From the Principal’s desk

Grandfriends’ Day
We’re looking forward to meeting our Grandparents and Grandfriends next Tuesday 31st March. The day begins with a performance in the hall followed by a morning tea and classroom visits. The school library will be open form 8:30am where Grandfriends will be able to purchase books to donate to our school. This day is not for parents; there are many other opportunities for parents to be involved in school throughout the year.

Parking – No Stopping Zones
A reminder that drivers are not permitted to park in ‘No Stopping’ zones. We have had a number of instances where community members have parked illegally. Stopping your car in these zones may result in a $298 fine and two demerit points.

Parent Interviews
You can still make and amend bookings for parent interviews next week through our online system up until Thursday 26th May at 6pm. To make or amend a booking go to this link: www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code and:

1. Enter our code: 2RUWN
2. Enter your details
3. Select the teachers you wish to see
4. Select the appointment time/s

Welcome to our new band conductor!
We welcome Lanneke Grace, as our new Intermediate and Concert Band conductor, from the start of next term. Miss Grace comes very well recommended and is a highly accomplished musician in her own right. I would like to thank Miss White for the work she has put into our band program over recent years and wish her all the best for the future.

P&C Meeting Tonight
Our P&C meeting tonight will be held in the library from 7:30pm. In addition to the regular agenda items, Ms Norrie, our Stage 2 Assistant Principal, will be presenting a session about how we teach mathematics.

World’s Greatest Shave
Some of our brave Year 6 children will be shaving their heads at Monday morning lines in the name of charity. The rest of the school is invited to wear their ‘craziest hair’ and bring along a gold coin donation which will go to the Leukaemia Foundation. The boys and girls will wear their school uniforms as usual. Thanks for your support of this student-led initiative.

Contact Details
Please ensure you inform our school office when you update your contact details. We need to have accurate records should we need to contact you in an emergency. If you move out of our catchment area, you won’t be asked to move schools, so please let us know of any changes in your residential addresses.

Design Make Innovate
I had the pleasure of attending the Design Make Innovate presentation at Balgowlah Boys High School last Friday. Over the past few weeks, Year 9 mentors from BBHS have worked with our Year 5 children to design a bridge. The bridge had to be at least 40cm long and be able to support 5kg in weight. The boys and girls also had to complete a design brief. Congratulations to Amy, Maddie, Olivia and Lola who received the Outstanding Achievement Award and to Thomas, Lewis, Noah and James, who received the People’s Choice Award.

Regional Swimmers
Congratulations to our four swimmers who progressed from the Manly Zone Carnival to the Sydney North Swimming Carnival. Our representatives were TJ Herring, Nate Riddington, Sophie Walters & Hamish McLellan. A great achievement!

Parent Night at Daniel San
I look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday night. It promises to be a lot of fun with some great entertainment and plenty of prizes to be won. Thank you for your support.

Owen Taylor
Principal
**Important Dates**

- 25th March: P&C Meeting
- 28th March: Parent Function
- 31st March: Grandfriends’ Day

**From the Deputy Principal’s Desk**

**Trading Cards**

The time has come when trading cards such as ‘pokemon’s’, ‘football cards’ and at the moment, ‘Pixar dominos’ are popular with our students, generally the boys. Most of the time, all is fine and our students seem to happily entertain themselves with the wonder and mystery of these cards. **Please take the opportunity to talk to your ‘card/domino fan’ about playing fair and that cards are not to be traded or swapped and children need to go home with the same cards or dominos they brought to school.**

**Scripture Easter Service**

The scripture Easter service will be held on Thursday 2nd 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 in writing.

**Maths Olympiad**

The Maths Olympiad has been operating since 1987 and every year, students from all over Australia and neighbouring countries take part in five contests. The aim of the program is to encourage students to develop important mathematical problem solving skills in an enjoyable environment. Our 2015 team consists of Isabella Rigatos, Mia Schwartz, Euan Loh, George Berry, Zac Ottawa, Harvey Jones, Beatrix Jones, Stuart Lane, Anthony Schiro, Jack Giffin, Leah Burton, Holly Baynham, Hamish Simington, Mia Jarrett, Thomas Rouse, Sarah Mazarak, Karin Sun, Amy Ling, Oliver Mace-Smith, Lachlan Patterson, Violette Roumanoff, Morgan Jones, Hugo Pike, Matthew Young-Thompson, Annabel Lynch. The students will be working with Mrs Ingrid Chapman. I thank Mrs Chapman for volunteering her time to coach our 2015 team.

**Grandfriends’ Day**

Thank you to our Kindergarten parents who are organising the morning tea for our Grandfriend’s on Tuesday 31st March. All donations for the morning tea can be left at the school office on Tuesday morning ready to be set up on the tables from 9.30am.

**Junior Science Academy**

The Junior Science Academy aims to encourage children to engage in and develop their understanding of science. Supported by science experts at Macquarie University, the activities are designed to suit primary school age children and are aligned with the NSW Science curriculum. Children are introduced to science concepts, participate in science-based activities, experiments and make friends with children of like interests on campus at Macquarie University. Students also have access to the universities learning facilities such as a planetarium and museums. The programs offered run four times a year during the school holidays and run for three days from 8.30am – 5.30pm. The program for these holidays commences on April 7th - April 17th. Learning interactive seminars by a selection of well-known leaders in their respective fields. The speakers this year were Bindi Irwin (Wildlife and Conservation Advocate), The Hon. Mike Baird, Dylan Parker and James Norton (Paper Plane Pilots) and Rachel Leahcar (Musician/Vocalist). I know that our Student Leaders found this a rich and rewarding experience.
If you have a budding scientist who is in Years 3 – 6 and interested in participating further details can be found at: www.juniorscienceacademy.com.au

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

NAPLAN 2015
NAPLAN is held in Term 2 every year for Years 3 and 5. It is a national assessment for literacy and numeracy that is conducted in every school in Australia at the same time.
Important dates for 2015 NAPLAN are as follows:
12th May – Language Conventions and Writing tests
13th May – Reading test
14th May – Numeracy test
15th May – Final opportunity for absent students to complete the tests. No tests can be undertaken after this date.

NAPLAN is another piece of data that we gather to compliment the continuous assessment that teachers are carrying out throughout the year. Results won’t be returned to the school until late August or September. If you wish to withdraw or exempt your child from NAPLAN please see me at your earliest convenience. The last date for exemptions and withdrawals is Friday, 1st May.

Belinda Norrie
Assistant Principal

National Young Leaders Day 2015
On Monday, the Student Leaders attended a conference in Sydney organised by the Halogen Foundation. We were engaged in learning more about leadership. It was a privilege to hear stories from inspiring young leaders such as Bindi Irwin and Rachael Leahcar as well as Mike Baird. We are now inspired to continue to lead real change at Balgowlah North.

Here are a few of our thoughts about the day.
‘Inspirational,’ said Toby
‘Engaging and entertaining,’ Lucas and Dylan
‘Just amazing’ Tehama
‘It made me determined to be a more effective leader’ Riley
‘It helped us to realise that we have the courage and passion to be leaders’ Mia and Amelia
‘It reminded me to be persistent’ Phoebe

Please check out the website link www.halogenfoundation.org to learn more about the Halogen Foundation.

Student Leaders

Balgowlah North Public School
Grandparents and Grandfriends’ Day

Tuesday 31st March
8.30am  Donate a book to our Library
9.30am  Concert in School Hall
10.15am  Morning Tea
10.30am  Visit Classrooms

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NSW Government
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Term 1 Week 9
Wednesday, 25 March 2015
Sport
PSSA Soccer 2015
Congratulations to Riley Coates and Jack Mason for making the PSSA soccer team combined Manly/Pittwater Zones for 2015.

Regional Swimming Carnival Results 2015
On Tuesday 17th March we had a team of 4 swimmers compete at the Northern Sydney Regional Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush. These students were Hamish McLellan, Tj Herring, Nate Riddington, and Sophie Walters. All the students swam outstandingly and they had a fantastic day with many excellent individual results.

Individual Results from finals:
TJ Herring:
9th 11yrs Boys 50m Backstroke

Hamish McLellan
4th 11yrs Boys 50m Butterfly
5th 11yrs Boys 50m Freestyle

Sophie Walters:
16th 12yrs Girls 50m Freestyle
8th 12yrs Girls 50m Breaststroke
5th 12yrs 100m Girls Freestyle

Nate Riddington
9th 200m IM

All swimming ribbons will be presented at the 3-6 assembly, in week 10.

Susie Stock

P&C Meeting
Wednesday, 25 March 2015
Tonight’s P&C meeting will be held in the library at 7.30pm so please join us for a glass of wine and be part of the decision making process. Some of the topics to be covered are:

- Presentation by Ms Norrie on how Maths is taught
- P&C subcommittee reports presented by Kulkuna, Band and Canteen
- Spending options for 2015/16
- Grounds Committee update on sensory garden project
- School traffic

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Monique Tompson President

Chess News

Last Wednesday, the BNPS Chess Club travelled to Mona Vale Public School to participate in the Northern Beaches Primary Schools Chess Challenge run in conjunction with the NSW Junior Chess League.

51 teams from 12 schools competed. BNPS had the second most participants behind hosts Mona Vale. All players played 7 games. At the end of the competition, 3 teams (including our B Team) were sitting on equal second. On a countdown (a method used to decide placings for teams on equal points), our B Team were fourth place medal winners - congratulations to Tom Molloy (c), Euan Loh and Sam Stodart.

For some of our young players it was their first competition and they performed well and enjoyed the experience. Well done to the entire Chess Club for their exemplary behaviour and good sportsmanship.

With thanks to Mr McCall, Miro and the parents who willingly assist with transport and supervision so that the children may participate.

If you are interested in trying out chess, our tutor, Miro Nowak, always welcomes new players. The Chess Club meets 3.15-4.15 Thursdays in SM. A reminder that there is no chess club on 2 April. Chess Club is on tomorrow and will resume in Term 2 on Thursday 23 April.

Nerralyn Loh
Chess Parent Coordinator
Year 5 Report
For the past three weeks, Year 5 students have been working on the Design Make Innovate project with Year 9 students from Balgowlah Boys High School. We have learned how to construct a bridge and make it safe and strong enough to support a substantial amount of weight. We have created three bridges out of slightly different materials. Each student was in a group of 3-5 students with a Year 9 mentor. After everyone had finished creating their final bridge, the teachers tested them to see how much weight each bridge could hold. Afterwards, they selected eight bridges to go to the DMI expo at Balgowlah Boys High School. The English Spies (Thomas Rouse, Lewis Combes, Noah Klugsberger & James Danenbergsons) took out the People’s Choice Award and Bridge Builders (Amy Ling, Madeleine Frawley, Olivia Smith & Lola Nicou) were the overall winners from BNPS. Congratulations!

We thought it was a fantastic experience for all students to learn about the design and construction of bridges.

Jemima Giffin & Jamie Stodart

Uniform Sale
Uniform sale next Monday, 30th March from 3pm- 4pm. Pease bring small change.

Jenny Burgess

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.

Citizenship Award - is an important part of our PBL program. This award is presented to outstanding students who consistently exhibit our PBL values and behaviours. The Citizenship award is presented twice per term at a full school assembly to a student in K-2 and 3-6.

PBL Team

School Banking
Prizes - we are hoping prizes ordered last week will be delivered in time for banking this Thursday. Fingers crossed!

Unclaimed Prizes - there are a number of students who ordered prizes 3 weeks ago and are yet to collect their prize. Please come to banking desk this Thursday to claim.

Please note - No School Banking on the last day of Term 1 - Thursday 2nd April

Any queries or banking concerns please contact Yogi Johnstone: yolandajohnstone@gmail.com
Yolanda Johnstone
March 31st is Grandfriends’ Day.

Come to the library to donate a book.

The library will be open from 8:30am.
STATE ELECTION 28:3:15

BBQ & CAKE STALL FUNdraiser

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!
Bake a cake: collect a box from the office (deliver baked goods to the office on Friday afternoon or to the cake stall on Sat morning)

Sign up to volunteer on the day – contact Jenny Pittar: pittar@bigpond.com

Come along on the day and buy your breakfast and morning tea!
Term 1 Week 9

Wednesday, 25 March 2015

Canteen Roster

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Canteen Volunteers Needed

Join our online rostering system to browse the available shifts.

Order online: www.theschools.com.au

Terminology:

UKULELE (kinder - yr6)
Fridays
8:15 - 8:45am
1:10 - 1:40pm

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For the Leukaemia Foundation

Monday 30th March 2015

Bring a gold coin donation and wear your "Geekiest Hair" and watch some brave Year 6 students shave their heads at morning line and help us raise money for this great cause.

To sponsor the BMPS Year 6 team please donate to http://www.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/bmps

This Saturday!

Sundowners
Rooftop Dojo @ Dandelion Bar
Manly from 7pm

Rooftop Dojo ft. second round of DJ Limited
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April

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7 8 9 14 15 16

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Place: 5/106 Old Pittwater Rd Brookvale
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