From the Principal’s desk
Swimming Carnival
What a great day yesterday! The children all tried their best and we saw some tight races with some very impressive times. Thanks to our parent helpers, the teaching staff and Mrs Stock & Mrs Kelly for all contributing to a great day. We look forward to hearing about the efforts of our Zone representatives in a couple of week’s time.

Homework
Homework has now resumed for all year groups. Homework is an important part of school life as it is an excellent opportunity to consolidate concepts learnt at school and enrich our children’s knowledge and understanding. Our 3-6 classes send out homework on a fortnightly basis which allows the students to practise their time management skills as they integrate homework into their increasingly busy schedules. Our Stage 1 children operate on a weekly schedule and our Kindergarten children are just being introduced to homework through their sight words and take home readers. We encourage all children to complete homework to an appropriate standard, the class teachers will discuss this expectation with your children. Should your child be unable to complete his/her homework, let your child’s teacher know.

Staff Carpark
A reminder to parents of Year 2 children in particular, that the children are not to enter school through the staff car park. This is for obvious safety reasons. Please enter the school via the designated gates.

Kindy Welcome Drinks
I hope to see many of our newest parents at our Kindergarten Welcome Drinks on Friday. It will be held at the home of Andrew & Monique Tompson at 24 Waterview Street, Seaforth from 6:30pm onwards. There is no need to RSVP, light refreshments and finger food will be provided. It will be an excellent opportunity to meet and mingle with other Kindy parents.

Whooping Cough
We have just recorded our first case of whooping cough (pertussis) for the year. Whooping cough usually starts with a runny nose, followed by a cough that is often worse at night. Coughing bouts may be followed by gagging, vomiting or gasping for air. Whooping cough can cause a very severe illness in young children particularly those aged under 6 months. Anyone developing symptoms should consult their local doctor and mention that there are cases of whooping cough in the school. Children who are diagnosed with whooping cough need to stay away from school until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. For further information please refer to NSW Health or contact the Northern Sydney Public Health Unit on 9477 9187. Thank you for your attention to this important public health matter.

Working Bee
Some of the classrooms we are targeting for the Working Bee on 13th March include: 1R, 1S, 1R/H, 3M, 3J, 4H, 4M, 6M and the music room. If you are a parent of children in these classrooms we’d really appreciate your support on the day. 8am start, BBQ to finish. If you are available please contact Adrian Molloy at adrianbmolloy@gmail.com.

Term Invoices
Thanks to all the parents who have already settled their term accounts. The parent online portal (POP) payment option is certainly proving to be the most popular. Your support enables us to offer a wide range of fantastic teaching learning programs here at school. If there is a problem with payment, please come to the office and see Mrs Tobler to complete the required paperwork.

Class Parents
Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to be the class parent representative for their child’s class. A reminder that the first class parents’ meeting for 2016 will be held next Tuesday 1st March at 2:30pm in the 2J classroom (just north of the library). Thanks to Monique Tompson, P&C President, and Louise Clarke, class parent coordinator, for leading this important meeting.

Owen Taylor, Principal
Important Dates
25th February  K-6 Assembly – 1.45pm start
26th February  Stewart House Collection
4th March    Ride to School Day
4th March    School’s Clean Up Day
13th March   Working Bee

From the Deputy Principal’s desk
Stage-Based Learning in Primary School
Recently some parents have asked the questions about what stage is my child / ren in? Here is an extract to explain the stage based learning approach which is adopted throughout NSW Primary Schools.

Primary learning includes whole-class, group and individual activities designed to develop students as self-motivated learners. Students will learn through active participation in a variety of engaging experiences in the classroom, which prepares them for lifelong learning. Literacy and numeracy skills are important for communicating and understanding the world. These aspects of learning are critical to success across all key learning areas. Primary schools in NSW follow a curriculum based on stages of learning. Each stage is equivalent to two school years, with Early Stage 1 being the exception.

- **Early Stage 1: Kindergarten**
- **Stage 1: Years 1 and 2**
- **Stage 2: Years 3 and 4**
- **Stage 3: Years 5 and 6**

For more information regarding the primary school curriculum and stage-based learning at school go to the link below or the school A-Z website.

Handy School Hints
You can assist your child to a successful start to this school year by establishing clear routines for getting to and from school, and by setting aside a regular time for them to complete their homework or home reading. Children thrive on certainty and set routines for such activities. For some, it may mean coming home and completing homework straight away; other students may be better suited to a break, exercise or some refreshment before commencing their set tasks. Work out a plan that suits your schedule and do your best to stick to it. We fully recognise and appreciate how hectic life can be some weeks, so if homework completion becomes an issue, please talk to your child’s teacher.

One aspect of schooling that I am passionate about is reading. Research shows that parents can greatly assist their children to be successful readers by reading with them on a regular basis – bedtime is a perfect opportunity for sharing some wonderful literature. Children will also receive encouragement by simply witnessing mum, dad or caregivers enjoying reading themselves – by modelling a love of reading to your children, they will benefit immensely.

For ideas on age appropriate reading, you can visit the website of the Premier’s Reading Challenge at, https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

K-6 Assembly
This Thursday, our K-6 assembly commencing at 1.45pm, will feature a performance from our Guitar group, conducted by Mr Carlos Villanueva. We will be presenting our SRC, Sound Crew, Library Monitors and Band Captains with their badges as well as many of our students being recognised for their efforts and achievements. We look forward to parents sharing the assembly with us.

Playmates Program
At Balgowlah North Public School the transition to ‘big school’ is made just a little easier and a lot more fun with a program called “Playmates”. Playmates is a lunchtime program that is commencing at school each Tuesday lunchtime. “Playmates” teams Kindergarten children with Year 5 and 6 mentors and is run with assistance of our LaST, Mrs Ross. Playmates, has benefits for all by developing leadership skills in Yr 5 & 6 students and allows Kindergarten children to develop playground friendships, turn taking and motor skills. The program operates on the tennis court area. Year 5 and 6 students are trained to run playground games and the new Kindergarten students experience lunch breaks in a settled, organised and supervised manner for part of Term 1.
Our Sound Crew for 2016.
Our Sound Crew do an amazing job each week at assemblies from checking the microphones to setting up our projector and making sure the technical aspects run smoothly. Congratulations to our 2016 team Charlie Henderson, Finley Wade, Caitlin Gibson-Smith, Caitlin Heffernan and Lucy Murray. I look forward to working with you this year.

Musical Notes
Congratulations to our 2016 Band Captains, Olivia Smith, Hope Schuttinga and Elana Bott. Ms Grace, myself and your band teammates were most impressed with the quality of your speeches last week. We know you will be wonderful ambassadors for your school and band throughout the year.

Upcoming Dates:
Band Committee Meeting – 25th February 7pm
5 Illalong Street North Balgowlah.
We look forward to you joining us.

Band Camp
All children of the bands and string ensembles are required to attend this event. Please add these dates and times to your diary.

Sat 30 Apr - 1pm - 6.30pm
AND
Sun 1 May - 9am -1pm
Marita Nieuwenhuis, Deputy Principal

PBL Focus
Be Safe
Playground
Always wear a school hat
PBL at BNPS

A Journey to Antarctica
Last Wednesday, Year 5 students received a visit from Mr Chris Olsen and his Antarctic adventure presentation. “A Journey to Antarctica” involved student participation, props, images and sounds. The students learned about the effects of global warming on this fragile environment as well as amazing facts about Antarctica and its wildlife. The incursion ended with a craft class on how to make your own penguin.

Year 6 Students
Visiting Speaker in Year 6
On Monday, both students and teachers enjoyed listening to an amazing journey of one of our past students, Caitlyn Burton. Caitlyn was fortunate to be selected to travel to the Philippines as a volunteer where she worked closely with other young people to support communities of children in the village of Bohol. The volunteers worked in hot and humid conditions to construct a toilet block. The children painted the outside with their colourful handprints.
As we embark on our own journey to ‘Make a Difference’, Caitlyn has certainly motivated us with her presentation.
Our thanks to Leah who organised the visit and Caitlyn for inspiring us all.

Library Monitors
We are very lucky to have a wonderful new team of library monitors for 2016. These students dedicate one lunch time a week to help with the smooth running of the library as well as help with events throughout the year. The library monitors for 2016 are: Thea Devaris, Caitlin Heffernan, Tara Flack, Noah Klugsberger, Callum Van Schie, Ava Warnock, Sarah Hunter, Isabella Anderson, Holly Baynham, Jasmine Haley, London Bachelet, Lola Nicou and Taylor Pollett. These students will be presented with their badges at this week’s K-6 assembly.

Debbie Horsley & Wendy Trute, Librarians

P&C Committee – Grounds & Environment
The P&C would like to welcome Chris Munro (father to Finn Year 3 and Caleb Year 1) as he joins the committee, taking on the role of Grounds and Environment. Chris manages the Environment and Sustainability department for a local council and we’re very excited about the extensive knowledge and expertise he will bring to the school.

We can use all the help we can get so please join us on Sunday 13th March for the first school working bee for the year. More details to follow.

Class Parents
Thanks to all those parents who have volunteered to act as class parents this year. A meeting for will be held in 2J classroom at 2.30pm, Tuesday 1st March. We hope you can all make it but if you’re unable to be there Class Parent Coordinator, Louise Clarke, will send out all the relevant information. In the meantime, if you have any questions Louise can be contacted on the following email address: BNPSClassParentLiaison@gmail.com

P&C Email
Please note that the P&C has a new email address for all correspondence. Please feel free to contact us anytime on pandcbnps@gmail.com
P&C Committee

Year 6 Students

Waste Free Wednesday

2M
1 Week 4
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Swimming Carnival
What a glorious day we had, with brilliant swimming in the pool and deafening chanting from the sidelines. It was a great effort by all our swimmers who earned valuable points for their houses. I would like to commend all the children for their wonderful display of sportsmanship. Well done to all our placegetters. Special mention must go to these children: Hamish McLellan (100m/50m freestyle, 50m Butterfly), TJ Herring (50m backstroke) who broke records. Outstanding effort! I would particularly like to say a big thank you to Coralie Kernahan and Jane Marsters for refereeing. Thank you effort! I would particularly like to say a big thank you to Coralie Kernahan and Jane Marsters for refereeing. Thank you also to the parents who assisted with timekeeping and water safety on the day and our wonderful teachers who helped make our swimming carnival such a successful one. The championship ribbons will be presented at our 3-6 assembly on Thursday 17th March. Parents are most welcome to attend.

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PSSA Zone Carnival
- Centre PSSA Zone Carnival will be held at Warringah Aquatic on Monday 14th March.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters in 50m freestyle events will represent us.
- 1st and 2nd place getters in the 100m freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly will represent us.

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House Points Score:
- Koalas 301
- Wallabies 304
- Kangaroos 457
- Wombats 324

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SAVE THE DATES! GET OUT THE DIARY!

2016 is going to be awesome! We have amazing events lined up for you all year! Keep the following dates clear

- 6th May - Family Friendly Outdoor Cinema Experience
- 3rd AND 4th June - The ever popular Trivia Nights
- 17th September - The BNPS parents social event of the year - 'An Afternoon at the Races'

We will also have Mothers and Fathers Day Stalls, for the children to pick out a special gift for you!
Stay tuned for more details closer to the events...

Nicole Margetts
Fundraising Committee

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Open Night highlights:

- Experience guided tours of the school facilities
- Meet our school leaders and prefects
- Watch music and drama performances
- View our faculty teaching and learning displays
- Participate in Academy Sports Program
- Receive enrollment information
- Enjoy light refreshments provided by our senior hospitality students

RSVP: To assist with organisation, participant numbers are limited to 250, so please book a seat online through the trybooking.com via the following URL: http://www.trybooking.com/lxml.asp?id=195843

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For 5-13 year olds | Book from 2 days to 10 days

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When you enrol in 1 or more days of our April School Holiday program you are eligible to 10% off in our sports store located upstairs at The Football Factory. This includes 10% off all products including already discounted products! Pick from our wide range of football boots, shinpads, socks, clothing, goalkeeper gear, hub, bags and many more accessories.

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TUE PM: RED & ORANGE BALL | K2 & YR 3-4
WED AM: GREEN BALL | YR 3-6
WED PM: RED & ORANGE BALL | K2 & YR 3-4
THU AM: RED & ORANGE BALL | K2 & YR 3-4
THU PM: RED & ORANGE BALL | K2 & YR 3-4
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