From the Principal’s desk

National Simultaneous Storytime
On Thursday, we will be taking part in National Simultaneous Storytime. This initiative is organised by the Australian Library and Information Association where a picture book by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, and many other places around the country. This year’s book is ‘The Brothers Quibble’ by Aaron Blabey, a beautifully written piece about children and sibling rivalry. It begins… ‘Spalding Quibble ruled the roost. He shared it with no other. But then his parents introduced, a brand new baby brother…’ It’s certainly well worth a read if you get the chance.

Defence of Sydney Harbour Service
On Friday, our four school captains and I will be attending the annual commemoration service which marks the night that World War II came to Sydney. The service will be at the Defence of Sydney Monument on North Head and led by the Prime Minister and local Member for Warringah, Tony Abbott. This year is the 73rd anniversary of the attack on Sydney Harbour and Vice Admiral David Johnston AM RAN, Chief of Joint Operations, will be the guest speaker.

Traffic Issues
I received an email from a very concerned parent last week about some unsafe driving around our school. This particular driver became impatient near our ‘Kiss & Drop’ zone and crossed the double lines to the other side of the road to speed off towards the Wakehurst Parkway. I would like to think this driver was not a member of our school community but it serves as a sobering reminder to be careful and vigilant when dropping off or picking up your children from school. Please take care.

On a positive note, I would like to thank everyone for their safe driving practices when using the ‘Kiss & Drop’ zone in the mornings. Everyone now seems to understand the system which is making drop off time much less stressful. Adrian Molloy, our P&C vice president, and I will be attending a meeting of the Warringah Traffic Committee next Tuesday morning to argue our case for an extension of the current ‘Kiss & Drop’ zone. I’m sure Council will support this initiative.

Online Ordering Cut Off Time
To ensure our lunch orders are prepared on time each day, the Canteen Committee have decided to move the online ordering cut off time through Flexischools forward from 9am to 8:30am. This will give the workers and volunteers some much-needed extra time to prepare the 200+ orders that need to be delivered each day. The Canteen Committee have also prepared a survey to help with future planning for the canteen. This online survey in completely anonymous and can be accessed via this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JQ5V5LG. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this important survey.

Knockout Teams
We have had two knockout games this week already, with another scheduled for Thursday. Our rugby union boys took part in the statewide Brian Palmer Shield on Monday, being defeated by Newport PS in the final to finish second. Our senior girls’ soccer team also played Newport at Narrabeen and lost 5-2 in an entertaining contest. Our senior soccer boys who will be playing Harbord on Thursday at 12pm here at school. Well done boys and girls for representing our school with pride; and thank you to our coaches – Miss Yore, Mr McCall and Miss Barns - for preparing the kids and organising these opportunities.

Drama Group
Our drama group will participate in an audition tomorrow morning to see if we are selected to perform at NIDA as part of the Arts North Drama Festival next term. Break a leg girls and boys!

Owen Taylor
Principal
Term 2 Week 6

Wednesday 27th May 2015

Important Dates
2nd June  Responsible Pet Program K-2
3rd June  ICAS Science
8th June  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
10th June  P&C Meeting

PBL Focus

Be Safe – Sticks and stones stay on the ground

From the Deputy Principal’s Desk
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. Remember to bring a lead pencil and eraser.

Assembly

Our K-6 assembly last week was an outstanding example of student leadership at BNPS. Our school captains, vice captains, prefects and sound crew were organised and confident as they led their peers through the assembly format. Our school leaders capably made announcements and dozens of students received awards acknowledging success and progress across a wide range of school activities. Students were very settled and calm during the assembly, which is testament to the confidence they have in their leaders. Well done to all!

This Thursday, our 3 - 6 assembly will commence at 2.20pm, and will feature a performance from 5P as well as many of our students being recognised for their efforts and achievements. We look forward to parents sharing the assembly with us.

Storytelling in Year 1

On Tuesday, 19th May we were fortunate to have the grandmother, Donna Jacobs Sife of Sophia Klau (1S) visit Balgowlah North Public School to tell Year 1 classes stories designed around their HSIE unit on ‘Sustainability’.

Donna is one of Australia’s leading storytellers and a published writer, who has been telling stories in schools around Australia and the world for over a decade. Thank you to Donna who volunteered her time to visit our school despite her hectic schedule. Year 1 teachers and children thoroughly enjoyed her performance.

Maths Olympiad / Maths Games

The Maths Olympiad began at the start of this term, our team consists of students in Years 4, 5 and 6. The Olympiad is a state wide program that aims to foster in students, a greater interest in and awareness of the power of mathematics and a desire to succeed in solving mathematical problems. Our team participated in the first of 5 challenges and the questions certainly got the students thinking! The program also provides our team with solutions including detailed discussion materials. Congratulations to Jack Giffin, Mia Schwartz, Isabella Rigatos, Euan Loh, Zac Ottawa, Harvey Jones, Beatrix Jones, Hamish Simington, Oliver Mace-Smith and Lachlan Patterson for scoring 4/5 in the first round.

Test your problem solving skills with this question from our first round in the competition.

Each of the counting numbers from 1 -10 occurs only once in a collection of 5 cards. One number appears on each side of each card with an even number on one side and an odd number on the opposite side. Four of the cards are made visible and the sum on the face up numbers on the visible cards is 29. What is the greatest possible sum for the face down numbers on those four visible cards?

This year we are participating in a trial program ‘Maths Games’ competition, which provides an opportunity for students in Years 5 and 6 to learn valuable problem solving skills and exposes them to the application of mathematical problem solving strategies and techniques. The Maths Games is aligned with the Australian curriculum and focuses on challenging students to think laterally and creatively when solving mathematically-based problems. The APSMO Maths Games consist of 5 separate contests, one per month from May to September. Good luck to our ‘Maths Game’ team in their first round!

I learned the value of hard work by working hard.

Margaret Mead

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal

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Musical Notes
Intermediate Band
Congratulations to the students in the Intermediate Band who performed at the K-6 assembly. Well done and keep up the practice.

Monthly Musical Awards
At the recent K-6 assembly the following students in our Concert, Intermediate Junior Bands and String ensemble received the first of our newly introduced ‘Musician of the Month’ awards. Congratulations to the following children for your well-deserved recognition of effort and achievements in your section from your conductor.

Concert Band
Josh Tucker
Intermediate Band
Keira Midson
Junior Band
Annika Pittar
String Ensemble
Natasha Woodward

Congratulations to our Band members for the following achievements. Olivia Smith: Grade 1 Horn exam and for receiving a High Distinction A+. Amy Ling: 3rd place at the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod in the under 10 Woodwind Instruments competition.

DISCO Heroes and Villians
Keep this date free - Thursday 18th June.
Tickets will soon be on sale for the School Disco from June 8th.
This is for all K-6 students. Brief details:
When: Thursday 18th June
Times: K-2 - 4.30 – 6pm
3-6 - 6.30 – 8pm
Where: School Hall
We look forward to seeing Heroes and Villians coming along for a great time.

Forthcoming events
13th June – Northern Beaches Festival of Music for String Ensembles
Senior Strings – 12.30 – 2.00pm
Beginner Strings – 3.30 – 5.00pm
18th June Heroes and Villians - Disco
June 25th K-6 assembly - Concert Band performing with the Forest High School Band
Jenny Mercer
School Band Liaison

Zone Cross Country Results

BIG congratulations to all our Zone Cross Country runners last Thursday. The students competed against eleven other local schools and the competition was tough! We are all very proud of both their efforts and behaviour on the day. Thank you to Jo Dalton and Claire Magee for helping on the day and to all the wonderful parents who came along to support their children. Your assistance was much appreciated by Mrs Parsons and me.

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Place | Boys 10 Yrs | Place | Girls 10 Yrs |
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| 1st   | Thomas Klem | 2nd   | Scarlett Davies |
| 25th  | Lachlan Terrill | 19th | Leah Burton   |
| 31st  | Stanley Martin | 23rd | Jessie Dalton |
| 37th  | Oscar Bellevue | 25th | Indiana Mace  |
| 42nd  | James Fox    | 29th  | Ava Read      |
| 50th  | Jack Danenbergsons | 34th | Ella Coulcher |

Place | Boys 11 Yrs | Place | Girls 11 Yrs |
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| 4th   | Nate Riddington | 11th | Beatrix Jones |
| 14th  | Hamish McLellan | 26th | Jasmine Barnard |
| 17th  | Sam Wells    | 36th  | Chloe Barnes |
| 20th  | Jack Albert  | 38th  | Matilda Daniels |
| 22nd  | Jamie Stodart | 51st | Ella Bosinco-Hammet |
| 26th  | Jack Mason   | 52nd  | Millie Albert |
| 48th  | Keegan Barry |       |              |

Place | Boys 12 Yrs | Place | Girls 12 Yrs |
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| 3rd   | Josh Read  | 4th   | Evie Coulter |
| 6th   | Riley Coates | 8th  | Sophie Walters |
| 8th   | Will Klem  | 18th  | Jamie Brown  |
| 14th  | Max Pike   | 21st  | Angie Taylor |
| 20th  | Harvey Jones | 24th | Olivia Bellevue |
| 28th  | Cam Mace   | 53rd  | Flore Kwakernaak |
| 33rd  | Dylan Kagho |       |              |

Well done everyone - what fabulous results! Congratulations to Alyssa Medved, Thomas Klem, Scarlett Davies, Hamish Purdy, Nate Riddington, Evie Coulter, Jules Cockerill, Josh Read and Riley Coates for placing in the top 6 and to Will Klem and Sophie Walters for placing in the top 8. These nine students will travel to Gosford to compete in the regional North Sydney Cross Country on Thursday 11th June.

Susie Stock and Mallory Parsons

2015 Bryan Palmer Shield Rugby Union Gala Day

Balgowlah North PS competed in the Sydney North round of the 2015 Bryan Palmer Shield along with public schools from Harbord, Elanora Heights, Hunters Hill and Newport. Balgowlah North came second to a well-drilled Newport side.

A special thanks to Sylvia Lacey, Zoe Pike, Scott McLellan, Peter Skene and Paul Bortolussi who provided logistics and support for the boys in order for them to participate. A great effort everyone and thank you!

Chris McCall

Library News

Lots of students have been excited this week to take home the books their Grandparents donated last term. A huge thank you to Christie Peck and Liz Hunter for covering many of the books. We have more students now who have completed The Premier’s Reading Challenge. Well done Juliet Oliver, Georgia Margetts, Hayley Ling, Mischa McCulloch and Lola Noble.

Debbie Horsley & Megan Rose
Citizenship Award K-2
Zara Durkin

Zara has a genuine love of learning and is a valued member of our school. She is an extremely conscientious student. Zara has made our classroom a more caring environment with her thoughtful nature. She enjoys assisting her classmates and teachers with any task regardless of how big or small. Zara's kind heart, thoughtfulness and school spirit is infectious. Her positive approach to learning makes her an exemplary role model to others. She is a truly worthy recipient of the citizenship award.

Citizenship Award 3-6
Matthew Young-Thompson

Matthew's consistent display of outstanding citizenship skills has been recognised throughout the school. He consistently meets school expectations by showing a positive, respectful and encouraging attitude to both teachers and peers. Matthew puts the needs of others above all else, displaying fairness and equity at all times. He approaches all tasks with enthusiasm and dedication. With a commitment to learning and constant drive to meet his own high expectations, Matthew is a role model within the classroom. Matthew's genuine kindness and dedication to be an ambassador for Balgowlah North Public School, makes him a worthy recipient of this Citizenship Award.
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Make a Difference (MAD)

The Year 6 boys will be selling raffle tickets to go into the draw to win a surfboard by Haydn Lewis Designs at Balgowlah North Shops on Friday after school for the next two weeks.

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Bubble Football Tournament (Week 1 - $30/player)

Get fired up these holidays and get 5 friends together to enter a team into our Bubble Football Tournament. The tournament is held indoors on artificial turf for the perfect Bubble Football experience. Ages 11-15. Days for each age group on our website.

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