

Newsletter NBSC



A great collaboration...



Work across all campuses of Northern Beaches Secondary College and with partner schools and other organisations, evident in the stories in

this newsletter, growing evidence of collaboration is clear.

As a consequence of staff having the vision and persistence to pursue collaboration, our students have had more opportunities and choice, and their educational experience is certainly enhanced. This is demonstrated through Project Based Learning such a Project Penguin, through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, through our various sports teams and programs, through collaborations like On Show and the Primary Enrichment and Challenge Program.

As a multi-campus college our major focus is to further develop as a collaborative community. This is being activated in some very specific ways

through our common approach of using Positive Psychology to enhance the resilience and wellbeing of our students and staff, and also through enhancing teaching and learning for students.

As the DoE School Excellence Framework notes, schools which are excelling in teaching will demonstrate explicit systems for collaboration and feedback to sustain quality teaching practice.

As we begin Term 3 we will begin to consider other ways to enhance learning through collaboratively building our capacity to lead and deliver contemporary learning experiences. We want to engage and develop our students for a changing society with new paradigms and opportunities.

I look forward to exploring these possibilities together when we meet as a whole school staff on College Development Day on Day 1 in term 3. Meanwhile, enjoy reading of some of the great student experiences and achievements in this publication.

Neil Worsley
College Principal

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Front Cover: NBSC Manly student Sam Goodman at the Sydney North Squash Trials, where he and sister Anna qualified for the Sydney North Team to compete at the NSW CHS Championships in Coffs Harbour from June 28th - 30th. We wish them the very best of luck.....

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SUPPORTING STAFF

I've had the pleasure of working as Principal of Northern Beaches Secondary College for two days a week since Term 1, relieving for Neil Worsley while he works as a Principal School Leader. It's been an enriching and rewarding experience for me to return to a school setting after previously being Principal of Normanhurst Boys High School and then more recently Director, PSNSW for the The Hills before I retired from full time employment at the end of last year.

It has been interesting for me to observe the college structure first hand

and I have been impressed by the outstanding opportunities that such a structure affords for students and staff. The team here at the College work tirelessly to coordinate a range of programs that enhance the learning experiences of students within the college and their partner primary schools.

An area of particular interest for me has been to support staff across the five campuses in seeking accreditation at the Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher level. These higher levels of accreditation recognise highly-skilled and exemplary teachers who lead teaching and learning in their schools and who work to improve their practice and are knowledgeable and active members of their school. Throughout Term 2,

workshops were held and attended by thirty staff from all five campuses. I have no doubt that the enthusiasm demonstrated by these staff will enrich the learning environment of our schools and I look forward to continuing to support them in Term 3.



Jeff Bruce
College Principal (relieving)

THIS YEAR'S MARVELLOUS ON SHOW



BY **RENATA GRUDIC**
NBSC Head Teacher
(Teaching & Learning)

On Show is the annual musical, dramatic and dance extravaganza of the Northern Beaches Secondary College. This year it was held June 16 to a packed audience of parents, teachers and students at NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus.

On Show featured 250 students from NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Mackellar Girls, NBSC Cromer, NBSC Freshwater Senior and NBSC Manly Selective Campuses. Performers were selected from Years 7 to 12. The five campuses sent their best performing students for the show.

On Show was directed by CAPA Head Teacher Shanal Hasan. He has been involved with the production for at least 10 years. He was assisted by Andrew Herft (Freshwater) and Cameron McKee (Cromer)

All aspects of the production are handled by students, such as sound and light, even down to the catering of the event. Staff and students choreograph, design and write the production, while entertainment students from the vocational educational course provide the technical expertise, backstage support,

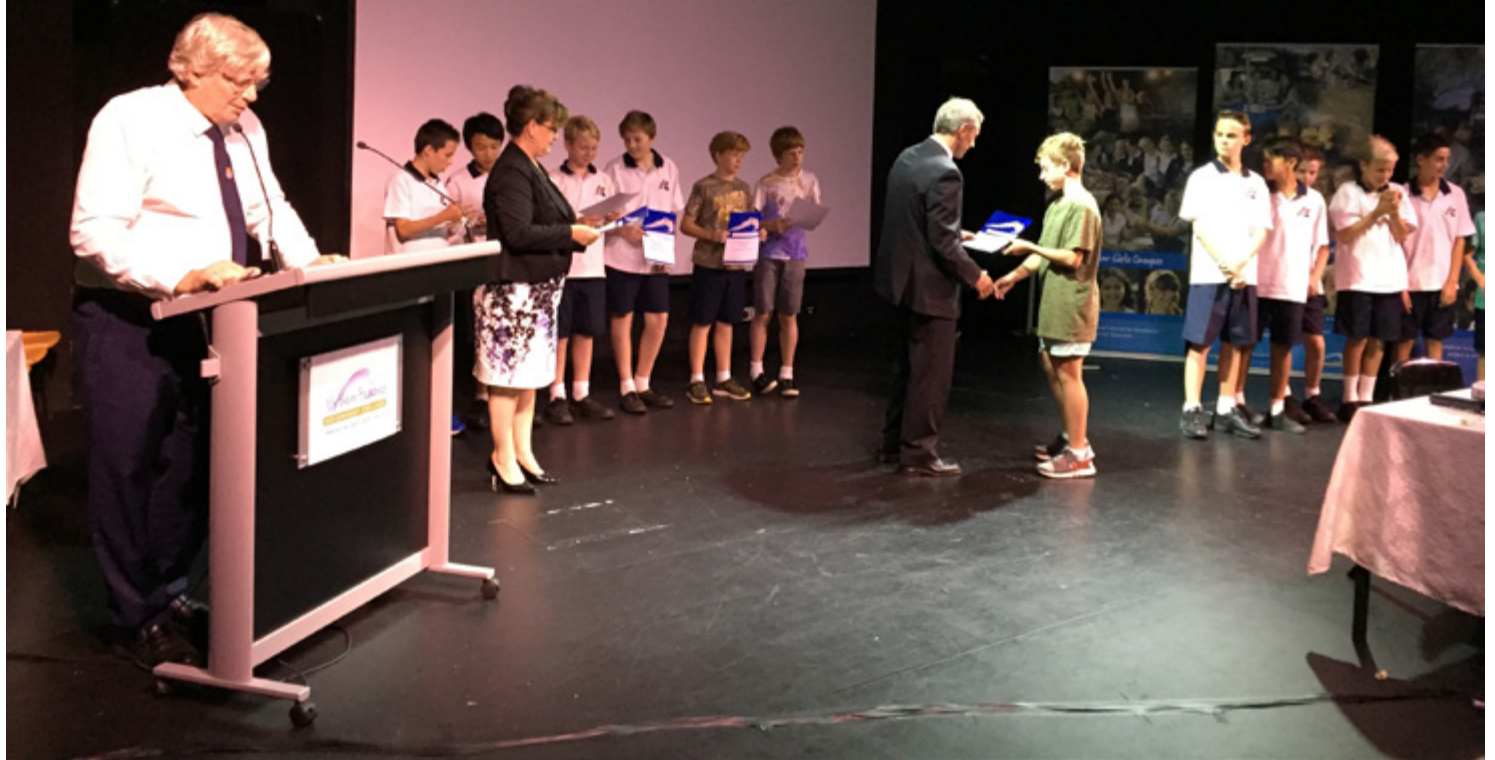
front of house and customer service duties. Year 9 students from the host school, Balgowlah Boys, served refreshments at intermission.

Musical acts showcased everything from school concert bands to classical music, jazz and rock bands.



ABOVE: NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus Year 12 dance students during one of their rehearsals for the show. Picture courtesy of Braden Fastlier (Manly Daily).

GATS STUDENTS EQUALITY PRESENTATIONS



ABOVE: Finalists from each campus receiving their award presentations in the Performance Theatre, NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus.



BY **BEN PIMENTEL**
NBSC Head Teacher
(Teaching and Learning)

The NBSC Year 7 GATS Project on “Equality” is a Project Based Learning initiative.

The project aims to enrich and deepen students’ understanding of equality in a contemporary society. The students worked in small groups to investigate the con-

cept of equality in a contemporary society; develop a driving question and a creative presentation; and finally deliver the presentation to an audience.

The project ran over five school days. The final presentation was held in front of teachers and peers at each campus.

The best presentations were invited to a showcase evening held at NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus, The Performance Theatre.

The Showcase evening was very well attended by delegates from each campus and proud parents.

Approximately 200 students from NBSC Balgowlah Boys, Cromer, Mackellar Girls and Manly campuses participated in the project.

Apart from developing a deeper understanding of the concept of “Equality” the students further developed valuable contemporary learning skills such as critical think-

ing, collaboration, communication, computing skills and creativity.





DESIGN MAKE INNOVATE



ABOVE: The Design, make, Innovate awards at NBSC Cromer Campus (LEFT) and NBSC Balgowlah Boy Campus (RIGHT).

Design Make Innovate (DMI) is a design and technology project involving over 900 students

This is a collaborative middle schooling project involving both primary and secondary students. Approximately 200 Year 9 students from NBSC Cromer, Balgowlah Boys and Mackellar Girls Campuses mentored 700 primary students throughout this project. The Year 5 and 6 students were from Balgowlah North, Collaroy

Plateau, Dee Why, Harbord, Manly Village and Manly West Primary Schools.

Primary students worked in groups of 4 - 5 students to design and make a structural bridge. NBSC Year 9 students mentored the primary groups in the design process and the preparation of the associated portfolio. The DMI project culminated with Expos held at the NBSC Balgowlah Boys and Cromer Campuses. The best student works from each of the Primary Schools were showcased at the Expos. A panel of judges assessed the projects and selected an 'Outstanding Achievement Award' for each school. Parents and visitors

voted for a 'People's Choice Award' for each school. Certificates were awarded during presentations at NBSC Balgowlah Boys and Cromer Campuses for these special awards. Certificates were also presented to all students who participated in the project at their own school.

NBSC year 9 mentors were highly praised for their leadership qualities throughout the Design Make Innovate project.

Thank you to Nikki Doyle, NBSC Project Officer, who coordinated the whole project.



ABOVE: Students from NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus bagging non-native plant species on the Collins Flat Beach headland last Thursday.

PROJECT PENGUIN: MARKING TEN GREAT YEARS SINCE ITS INCEPTION



BY **NIKKI DOYLE**
Project Penguin
Coordinator

Project Penguin has begun again for 2016 with a training day for Years 8, 9 and 10 mentors.

Our student mentors attended the immersion day at Taronga Zoo on Thursday May 5, gaining important information about local penguin colonies that will be invaluable as they work with students from local primary schools in

developing strategies for both public awareness and conservation.

The experience that our mentors will gain from this ties perfectly with the college goal of offering our students truly authentic learning experiences for real world situations. The college mentors come from NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus, NBSC Cromer Campus, NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus and NBSC Manly Campus. The primary school groups involved include Manly Village PS, Curl Curl North PS, Harbord PS, Manly Vale PS, Manly West PS and Narraweena PS

After lunch at the zoo, the students were taken to Little Manly Beach and Collins Flat Beach where they received more information from educational officers from the zoo. The students spent the afternoon picking up plastic debris and other rubbish from the two beaches, while other groups patrolled the headland weeding out non-native species of plant and other weeds. They were all

hard-working and conscientious as they swept the area.

This program will continue throughout the year with an expo held at the zoo to showcase the work of the groups from all schools June 23. This year Taronga celebrates 40 years of the Education Centre and 100 years of the zoo.





If you would like to see **more photos** from the day,
please click on the link below:

[Flickr gallery](#)



THE DUKES ENJOY GREAT WEATHER FOR HIKING



BY **VICKI BUSSE**
Duke of Edinburgh
Coordinator

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards is the world's leading youth achievement award, giving millions of 14 to 24-year-olds the opportunity to be the very best they can be.

Terms 1 and 2 have been busy and productive for Duke of Edinburgh students. Bronze students completed their Practice Hike at Camp Somerset near the Colo River in March and April, while Silver students travelled by ferry to Broken Bay in May to complete a three day Pack and Paddle with the Department of Sport and Recreation. In the April school holidays an enthusiastic team of Gold students participated in their practise Gold Hike in the Bungonia State Conservation Area.

It was a beautiful, challenging and rewarding experience for students from across the NBSC campuses and the first time we hiked into this picturesque part of NSW.

Students are reminded to set themselves up on the Online Record Book (ORB), to log hours and submit journey reports from expeditions completed. Throughout the year participants should continue to work through the sections of the Award with a goal to finish Service, Skill and Physical Recreation hours by December. Don't forget Bronze students must select a "major" activity too.

It is not too late to complete and finalise paperwork for previous award



levels from 2015. Send your signed log sheets to your front office for collection or email Mrs Busse. The previous level must be completed and signed off before you progress to the next level of the Award.



PECP VISITS THE SYDNEY WRITERS' FESTIVAL



BY **LORNA CURTIS**
NBSC PECP Coordinator

The Northern Beaches Primary Enrichment and Challenge Program (NBSC PECP) visited Sydney Writers' Festival held towards the end of May this year.

Each year, Sydney Writers' Festival (SWF) presents over 300 events, attracting audiences of 100,000. Writers from various forms and backgrounds, including the best contemporary novelists, screenwriters, musicians and writers of cutting edge non-fiction and some of the world's leading public intellectuals, scientists and journalists are brought together at this Festival.

With the finest writing and storytelling at its core, the programming is driven by the ideas and issues that animate all types of literature. The organisers are committed to providing opportunities for children of all ages to engage with books and stories through a variety of literary experiences.

In May 2016 NBSC PECP attended one of the School Days events. School Days is a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with their favourite authors, discover exciting new voices and be inspired in a fun, educational and interactive day.

We asked the students for their own impressions of the day:

OLLY

We arrived at the Sydney Writers Festival and were wowed by an array of knowledge, tips and how the authors became authors: John



Boyne's childhood in Ireland and his fascination with reading about the Holocaust; Michael Grant's disgusting but interesting history facts; Vikki Wakefield's fears and how she discovered writing as her career and Claire Zorn's childhood stories. As you can see these authors were very different but all write for the same genre, 'Young Adult'.

LETTIE

We were all jaunty with excitement as the troop of NBSC students hopped into the mini bus heading straight to the Sydney Writers Festival. When we reached Chatswood everybody was busting to find out what we would be seeing and which writers would be giving us book talks. Hanneka, Tallulah, Xanthe and I were given tickets and we strode into the theatre-like hall. Many thrilling surprises awaited us. Michael Grant and John Boyne spoke first. The Irishman, John Boyne was an inspiring author who loved to write about war and the Holocaust and Michael Grant was a humorous American that got everyone laughing.

After the break we had Vikki Wakefield who gave a very deep insight about the problems she faced as a child, such as lacking confidence and being easily distracted and being referred to by her teacher as '... the one child who always looks out the window'. She failed Year 12 and

thought that all was lost until she began to write.

BRIGIT

We were the youngest people there, because it was the high school writers festival but I think that it was amazing and challenging.

HANNEKE

Michael Grant is humorous author who writes a lot of books. Some of his books are: Front Lines, the Gone series and the Messenger of Fear series. I am reading Front Lines at the Moment. It is a book about the Second World War where women were sent to war alongside men. It is also about the challenges women faced fitting in.



NBSC SPORTS UPDATE



BY **ASHLEY MATHIESON**
NBSC Sport Coordinator

What an action-packed term it has been in college sport with great performances in Golf, Netball and Surfing!

NBSC GOLF

Warringah Golf Club (Monday 30th May 2016): on a beautiful, sunny, autumn afternoon, seven teams of students from NBSC met at Warringah Golf Club to compete for the title of Champion NBSC School. Many of the year 9 & 10 boys and girls had participated in the Premiers Sporting Challenge Golf sessions and some played golf on a regular basis, so there was plenty of interest to see how the teams would perform in this inaugural event. Ambrose (aka best ball) was the format, in which each player hits from the tee, but only the best shot is taken as the team score each time, so the scores were expected to be good.

The teams representing each campus were: NBSC Manly Boys: Hans Zheng, Dawei Yuan, Sean Nuttall, Dillon Qian; NBSC Manly Girls: Alysha Airey, Arquette Milin-Byrne, Sophie Brocklebank, Jiaye Zou; NBSC Mackellar Girls (1): Madi Cunhan, Zoe Glasson, Jordan Anderson, Jordan Lawton; NBSC Mackellar Girls (2): Lucie Crisp, Nadine Neimanis, Jade Speight, Mrs Meagher; NBSC Cromer Girls: Amy Gill, Madi Brillman, Ellie Copping, Tara Schmidt; NBSC Cromer Boys: Brendan Rzempowski, Ethan Jenkins, Jarrod McKenzie, Jerrod McDonald; NBSC Balgowlah Boys: Jordan Richards, Noah Moss, Ben Strong.

Teachers from each campus assisted with the rules and supervising the groups as well as having a hit themselves. The weather remained perfect for the afternoon and the 9 holes was completed by about 3:30. After checking scores, and making slight adjustments for the various levels of ability, Greg from Jack Newton Junior Golf declared the winners to be NBSC Balgowlah Boys team with a score of 38, narrowly beating the NBSC Manly Boys who had a score of 39. Congratulations to the winners and well done to all who participated.

Final scores: Balgowlah Boys 38; Manly Selective Boys 39; Manly Selective Girls 42; Mackellar (1) 42 (adjusted for 9 holes); Cromer Boys 43 (adjusted for 9 holes); Mackellar (2) 44 (adjusted for 9 holes); Cromer Girls 49 (adjusted for 9 holes).

Thanks to Warringah Golf Club for their support on the day and Greg Watkinson (Jack Newton Junior Golf) for organising, course referee and for funding 90% of the costs involved including trophies, course hire and some clubs. Thanks also to John Perry (Transport), Ron Carpenter, Steffi Whitehouse, James Blanch & Sandra Bonello for organising their students on the day and supervising throughout the afternoon. I heard Steffi was the pick of the golfers again among the teachers - so keep practising everyone else!

NBSC NETBALL

The NBSC Netball Team started 2016 with a big win over Chatswood High in Round 2, after having a first round bye. They followed this up with a hard fought win over Cheltenham Girls in very windy conditions at the Curl Curl Netball Courts. Their next round opponents are our very own NBSC Mackellar, with the game having to playing in the coming weeks

NBSC SURFING

Surfing NSW held their Regional Schools Surfing Titles at Dee Why Beach in early May. These titles previously were held at Cronulla for many years, so it was nice to have our surfers be able to surf their local break. NBSC were well represented with the following students: Saxon Reber, Tom Busselmann, Eric Ellery, Bodhi Spiker, Gilbert Pybus (NBSC Balgowlah); Joel Aitken, Daniel Rashleigh, Alysse Cooper, Lara Matthews, Emily Hockley (NBSC Freshwater); Lily Macdonald, Ciara Szymanski, Teagan Long, Kailey Harlen, Macy Fenn, Laura Oliver, Mya Geros, Molly Donohoe, Jasmine Omm, Indianna Haoui, Kenya White, Brooke Carlson (NBSC Mackellar); Tessa Berkeley (NBSC Manly).

Saxon Reber, Tom Busselmann, Eric Ellery, Bodhi Spiker, Gilbert Pybus (NBSC Balgowlah); Joel Aitken, Daniel Rashleigh, Alysse Cooper,





ABOVE: Alysse Cooper from NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus who finished third in the Senior Girls division.

Lara Matthews, Emily Hockley (NBSC Freshwater); Lily Macdonald, Ciara Szymanski, Teagan Long, Kailey Harlen, Macy Fenn, Laura Oliver, Mya Geros, Molly Donohoe, Jasmine Omm, Indianna Haoui, Kenya White, BrookeCarlson (NBSC Mackellar); Tessa Berkeley (NBSC Manly).

Alysse Cooper NBSC Freshwater was the best performed surfer among the college, finishing 3rd overall in the Senior Girls. Other notable performers were Jasmin Omm, Molly Donohue (Senior Girls), Lily MacDonald and Ciara Szymanski (Junior Girls) all making the Semi Finals. Special mention to Lara Matthews and Emily Hockley were surfed brilliantly in the Quarter Finals, narrowly missing progression through to the Semis. Despite the small conditions, our surfers had an awesome few days and are looking forward to the event next year. Thanks to Dean Springfellow (NBSC Balgowlah) for transporting the NBSC Marquee down each morning for our surfers

NBSC SNOWSPORTS

Yet again we will be sending down a NBSC Snowsports team to the Travelplan Ski Northern NSW Championships at Thredbo July 6th – 9th. So far we have about 15 students locked in to represent the College in the 5 events of Alpine, Moguls, SkiX,

Snowboard, and SnowboardX. We have a strong parent representation of Team Managers including Mark Purkiss (NBSC Balgowlah), Zeke Steggall (NBSC Balgowlah), Zali Steggall (NBSC Manly), Monique Roberts (NBSC Freshwater), Damien Hatch (NBSC Freshwater) and Vanessa Omm (NBSC Mackellar). If you would like to know more about the NBSC Snowsports Team or think you are up to competing in any of the 5 events, please contact Ashley Mathieson (0417 175 282) ASAP.

PREMIER SPORTING CHALLENGE

On March 24th, The Leading with Action (stage 2) of the Premier Sporting Challenge was held at NBSC Freshwater Campus. This is where 20 students from Years 9 & 10 from NBSC Cromer, NBSC Manly, NBSC Mackellar and NBSC Balgowlah coach our local Primary school

students in sports such as League, Union, Netball, Football, Golf, Softball, Tennis, AFL, Gymnastics, Cricket and Touch. They are supervised, mentored and offered feedback by the relevant Development Officers of the Sporting Bodies such as NRL, FNSW, Sydney Sixers, Sydney Swans, NSW Touch, Softball NSW, Netball NSW, Gymnastics' NSW, Manly Marlins, Jack Newton Junior Golf and Tennis NSW. Each campus selects eight Year 10 students who have demonstrated a commitment to the PSC programs and who would benefit in terms of their sport leadership and mentoring skills to attend a 3 day residential camp in Myuna Bay on Wednesday 10th – 12th August. Each campus should have selected their students now so we wish them all the best at this camp. Attached is a photo from March 24th with all NBSC students, local primary schools, teachers & the development officers.

