From the Principal's desk

Grandfriends Day
What another terrific Grandfriends Day! Our grandparents and grandfriends really enjoyed the performance in the hall before visiting the children in their classrooms. I had a lot of very positive feedback from our special visitors. Grandfriends have a unique perspective on life and education that we parents don’t quite have. The Kindergarten parents did a marvellous job providing a delicious morning tea. I would like to thank all our performers and the teachers for opening up their classrooms. Our grandfriends were also very generous in donation books to our library through the Book Fair and I thank them for all their support. We’ll do it all again next year!

Parent Interviews
Our parent teacher interviews begin next week. Your interview times will have been confirmed by your child/ren’s class teachers. I’m sure you will find the meetings valuable. They are scheduled for 10 minutes each and we will need to stick to this timeframe. The teachers are happy to make follow up appointments as required. We value your participation in this process and appreciate your involvement in your children’s education.

K-6 Assembly
At our K-6 Assemblies, we hand out Principal’s Awards, banners and medals. Throughout the year, the children collect mini merits and merit certificates which are then traded in for merit and principal’s awards. 10 mini merits = 1 merit certificate; 5 merit certificates = 1 principal’s award; 2 principal’s awards = 1 banner; 2 banners = a school medal. We also present citizenship awards to one K-2 and one 3-6 child at our K-6 assemblies. It is wonderful to see the beaming smiles on the children’s faces as they receive their awards. We usually host our K-6 assemblies in Week 5 and 10 of each term. As this term is eleven weeks in duration, our K-6 assembly will be held on Thursday 10th April which is next week, not tomorrow.

Sponsorship and donations
We value the support of the local businesses in our school community. Our fundraising committee have approached many businesses which have generously provided donations and raffle prizes for our Trivia Night this Friday. Their support will be promoted on the evening and through our online channels. We have several other fundraising initiatives throughout the year including raffles, our parent evening and our Spring Carnival on 15th November. If you own or work for a local business and would like to support the school in any way, please email me and I will pass your details onto our fundraising team (owen.taylor@det.nsw.edu.au).

Bon Voyage Mrs Malar!
Mrs Malar is taking some well-deserved long service leave from this Friday. We are fortunate to have Mrs Chris Ghatt relieving in her place. Mrs Ghatt is a trained music teacher and the boys and girls will be following Mrs Malar’s regular music program. Mrs Malar will return to school in June. We look forward to seeing lots of photos from her big trip!
Sports uniforms
Thank you parents and carers for ensuring that our boys and girls are consistently in school uniform. The children look the part and it instils a real sense of pride in our school community. The children in Years 5 and 6 wear their sports uniforms on Fridays and they need to bring their running shoes in their schoolbags whenever they have sports skills lessons with Mrs Kelly. The K-2 children wear their sports uniforms on their sports skills days each week.

Term invoice reminder
I would like to thank all of the families who have paid their Term One invoices already. We value your support. Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Owen Taylor,
Principal

Important Dates
Friday 4th April  
Parent interviews this week

Monday 7th April  
Year 5 Project Penguin

Tuesday 8th April  
Leaders to ANZAC ceremony in Hyde Park

Wednesday 9th April  
Combined scripture assembly

Thursday 10th April  
Last day of Term One (teachers only)

Friday 11th April  
School development day

Monday 28th April  
First day of Term Two

From the Deputy Principal’s Desk

School Photos
School photos will be held on Wednesday 7th May. Order envelopes are being sent home in the first week back at school in term 2 and will need to be returned on or before Wednesday 7th May. The photographers instructions also indicate that an envelope needs to be returned separately for each child. Family photos for siblings at school will also be taken and order forms will be available from the school office on request. Please ensure your child is wearing their full winter school uniform on the Wednesday even if they have a scheduled sport lesson. Please tie long hair back with school coloured ribbons and make sure school shoes are polished.

National Young Leaders Day
Such an inspirational and empowering day! Our student leaders were part of activities designed to explore what it means to be a leader and lead others in today’s world. Keynote speakers were made by prominent people from many different walks of life where they shared their stories and what they have learnt about leadership. The day enabled our student leaders to believe in their potential and challenged them to achieve their goals and make a positive contribution to their community and the world we are part of.

“Nothing great, cool or long lasting starts out that way.”.

Uniform Changeover
Given that the weather can be so changeable at the commencement of Term 2, we will be allowing students a one week transition period where either full summer or winter uniform (not a combination of both) can be worn in the first week. All students should be in winter uniform from Week 2 (5th May) onwards.

Scripture Easter Service
The scripture Easter service will be held on 10th April in the hall at 10.30am. Parents are welcome to attend. The scripture assembly is organised by our scripture teachers. Non-scripture and ethics students are invited to attend this assembly, however if you would prefer your child not to attend please let your child’s class teacher know.

“I can’t change the direction of the wind but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.” Jimmy Dean

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Stars of the week

Mia Schwartz and Mary Argyropoulos who were selected for the State Drama Ensemble this week. Congratulations girls!
Camerata Strings
This year as well as our fabulous String Ensemble, Balgowlah North has started an exciting new music performance group. Camerata Strings is made up of a small, dedicated group of string players who have shown exceptional abilities on their instruments, good home practise habits and, an ability to focus well in rehearsals. This year the group is made up of Amber McCulloch, Violette Roumanoff and Claudia Briger on violin and Kobi Anderson on cello. Their first public performance will be on the stage of the concert hall of the Sydney Opera House for the combined public school’s Festival of Instrumental Music on Wednesday 25 June. These musicians rehearse on Wednesday lunchtimes and are working very hard towards what should be a fabulous performance!

Natasha Roumanoff

3T Bush Regeneration
On Monday 31st March my class, 3T, went to do bush regeneration.
We worked with people with an intellectual disability called Downs Syndrome. Their names were Natalie, Mark, Robbie, Luke and Dianne from Bushlink.
What we did was plant some native plants that were called Lomandra and Dianella. They taught us how to plant things in the community.
I absolutely loved doing the planting and I think I’m more comfortable around people with a disability now.
It was the best day.
Ava Currie

Chess News
On Wednesday last week, 12 students from the BNPS Chess Club travelled to Mona Vale Public School to participate in the Northern Beaches Primary Schools Chess Challenge that they host annually. 72 teams (216 students) representing 17 schools, played seven rounds.
Due to space restrictions we were unable to send more teams to this tournament. The children enjoyed the tournament and displayed great sportsmanship on both winning and losing. We look forward to more competitions throughout the year.
Nerralyn Loh
Chess Parent Coordinator
Regional Swimming Results 2014
On Tuesday 25th March we had a team of 11 swimmers compete at the Northern Sydney Regional Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush. These students were Freya Weston, Hamish McLellan, TJ Herring, Nate Riddington, Harrison Bortolussi, Jay Sargent, Sophie Walters, Hannah Buckley, Sarah Murdoch, Eddie Sproule, and Georgia Singleton. All the students swam outstandingly and they had a fantastic day with many excellent individual and relay results. A big congratulations to Georgia Singleton for gaining 1st place in the Girls 50m Freestyle a spot in the N.S.W State Swimming Championships in two weeks.

Finalists:
Freya Weston, Hamish McLellan, Jay Sargent, Eddie Sproule, Georgia Singleton
4x50m Relay Junior Boys:
Hamish McLellan, TJ Herring, Nate Riddington, Harrison Bortolussi
4x50m Relay Senior Girls:
Georgia Singleton, Hannah Buckley, Sarah Murdoch, Sophie Walters

Individual Results from finals:
Freya Weston:
9th 9yrs Girls 50m Freestyle
Hamish McLellan
5th 10yrs Boys 50m Butterfly
Georgia Singleton:
1st 12yrs Girls 50m Freestyle
6th 12yrs Girls 50m Backstroke
Georgia Singleton, Hannah Buckley, Sarah Murdoch, Sophie Walters
6th 4x50m Girls Senior Freestyle Relay
Hamish McLellan, TJ Herring, Nate Riddington, Harrison Bortolussi
DQ (3rd) 4x50m Junior Boys Freestyle Relay

Fundraising 2014
The Entertainment book is a book that gives hundreds of offers for local restaurants, hotels and attractions. This year the Sydney and Sydney North books are combined. There is also a digital membership available this year that you can use on your iPhone or Android Smartphone.

If you would like to order a copy please go to the link below. The cost of the book is $70, 20% of which is returned to the school. The digital version is available from 5th April and the hard copy from 10th April. You can pre order now to receive special additional coupons.
If you have any family or friends who want to purchase a book they can also use this link to help support the school’s fundraising.

The Bear Pit Manly Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition 2014
Mike Baird and Balgowlah North Public School are again proud to hold the Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition for Manly Primary Schools. Information, including speech topics will be included in the Week 11 Newsletter and on the school website.
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- Lots of Rallying and Games
- HOT SHOT program, with smaller nets and softer balls to maximise the playing
- For ages 5 – 12 years old, all abilities
- Prizes awarded

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Times: 9 – 3 (Full Day)

Costs: Full Day: $45 3 Full Days: $120

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Happy Easter!
Balgowlah & Seaforth Tennis Club
Corner of Condamine & Balgowlah Road (access from Bunnings)

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**School Holiday Camps**

**Week 1:** Monday 14th – Thursday 17th April 2014
9am – 12pm
$20/day OR
Kids Pass4 - $60 for 4 kids/day

**Week 2:** Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th April 2014
9am – 12pm
$20/day OR
Kids Pass4 - $60 for 4 kids/day

For more information or to book in give us call on 9907 9180.

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**April 2014**

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**April Holiday Clinics**

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**KIKOFF Harbord**
Bennett Street, Curl Curl, Northern Beaches
When: April 14-17, 9am-12pm
Who: Ages 5-13

**KIKOFF Fraser Park**
100 Marrickville Road, Marrickville, Inner West
When: April 22-24, 9am-1pm
Who: Ages 5-13

**KIKOFF Kensington**
1 Day Lane, Kingsford, Eastern Suburbs
When: April 14-17, 9am-12pm / 2-5pm
Who: Ages 5-8 (morning), 9-13 (afternoon)

**More information:**
- info@kikoff.com.au
- 1300 KIKOFF (545833)

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Keeping active is an important part of growing up and leads to a much healthier lifestyle. The Cycle & Fitness studio offer the opportunity to keep active in a safe and innovative environment. With a range of fitness activities aimed at keeping kids and teens entertained and active Monday to Friday from 4.30pm. Come enjoy a free trial class then $9 thereafter per class.

April Holiday Camps

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- Play football indoors in your boots!
- Small-sided games.
- Heaps of fun. Finish the day with Laser football. For 5 – 13 year olds 9am – 3pm

Extreme Football Tournament - Daily

Play Bubble football, Laser Football and 5 aside!!!

- Play an extreme mini world cup with 5 A-Side, Laser Football & Bubble Football.
- Organise a team of mates.
- Team Registration $200.

For Enquiries Call MHYC 02 9969 1244

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