From the Principal’s desk

Working Bee this Sunday
We are looking forward to getting lots done this Sunday. The Working Bee starts with a BBQ breakfast from 8am. Please bring gloves, gardening tools and plenty of water to keep hydrated through the day.

NAPLAN Testing
This year’s NAPLAN testing will be completed by students in Years 3 and 5 on 10th, 11th and 12th May. The areas covered include language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy. In the lead up to the tests the teachers will spend some time familiarising the children with the test format, but we will not be spending too much time on test preparation. The best way to prepare our children is to provide them with rich, high quality learning experiences every day. The NAPLAN results provide us with useful information about what each student can do, which we can then use to inform future planning. Some children may be exempted from the tests due to English language proficiency or disability and others may be withdrawn on the request of their parents. Please make an appointment with me should you wish to discuss your child’s NAPLAN participation.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews will be held in the final week of this term, Week 11 (4th – 7th April). We now use an online booking system, schoolinterviews.com.au, to schedule appointments. Bookings will open on Monday 21st March at 6am and close on Thursday 31st March at 5pm. Interview slots are 10 minutes and we appreciate your cooperation in keeping them to time. If you require additional time please make a follow up appointment with your child’s class teacher directly.

‘Tell Them From Me’ Student Surveys
Each year we survey the boys and girls in Years 4, 5 & 6 about their experiences at school. The survey enables us to find out what the students think about school life, how engaged they are at school and the ways in which they interact with their teachers. The survey is conducted by ‘The Learning Bar’, a Canadian company which specialises in school surveys around the world. All responses are anonymous and participation is entirely voluntary. If you do not wish your child to take part, you need to complete and return the non-consent form on the detailed information sheet which went home yesterday. This needs to be returned by Friday 18th March.

Canteen
Our canteen has been opening for breakfast each morning selling items such as pancakes, muffins and yoghurt which has been quite popular. This menu is for in-person sales only, not via Flexischools. The canteen is also open on Friday afternoons, straight after school until 3:30pm, where you can pick up an ice block, drinks or a cookie. If you have some spare time on your hands, the canteen also encourages parent volunteers to help out on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 12pm and 2pm. This role mainly involves serving, there will be no cooking involved. To volunteer visit our Flexischools website and tick the box.

Grandfriends’ Day
There’s only two weeks until our 2016 Grandfriends’ Day on Wednesday 23rd March. The morning begins with a performance in our hall from 9:30am followed by a morning tea and classroom visits. Our library will be open from 8.30am with the opportunity to donate a book. This morning is for our grandparents and grandfriends only, parents will be able to visit our school at many other times throughout the year.

P&C Meeting
Don’t forget our P&C Meeting next Wednesday night from 7:30pm in our library. Ms Norrie will give a presentation about mathematics and I’ll hopefully have some positive news about our proposed new shade structures. It would be great to see many of you here.

Owen Taylor, Principal
**Important Dates**

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**PBL Focus**

Be Respectful
All areas of the school
Respect others property

**From the Deputy Principal’s desk**

**University of NSW Competitions (ICAS)**

If you would like your child in Years 3-6 to enter into the statewide testing program conducted by the University of NSW please find the information and permission note under the notes tab of our website or collect a note from the office. Tests are available in English, Writing, and Mathematics.

Dates for the competition are;
Writing – 14th June 2016 @8.00am
English – 2nd August 2016 @8.00am
Mathematics – 16th August 2016 @8.00am

Please complete the tear off slip and return with your payment to your child’s class teacher. The final date for payment is Friday 1st April 2016.

**NO late entries will be processed.**

**K - 2 Assembly**

This Thursday, our K - 2 assembly, commencing at 1.45pm, will feature a performance from 2HR. We look forward to parents and friends sharing the assembly with us.

**Lost Property**

Please check the Lost Property containers which are located in KRT and 5M. All items not claimed by their owners will be displayed on the balcony outside 1RH on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th March. Items that are not claimed will either be donated to the uniform shop or disposed of. **Please help us by ensuring all items have a name and current 2016 class.**

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**NBLA (Northern Beaches Learning Alliance) Student Leadership Camp**

Our Year 6 leaders, Jack Mason, Clara Berry, Scarlett Moore and Cooper Bowyer attended the NBLA Leadership Camp at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation at Narrabeen over two days this week. This camp is an opportunity for our school captains and leaders to meet together with other school leaders from 13 local primary schools and develop leadership skills. There were wonderful learning opportunities provided and I’m sure many skills they will bring back to share with their classmates.

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**Musical Notes**

Two of our Concert band members were spotted in the playground on Monday morning playing a beautiful duet. Thank you Hope and Karin, for greeting students as they arrived for school with the sounds music.

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**Key Dates**

- Grandfriends’ Day
  - Concert Band Performance – Wednesday 23rd March
  - Band Camp:
    - Sat 30 Apr - 1pm - 6.30pm
    - Sun 1 May - 9am -1pm

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**Marita Nieuwenhuis, Deputy Principal**

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Lessons Afloat
On Tuesday 15th March Year 2 will be going out on a ferry to explore Sydney Harbour during their excursion “Lessons Afloat”. Please remember a small labelled backpack with recess, lunch and a small water bottle. Students will also need a clipboard, pencil and eraser. We look forward to seeing all types of transport. We will be exploring how sustainable they are and the impact on our local environment.

Year 2 Teachers

Peer Mediation
Last week, Year 5 actively participated in the Peer Mediator Training Program. Students undertook activities that helped develop skills to prepare them to assist our younger school members in the playground. Our Year 5 Peer Mediators will commence assisting our youngest students in the playground this week. This program builds on leadership, problem solving, empathy and understanding. We would like to thank all the Year 5 students for actively participating in the activities, having the goal to be responsible, organised and trustworthy leaders and role models for all students at Balgowlah North Public School.

Year 5 Teachers

Library News
Registration is now open for this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge. The challenge is a great way for students to be reading a wonderful selection of books and to be rewarded for their efforts. Last year we had 100 students from our school complete the challenge. It would be great to see even more sign up this year. To register go to: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
You will need your child’s DET User name and password. If you haven’t already got this please see your child’s teacher. Once you are at the PRC website on the left hand side of the page there is a Log On tab. When you have logged on you can choose the Booklist option to check for books on the reading lists or Student Reading Record if you know the book title. Please let us know if you have any questions or are having trouble registering.

This year on Grandfriends’ Day, March 23rd, we will be having a Donate-A-Book again in the library. This is an opportunity for the Grandparents and Grandfriends to come and purchase a book from a selection in the library to give to our library. This was so successful last year! Because of the generosity of our Grandparents and Grandfriends we got so many beautiful, new books which the children have loved borrowing. Please let me know if you are available and would like to help on this morning. We would really appreciate your help between the hours of 8:30am until about 11:30am.

Debbie Horsley & Wendy Trute
Librarians

From the Sports Desk
PSSA Round: 2

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### Waste Free Wednesday

[Image of a lizard with the words “Waste Free Wednesday”]

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Donations for Fiji
Two weeks ago, Fiji was hit by Cyclone Winston. 50 people died and more than 60 000 were left homeless, without food water or shelter. It was the worse cyclone in Fiji's history.

As part of my homework I decided to help collect, box and deliver donations for the people of Fiji who were affected by cyclone Winston. I wrote letters to my classmates asking their parents to help with donations of clothes, food, toiletries, linen, food, toys. Donations were delivered to my house and we sorted them into boxes. I talked about what I had done at “News”. The whole class talked about natural disasters, charity and the importance of giving back.

Over the last 2 weeks the families of class 1W have donated 28 boxes of goods. All of these boxes are on a Fiji Airlines flight leaving for Fiji on the 9th of March.

Matthew Nortmann 1W

School Banking
Over $5000 raised through School Banking!
Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students, since we joined CBA school banking program in 2012, we have raised well over $5000 for our school through School Banking commissions. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit every Thursday. If you are keen to join the program we have scheduled a sign up day on Thursday 31st March. Parents and caterers need to bring photo ID. Come and see the school banking desk for further information.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.
Yolanda Johnstone
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