From the Principal's desk

Welcome back everyone!
I trust you all had a happy and safe holiday. The boys and girls have settled back into school routines and we are all looking forward to another busy, exciting Term Three. I would especially like to welcome back Mrs Eliza McAllister to KM and to welcome Mrs Sascha Carroll who will be working with 6W for the next three weeks while Mrs Wetzler is on leave. We will continue to focus on an element from our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program each week, which will be published in this newsletter. As you know, our three expectations are to be Respectful, Responsible and Safe. This week’s focus is on responsibility and putting rubbish in the bins.

No Stopping Zones
I have had several conversations with our concerned neighbours about the parking practices of some of our parents, particularly in ‘No Stopping’ zones. You are not permitted to park in a ‘No Stopping’ zone at any time, even if you will only be there for a short time. The fine for disobeying a ‘No Stopping’ sign in a school zone is $311 and a loss of 2 demerit points from your licence. The neighbours have reported recent infringements to the local police and Warringah Council and have requested additional patrols. Please park legally and safely around our school.

2016 Kindy Information Night
We will be hosting an Information Evening next Wednesday 22nd July for our 2016 Kindergarten enrolments. The evening will be held in our school hall from 7pm. If you have a Kindergarten child starting next year, you will need to complete an enrolment form and bring it to the office. You can download the forms from our website: http://www.balgowlahn-ps.schools.nsw.edu.au/enrolment

Tree Work Around the School
We finally had our three fallen trees removed during the holidays and our playground certainly looks much more user friendly. We also had some tree pruning and removal work done as identified in our annual tree inspection and management report. We were fortunate to have all of this work done in the holidays to prevent any disruption for our children.

Sport Knockouts
Tomorrow our girls’ soccer team and boys’ rugby league teams will be playing in the next round of their respective State knockout competitions. The girls are playing Neutral Bay at Cammeray Park, kicking off at 11:30am and the boys play the winner of Harbord and Narrabeen at Harbord PS from around 10:30am. Both games will be very competitive and we would welcome your support on the sidelines. Good luck to all the boys and girls involved and thank you to the parents involved in the transportation to and from the grounds.

OC Placement Test
A reminder for those Year 4 children who applied for OC placement for 2016 that the test will be held at Northern Beaches Secondary College – Manly Campus next Wednesday 22nd July from 9.00am – 11:15am. Good luck to those children sitting the test.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be a morning meeting on Monday 27th July straight after morning lines.

Owen Taylor Principal
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From the Deputy Principal’s Desk

Dear parents,
Welcome back to the new term. I hope you have had the opportunity to spend some quality time together as a family over the winter break. It was wonderful to see so many smiles and excited children arrive at school ready for another term of learning.

University of NSW English Competition – ICAS
Tuesday 28th July is the date for our UNSW English Competition.
Children are required to be at their designated classroom by 7.50am for an 8.00am start. Please see classroom allocation below:
• Year 3 English in 6S classroom
• Year 4 English in 5M classroom
• Year 5 English in 5P classroom
• Year 6 English 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, eraser and sharpener.

Assembly
We look forward to Year 6 leading our 3 – 6 assembly this Thursday. Parents and friends are welcome to join us, please be seated by 2.20pm in the hall.

University of NSW Science Competition Results
Congratulations to all our students in the University of NSW Science Competition. The results for the Science competition are:
Year 3
High Distinction:
Amber Davies, Luke Sun
Distinction:
Enzo Munro, Jamie Young-Thompson
Credit:
Daniel Bott, Emily Devine, Haley Ling, Chloe Piper, Angus Williams

Year 4
High Distinction:
Oliver Mace-Smith
Distinction:
Scarlett Davies, Annabel Filmer, Annabel Lynch, Stanley Martin, Mischa McCulloch, Isabella White, Natasha Woodward, Matthew Young-Thompson
Credit:
Ashleigh Barton, Ava Currie, Morgan Jones, Ella Maryska, Hugo Pike

Year 5
Distinction:
Chloe Barnes, Sarah Gatherer, Chloe Mason, Hamish Simington
Credit:
Holly Baynham, Tara Flack, Tighe Jones, Jamie Stodart, Karin Sun

Year 6
Credit:
Evie Coulter, Beatrix Jones, Amelia Molloy, Zach Ottowa, Kane Sablatnig, Mia Schwartz

Congratulations.
Congratulations to our Concert Band for their fabulous participation in the workshop last term with Forest High band. The children worked alongside the High School band members, refining their piece ‘Moves like Jagger’ and learning some new pieces. The workshop provided our students with the opportunity to work with students who have been playing their instrument for many years and to play with a highly experienced band. Thank you to Mr Ben Goldsmith from Forest High for helping to organise this opportunity, their conductor Lemin Lu and Lanneka Grace our Concert band conductor.

Marita Nieuwenhuis
Deputy Principal
Sports News
The Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 29th July at Seaforth Oval. Students will be walking to and from the oval. PSSA resumes this Friday.

Susie Stock

Library News
Term 3 is going to be a busy one in the library! At the end of last term we implemented a new library management system called Oliver. This is a great tool which students will be able to use when searching for resources in the library both physical and digital. It is like our own Balgowlah North Library Website. Students can access Oliver from home or school by logging into the Portal with their school User Name and Password at http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au

As well as using it as a searching tool, students will be able to reserve books they are wanting and write book reviews to publish on Oliver. It will be updated regularly with information about events coming up in the library and useful website links. Students will be shown how to use Oliver in their library lessons.

Debbie Horsley & Megan Rose

Visual Arts Workshop
Year 6 students Olivia Bradley, Elsie Watson-Clark and Emily Wesley, participated in a two-day art course at the end of last term. The girls created a wide range of artworks using a range of drawing techniques as well as developing their skills in the use of pastels, oil paints and screen printing. The course culminated in an outstanding art exhibition.

To see more of the students’ work, visit the Year 6 blog at www.balgowlahnorthps15.edublogs.org. An exhibition will also be on display in the office area early this term.

Bev Wetzler

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition
Congratulations to Annabelle Filmer and Isabella White who competed in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition final at Cammeray last term.

Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition
All students from K-6 participated in the Bear Pit public speaking competition last term. The aim of the competition is to give students from schools in the Manly area an opportunity to compete at a regional level, resulting in finals which are held in the ‘Bear Pit’ at Parliament House in Macquarie Street, Sydney.

Public Speaking is not only a valuable life skill, it is also an important part of the English syllabus. Congratulations to the following Years 3-6 students for outstanding achievement in the competition. The winners of the Stage 2 and Stage 3 competition will be announced soon.

Public Speaking Committee

Y3-6 Finalists 2015
3A - Phoebe Barnes, Despina Yanitsas, Hunter Ottawa
3J - Hayley Ling, Cameron Dennison, Lily Wilson
3T - Barnaby Merrill, Siena Geisker, Olivia Tully
3W - Olivia Callanan, Rhys Morgan, Harry Tomlin
4S - Natasha Woodward, Tyler Campbell, Mischa McCulloch
4N - Oliver Mace-Smith, Ben Hessell, Charlotte Skinner
4V – Scarlett Davies, Ava Currie, Ella Maryska
4Y - Ella Coulcher, Annabel Filmer, Hugo Pike
5B - Ava Dawes, Leah Burton, Scarlett Moore
5P - Chloe Barnes, Jamie Stodart, Tara Flack
5M - Isabella Anderson, Chloe Mason, Sarah Gatherer
6S – Mia Schwartz, Sofia Walia, Evie Coulter
6W - Toby West, Zac Ottawa, Phoebe O’Brien

Stage 1 Science Incursion
On Tuesday 28th July Years 1 and 2 will participate in a Science Incursion. This will be presented by Jacqui Love from Mobile Minibeasts. The children will hear interesting facts about various invertebrates, including their appearance, habitat, diet and life cycles. They will learn how to look for these minibeasts in their own backyard and realise how important they are to our environment. The children will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with magnifying glasses to look at over 300 species of creepy crawlies in the hands-on session.
This incursion will be in the hall and will cost $10, which will be on your Term 3 invoice. A permission note has gone home with information for you to sign and return to the class teacher.

C Littlefield
Science Teacher

Clothing Pool
The next clothing pool sale will be in Week 6 of this term. In case of emergency, Jenny will be in the music room briefly on Monday and Tuesday of next week at 3.15pm.
Citizenship Awards

HOLLY COULCHER  6W

Holly is a conscientious student who always works to the best of her ability. She is a consistently responsible member of Year 6 who quietly uses her resourcefulness in many learning situations. Holly’s calm, considerate demeanour and respectful manner are attributes which are highly valued by the Balgowlah North school community. Holly is always encouraging and supportive of her peers. She offers assistance without being asked and uses her initiative when a job needs to be done. Holly is commended for her work in the library where she supports the teacher in any way that she can. She is also a wonderful ambassador for our Kindergarten buddy program. Holly is modest by nature and she always has a smile. She is an asset to the class and a very deserving recipient of the Citizenship Award.

LUKAS OVERHOFF  2B

Lukas consistently demonstrates respect and empathy for others. He puts the needs of others before his own and never seeks recognition for his efforts. Lukas is an excellent role model in both the classroom and playground, where he demonstrates fair play, tolerance and understanding. In the classroom, Lukas sets himself high standards and works calmly and diligently to achieve his goals. He maintains a positive attitude even through difficult challenges. Lukas’ impeccable manners and genuine want to assist his peers makes him a highly valued class member. Lukas is an outstanding citizen and is to be congratulated on receiving this prestigious award.