From the Principal’s desk

Farewell Miss Burns
We wish Miss Burns all the best as she starts her maternity leave at the end of this week. Miss Burns and her partner Corey are expecting twins in a few weeks’ time. On behalf of the entire Balgowlah North school community, I would like to wish them the best of luck as they embark on this next chapter of their lives. We welcome Mrs Camille Hadley to our team as the class teacher for KM until the end of the year.

Congratulations Mrs Reinhardt
In other baby news… Mrs Jenni Reinhardt gave birth to a baby boy last Friday. River Chase Reinhardt weighed in at 3.7kg, measuring 51cm in length. Mum and baby are both doing well. Congratulations Jenni and Sol!

What a busy week!
This week has certainly been one of our busiest weeks of the year thus far. Years 3 and 4 headed off to the Sydney Writers’ Festival; Kindergarten and their Year 6 buddies went to the Zoo, Year 2 went down to Manly Dam with guides from Gibberagong and our Zone Cross Country runners compete against the best runners from Manly PSSA Zone tomorrow. One of the things I am most proud of is the wonderful way our boys and girls represent our school when they are off-site. I get regular feedback about the fantastic behaviour, attitude and manners of our children which is terrific. Well done boys and girls and thank you parents for your continued support.

NAPLAN Week
Last week, NAPLAN testing came and went without a hitch. Thank you for your support in ensuring we had relaxed, happy children throughout the week. Some of our Year 3 children enjoyed it so much that they wanted to do it all again this week! We will report on our school’s NAPLAN results early in Term 4.

Trivia Nights
Thanks to all the parents who have already booked their tables for our trivia nights on Friday 12th & Saturday 13th June. These nights are always great fun with lots of prizes to be won. More information is available on the flyer later in this newsletter. Tickets are selling fast and can be bought online through Flexischools.

Band Camp
I’d like to thank all of those involved in the organisation of last weekend’s Band Camp. The band and string programs are highly valued alongside Mrs Malar’s music education and our choral groups. The band and string conductors, Angus, Lanneke and Natasha, have done a wonderful job with the children this year. The concert on Sunday was a terrific performance and it was great to see the adult tutors and conductors playing on stage with the kids. Well done to all involved! Keep up the great work boys and girls!

CyberSafety Evening
A reminder that Leonie Smith, the ‘Cyber Safety Lady’, will be presenting an information session at Covenant Christian School next Tuesday 26th May between 7-9pm. These sessions are very informative and I would encourage parents to attend. The evening is FREE but bookings are essential on youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au.

Owen Taylor
Principal
Term 2 Week 5  Wednesday 20th May 2015

Important Dates
21st May Zone Cross Country
25th May Rugby Knock Out Competition
26th May Stage 3 CARES
2nd June Responsible Pet Program K-2
3rd June ICAS Science

From the Deputy Principal’s Desk

Band Camp
Congratulations on a successful band camp over the weekend. Our students worked extremely hard and it was a joy to hear them perform at the concert on Sunday. Thank you also to the wonderful parents’ who helped with supervision, provided a delicious food for the hungry musicians and so much more, also to our hard working conductors and tutors for sharing their expertise. The children enjoyed the opportunity to work on their music pieces with their conductor and have small group workshops with their tutors - great job! The students’ behaviour and attitude to learning was excellent.

Behaviour Choices
We can all think of times when children make poor behaviour choices. Here are some questions that teachers and parents can use to help children make better choices. Children can also be taught these questions so they learn to check their own behaviour choices. If the child doesn't answer, the questions are turned into a statement (see written underneath).

USING QUESTIONS TO CHECK BEHAVIOUR CHOICES
What do you want? Is it safe, respectful or responsible?
This is what I need from you.

What are you doing? saying?
This is what I see/hear.

Is it working? Is it safe, respectful, responsible?
It's not working for me.

Can you figure out a better way?
This is what I want you to do.

Ways to talk to students to recognise that they choose their behaviour
We want to teach our children that they actually choose what they do - they are not "forced" to behave by outside agencies. At school we try not to use questions such as "What did they do to you?” or “Why did you do that?” because language like this teaches children that their behaviour is externally caused, and that they can blame someone or some event outside themselves for what happened.

To teach children that they choose what they do, use language like this:
1. What do we need to figure out?
2. That won't work here. Think of another way.
3. What do you WANT to be seeing, hearing, feeling?
5. How did you handle yourself? What did YOU do? say?
6. What are you telling yourself about it? Can you change that?
7. What are you doing? Is it working?
6. How would you like it to be?
9. What could you do differently next time?

University of NSW Science Competition – ICAS
Wednesday June 3rd is the date for our UNSW Competition ‘Science’
Children are required to be at their designated classroom by 7.50am for an 8.00am start. Please see classroom allocation below:
• Year 3 Science in 6S classroom
• Year 4 Science in 5M classroom
• Year 5 Science in 5P classroom
• Year 6 Science in 6W classroom.
Please note that if children are absent for the test there is no makeup time available.

K-6 Assembly
This Thursday, our K-6 assembly commencing at 2.10pm, will feature a performance from our Intermediate Band as well as many of our students being recognised for their efforts and achievements in so many areas. We look forward to parents sharing the assembly with us.

Enrolments for 2016
The first steps into the education system shapes your child's love and enthusiasm for learning and will have a significant impact on their future emotional, social and educational development. Our teachers, who coordinate the Kindergarten program, are passionate, caring and focused on teaching and learning. Classrooms are stimulating and exciting places where your child is given the opportunity to learn social and academic skills through an enriched and engaging program.
Please contact the school office for an enrolment form so you and your child can be included in our 2016 Kindergarten Orientation Program. Providing this information will enable us to communicate further dates and information with you. Our Kindergarten Orientation program commences next term. Our first introduction to school is for parents with our “Parent Information Evening” on Wednesday 22nd July followed by our “Journey of Learning” on Monday 17th August. Please check our school website under ‘enrolment’ for information pertaining to our Orientation Program.

Walk to School Safely Day
Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It will be held throughout Australia on Friday 22 May 2015. We are encouraging parents/carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour by walking to school. WSTSD also promotes a healthy lifestyle, safe road skills and an environmental awareness about the impact of motor vehicles. We hope many of our families will join in the WSTSD on Friday.

History has demonstrated that the most notable winners usually encountered heart -breaking obstacles before they triumphed. They won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats.
B.C.Forbes
Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

Year 2 Excursion to Manly Dam
This term Year 2 is studying ‘Our Local Environment’ with a focus on Manly Dam and the Indigenous people local to this area. As a part of this H.S.I.E unit of work we are visiting Manly Dam. We will be led through the bush by special guides from Gibberagong. This will include a bush food tasting.

This visit to Manly Dam will involve a bush walk along the set trails. Our guides will show us how the Indigenous people used the land and their surroundings. This allows students to experience a site important to our local area containing primary evidence showing how our Indigenous population lived.
Year 2 Teachers

Musical Notes
Concert, Intermediate and Junior Band and String Ensemble Annual Workshop
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Band and String ensemble workshop on the weekend. It was a huge success and the children are to be congratulated on the effort and achievements. They worked hard with the Concert on Sunday as evidence. It was a pleasure to listen to each and every item from all the different groups. A special thankyou to both Angus Bullough, Lanneke Grace and Natasha Romounoff, the conductors and to Annie White and all the music committee parents who put in an enormous effort to ensure the camp ran smoothly.

Band bags
The Band Committee have bought Band Bags for all the children to purchase at a cost of $20. The bags have the school logo on them in the school colours. They are very compact and allow the children to keep their music folders and band books altogether safely and tidily.

If you would like to purchase the band bag please send $20 in cash, in a clearly marked envelope with name of student, class and “Band Bag” written on it, to the school office.

Forthcoming events:
21st May – Intermediate Band performing at the K-6 assembly
18th June – Disco
K-2  4.30pm – 6.00pm
3-6  6.00pm – 8.00pm
25th June - Concert Band performing at the K-6 assembly
Jenny Mercer
School Band Liaison

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Sports News
On Monday the senior boys soccer team played in the State Knockout. They beat Harbord A’s 4-1. It was a close and intense game. A special thanks to Mrs Danenbergson, Mrs Finberg and Mrs Mason for taking us. Thank you to Miss Barns for teaching us.

Congratulations to Paige Etherington and Chloe Mason for making the district talent squad in netball. Well done girls!

Susie Stock
Make a Difference (MAD)

Every little bit helps so please support our Y6 project in the following ways:

1. Donate sport shoes, footy boots and sneakers to support indigenous children

We are very excited and wrote to Adam Goodes for his support. He loved our idea and directed us towards one of the Young Australian of the Year finalists last year, Dr John Van Bockxmeer who has set up an organisation called ‘Fair Game’. John is happy to help us with the distribution of donations. http://www.fairgamewa.org/

2. Donate items for the Winter Care Kits (or complete kits) for the homeless

Linda Pang is the founder of a kindness community initiative called Kindness Is Catching. Linda asked homeless organisations and people sleeping rough what they needed before launching her Kindness is Catching campaign. This is how she came up with the nine items in the care package.

Linda wants to make it easy for people to pick up everything in one spot when they are doing their supermarket shop and Year 6 students are fully committed to supporting this campaign. For more information visit facebook.com/icaughtkindness

(Donation Boxes will be on the verandah outside the Year 6 classrooms)

3. Buy something yummy from our cake stall to raise money for the Women’s Shelter in Manly on Thursday 28th May near the flagpole after school

4. Purchase raffle tickets to win a brand new surf board. Tickets will be sold around the community. The money raised will support the charity Water for Life - http://www.waterforlife.org/

Please find out more about these wonderful organisations by following the links provided and check out the details on posters around the school and local community.

Thank you – Year 6
Book Club

Book club closes on Friday 29th May 2015. Cheques should be made payable to Balgowlah North Public School.

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