From the Principal's desk

Parent Teacher Interviews

As you know, our parent teacher interviews will be held in Week 10. Our online booking system opened on Monday and will remain open until next Thursday. 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 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 by re-visiting the School Interviews website and using our event code.

Pedestrian Crossing

We only have one official pedestrian crossing at our school. The designated crossing is on Bardoo Avenue which is monitored each day by our new RTA crossing supervisor, Julie. Julie is quite concerned by the speed at which drivers approach our crossing but hopefully our newly-installed flashing lights will slow the traffic down. Please drive carefully around our school. We also have a ‘wombat crossing’ on Manning Street on which cars still have right of way. There is an element of confusion for drivers and pedestrians and it is safer not to cross the road at this point. Manning Street can be very busy, particularly in the mornings, as many cars use it as a shortcut to the Wakehurst Parkway. The bend near Warringah Street is a particularly hazardous place to cross the road. Please set a good example for our children and always cross at the official crossing.

School Uniform

I appreciate the community support for our school uniform policy. Our boys and girls always look very smart in their full school uniform which includes blue socks and black shoes. You can order uniform items from Pickles which are then delivered to the children’s classrooms. Schools are active places and it is also important for girls with longer hair to tie it back and also to limit the wearing of jewellery. Sleepers or studs as earrings are fine but additional items such as bracelets and anklets can cause problems.

Mrs Hunt’s Afternoon Tea & Assembly

At next week’s K-6 Assembly, the children will be saying goodbye to our school admin manager, Mrs Hunt. Gwen retires at the end of this term after 30 years at BNPS. Parents are most welcome to attend the assembly which begins promptly at 2:10pm. The P&C will be hosting a parent afternoon tea from 3pm in the school library where a presentation will be made on behalf of the parent body. All parents are invited to attend.

Thanks Mr Mitchell

Thank you to Colin Mitchell, dad of Molly, Ruby & Billy, who has answered our call with the loan of a cherry picker. We will now be able to have our flag pole fixed prior to ANZAC Day.

P&C Next Wednesday

I hope to see many of you at our P&C meeting next Wednesday in the library from 7:30pm. Ms Norrie, our Stage 2 Assistant Principal, will be presenting a session about how we teach mathematics which I’m sure all parents will find informative.

Parent Evening

Don’t forget to pick up your tickets for our Sundowners event at Daniel San in Manly on Saturday 28th March. Please see the flyer later in this newsletter.

Owen Taylor
Principal

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Important Dates

25th March  
Yr 2 Excursion Lessons Afloat
P&C Meeting

26th March  
Parent Function

31st March  
Grandfriends’ Day

From the Deputy Principal’s Desk

Assemblies
This week’s K – 2 assembly (Thursday 19th March) will be led by 2HN. We welcome parents and friends to join us and please be seated in the hall at 2.20pm.

Our K – 6 assembly will be held next Thursday 26th March, commencing at 2.10pm in the hall. The K – 6 assembly has been moved forward to give all our students the opportunity to farewell Mrs Hunt. The final assembly for Term 1 will be Thursday 2nd April. This assembly will be 3 – 6 where our swimming ribbons and trophies will be presented.

University of NSW Competitions (ICAS)
If you would like your child in Years 3-6 to enter in to the state-wide testing program conducted by the University of NSW, please return your payment and permission note to the school office by Wednesday 25th March. No late entries will be processed.

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY 2015
The ANZAC ceremony held at BNPS is well regarded and a significant day in our school calendar. The students conduct themselves well and we are proud of their involvement in making the solemn day memorable. This year’s ANZAC Day service will be held on Monday April 27 at 11.30 am in the school hall.
I would like to take this opportunity of inviting any parents and community members who are in the Australian Defence Forces or who currently serve in the State or Federal Police to attend the ceremony in uniform. We would value your involvement.

Professional Learning
Over the weeks of a school term, teachers regularly engage in professional learning to develop their knowledge and understandings in the delivery of the school curriculum. We facilitate continual professional development opportunities for all our staff as developing the quality of our teaching practice is a core element within our broader school vision as well as key driver for student success. As such I thought I would share with the community what our teachers are learning.
Our K – 2 teachers will be involved in Count me in Too which aims to improve the educational outcomes in mathematics for all students through professional development of teachers. It achieves this by increasing teachers’ understanding of how children develop increasingly sophisticated ways of solving arithmetical problems. The research-based learning framework used in the project provides direction for teaching and learning.

Teachers in Years 3 – 6 will be involved in Taking Off With Numeracy (TOWN). This is a whole-class initiative which focuses on improving numeracy skills of students in the upper primary years. The initiative provides ongoing professional learning over the school year to assist teachers to assess each student’s current numeracy understanding and to monitor student progress against a research-based framework. The program provides explicit guidance in designing whole class teaching programs to further develop each student’s numeracy understanding.

For further information on these initiatives you can follow the links


The killer app for 21st Century learning is a good teacher – one with a love of learning, an appreciation of the aesthetic, the esoteric, the ethical and the moral. A teacher is the best 1 to 1 device in the classroom.

Ian Jukes

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Change of date for next P&C Meeting
Please note that the next P&C meeting will be held in the library at 7.30pm next Wednesday, 25th March.
Miss Norrie will be presenting to us on new directions in teaching maths and each of the sub committees (Canteen, Kulkuna, Band) will be providing an update on operations to date.

Should you wish to add anything to the agenda please contact Sally Jacobs. We look forward to seeing you then.

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

Monique Thompson
P&C President
Library News
We are very excited to have some brand new furniture in the library! We have new tables and chairs and some couch seats which are perfect for the 21st Century learning ideals of collaboration, communication and creativity.
Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help us in the library on Grandfriends’ Day. We will have a wonderful selection of books available that day for Grandfriends to buy and give to our library. The library will be open for the Donate-A-Book from 8:30am onwards. We would be very grateful to anyone else who would like to volunteer their time and help that morning.
Please come and see us in the library if you are having trouble registering with the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Make sure you have your child’s correct user name and password. It is sensitive to upper and lower case.
If you are looking for things to do in the upcoming school holidays the Monkey Bar Theatre Company are putting on a production of The Bugalugs Bum Thief. This is a much loved book by Tim Winton. If you are interested in finding out more go to: http://monkeybaa.com.au/show/the-bugalugs-bum-thief/

Year 2 Lessons Afloat Excursion
This term Year 2 are studying ‘Transport’, with a focus on sustainability. As a part of this H.S.I.E. unit of work we will be going on the Lessons Afloat excursion. This excursion will give the students an opportunity to see first-hand a variety of types of transport working within the community and to assess the effects these modes of transport have on our environment. On Wednesday 25th March, we will be catching a bus to the ferry wharf and then travelling by ferry around Sydney Harbour. All Year 2 are looking forward to the day.

Year 2 Teachers

Debbie Horsley & Megan Rose
Teacher Librarians

Balgowlah North Public School
Grandparents and Grandfriends’ Day

Tuesday 31st March
8.30am  Donate a book to our Library
9.00am  Concert in School Hall
10.15am  Morning Tea
10.30am  Visit Classrooms

Visit the Library for a wonderful selection of books

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Zone Swimming Results
On Friday 13th March we had a team of 38 swimmers compete at the Warringah Aquatic Centre in the Manly zone swimming carnival. Our students swam brilliantly and we had a fantastic day with many excellent individual and relay results. Thank you to all the parents who supported our team throughout the day and a VERY special thank you to Shelley Buckley, Alicia Coulter and Steve Walters who were our timekeepers. Thanks also to Jo and Scott McLellan who did an outstanding job as our team managers in the stands.

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Congratulations to our swimmers who have made the Northern Beaches Regional Swimming Team. We wish Sophie Walters, Hamish McLellan, Nate Riddington and TJ Herring all the very best of luck at the Sydney North Regional carnival on Tuesday 17th March at Homebush.

Susie Stock
Lost Property
As it is week 8 - the property without names will be sent to the clothing pool and you will have to buy your items back. Also if possible...dirty lunch boxes and bottles will be thrown away if they are not collected by Thursday morning.
Rowena Casper

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.

School Medal - When students collect 2 Banners they are eligible for a school medal. These are issued twice per term at a full school assembly and is the highest recognition for a student during their school career.

PBL Team

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**Autumn Art Workshops**

**TUE APRIL 7th to MON 20th APRIL**

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10am to 3pm (Ages 5 to 14): $70 to $90

Creative Workshops to select from:
- Drawing Animals
- Painting What U Like
- Carboning & Clay
- Mosaic Design
- Sewing Groovy Bag
- Canvas Art
- Jewellery Box
- Mosaic Placemat

Cost includes all materials
BYO drink, snack & lunch

**Paint What U Like**

**Wood Sculptures**

**Street Art**

**DON’T MISS OUT, BOOK EARLY!**

Contact Daphne 0409 569483

E: daphne.katoo@bigpond.com


Also offering Before & After Care During Workshops: 9-10am & 3-4pm $10 p/hr, $5 1/2 hr

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**Term 2 WRC North Manly Tennis and Sports After School Program**

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Book your child in for a free tennis or multisport lesson today before the new term begins. Call 9938 1831 or email wrc@voyagertennis.com

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April 7th - 16th
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**HOLIDAY CAMPS**

**DATES:**

**WEEK 1**

Tuesday 7th – 10th April

**WEEK 2**

Monday 13th – 17th April

**PRICING:**

$30/day, $100/week (4 days)

$30/day, $125/week (5 days)

**WHAT TO BRING:**

Hat, drink, recess, and racquet (free hire available)

**TIME:**

9:00am-12:30pm – Tennis

12:30pm-1:00pm – Lunch (optional)

**SCHEDULE:**

9:00 – 10:30am – Tennis skills

10:30 - 11:00am – Recess

11:00 – 11:30am – Multi-sports

11:30 – 12:30pm – Games and matchplay

To book phone 9907-9180

Fun, Friendships & Sport

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**Term 1 Week 8**

Wednesday, 18 March 2015

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**First class: FREE**

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**Just $125**

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Professional Coaches for Grassroots Players

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Rennell Street, Curl Curl, Northern Beaches

Join us for one of our Easter Coaching Clinics at KIKOFF Harbord. Learn new skills with Paul, Jon and our other great coaches from 9am til 12pm each day.

**April 7 - 10, 9am-12pm**
**U6/7, U8/9, U10/U11**

FREE Development Squad Trials for ages 12-16
April 7, 4-6pm
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+ much much more

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$60 ticket includes canapés, welcome drink and DJ. Limited tickets left, so purchase now to avoid disappointment.

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