From the Principal’s desk

Happy Holidays!
This is our last week of school prior to the Easter holidays. I would like to thank the boys and girls for their commitment to learning this term. They have settled into new classes and new routines very well and they are making some amazing progress in their learning. The children resume school on Tuesday 21st April.

School will resume for the teachers one day prior with a professional learning day led by world-renowned educator, Tony Ryan. Tony is probably most famous for creating his ‘Thinkers Keys’ framework. All 400+ teachers from the 12 primary schools in our Northern Beaches Learning Alliance (NBLA) will be working together on this day. I’m sure the day will be both stimulating and challenging.

Grandfriends’ Day
Grandfriends’ Day 2015 was a fabulous success! The library was open from 8:30am where grandparents and friends could purchase books to donate to our library. From there our attention turned to the hall where our concert band, Year 2 choir, senior choir, Year One poets and Kindergarten children performed. All of the boys and girls did a fantastic job and our student leaders confidently emceed the performance. Our guests were then treated to a delicious morning tea prepared by our Kindergarten parents before moving on to visit classrooms. I must thank all of our parent volunteers and our teachers: Mrs Malar, Miss Yore, Mrs Reinhardt, Mrs Watson and Mrs Nieuwenhuis for ensuring the morning ran smoothly. I received lots of really positive feedback from our guests – some of whom travelled all the way from the UK to be here.

Parent Interviews
I know many of you have had your parent teacher interviews this week. I hope you have found them to be worthwhile and insightful. If, at any time throughout the year, you feel the need to meet with your child’s teacher please contact them directly to set up an appointment. We value your partnership in the learning journey of your child.

Parent night
Thanks to Ashlie Burrows and her organising team for coordinating the event at Daniel San last Saturday night. It was a great location with great company in a laidback, relaxing environment. My thanks also to those teachers who made it along on the night.

World’s Greatest Shave
Congratulations to our Year 6 boys who led the World’s Greatest Shave initiative this year. Several of the boys had their heads shaved at morning lines on Monday raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation. The boys have chalked up over $3000 in donations of their own accord. The rest of the school joined in with the ‘Crazy Hair Day’ and added an additional $900 to the total. Many of us have been touched by cancer in some way and it’s wonderful to have such a supportive, generous community raising funds for this cause. Thank you everyone for your support.

Goodbye Gwen
We had a lovely Farewell Assembly for our school administration manager, Mrs Hunt, last Thursday. I presented her with a beautiful book of messages from the children thanking her for her 30 years of service to our school. Our P&C also passed on their appreciation with flowers and a gift. Mrs Hunt has played such an important role at BNPS and she will be sorely missed. Thank you for everything you have done for our school Gwen! It has been a pleasure to work alongside you.

Owen Taylor
Principal
Term 1 Week 10  Wednesday, 1st April 2015

Important Dates
2nd April  Last day of Term 1
20th April Staff Development Day
21st April K-6 Students return for Term 1
27th April Anzac Day Assembly
28th April Year 1 Incursion
29th April School Photo Day

From the Deputy Principal’s Desk

School Photographs
The 2014 P&C have engaged a professional photography group to provide the images of our students this year in their school photographs. ‘Natural Child School Photography’ is based locally and provide professional photographers who aim to bring a fresh approach to school photos. School photographs will be held Term 2, Wednesday 29th April. Order envelopes will be sent home tomorrow or you can order online by following the link below.


All orders need to be placed before Wednesday 29th April. Ordering online allows you to complete this even over the holidays! Please ensure your child is wearing their winter school uniform on this Wednesday even if they have a scheduled sport lesson. Please tie back long hair with school coloured ribbons and make sure shoes are polished and bring along a smile.

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. The service is open to all students, not just students who attend scripture. As always we leave attendance up to the discretion of parents and provide the opportunity for parents to opt out should they wish their child not to attend. Please send a note to your child’s class teacher if you do not wish your child to attend.

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall
Thank you to all the parents who helped with the Election Day BBQ last Saturday, by either manning the stall or baking goods for the cake stall. I would like to especially thank Annie White, Jenny Pitta, Suzi Lemlin and Kelly Bartholomew for their magnificent organisation and rallying help for the day. A special thanks to Adrian Molloy for his assistance and making sure the equipment was packed away and locked up. The efforts of all, raised $2100.00 for our band and string program. Thank you.

Assembly

This week we will be holding a 3 – 6 assembly with the presentation of swimming ribbons and trophies. Class 4Y will also be leading our assembly and presenting their class item. 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.

After a busy term, I wish all children and their families a very happy and safe holiday as you enjoy time together and a break from the busy routines of the school term.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

The Greatest Shave
A huge thank you to everyone for sharing in our Crazy Hair Day fundraising event. The boys in Year 6 raised an amazing $4010 in support of the Leukaemia Foundation with around a $1000 collected throughout the day. Don’t forget, you can still donate to this wonderful cause. An awesome effort boys.

P&C News
Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting last week, we had a great turnout of nearly 50 people. We all learnt a lot from Miss Norrie’s presentation on how maths is taught at BNPS, we really appreciate her expertise as well as her giving her time to be there. The presentation notes will be made available on the school website along with the meeting minutes.

During the first week back we will be trialling a parent volunteer to supervise the ‘Kiss and drop’ zone on Manning St in the hope that it improves traffic flow and makes it a safer place for children and parents. We are extremely grateful to the parents who are helping out with the trial and if you are able to assist please contact Adrian Molloy.

For the next meeting we will be trialling a school hours meeting – Monday 4th May, immediately after lines. Details to follow.

All the best for a safe and happy holiday.
Monique Tompson, President

Waste Free Wednesday Certificate Competition
Last week our Student Representative Council had the honour of voting for the new 2015 Waste Free Wednesday certificate. Each class selected two certificates for the final competition and the selection of certificates was very impressive. What a difficult task we had in choosing! So many high quality designs were on offer that we ended up with three artworks chosen to be the 2015 certificates. The winners were Isabella White (4Y), Lola Noble (5M) and Tilly Allen (6S). Congratulations to all the finalists whose artworks are on display in the school office and, of course, to our certificate winners.

Katherine Turner

Premiership Sporting Challenge - ‘Learning to Lead’
Last Thursday the House captains and vice captains were invited to the ‘Premiership Sporting Challenge workshop ‘Learning to Lead’ at Freshwater High School. There were various students from other schools from the Manly Warringah district who also participated. Our day began with a short talk from the organisers about the sports that were being offered over the course of the day. Over the day we had a choice of participating in 3 different sports. The sports they offered were speed mitten, soccer, league, dance, softball, golf and tennis. We all tried to play one sport that we weren’t familiar with. Overall we had a blast. We are looking forward to try our new and improved leadership skills with other students back at school. Thank you to Ms Stock for assisting the students on the day.

Shante Lai, Angela Taylor and Zoe Johnstone
Grandparents & Grandfriends’ Day
Thank you to all the generous Grandparents and Grandfriends who came to the library today to donate books. We now have a wonderful selection of beautiful new books for our students to borrow and enjoy. They will be available for borrowing during next term. Thank you also to our parent helpers, Kate, Naomi, Caroline and Suzanne who were invaluable help on a very busy morning.

Debbie Horsley
Balgowlah North Public School

Mothers’ Day Breakfast

Friday 8th May 2015

From 8.00am to 9.00am
DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO SING UP A STORM?
The SYDNEY VOCAL ARTS CENTRE is now taking enrolments for the

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP
With Director Margi Coen

Term 1 Week 10
Wednesday, 1 April 2015

With a number of performance opportunities throughout the year this is a great opportunity for your child to build confidence, gain musical knowledge and make new friends in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

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Ghalk & Cheese canteen

What an exciting 1st Term it’s been!
The canteen menu had a few tweaks this term with our very popular Sushi Days being extended to 3 days per week. We also introduced Tandori Chicken Wraps, Paella Napoletana and Rice Paper Rolls. Some of you may have noticed that Jia and Chinese Samurai are no longer available. This decision was made due to our commitment to remove palm oil from the menu. Nuggets, peas and sausage rolls are now available on Fridays only.

We are delighted to have had heaps of new volunteers this term. As always, filling the roster is our most difficult challenge!

Mylene is currently away on compassionate leave for the next few weeks so Liz Appleton and Tanja Muller will be running things while she’s away. We will really be relying on some help from volunteers so please jump in early and sign up for next term at www.balgowlahnorthps.blogspot.com

Volunteering... what’s involved?
A typical shift in the canteen involves:
• preparing salads
• preparing garlic bread
• preparing pizzas
• making sandwiches
• packing lunches
• serving

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Mond - Fri
Paella Napoletana

Mond- Thurs
Tandori Chicken Wraps
Jia and Samurai

Tues- Weds- Thurs
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