From the Principal’s desk

Thanks Tigramuna, from Musica Viva!
We were fortunate enough to be entertained by the South American band, Tigramuna, last Friday. The children enjoyed the activities and participated fully. Carlos, the band leader, said we were the best school that his band has visited this year. It’s wonderful to hear such great feedback about our boys and girls.

Sea Eagles & Life Education
You may have spotted some of our children on the news last Wednesday evening. The CEO of Life Education, Jay Back, and the new CEO of Manly, Joe Kelly, were onsite to announce a new partnership between the two organisations. NRL star Jamie Buhrer was also here to lend his support. The boys and girls from 5G were lucky enough to emerge from the Life Ed van to mingle and shake hands with the real-life Happy Healthy Harold.

School Spectacular
Congratulations to our four girls who took part in the Schools Spectacular last Saturday. Mary Argyropoulos (drama), Maddison Sparkes (dance), Layla Gardner (choir) and Sara Wymer (choir) all did a terrific job and we are very proud of them.

Social Media
I have heard some concerns from parents about their children’s use of social media. At school, children cannot access social media as our internet use is filtered by the DEC server. The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, and Snapchat is 13. For Vine, Tinder and Yik Yak it’s 17. Despite these clearly stated and published age restrictions, large and growing numbers of children are using social media networks, often with their parent’s knowledge and consent. Please ensure your children comply with these age restrictions and have a conversation with them about what to do if they come across inappropriate content on the internet. Raising good digital citizens requires a partnership between school and home.

Candy Canes
With Christmas just around the corner we know many children exchange cards and candy canes. We don’t have a problem with the practice, but we ask that children do not consume candy canes at school. In addition to the obvious sugar overload, the canes become quite sharp and dangerous when being eaten in a busy area like the school playground.

PBL Survey
Thanks to the families who have already completed our PBL survey. We value your input which will help to inform future planning. The survey is still available online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FQLXD3F

2015 Numbers
We are one child away from forming our 26th class. If your child/ren will not be returning to our school in 2015, please let the office know as soon as possible.

End of Term
The last day for the children this year is Wednesday 17th December. School resumes for children in Years 1-6 on Wednesday 28th January. Our new Kindergarten children will start on Monday 2nd February following their Best Start interviews.

School App
As previously mentioned, our school app is now available to download in iPhone, iPad and Android form. With our app, you will receive push alerts direct to your device which relate directly to your children’s year group. I would encourage you to download our app and sign up to our email list at the same time. We will operate both systems for the rest of this year and early next year.

Get school news via our app AND receive instant alerts!
1. iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch app: http://tinyurl.com/pguwtf7

Subscribe for email updates
1. Visit: Newsletters & Notes
2. Click on “Subscribe to receive newsletters and notes.”
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Owen Taylor
Principal
## Important Dates

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## Star of the Week

Claudia Briger, who played violin with the London Symphony Orchestra last Thursday, along with 100 other students aged between 8-18 yrs from all over NSW. What a wonderful experience that must have been!

## Chess News

The Chess Club travelled to Pittwater House Preparatory School last Wednesday to participate in the Northern Beaches Primary Schools One-Day Teams Tournament run by the NSW Junior Chess League. Fielding seven teams comprising three players each, Balgowlah North competed well with Teams A and C coming in 8th and 9th place respectively out of 54 teams from nine schools. Our other teams were in the upper half of the competition so everyone put in a good effort. For some of our young players it was their first chess tournament. Playing seven rounds of chess, the children quickly worked out how to find their next opponent and the board they were playing on – all in all a great day of chess.

Huge thanks to all the parent drivers and supervisors for this tournament and throughout the year. Without your help, the children would not be able to compete.

We look forward to more chess club fun and learning with our dedicated coach, Miro, in the coming year. Our thanks to both Miro Nowak and Chris McCall for their enduring support.

Nerralyn Loh
Parent Coordinator

## Results of BNPS 2014 intra-school chess tournament

Overall winner: Jamie Stodart

Year 5: Beatrix Jones

Year 4: Tighe Jones

Year 3: Floyd Mitton and Will Wise (joint winners)

Year 2: Micah Jones

Year 1: Nelson Jones

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Y6 Games Day
We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your enthusiasm and support at the Games Day last week. We had a lot of fun designing and creating the games and even more fun managing them. Altogether we raised $1010 which is a fantastic effort.

We could not have achieved our goal without your support. Thank you to all classes for your amazing feedback.
Y6 students
Parents & Volunteers
Please join us for Morning Tea
To thank you for generously giving your time to support us this year

Thursday 4th December
11.00am
On the deck outside the school hall

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Holiday Camps
• Available for half days (9am-12pm)
• Full days (9am-3pm)
• Children aged 5-12 years old

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Uniform Sale
Friday 12th December
From 3.30pm
Please bring small change
Any Year 6 uniform donations welcome!

Saturday 6th December
NORTH BALGOWLAH CHRISTMAS FAIR
Support your Local Shops
10am to 2pm

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**Course Highlights**

Safe, supervised holiday fun on the water!

Cruise to Stanwell on the last day for Fish & Chips

**Summer Holiday Program 2014-2015**

Tackers 1, 2 & 3 Programs (Ages 7 - 13)

Learn to Sail Teenagers: Beginners, Intermediate & Race (Ages 13 - 18)

Adventurer / Development Squad (Oared Tackers 3+)

**Course Dates & Times**

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Time: 9:30am - 5:30pm

Cost for 4-day camps:

Tackers: $135 for MHYC Youth Members (includes Tackers Kit)

Teenagers: $185 for MHYC Youth Members (includes 1-day to Sailing Camp)

Adventurer Development Squad: $430 for MHYC Youth Members

For non-members an extra fee of $55 is incurred

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**School Holiday Tennis Camp**

Venue: Balgowlah Tennis Club

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Week 1: Jan 13th - 15th

Week 2: Jan 19th - 21st

For more details or to register please go to:

[www.tennish2o.com](http://www.tennish2o.com)
Term 4
Week 9
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Dates
Week 1 Dec 22-23
Week 2 Jan 12-16
Week 3 Jan 19-23

Times
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY
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December
MON TUE WED THU FRI
22 23 24

Times: 9am – 1pm
Ages: +4
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Cost: $40/day

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North Balgowlah Community Centre
Summer Holiday ART workshop + Term 1

Beach Life 9th January
Beach scene on canvas with sand, imasto & shells. Mixed media coral reef & sea creatures collage plus tropical fish designs with food dye, ink & watercolour.

Yummy Art 14th January
Ice cream sundae canvases topped with arty sauce & sprinkles. Mini cupcakes in clay Birthday cake collage in a frame.

Really Wild 21st January
Ink & watercolour jungle animal/dinosaur portraits. Paint & decorate a paper mache animal mask plus wildlife charcoal sketching.

Age: 5-10
Time: 11-2pm cost: $55

Term 1 After School Program
Mon 4.30-6.00 10-13’s $210
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