From the Principal’s desk

Grandfriends Day
One of the highlights on our calendar each year is Grandfriends Day. On this day, we invite Grandparents or Grandfriends to visit our school for the morning. They have the opportunity to see some of our children perform, spend some time in classrooms and also be treated to a delicious morning tea which is provided by our Kindergarten families. Please share this invitation to attend our school on Wednesday 23rd March with any of your Grandfriends who may like to be a part of this day.

2017 Selective High School Entry
All the best to those Year 6 children who have applied to sit the Selective High Schools entrance exam next week. The test will be held on Thursday 10th March at Northern Beaches Secondary College, Manly Campus.

Working Bee: Sunday 13th March
Remember to add the above date to your diaries. We need parents willing to do a range of indoor and outdoor jobs. There will be some painting, cleaning, rubbish removal, grounds improvement activities on the day. There will also be some low impact roles available for the children if you would like to bring them along. The day starts at 8am with a bacon and egg roll and coffee to provide you with the sustenance for a good day’s work. Please bring along any rakes, shovels, painting equipment and any other tools which may prove useful. If you are available please let Adrian Molloy know via adrianbmolloy@gmail.com.

First Aid
As part of our WH&S requirements, the school provides basic first aid for students who become unwell or injured at school. Students who become unwell at school are best transferred to the care of a parent or guardian immediately. If you are unable to collect your child from school, we request you contact a relative or family friend to collect the student on your behalf. In case of an emergency, an ambulance will be called and we will contact you immediately to inform you of the situation. We do ask if students are unwell before school starts to please keep them at home, as this prevents cross infection with other students and staff.

Peer Mediation
Congratulations to our Year 5 boys and girls who were trained yesterday in the important art of peer mediation. They will be rostered on to our fort playground to perform a valuable role solving minor disputes and looking after our younger children. The role of peer mediators is greatly valued by the staff and students alike. Well done boys & girls!

Next P&C Meeting: Wednesday 16th March
Our next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 16th March in our library from 7:30pm. At this meeting, Miss Norrie will present a workshop about the way we teach mathematics. Maths teaching has changed significantly since we were at school and I’m sure you’ll find this workshop interesting. This workshop was extremely well attended last year and it would be great to have similar interest again.

Owen Taylor, Principal
Important Dates
4th March  Ride to School Day
4th March  Schools’ Clean Up Day
13th March  Working Bee

From the Deputy Principal’s desk
University of NSW Competitions (ICAS)
If you would like your child in Years 3-6 to enter in to 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
English – 2nd August
Mathematics – 16th August

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

NO late entries will be processed.

3-6 Assembly
This Thursday, our 3-6 assembly commencing at 1.45pm, will feature a performance from 3H. We look forward to parents and friends sharing the assembly with us.

Year 5 demonstrating 21st Century Learning
The National Curriculum demands that schools assist our young learners to be:

* Creative
* Collaborative
* Critical thinkers who can effectively
* Communicate.

These are known as the 4 C's of 21st Century learning.
We want our children to learn to be effective learners who can respond to a changing world by working through problems creatively and effectively with each other. This term, as part of the Stage 3 Design, Make, Innovate project, students from Year 5 have been working in collaborative teams with Balgowlah Boys and Mackellar Girls Campus mentors to design and create bridges. The bridges are required to be structurally sound as well as visually pleasing from a design perspective. Our Year 5 classrooms were transformed into engineering labs as the students used straws and tape to build a bridge to meet a design brief. Our students were actively engaged in 21st century learning of problem solving, researching, communicating and collaborating.

It was wonderful to welcome back some past students, Jasmine Appleton, Katie Smart and Khiala Holmes as mentors for this year’s project.
Musical Notes
Junior Band Update
Yes, that beautiful sound you are all hearing from the school hall on a Tuesday and Thursday morning is our very new Junior Band for 2016!
Thank you parents for ensuring your children arrive at the hall on time for their rehearsals.
Certainly all Junior band families can feel privileged to have our children in such a great band program. Mr Bullough is amazing with the children; indeed it is incredible to watch him in action!

Progress
The children are progressing well and have already learnt:
- To set up their chairs, stands and instruments.
- To sit respectfully on a chair whilst holding and playing their instrument.
- Battle of the Sections.
- Their first notes in Essential Elements and a couple of rhythms.
It is advised that the children have a music stand at home and practise standing and/or sitting. If you are in need of a stand or home there are some unused stands in the band room. If you would like one please be at the hall on Tuesday morning rehearsal – first in will receive a stand.
Please, no playing of instruments whilst lying down on the floor etc. Please encourage practice, practice, practice!

Supervision duties:
Thank you so much to all those parents that have already volunteered for Junior Band rehearsals. It is essential that the scheduled two supervising parents attend, otherwise rehearsals cannot proceed. Parents, if for any reason you are unable to make your scheduled day please swap dates with another parent. If unsuccessful in doing so, please advise your band liaison, Klara Henderson.

Senior and Concert Band
Congratulations to our senior band members for being on time to each rehearsal and demonstrating a mature and diligent approach. Our Concert band were set up ready very early last Wednesday with our Band Captain, Olivia Smith, conducting the warm up. We are all very proud of your responsible approach.

Band fees have been included in the Term Fees this year, recently sent from the school office. If you require any information about this please email bnpsband@gmail.com.

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

Musician of the Month
Each month we celebrate the achievements of one band member from each of our band/ensemble groups at a K-6 assembly. The students have demonstrated band values, persistence with practice and team work. Our Musicians of the Month for February are:
Concert Band – Hayden Hatch
Senior Band – Xanthea Mellor
Junior Band – Zak Organ.

Please enjoy the trophies at home until our next K-6 assembly (31st March) where we will pass on the honour to other students.

Marita Nieuwenhuis, Deputy Principal

PBL Focus
Be Responsible
All areas of the school
Put all rubbish in a bin
PBL at BNPS

National Young Leaders Conference
On Monday, the student leaders went to Allphones Arena for the National Young Leaders Conference. We were inspired by stories from mentor Nathan ‘Dubsy’ Want, author Melanie Lee, Chief Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione and Paralympian swimmer Ben Austin. The theme of the conference was ‘Master the Little’. We learned that we can all make a difference by starting from where we are, being willing to change direction and persevering when things go wrong. The most important things we learned were that being a leader is not always easy but being focused will support us all on our personal leadership journey. The little things that we achieve will add up over time and gradually the difference that we make will be significant. ‘You are more than you think you are’ was an inspiring quote from Ben. We hope that we will always remember the words spoken throughout the day, continue to be inspired and be great leaders at Balgowlah North and beyond.

Student Leaders
From the Sports Desk
PSSA Round: 1

Girls Eagle Tag

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Library News
Registration for this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge opens next Monday 7th March. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a great way to encourage children to read throughout the year and to be rewarded for their efforts. There are a huge amount of books included in the challenge lists with a wonderful selection of quality texts. Registration for the challenge can be done online at the Premier’s Reading Challenge website from next Monday onwards. Full instructions will be in next weeks newsletter.

Debbie Horsley & Wendy Trute
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