From the Principal’s desk

Welcome back everyone!
I trust you all had an enjoyable holiday and were able to relax and recharge in preparation for a busy term of learning ahead. The weather has uprooted two large gum trees after hours – at our Bardoo Avenue entrance and behind Kulkuna – but thankfully no one has been injured and there has been minimal damage to property. We have also had a few branches fall from trees in our front playground. Fortunately, we had arborists pruning trees at the beginning of last term so any necessary tree lopping has recently been done. The children have been indoors during break times and the teachers have ensured the safety of the children when moving between rooms such as the library and music room. Despite the wild weather, it’s great to see the boys and girls return with smiling faces.

Parent Communication
The weather conditions, accompanied by some conflicting media reports, have highlighted the importance of communication within our school community. The school app was used over the past couple of days to send messages and alerts directly to smartphones and tablets. Please download the app if you haven’t already:

Kiss and Drop
My thanks to Adrian Molloy who has braved the conditions to monitor our ‘kiss and drop’ zone over the past couple of days. It has made a big difference to the traffic flow around our school in the mornings. This is a P&C initiative which will be ongoing throughout the year and I would like to thank future parent volunteers, in anticipation, for their time.

Mothers Day Breakfast
Our annual Mothers Day Breakfast is always a highlight on our school calendar. This year’s breakfast will be held on Friday 8th May from 8am. This year’s menu includes muffins, ham & cheese croissants, juice and yoghurt with granola. You can pre-order your choice at: www.flexischools.com.au.

Headphones
Our stocks of school headphones have been depleted. For hygiene reasons, we would like the children to bring along their own earbuds for use with our technology. You may have some spare sets at home or you can pick up a pair very cheaply from the shops. Please send them to school in a zip lock bag with your child’s name on them and they can be stored at school in tote trays.

Welcome Mrs Tofferi
I would like to welcome Gill Tofferi as our school administrative manager for Term 2. Mrs Tofferi is relieving in the position whilst Mrs Hunt is on extended leave. We hope to fill the position on a permanent basis towards the end of this term. Don’t forget Mrs Hunt’s farewell on Friday 8th May at the Seaforth Bowling Club from 6:30pm. There is 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.

2015 Opportunity Class Placement
Applications open next Monday for parents of Year 4 children who would like to apply for opportunity class (OC) placement for Year 5 in 2016. OC classes are academically selective and the entry process is quite rigorous. Our local OC schools are Balgowlah Heights, Mona Vale and Neutral Bay PS. For those children who apply, the OC placement test will be held on 22nd July. Parents can access the online application form at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. There is also a short video guide for parents on this page which explains OC classes in detail. Applications close on Friday 15th May.

Owen Taylor
Principal
Important Dates

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From the Deputy Principal's desk
Welcome back to another exciting term. I hope you had the opportunity to spend some quality time together as a family over the autumn break. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces and excited children arrive at school ready for another great term.

School Photographs
The 2014 P&C 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 provides professional photographers who aim to bring a fresh approach to school photos. School photographs will be held Term 2, Wednesday 29th April. Order envelopes were sent home last term or you can order online by following the link below.


All orders need to be placed before Wednesday 29th April. 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 of course, bring along a smile.

School Assemblies
We enjoy being able to share and celebrate the efforts and achievements of our students. This Thursday 23rd April, we will commence with a 3 – 6 assembly in the school hall at 2.20pm. Parents and friends are welcome to join us. Throughout the year we have K – 2, 3 – 6 and whole school assemblies, information about our term two assemblies is below.

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ANZAC Day Assembly
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 2.15 pm 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.

You Can Do It Program
Young children who are persistent keep on trying when things seem hard or not fun. They try hard to complete tasks and activities at school and home and do their chores without always having to be reminded. They seem to know that, to be successful, they sometimes have to work hard and not give up. As well, children who are persistent believe that the harder they try, the better they get.

This term all classes will continue with our You Can Do It program and will be discussing Persistence.

Ways to praise your child for Persistent behaviour
1. "You really put a lot of work into that."
2. "You really tried hard. Doesn't that feel good."
3. "Good for you. You didn't give up."
4. "You found that hard, but you kept trying"
5. "Well done, you did that even though it was not easy or fun."
6. "The more you practise the better you become."

Positive Habits of the Mind that help develop a young person’s Persistence include:

- **I Can Do It**- thinking that I’m more likely to be successful than I am to fail.
- **Giving Effort**- thinking that the harder I try, the more successful I will be, and knowing that success is not caused by external factors (luck, ease of task), but by internal factors (effort).
- **Working Tough**- thinking that in order to be successful in the future, I sometimes have to do things that are not easy or fun in the present.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

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NSW Public School Drama Ensemble
Callum van Schie, Olivia Smith, Clara Berry, Hamish Simington, Scarlett Moore, Mia Schwartz and Chloe Barnes who auditioned for the 2015 NSW Public Schools Drama Ensemble. It is highly competitive and over 100 students auditioned for only 28 spots. We would like to say how proud we are of all of these students and the effort and dedication they have demonstrated. A special congratulations to Chloe Barnes and Scarlett Moore for receiving a callback audition and to Mia Schwartz for being selected.
Mallory Parsons

Tennis
Tennis will be offered in Term 2 on Friday afternoons for those not participating in P.S.S.A. sport. The cost per child is $70.00, including coaching for 7 weeks starting Week 2 (Friday 1st May) and finishing Week 10 (Friday 12th June). The students will be walking from Balgowlah North Public School to the Jaggard-Ibarrola Tennis Academy (formerly Wakehurst Tennis Centre) at 1.35pm and returning to school at 3.00pm. Students must wear school sports uniform including a school hat. There are no tennis racquets available at the courts so students must provide their own racquet and bring a water bottle.

I require two parent volunteers to assist me each week in the supervision of students as we walk to and from the tennis courts. This would only be 15 minutes each way. Please let me know if you are available ASAP as we cannot go without you.

Notes and monies can be returned to Ms Turner (3T) no later than Tuesday 28th April.

Katherine Turner

School Banking
Given the uncertainty with the weather, school banking will not go ahead tomorrow morning.
Yogi Johnstone

Year 6 Jacket
Y6 students received their new jackets today, just in time for the change in weather. We think they look great.
Y6 Boys and Girls
# Canteen Roster

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# Canteen Volunteers Needed

Join our easy online rostering system to browse the available shifts.

[tinyurl.com/BNPScanteenroster](https://tinyurl.com/BNPScanteenroster)

Or scan the QR code above.

Roster enquiries email: petracanteen@optusnet.com.au

Please do the responsible thing. If you can’t make it, phone or swap. Please bring an apron!


Enquiries: Mylene 9949 4499

Order online: www.flexischools.com.au

Volunteers urgently needed! Please help by doing one shift per term.

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# Does Your Child Love to Sing Up a Storm?

The Sydney Vocal Arts Centre is now taking enrolments for the

**Many Children’s Choir Aged 6-12yrs**

**Wednesday Afternoon Group**

With Director Margi Coen

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.

Margi Coen’s students have appeared in Australia’s Got Talent, The Voice, X-Factor, The Voice Kids, Young Talent Time, The Schools Spectacular, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Mary Poppins, Belvoir Street & the Opera Australia Children’s Chorus

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EMAIL: info@vac.org.au

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Seaford Community Centre
Cnr Baragga Av and Koobila St
MONDAYS 6:00pm

Forestville Senior Citizens Centre
Cnr Warringah Rd and Starkey St
WEDNEDAYS 5:00pm

Also Beacon Hill and more

Phone: 04 1300 4094


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Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child?

Family and Community Services are seeking people in the local area to provide short term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0-16 years that are unable to live with their own families.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance.

If you are interested in making a difference and helping children reach their full potential, please call 9765 5000 or email fostercareservices@fcns.gov.au

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# Local Foster Carers Needed

[Family & Community Services](http://www.fcns.gov.au)
Holly is a consistently responsible member of class who quietly uses her initiative in many learning situations. She has high expectations of herself and endeavours to fulfil them to the best of her abilities. Her encouragement of others is a delight to see and a worthy asset in any group and whole class activity. A positive, inclusive attitude along with her mature approach to school life make Holly a deserving recipient of this citizenship award.

Lara has consistently demonstrated outstanding citizenship skills. She is always courteous and friendly. Lara maintains a positive attitude and a determination to achieve her best at all times, working quietly, calmly and diligently to achieve her goals.

Lara is a highly valued member of the class. She is an outstanding role model who exhibits qualities of fair play, tolerance and understanding towards others. Lara’s sense of responsibility is evident not only in the classroom and playground but also outside school. As a leader, Lara is a wonderful ambassador. She represents the school with pride and respect and she is a most deserving recipient of this prestigious award.
Balgowlah North Public School

Mothers’ Day Breakfast

Friday 8th May 2015

From 8.00am to 9.00am

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