From the Principal’s desk

P&C Meeting

I’d like to thank all the people who attended our first morning P&C meeting on Monday. It was great to see so much interest in our peak parent organisation. Louise Edney from local cooking school, Nourishing Nosh, gave an interesting presentation about nutrition, even providing a few delicious samples. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 June from 7:30pm in the library.

Mothers’ Day Breakfast

I’m looking forward to our Mothers’ Day Breakfast on Friday. We will meet on the deck from 8am to collect food and drinks. Our Concert Band will perform for us during the morning. Thank you to Mrs Parsons and her team for coordinating the breakfast and I hope all of our Mums get spoilt rotten on Sunday.

Winter Uniform

There have been a few questions regarding our winter uniform. The information below is taken from our school website: http://www.balgowlahn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/uniforms. Our uniforms can be purchased from Pickles in Brookvale.

Girls Winter Uniform

- Winter tunic, winter skort, or slacks with school blue shirt (short or long sleeved)
- Maroon sweatshirt or zip jacket
- Navy socks or navy tights
- Black shoes

Boys Winter Uniform

- Navy pants or shorts with school blue polo shirt (short or long sleeved)
- Maroon jumper or zip jacket
- Black shoes

Lost Property

Lost property is a constant issue at our school. Our lost property boxes are overflowing on a weekly basis. The K-2 lost property is located outside Miss Burns’ KT classroom and the 3-6 lost property is located on the verandah outside Mr McCall’s room. If your child has lost an item of clothing, there is a good chance it has ended up in one of these boxes. Please feel free to come and search for any lost items. Thank you for your support in this matter.

2016 OC Applications

A reminder to parents of Year 4 children that applications for 2016 opportunity class (OC) placement close on Friday 15th May. Applications can be made online at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. On this page there is also a short video guide for parents which explains the OC process in detail.

Social Media

Many of our children are using technology at school to support their learning. Part of this learning involves teaching them how to be good digital citizens when accessing the Internet. Social media plays a role in our adult lives but social media outlets have age restrictions for accessing their applications. For your information, the minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, and Snapchat is 13. For Vine, Tinder and Yik Yak it’s 17. YouTube requires account holders to be 18, but a 13-year-old can sign up with a parent’s permission. Despite these clearly stated and published age restrictions, growing numbers of children 12 and under are using social media networks, often with their parent’s knowledge and consent. We do not recommend you support your child to set up any of these accounts while at primary school. Lying about age is the wrong thing to do. Also, children of primary school age don’t have the cognitive structures needed to fully grasp the impact their actions may have on others. This may lead to uncomfortable online situations.

Owen Taylor
Principal

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### Important Dates

- **8th May**  Mothers’ Day Breakfast
- **12th May**  Year 6 Shakespeare Workshops
- **13th May**  K-2 Seymour Centre Excursion
- **13th May**  Colonial Walking Tour 4V & 4Y
- **19th May**  Manly Dam Excursion 2B & 2HN
- **20th May**  Manly Dam Excursion 2MT & 2J

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### From the Deputy Principal’s desk

#### School Photographs

‘Natural Child School Photography’ will be returning to school on 18th May to finish photographs of siblings. Please ensure your child is wearing their winter school uniform on this Monday 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 7th May, we will commence with a 3 – 6 assembly led by 4S in the school hall at 2.20pm. Parents and friends are welcome to join us.

#### Learning Lab

Thank you to all our wonderful tutors who assist our youngest children with their reading in the Learning Lab each week. You make such a difference and we are so appreciative of your generosity. Once again we are in need of some more tutors to assist Mrs Watson in the Learning Lab. If you are able to assist on any morning between Monday to Friday we would love to hear from you. If you would like to find out more about the program please contact Mrs Watson or myself through the school office.

#### You Can Do It

This term our students are focussing on the Persistence Key. When developing persistence, we are learning to give (sustained) effort, work tough and to believe ‘I can do it!’ Persisting is not giving up. Persistence is not thinking ‘I can’t be bothered’ and nor is it thinking ‘I can’t do this.’ We need to persist, especially when we are developing complex skills over time as we do at school each day. Sometimes things do get tough and this is when we keep going. I wonder who will show their teacher their persistence this week?

#### Band Camp

Our bands and string ensemble students are very excited about our annual Band Camp which will take place next weekend 16th & 17th May at school. Students need to bring their instrument, music folder, music stand, water bottle, a smile, concentration, and band uniform (with black socks and shoes) for Sunday’s performance. Students will meet at the school hall on Saturday 16th at 12.45 and can be collected promptly at 6.30pm. A huge thank you must go to Annie White, Suzi Lemlin our Band Conductors and all the wonderful parents of the Band Committee who have organised and will then run this event. Band Camp is a huge undertaking as there are so many students, conductors, tutors and parents involved. If you can offer some time to assist on either Saturday or Sunday please contact Annie White as soon as possible.

**Marita Nieuwenhuis**  
Deputy Principal

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### Book Club

Book Club closes Friday 8th May. Please make cheques payable to Balgowlah North Public School.
Talk on Gallipoli
Last Friday, Mrs Elaine Hartmann a member of the local community and a former teacher at Narrabeen North Public School, came to our school to talk to Year 6 about Gallipoli. Her grandfather and great grandfather were involved in the 1st World War at Gallipoli. She shared her own experiences and involvement with this war. She had such a lot of knowledge about this war, providing us with facts and sharing real life situations to explain how life really was at Gallipoli. Her personal stories were very moving as she spoke about her connection with Gallipoli. Elaine also brought in her collection of medals and told us of their significance and her teddy bears wearing outfits resembling the 1914 uniforms of the Naval Army, nurses and sailors.

Through videos and soundtracks about behind the scenes at Gallipoli, we learnt about life in the trenches through to how soldiers prepared for war. We all learnt so much about Gallipoli and would like to thank Elaine for giving up her time to come and talk to us.

Mia Schwartz on behalf of Year 6

Library News
We have had a busy start to the term in the library with lots of enthusiastic borrowing. We have also begun interesting research projects across the grades.

This term year 5 and 6 students will be researching to find out about what life was like for different groups of Australian’s during World War 1. In our library lessons we will be examining a number of different historical sources and working in small groups collaboratively. To support this research, last Monday our Year 6’s were part of a video conference with the State Library of NSW. They were shown diaries, photos and paintings from the libraries collection of historical evidence from World War 1.

Many of the students have been wondering when they will be able to borrow the books which were donated by their grandparents. Mrs Elder has been working very hard to accession these new books onto our library system. The books also need to be covered before they can go home. We have had some parents very kindly offer to help with this job and are coming in to cover books in the library on Thursday morning this week. If you like to join them we would really appreciate your help!

Debbie Horsley & Megan Rose

Canteen Roster

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Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition 2015

Mike Baird and Balgowlah North Public School are again proud to hold The Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition for Manly Primary Schools.

The competition will consist of three levels. The competition begins at CLASS level, followed by a YEAR competition, then a SCHOOL competition. The winners of the SCHOOL competition will compete at Parliament House. The task of preparing the speech will be a homework task.

Aims of the competition
- To promote the public speaking skills of all students
- To develop effective listening skills
- To encourage confidence in students and the ability to speak in front of an audience
- To develop the public speaking skills of students who have a talent and to promote this talent through a competition

How the competition works
1. CLASS COMPETITION: Each student will be required to present a speech. The speech is to be selected from one of the set topics. This same speech will be used at all levels of the competition. Three speakers will represent each class at the next level. The class teacher will adjudicate and will use a scoring sheet that will be provided.

2. YEAR COMPETITION: Three speakers will speak from each class. In the primary competition two winners will be selected to represent their year. For Early Stage One (Kindergarten) and Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) the competition finishes here. For Stage 2 (Years 3 - 4) and Stage 3 (Years 5 – 6) at this level two speakers will be selected to represent their year at the school competition.

3. SCHOOL COMPETITION:
   - Stage 2 (4 speakers) – one winning representative will be chosen
   - Stage 3 (4 speakers) – one winning representative will be chosen

Participating schools
Participating schools will send one Stage 2 and one Stage 3 winning representative to compete at Parliament House on Monday 24th August 2015.

Suggested timeline for the competition
CLASS COMPETITIONS: to be held by Term 2 Week 7 (by Friday 5 June)
YEAR COMPETITIONS: to be held by Term 3 Week 3 (by Friday 31st July)
SCHOOL COMPETITION: to be held by Term 3 Week 5 (by Friday 14 August)
The Bear Pit Competition Finals will be held at NSW Parliament House, Term 3 Week 7 (Monday 24 August 2015).

Length of time for speeches
- Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) - 1 minute with no warning bell
- Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) - 2 minutes with a bell at 1 minute
- Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) - 3 minutes with a bell at 2 minutes
- Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) - 4 minutes with a bell at 3 minutes

2015 Topics
ES1/Stage 1 (Years K-2)

- If I had one superpower, it would be...
- I can make a difference
- Native animals as pets?

Stage 2 (Years 3-4)

- Junk food’s popularity relies on marketing
- Every family has a story
- I am proud to be Australian

Stage 3 (Years 5-6)

- Real wealth is never measured in money or possessions
- The more we communicate, the less we say
- Define courage

Jann Reekers

Gwen Hunt’s Leaving Function

Just a reminder about Mrs Hunt’s leaving function:

Venue: Seaforth Bowling Club
Time: 6.30pm start
Cost: $10 single $15 couple

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Friday 8th May 2015

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