From the Principal’s desk
Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews will be held in Week 10 (30th March – 1st April). As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we are trialling an online booking system this year. Bookings open next Monday 16th March at 6am and close on Thursday 26th March at 5pm. Interview slots are 10 minutes and we appreciate your cooperation in keeping them to time. If you require additional time please make another appointment with your teacher directly. To make a booking go to this link: www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code and follow these simple steps:
1. Enter our code: 2RUWN
2. Enter your details
3. Select the teachers you wish to see
4. Select your appointment times

When you click ‘finish’, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you don’t receive your email immediately please check your junk mail folder and make sure you have entered your email address correctly. You can change your bookings, any time prior to closing the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and using our event code.

First Aid
As part of our WH&S requirements, the school provides basic first aid for students who become unwell or injured at school. Students who become unwell at school are best transferred to the care of a parent or guardian immediately. If you are unable to collect your child from school, we request you contact a relative or family friend to collect the student on your behalf. In case of an emergency, an ambulance will be called and we will contact you immediately to inform you of the situation. We do ask if students are unwell before school starts to please keep them at home, as this prevents cross infection with other students and staff.

School Ambulance Cover
The Department of Education & Communities has negotiated with Ambulance Service of NSW to provide ambulance cover that ensures your child is covered in the event of an accident or illness whilst at school or on a school excursion. If you do not have private health insurance, you will not be responsible for the payment of the emergency ambulance account. It doesn’t cover staff or visitors, nor accidents which happen outside of school hours. We hope it is a service we do not have to use but at least we can have peace of mind.

Cherry Picker
Our flag pole has been in need of repair for a few months now. The flag pole isn’t hinged and therefore we need a cherry picker or other such device to access the top of the pole and perform the repairs. The fire brigade and other emergency services have been unable to help so if there are any parents out there with access to a cherry picker, we would be most appreciative. We would love to have our pole repaired in time for the 100th year ANZAC commemorations.

Flashing ‘School Zone’ Lights
The RMS will be installing school zone signs with flashing lights around our school over the next week or so. The signs are designed to improve driver awareness of the need to drive at 40km/h to ensure the safety of our children between the hours of 8:30am and 2:30pm. The contractors haven’t specified actual work hours but there may be lane closures involved to ensure safety of road users and workers. There will be some noise associated with this work, but every effort will be made to minimise these impacts.

Term Invoices
Thank you to those parents who have paid their term accounts already. There were some supplementary accounts which went out for volleyball, Newcombeball, AFL and choir which may have created some confusion. If you are unsure whether you have paid your account in full, please contact the school office.
Farmhouse Parking
I understand parking is at a premium at our school, particularly during drop off and pick up times. I have had a request from our neighbours at Farmhouse Montessori for our parents to stop using their car park for lengthy periods. It is not our school car park but can be used as a drop off area. The Farmhouse parents often have toddlers and babies with them and need to park in their allocated spaces. Please don’t park in this car park during assemblies or when you will be at school for an extended period of time.

P&C Date Change: Wednesday 25th March
Our next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 25th March in our library from 7:30pm. At this meeting, Miss Norrie will present a workshop about the recent developments in mathematics teaching. This workshop was extremely well attended last year and I know many people are interested in this topic, particularly with the implementation of the new Mathematics syllabus this year.

Owen Taylor
Principal

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From the Deputy Principal’s Desk
Peer Mediators
Last week, Year 5 actively participated in the Peer Mediator Training Program. Students undertook activities that helped develop skills to prepare them to assist our younger school members in the playground. Our Year 5 Peer Mediators will commence assisting our youngest students in the playground this week. This program builds on leadership, problem solving, empathy and understanding. I would like to thank all the Year 5 students for actively participating in the activities, having the goal to be responsible, organised and trustworthy leaders and role models for all students at Balgowlah North Public School. They had a fantastic day at school and I would like to thank Mr McCall, Ms Barns and Mrs Pocock for supporting our students in this program.

Assembly
This weeks’ K – 2 assembly will be led by 2J and they will also entertain us with an item. We welcome parents and friends to join us on Thursday 12th March and please be seated in the hall at 2.20pm.

University of NSW Competitions (ICAS)
If you would like your child in Years 36 to enter in to the statewide testing program conducted by the University of NSW please return your payment and permission note to the school office by Wednesday 25th March 2015. No late entries will be processed.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Library News
This year on Grandparents’ Day, March 31st, we will be having a Donate-A-Book again in the library. This is an opportunity for the Grandparents to come and purchase a book from a selection in the library to give to our library. This was so successful last year! Because of the generosity of our Grandparents we got so many beautiful, new books which the children have loved borrowing. Please let me know if you are available and would like to help on this morning. We would really appreciate your help between the hours of 8:30am until about 11:30am.

Registration is open for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Lots of students have shown an interest in participating in the challenge this year. 4N have even made a class commitment where every student in the class will complete the challenge. Well done 4N! To register go to: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html You will need your child’s DET User name and password. Please let us know if you are having trouble registering.

Debbie Horsley & Megan Rose
Teacher Librarians
## Sports Report

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

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Mrs Kelly’s Skipping Group

Years 2-5 are invited to come along to Mrs Kelly’s Skipping group every Tuesday lunch time after eating bell. The Skipping group will meet in the front playground. Come along and learn some new tricks, skip with friends and improve your fitness! Skipping group will commence this week. I look forward to seeing you there!

**Kerry Kelly (PE Teacher)**

Positive Behaviour for Learning

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