Thank You Grandfriends!
I would like to thank all of the grandparents and grandfriends who visited our school this morning. We had over 350 guests from all over Sydney, interstate and overseas. They were treated to a great performance in the hall by some of our girls and boys before having morning tea on our beautiful deck. A 645-strong flash mob appeared on our multi-purpose court, with everyone moving and grooving to a fabulous medley of tunes put together by Miss Auton. The grandfriends also enjoyed spending some time in classrooms. Thank you for visiting, we will see you all again next year.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all our swimmers who represented our school with pride at last week’s Zone carnival at Warringah Aquatic Centre. We came third overall behind Curl Curl North and Balgowlah Heights but we won the handicap trophy which takes into account school numbers and points scored. Another trophy for our cabinet! Several of our boys and girls swam at the Sydney North carnival last Wednesday and Hamish McEllan, Nate Riddington, TJ Herring and Thomas Rouse will be swimming at the NSW carnival at Homebush tomorrow. Good luck everyone!

Parent Teacher Interviews
Our online parent teacher interviews system opened on Monday at 8:45am not 6am as previously noted. Apologies for this inconvenience. The site will remain open until Thursday 31st March. Please visit www.schoolinterviews.com.au, enter the code 9umr2 and follow the prompts to select times for your child/ren’s class teacher/s. Interview slots are 10 minutes and we appreciate your cooperation in keeping them to time.

School Crossing
Recently, I have had a few conversations with Julie, our crossing supervisor, about some unsafe crossing behaviours. It seems quite a few pre-schoolers run ahead of parents and are left waiting unattended at the crossing. This can be a stressful time for Julie as she is monitoring the traffic as well as the pedestrians. Her job is to ensure traffic flow during the peak hours whilst ensuring the safety of our children. Please wait for Julie to step onto the crossing and wait for the ‘all clear’ to begin crossing. It is very important that all children under ten hold an adult’s hand and follow our supervisor’s instructions.

Mothers Day Gift Stall
This year, our P&C are organising a Mothers Day Gift Stall here at school. The day is organised in a similar way to our book swaps, where all children donate a gift worth around $10, and then purchase another gift to take home for Mum. Gifts can be brought to school and placed in the Mothers Day boxes in each of our classrooms. Our organising committee will wrap the gifts and purchase any additional ones as required, ready for the stall next term where everyone will take home a special gift. More information is being distributed via class parents in the coming days. I thank the parent fundraising team for their efforts to get this new initiative up and running.

Easter Break
Enjoy the Easter long weekend which begins this Friday. I hope you get to spend time relaxing in the company of family and friends, with a moderate amount of chocolate. We’ll see everyone back at school next Tuesday.

Owen Taylor, Principal
**Important Dates**

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**From the Deputy Principal’s desk**

**Assemblies**
This week’s K – 2 assembly (Thursday 24th March) will be led by 1R. We welcome parents and friends to join us and please be seated in the hall at 1.45pm.

**University of NSW Competitions (ICAS)**
If you would like your child in Years 3-6 to enter into the state wide testing program conducted by the University of NSW please return your payment and permission note to the school office by Friday 1st April. No late entries will be processed.

**Grandfriends’ Day**
Thank you to our Kindergarten parents for organising the morning tea today for our Grandfriends and Grandparents. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

**Musical Notes**
We are busy planning the Band Camp for Saturday 30th April – Sunday 1st May. The Band Committee is currently working hard in the background to ensure the camp is a success. Please keep an eye out for an email later this week containing all the information needed. Additional emails will also be sent to all band families seeking some assistance over the camp, ‘many hands make light work’.

All bands and ensembles continue to work beautifully together. The upcoming band camp will provide the children with intensive rehearsals and tuition, resulting in significant individual progress and together as a team.

The band camp is not only an opportunity for some intensive learning but also an opportunity for all band families to see and hear the children’s progress and contribution to the band with a performance from each band and ensemble at the concert on Sunday 1st May.

**Marita Nieuwenhuis, Deputy Principal**

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**PBL Focus**

**Be Safe**
Move safely in all settings

**PBL at BNPS**

**Design Make Innovate 2016**
Over the past few weeks, Year 9 mentors from both Balgowlah Boys HS and Mackellar Girls have worked with our Year 5 children to design a bridge. The bridge had to be at least 40cm long and be able to support 5kg in weight. The boys and girls also had to complete a design brief. Congratulations to Zoe S., Mia F., Alia T., and Chi-Chi A. who received the Outstanding Achievement Award and to Charlotte D., Molly A., Zoe C., and Francesca M. who received the People’s Choice Award.
Regional Swimming Carnival
On Tuesday 16th March, we had a team of 11 swimmers compete at the Northern Sydney Regional Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush. These students were Hamish McLellan, TJ Herring, Nate Riddington, Thomas Rouse, Solomon Marsters, Tom Magee, Brodie Herring, Max Clarke-Moar, Tayla Nolan, Ciara Magee and Coco Marsters. All the students swam outstandingly and they had a fantastic day with many excellent individual and relay results. A big congratulations to Hamish McLellan for gaining 3rd place in the Boys 50m Butterfly and the Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay team of Hamish McLellan, Nate Riddington, TJ Herring and Thomas Rouse who have gained a place in the N.S.W. State Swimming Championships in two weeks. We wish them all the best.

Individual Results from the finals:
Ciara Magee:
6th 8yrs Girls 50m Freestyle
TJ Herring:
4th 50m Boys Backstroke
Hamish McLellan
4th Open 100m Boys Freestyle
4th 12yrs 50m Boys Freestyle
3rd 12yrs Boys 50m Butterfly
Solomon Marsters, Tom Magee, Brodie Herring, Max Clarke-Moar
7th 4x50m Junior Boys Freestyle Relay
Hamish McLellan, TJ Herring, Nate Riddington, Thomas Rouse
3rd 4x50m Senior Boys Freestyle Relay

Family movie night
The date of the outdoor cinema event has been changed to the 13th May. We are showing the 2015 movie Oddball, an Australian film based on a true story, about a dog that has been trained to protect a penguin sanctuary from foxes. Coincidently, our local penguin colony in Manly was attacked by a lone fox in 2015 and 26 little penguins were killed. Tickets will be on sale soon via Flexischools, and all tickets sold before April 8 (end of term one) will go into a draw to an early bird prize!

FUNDRAISING DATES FOR THE DIARY
- May 3rd & 5th – Mothers Day Stall
- 13th May - Outdoor Cinema Experience (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)
- 3rd & 4th June - Trivia Nights
- Early September – Fathers Day Stall
- 17th September - Parents social event - ‘An afternoon at the Races’
- 3rd December - Christmas Carnival

Carnival Craft Circle
The first Craft Circle meeting will be tomorrow
- 11 am Thursday 24th March
- 18 Condover St, North Balgowlah.
- No need to bring anything, except a he

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**Worlds Greatest Shave**

It’s that time of year again when our brave Year 6 students shave or colour their hair to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. The plan is for the shave to take place at school on Monday April 4th straight after lines.

This year the school is registered as a team. If you would like to participate, please feel free to donate through the WGS website, simply click the sponsor tab at the top and either select an individual or you can select the School Team – it will be much appreciated.

www.worldsgreatestshave.com

The team name is “Balgowlah North PS 2016”.

There is also a money box in the School Office for coin donations. On the day we shall be selling “chin-face” biscuits to the spectators in the morning and then to the children at school at recess and lunch. All funds raised will be added to the Team Total. Please come along and support our Year 6 Team. Thanks and Good Luck to all the BNPS fundraisers!

*Julie Danenbergsons*
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**HOLIDAY CAMPS**

**DATES:**
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11th – 18th April 2016

**WEEK 2**
19th – 25th April 2016

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**Autumn Holiday ART workshop + Term 2**

Magical Forests & Woodland Creatures 14th April
Canvas painting inspired by magical forests with metallic paints. Woodland animal chalk pastels & make your very own fairy folk in a jar

Me, Myself & I 21st April
Create a mixed media self portrait so good we’ll frame it!
Paint & decorate a wooden flower picture frame and a miniature watercolour to go in it.
Plus a bedroom door hanger to keep troublemakers out!

**Age: 5-10**
**time: 11-2pm**
**cost: $55**

**Term 2 After School Program**
Wed 3.30-5.00 5-7’s $210
Thurs 3.30-5.15 7-10’s $225
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