From the Principal’s desk

Winter Uniform
The boys and girls are looking wonderful in their winter uniforms. Wearing school uniform helps contribute to our school spirit and provides a sense of belonging for our kids. Thank you parents for your support of our uniform policy.

Happy Mothers Day!
Happy Mothers Day to all of our fabulous Mums! We look forward to seeing you at our breakfast on Friday and hope you get spoilt rotten on Sunday. Thank you for all the love, care and support you provide for our children.

New English Curriculum
At the end of this term, you will receive your child’s Semester One report highlighting achievements and progress for the year thus far. The teachers report on English, mathematics, science, human society and its environment, creative arts and health, personal development and physical education. The areas of social development and commitment to learning are also covered. We have been implementing the English K-10 syllabus this year based on the new Australian Curriculum. The previous syllabus was divided into three strands: talking & listening, reading and writing but this is not the case for the new syllabus. As a consequence, we are now required to provide a single overall English grade, not one for each strand. On our Semester One reports, we will be including comments which highlight the children’s progress in the various facets of English but there will not be a grade for each individual area.

Term Letters Online
This term’s newsletters to parents have now been uploaded to our website. These notes detail the activities, important dates and expectations for the coming term. They are organised under stage groups and you can access them at: http://www.balgowlahn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes-newsletter

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th in our school library. Ms Norrie, our Assistant principal for Years 3 and 4, will present a workshop entitled ‘Mental mathematics in the primary classroom’. The presentation will have a Stage 2 focus but will also contain useful strategies that can be applied across K-6. The meeting begins at 7pm and I hope to see many of you here.

NAPLAN
Best wishes to our Year 3 and 5 children as they sit the NAPLAN tests next week. The results provide us with useful external data which we can combine with our school-based data to inform our future planning for school improvement.

Owen Taylor,
Principal

Important Dates
Thursday 8th May Cross Country Carnival
Friday 9th May Mothers Day Breakfast
13th May 2B & 2V to Manly Dam
13th-15th May Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN testing
Wednesday 14th May P&C meeting
Friday 16th May OC Applications close
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th Band Camp
23rd May Walk Safely to School Day

Stars of the Week
Congratulations to the Year 5 students, for their safe, respectful and responsible behaviour at Taronga Zoo yesterday as part of Project Penguin.
All the children represented Balgowlah North PS admirably.
From the Deputy Principal’s Desk
University of NSW / ICAS Competitions

Many of our Year 3 – 6 students will be participating in the UNSW competitions over the coming weeks. Students need to be at school by 7.50am for an 8.00am start. We will not be able to wait for late arrivals. Students will be advised of the classroom to attend for each of the tests closer to the dates.

Please note the following dates for Term 2.
Science – Wednesday 4th June
Writing – Wednesday 18th June

Band
Term 2 has so much fabulous music happening this term – lessons, rehearsals, Band camp, Navy Band visit and workshops, Mothers’ day Breakfast, assembly performances and The Northern Beaches Festival. Our string ensemble will also be performing at the Opera House later this term, what a prestigious venue to perform.

Thank you to our Band Committee for their hard work ensuring all these opportunities, please make sure you visit the band website at http://www.bnpsband.com.au/ where information on upcoming events is publicised.

Learning Lab
Our Learning Lab program at Balgowlah North Public School is based on the Multi-lit program developed at Macquarie University. It aims to support children who are struggling with their reading with skills to become accurate and fluent readers. We are seeking some interested parents, friends, grandparents who would be able to assist out students in Year 1 and 2 by becoming a tutor. Becoming a tutor involves working with students in Years 1 and 2 on a one to one basis. The Learning Lab operates 5 mornings a week, from 9.00 - 11.00. Our tutors find the process of working with our students a rewarding one and Mrs Carolyn Watson is always happy to support you with training. If you would like to be involved please contact Mrs Watson or myself on 9949 4499.

Thank you to all our tutors who are working with the children in the Learning Lab, you are making such a difference to the learning of our students.

Assembly
At this week’s K-2 assembly, Thursday 8th May, 2R will entertain us and lead the assembly, our String Ensemble will perform at the next K-2 assembly (22nd May) due to the Cross Country. We welcome parents and friends to join us at 2.20 in the hall.

Student Teachers
We welcome two pre-service teachers to our school over the next four weeks, Nicole Cowley from Sydney University will be working with Mrs Ridley and KR and Emma James from the University of Technology Ku-ring-gai will be working with Miss Smith and 1L.

We value the experiences the pre-service teachers bring to our school. Having pre-service teachers in our classrooms benefits our school in the many ways:

- New and innovative ideas brought into our classrooms.
- Opportunities for our teachers to work closely with highly skilled tertiary partners ensuring ongoing reflection of teaching practice.

I know they will enjoy their time with us.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

P&C News
Next week’s meeting, which is at 7.00pm in the library, will include a Maths Mental in Primary School Workshop, presented by Miss Norrie. Everyone is welcome, so please come and join us.

P&C Committee

Project Penguin
Yesterday, Year 5 students from Balgowlah North visited Taronga Zoo as part of Project Penguin. This project is a joint initiative between Northern Beaches schools and the zoo to further conserve the Little Penguin colonies of Sydney Harbour. The students learned about the zoo’s capacity to care for injured and abandoned penguins and the importance of community awareness about this endangered animal.

Year 5 Teachers

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School Banking
Winning the Stay Cool At School Promotion
We are so pleased to announce that throughout Term 1 BNPS had the highest percentage of active bankers of all schools on Northern beaches. This has won our school a 3m x 3m marquee which can be used at school functions, sports events and BBQs (valued at $400). It will be presented to Mr Taylor at the next K-6 assembly. Many thanks to all our regular bankers as well as our dedicated volunteers for making this happen.

Redemption Day
Prize redemption Days this term will be in week 4 and 8. This means any child who has earned 10 tokens must pre-order by handing in their tokens and filling an order card at the school banking desk Thursday this week (Wk 2) or next (Wk 3). Their prize will be available to collect at school banking desk Thursday week 4.

Term 2 Prizes Available
Whale Shark pencil case NEW
Shark or penguin key-ring NEW
Handball
Scented Pencils
Any questions please don't hesitate to contact me - Yogi Johnstone - Email (Yolandajohnstone@gmail.com) or call 0402780167

Cross Country
All children from Years 2 to 6 will be participating in the school Cross-Country next week. It will take place from 12.30pm on Thursday 8th May. Children will have their lunch in their faction bay on the oval. Children will be running with their age group and will run either 2 or 3 laps depending on their age. Please ensure that all children come dressed in their sports uniform and wear appropriate shoes. Make sure if your child requires asthma medication that they have it with them. Please also pack an extra bottle of water in their bag for the day. We need some additional course supervisors so if any parents are available to help in any way, please see me before the day of the Cross-Country.
**Year Two will compete in their events and then go to K-2 assembly.
Thank you.
Susie Stock

Book Club
Please return any book club orders, to Mrs Hunt in the school office, by Friday 9th May. Cheques are made payable to Balgowlah North Public School.

Band News
Congratulations to the Concert Band for their two performances last term. They played at both the Grandfriends’ assembly and the K-6 assembly. Well done children.

Mothers Day Breakfast
The Concert band is playing at the Mother’s Day breakfast this Friday on the multi-purpose court. They need to be at school no later than 7.45am to be set up. They will be able to join parents for breakfast once they are set up before they perform at 8.10am. The children need to be in Band Uniform with black school shoes. They must bring their sports uniform to change into.

Jenny Mercer
Balgowlah North Public School

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- 10 Manning St North Balgowlah -

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Join our easy online rostering system to browse the available shifts.

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**Or scan the QR code above.**

**Roster Enquiries Email:** petracanteen@optusnet.com.au

**Please do the responsible thing. If you can’t make it, phone or swap. Please bring an apron!**

**Committee:** Chairperson: Birgitt Campbell
Secretary: Shelley Buckley
Treasurer: Alexandra Tucker
Roster Manager: Petra Mazuras
Committee Members: Liz Appleton, Bronwyn Norris, Tanja Muller
Canteen Manager: Mylene Stempn
Newsletter: Sara Linden

**Enquiries:** Mylene 9949 4499

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