw themselves into every activity – from rolling around and following orders in Mud World to conquering their fears on the Challenge Ropes to trying to keep the boat afloat on Lake Macquarie and attempting to Sail. Activities such as Raft Building and Survivor Challenge focused on their teamwork and collaborative skills as the boys worked together to build floating rafts off to escape deserted islands and work their way through muddy, murky waters with just a plank of wood and a piece of string. The ultimate reward for the boy’s dedication and enthusiasm was a trip to Maitland Gaol for a night session of Laser Tag – one of the most enjoyable activities the boys will ever do on camp.

The camp was a huge success – the boys tackled and completed every challenge with great gusto and, most importantly, they also grew closer together as a year group. Being one of the largest year groups at Bally ever, the task to be a tight knit group was always going to be tough, but the boys have really come to appreciate the variety of different interests and skills each student possesses. This was especially evident on camp with so many examples of students who usually do not usually mix in the playground working together to solve problems, laughing as they would fall out of the boat in Sailing, and of course the healthy competition of being the best soldier in Laser Tag.

Thank you Year 9 for a wonderfully fun and memorable camp – it was without doubt the best camp I have ever been involved in!
**Sport Report**

Wednesday sport has run like clockwork and whilst I don’t want to curse myself, the run of good weather has been most welcome. Thanks to all boys for settling well into their sports and participating well during the past two terms of summer sport time.

Last week we had sport selections for Winter Sport with 85% of students enrolling into their first or second selections and for the first time in years all our grade sports filled on selection day. Well done to all the boys who had notes and payment ready to go on the day as requested.

Congratulations to Mr Campbell and the school swimming team, the boys took out the Zone swimming carnival for 2015 at the Warringah Aquatic centre recently. Further congratulations to the boys who were selected to represent the North Shore zone at the Sydney North carnival.

Also well done to the U15 cricket team who recently competed and placed in the Manly Warringah all-schools comp and congratulations as well to Mr Gulczynski and the KO Soccer team who defeated Ryde SC last week and progress onto the next round.

And finally a big well done to Mr Sheather and the Open Water Polo team who played in the CHS knock out winning the entire metro draw, then the overall Sydney North draw (Metro –v- Central Coast) to go through to the final 8’s (NSW State) at Newcastle this week. At state the boys placed third in their draw, behind Alstonville and Kirrawee High schools. A massive effort all round here!

A lot happening in sport, well done all!

Dave Morris  
Sports Organiser

**Year 8-11 Ski trip**

The 2015 ski trip is filling fast and at the time of writing there are still a few places left available. As such we have now opened the trip up to **all boys in Year 8** to fill these final places.

In 2015 we are offering the following to all students in Years 8 – 11

- 4 nights Thredbo on-snow accommodation at The Alpenhorn, a five minute walk to the slopes.
- All breakfasts and dinners whilst at Thredbo
- 4 day Thredbo lift and all mountain lesson – lessons start at Friday Flat, 5 minutes from our accommodation.
- No bus trip up and back each day from Jindabyne. This represents some 5 hours less bus travel in the week, which means...
- Maximum skiing and boarding time each day (8.30am to 5.00pm)

Any student in Year 8, 9 10 or 11 who is interested in the ski trip needs to see me for a note.

Further correspondence will be given early Term 2.

Dave Morris  
Ski trip Organiser

PDHPE
Careers

Mini Careers Expo

On Friday 6th March students from Year 9 – 12 participated in a mini Careers Expo held in our school Library. Students had the opportunity to speak directly with the staff from various educational providers and industry bodies about their post year 12 options. The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive and I look forward to an even bigger and better event next year!

Upcoming Events

JMC Academy- Sydney Information Session JMC Academy invite you to our information session on Thursday April 16th from 6.00pm. This small forum for students and parents will give you the opportunity to ask lots of questions and will help you gain deeper insight into our creative industry courses, career outcomes, industry trends, fee-help and application process. http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/News/2014-09-22/SYDNEY-INFORMATION-SESSION.cfm

Sydney TAFE Parents Information Night Date: Tuesday April 28, 2015 Time: 6:00 – 7:30pm Venue: Sydney TAFE Building W: Level 8 (old Marcus Clark Bldg) 827-839 George Street Sydney (adjacent to Railway Square and a short walk from Central Station) BOOKING ESSENTIAL Phone: 9217 4854 Email: Sydney.CareerAdvice@tafensw.edu.au

Kickstart in the School Holidays Kickstart Science workshops give HSC students a chance to do experiments and demonstrations of key ideas in the syllabus that are difficult to do in the classroom. Kickstart Biology, Chemistry and Physics are running in the June School Holidays. Students can register individually to attend at http://sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/high-school/kickstart/school-holidays.shtml

Macquarie in a Day – Thursday 16 April The schedule for Macquarie in a day is now available. You can plan your day and get a feel for what uni is really like. You’ll be able to: • get a feel for the campus • sit in on lectures and demos • experience some practicals and tutorials • choose your own subjects and plan your own day • ask professors and current students all of your burning questions Register now at http://mq.edu.au/mqinaday

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) Free Workshops, 8th Apr 2015, 10am - 3pm AIE Industry Experience Days are a great opportunity to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. During the day, students will participate in hands-on workshops using industry standard software in a fun and creative environment. Students will also learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and get creative in practical workshops using industry-standard 3D animation and game development tools. http://www.aie.edu.au/ied Contact : Simon Freeman : simonf@aie.edu.au:

School holiday trial-a-trade and Info Session - William Angliss Institute Sydney, 26-32 Waterloo Street, Surry Hills 14th Apr 2015, 10:00 – 12 noon These sessions are short, two-hour glimpses into the exciting careers available within Cookery, Patisserie, Coffee and Hospitality/Events/Travel. The day will also include an information session, which is then followed by a hands on session in one of our state of the
art facilities including our commercial kitchens and coffee academy. Please register on www.angliss.edu.au/register-for-trial-a-trade?country=syd

TropJr Young Filmmakers Workshop – Metro Screen 14th Apr 2015, 10am - 5pm
Cost : $396, Sunday Gullifer : 9356 1818
This intensive three-day school holiday workshop is a great chance for kids to create short films for TropJr and potentially kick-start a creative career in filmmaking. Students are encouraged to bring ideas for short films with them or a script that may be selected for production over the course of the workshop. Each student will have the chance to write, act, shoot, light, direct, edit, add a sound track and produce a TropJr short film project. We Will Teach You: • Scriptwriting • Storyboarding • Acting [star in your own production!] • Directing • Camera techniques • Lighting • Editing • Producing

IT News

2015 has been an exciting year for IT at Balgowlah Boys as we continue to grow programs to prepare students with the skills required for the 21st century. New technologies have also changed courses to further engage students, and enhance their understanding across courses at the school.

I would like to share with you a fantastic opportunity to access software for DEC students in NSW. As a DEC student, your son is covered by the software licence for the state education department, which allows him to download a free copy of certain software including; Microsoft office and Adobe Creative Suite. These programs are great for students, but can cost several hundred dollars if purchased through retail stores.

In order for your son to download this software, he needs to follow the following steps:

1. Access the following website: nsw-students.onthehub.com
2. Select ‘sign-in’ in the top right then ‘register’
3. Enter your student email address e.g. john.smith1@education.nsw.gov.au a personal email address will not work.
4. Access your student email and confirm the account creation.
5. Login to the website nsw-students.onthehub.com using the account created.
6. Select the software you want and download
7. Take note of the product key, keep it saved as it is needed to confirm the purchase and cannot be re-accessed.

Kind Regards
Peter Santamaria and Ian Host
IT Coordinators