From the Principal’s desk

Online Interviews
We offer parent teacher interviews here at school in the last week of Term One. This year we will be trialling an online booking system which will be available to use from Monday, 16th March. It is the same system we used for our Best Start interviews this year which went very smoothly. There will be a code to login and then you can select your preferred day and time. We will provide more detailed information about the system in next week’s newsletter. Each interview is scheduled for 10 minutes and we would appreciate your cooperation to ensure we keep to time. We advocate that education is a partnership, so we have an open door policy here at BNPS. If you have any concerns about your child throughout the year, you are encouraged to make an appointment at any time with your child’s classroom teacher.

Grandfriends’ Day
Grandfriends’ Day will be held on Tuesday, 31st March (Week 10) here at school. It’s an opportunity for grandparents and grandfriends to come to our school and visit the classrooms, see some of our children perform and enjoy a morning tea out on the deck. The morning will begin at 9:30am with a performance in the hall and will finish at recess time. There will also be the opportunity to purchase a book to donate to our library.

Fundraising
Each year, our year 2 parents are charged with the fundraising responsibilities. If you are a Year 2 parent and you’d like to be involved in the planning and organising of fundraising events for the remainder of 2015 there will be a meeting next Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm. Please contact Meaghan at meaghan_croll@hotmail.com for venue details. Tickets are selling fast for our first event, Daniel San Rooftop Dojo, on Saturday 28th March. You can purchase your tickets for $60 from Flexischools online.

Unsafe Driving Practices
I have had several conversations with parents about the alarming driving behaviour around our school of late. I have witnessed cars crossing the double lines to speed past parked cars and others parking in no stopping zones. We have had confirmation that police cars from Frenchs Forest will patrol our school over the next few weeks to ensure safer driving. Please drive carefully around our school; our children are far too precious to be put at risk.

New Display Cabinet
I would like to thank the boys and girls from last year’s Year 6 for the beautiful new addition in our school office. The children put their fundraising money towards a new display cabinet for our trophies and awards. It certainly looks very professional and we look forward to adding many more achievements to this display.

Gwen’s Retirement Function
Thank you to all those who have already RSVP’d for Mrs Hunt’s farewell on Friday 8th May at the Seaforth Bowling Club from 6:30pm. We now have a box in the office where you can drop your money. The cost is $10 per adult or $15 for a couple/family. This is an event for adults, no under 18s please.

Year 6 Leadership Camp
Next Monday and Tuesday, our four captains and vice captains will participate in the Northern Beaches Learning Alliance (NBLA) Leadership camp at Narrabeen. I know they will enjoy the camp and will represent our school with pride.

Owen Taylor
Principal

Many congratulations to our medal winners; Mia Schwartz, Amelia Molloy & Jasmine Barnard

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Important Dates

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From the Deputy Principal’s desk

University of NSW Competitions (ICAS)
If you would like your child in Years 3-6 to enter in to the statewide testing program conducted by the University of NSW please find the information and permission note under the notes tab of our website. Tests are available in English, Writing, Mathematics and Science.

Dates for the competition are;
- Science – 3rd June @ 8.00am
- Writing – 17th June @ 8.00am
- English – 28th July @ 8.00am
- Mathematics – 11th August @ 8.00am

Please complete the tear off slip and return with your payment to the school office. The final date for payment is Wednesday 25th March 2015. NO late entries will be processed.

Assembly
This week we will be holding a 3 - 6 assembly with the presentation of our Library Monitor and Band Captain badges. We look forward to celebrating the many achievements of our students and hope you will be able to join us from 2.20pm in the hall.

GERRIC at UNSW
GERRIC (Gifted Education Research Resource and Information Centre), provides parents of gifted children with relevant services, programs, events and information underpinned by the latest in gifted education research and best practice. As part of the UNSW School of Education’s commitment to community engagement, GERRIC is offering a public lecture “Personal Best and Other Motivational Approaches for Gifted and Talented Students” presented by Professor Andrew Martin on March 18th. Lectures are free and open to the public, aimed at an audience of parents of gifted children. Parents have the opportunity to ask questions following the lecture and network with other attendees over light refreshments. If you are interested in finding out more about GERRIC, to interact with other parents of gifted children and learn from current research and experts in the field of gifted education please follow the web link below

Music Opportunities for String Players
The newly formed Northern Beaches Youth Orchestra is accepting enrolments from string players of approximately AMEB grades 3 to 5 this term. Next term enrolment will open for woodwind, brass and percussion. The Youth Orchestra rehearses in the BNPS school hall on Wednesday nights from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, conducted by Natasha Roumanoff. For further information or an enrolment pack, please contact Cameron Barnett at artsadmin@nbo.org.au

Kindergarten Literacy and Numeracy Evening
Thank you to our Kindergarten team for an interesting and most informative session on teaching and learning in Literacy and Numeracy in the Early Stage 1 classroom. If you were unable to attend the evening a copy of the information presented can be found under the notes section of the website.

You can do anything but not everything – David Allen

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Why do we have a P&C?
The role of our P&C is quite simply to promote the interests of the school. This is achieved by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation on a variety of issues, such as helping to provide facilities and equipment for the school, promoting the recreation and welfare of students and encouraging parent involvement in their child’s education.

At Balgowlah North the P&C is also responsible for the operation of the canteen, Kulkuna, the second-hand uniform shop and the school bands. Each of these are run by extremely dedicated volunteer parent committees. All parents are welcome to attend P&C meetings which are held twice each term. Next term we will be trialling a daytime meeting, details on time and place to follow.

P&C membership is not required to attend, but if you would like to vote on issues raised at the meetings you need to be a financial member (gold coin membership fee).

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Should you wish to raise anything for discussion at a meeting you can email any of the committee members below.
The next P&C meeting will be held at in the Library 7.30pm, Wednesday 18th March. We hope to see you there.

Monique Tompson, President – moniquetompson@bigpond.com
Adrian Molloy, Vice President - adrianbmolloy@gmail.com
Sally Jacobs, Secretary - sallyjacobs@me.com
Jenny Pittar, Treasurer - pittar@optusnet.com.au

P&C Committee

Library News
The Premiers Reading Challenge is now open for registration. The challenge is a great way for students to read from a wonderful selection of books and be rewarded for their efforts.

Instructions to register:
- Go to the Premier’s Reading Challenge Website https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
- Select the Log On tab and you will be taken to the Department of Education Portal.
- Enter student’s user name and password (please see your child’s teacher if you don’t know this.
- You will be taken to the PRC Website where you will find instructions for completing the challenge.

We have many of the books on the PRC booklists available to borrow from our school library. I also encourage you to borrow from your local library.

Debbie Horsley & Megan Rose
Teacher Librarians

Year 5 & 6 Dance Group
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the year 5 and 6 students who auditioned for the dance group over the last 2 weeks. It was extremely difficult to select only 24 students with such a talented group of dancers to choose from. After several auditions I would like to CONGRATULATE everyone selected who demonstrated the following skills;
- Rhythm
- Coordination
- Stage presence
- Following routines
- Movement retention
- Energy
- Being safe, respectful and responsible.

Mrs McAllister and Mrs Adams

Book Club
Book Club closes on Friday 13th March. Please make cheques payable to Balgowlah North Public School.

Gwen Hunt

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Recognising positive behaviours

The most powerful form of recognition is positive praise. We all like to be told we’ve done a good job! This is our most powerful tool and we work hard to recognise students in all areas of school life.

Our Merit System encourages a continuity of positive behaviour based on our PBL program as students move from grade to grade throughout their school years.

Principal’s Award  – When students collect 5 merit certificates they are eligible for a Principal’s Award. These are issued twice per term at a full school assembly.

PBL Team

Sports Report  
Date: **27th February**  Round: 2

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NRMA Road Safety Day
Last week we were lucky enough to have the NRMA here at school to run a Road Safety session for all students. The children learnt some very important road safety messages that are relevant to their age group. They were also shown how to buckle up safely in the car and how to ensure their helmet fits properly. It is essential that students wear a helmet when riding their bike, skateboard, or scooter both around the home and on footpaths. Injuries are just as likely to occur around the home as they are on the street. Your child will bring a Road Safety Booklet from the NRMA home at some stage. Each booklet contains information for parents so please have a read.

There is an NRMA app for children called ‘Road Smart Kids’ that can be downloaded for free in the Apple or Google Play store that your child might enjoy using.

Tess Burns  
Road Safety Coordinator

Swimming medals and ribbons will be presented at the 3-6 assembly in week 10.  
**Susie Stock**

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**CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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PLEASE DO THE RESPONSIBLE THING: IF YOU CAN’T MAKE IT, PHONE OR SWAP. PLEASE BRING AN APRON!

COMMITTEE: CHAIRPERSON: Brigitte Campbell, SECRETARY: Shelley Buckley, TREASURER: Antonia Tucker, ROSTER MANAGER: Petra Mazarka,

**CANTEEN MANAGER:** Mylene Stephens, NEWSLETTER: Sara Linden

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**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP**

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Matthew is a thoughtful, courteous student in his interactions with peers and teachers. He listens respectfully to ideas shared by his classmates and takes the initiative to assist others when the need arises, always offering an encouraging word. Matthew sets high standards for himself which he quietly strives to achieve. He shows great respect for our school expectations and is a valued student at Balgowlah North Public School. Matthew is a most deserving recipient of this award. Well done Matthew!

Matthew demonstrates a kind and caring nature both in the playground and in the classroom. He willingly accepts responsibility and is happy to help both his peers and teachers, often offering assistance without being asked. Matthew participates in all classroom activities and leads by example when listening and focusing on the task at hand. He responds well to constructive feedback about his work and acts upon these, ensuring he does his best at all times. He takes pride in Balgowlah North Public School and is an excellent role model for his peers. This year Matthew has taken on the responsibility of ‘sound crew’ with extraordinary dedication. He always demonstrates our school values of responsible, respectful and safe behaviour, in the playground, on the sports field and in the classroom. Matthew is a most worthy recipient of this Citizenship Award.
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