**Mothers Day Gift Stall**
Unfortunately, we are cancelling our Mothers Day Stall. Thanks to those families who had already brought in their gifts which can now be collected from the classrooms. Alternately, you may be happy for your gift to be donated to our Christmas Carnival later in the year. Many parents found the cost of participating too expensive and were not happy about the assumed inclusion of everyone in fundraising activities. I would like to thank Sylvia and Kim for the work they put in to try to bring this new idea to fruition. We will continue to consult with our parent community to achieve the best outcomes for our school.

I look forward to welcoming all of our mums to school on Friday, 6th May for our Mothers Day Breakfast between 8 and 9am. The teachers have organised a tasty little menu in consultation with Nina from our school canteen. The menu will cost $5 per person. You can see the list of options and order through the Flexischools website. I look forward to seeing you on the day.

**World’s Greatest Shave & Crazy Hair Day**
Thank you everyone for getting behind our Year 6 boys and girls as they raised money for *The World’s Greatest Shave*. As I am writing this piece, the fundraising page is showing over $14 500. Sarah, the campaign manager from the Leukaemia Foundation, was so impressed with everyone involved when she spoke to the children on Monday. The weather couldn’t dampen the enthusiasm! Thanks to the rest of the school for getting on board with the Crazy Hair Day - check out the terrific pictures later in this newsletter.

**OC Placement for 2016**
The Year 4 students will come home with a note today regarding OC placement for 2017. This note is not the application form but a notice of intention to apply. This helps us in the preparation of supporting paperwork. The official application website opens on 26th April at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

**Happy Holidays!**
As we are about to embark on two weeks of well-deserved rest, I’d like to wish you an enjoyable break with your families. The children resume next term on **Wednesday 27th April** following the ANZAC Day public holiday and Tuesday school development day. The teachers will be working together with the other staff from our Northern Beaches Learning Alliance (NBLA). We will be working with Professor Stephen Dinham from the University of Melbourne who will be discussing the research evidence around teaching and learning and also with Professor Jenny Gore from the University of Newcastle, the author of the Quality Teaching Framework. We will see you next term.

Owen Taylor, Principal
Important Dates

8th April    Last Day of Term 1
25th April   Anzac Day
26th April   School Development Day
27th April   Students Return for the Start of Term 2
             Anzac Day Assembly 10.30 -11.00
29th April   3T & 3H Gibberagong Excursion
3rd May      Concert Band Rehearsal
4th May      School Photo Day
5th May      Yr 6 Excursion to Q-Station
6th May      Mothers Day Breakfast

Assembly
This week will be a 3 – 6 assembly where 5BP will lead our assembly and present their class item. We welcome parents and friends to join us, please be seated by 1.40pm.

Musical Notes
All rehearsals will re-commence in the first week of Term 2. The Concert Band will commence rehearsals on the first day back Wednesday 29th April at 7.40am. Keep up your practice and routines! May is already filling up with our annual Band Camp and the Festival/Eisteddfod season just around the corner. Please return your child’s attendance slip for the band camp asap to either Mrs Mercer (3J) or myself.

Parents: This is the time where it is important for YOU to maintain communication with your child’s tutor. If you and your child are interested in music exams and, taking their music further, please talk to your tutor. This way they know what to expect and can assist in achieving this goal.

Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival is an exciting event held at Pittwater High School at the end of Term 2. It runs across a two week period and is a celebration of music in our area. All 3 bands will be participating and while our exact session times won’t be known for a while, it will be somewhere on the weekend of June 17 -19 or the weekend of June 24 - June 26. Please note these dates in your diaries now and keep them free.

Congratulations to our Musicians of the Month
Mia Foley – Junior Band
Lauren Kelly – Senior Band
Caitlin Heffernan – Concert Band
Sofia Briger – String Ensemble

Upcoming Dates
Band Camp – 30th April – 1st May
Concert Band to Combined Band Workshop and Concert BBHS – 3rd May
Concert Band performing at Mothers Day Breakfast – 6th May
Concert Band performing at K- 6 assembly – 26th May
Band Committee Meeting – 1st June
Senior Band performing at K – 6 assembly - 30th June

After a term of fabulous learning, I wish all our students and their families a very happy and safe holiday as you enjoy time together and a break from the busy routines of the school term.

Marita Nieuwenhuis, Deputy Principal

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PBL Focus

Be Responsible
Put all rubbish in the bin
PBL at BNPS

Maths Olympaid
The Maths Olympiad has been operating since 1987 and every year, students from all over Australia and neighbouring countries take part in five contests. The aim of the program is to encourage students to develop important mathematical problem solving skills in an enjoyable environment. Congratulations to our 2016 team consisting of Karin Sun, Leah Burton, Lachlan Paterson, Hamish Simington, Mia Jarrett, Violette Roumanoff, Thomas Rouse, Holly Baynham, Hugo Pike, Tighe Jones, Jamie Stodart, Tara Flack, Jack Mason, Tyler Campbell, Scarlett Davies, Owen Malley, Jaime Young-Thompson, Cameron Dennison, Samuel Griffiths, Isabella White, Hayden Ashcroft and London Bachelet. The students will be working with Mrs Ingrid Chapman. Mrs Chapman is volunteering her time to coach our 2016 team.

School Photographs
‘Natural Child School Photography’ will be engaged again this year to take our school photographs. They are locally based professional photographers whose aim is to provide a fresh approach to school photographs. School photographs will be held in Term 2, Wednesday 4th May.

Photograph order forms have been sent home and should be returned to school by Thursday 29th April or you are able to order online (even during the holidays) by following the link below.
https://form.jotform.com/60130568877967

Please ensure your child is wearing his or her winter school uniform on this Wednesday even if they have a scheduled sport lesson. Please tie back long hair with school coloured ribbons and make sure shoes are polished.

https://www.facebook.com/balgowlahnorthps    https://twitter.com/BalgowlahNthPS
Greatest Shave Fundraiser
What an amazing day! Students on Year 6 did an amazing job raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Through sponsorship, garage sales, colouring hair, donating hair for wig-making (well done Jasmine and Nate), the school Crazy Hair donations and Chinville biscuit sales, the total is now over $14 500. Our thanks also go to Sarah from the Leukaemia Foundation who also came along to support our students. We are very proud of you all.

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition
This year Balgowlah North is taking part in The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. It is a competition open to all NSW government primary schools. The competition has two different age divisions, one for Years 3&4 students and one for Years 5&6 students.

At each stage of the competition contestants present both a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. For their prepared speech, contestants must choose a topic from the list of multicultural topics at the link below. The prepared speech must have multicultural content. The impromptu speech is chosen by the adjudicator on the day, and will be on a general, non-multicultural theme.

Speeches will be prepared at home and presented to a panel of judges at school in Term 2. Stage 2 will present on Tuesday of Week 5 and Stage 3 will present on Tuesday of Week 4. Four students (two from each stage) will be selected to compete at the finals at a local venue. If your child would like to participate in this speaking competition please have them inform their classroom teacher no later than Friday 29th May (Week 1). For all competition guidelines and topics please go to the website below.

Public Speaking Committee

1W Creating Lanterns
1W were busy creating lanterns as part of the centenary celebrations of Taronga Zoo. NSW primary school students participating in Taronga’s education program were invited to construct their own mini lanterns of the 10 critical species which will feature at Vivid Sydney. The Vivid festival is from May 27 to June 13 2016. Get ready to spot our lanterns.

Mark Wallace
Friday Sport: Tennis
Friday tennis will be offered for students in Years 3 – 6 in Term 2 commencing week 2. Notes will go home on the first day back and are also available on the school website. Positions are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Katherine Turner
Tennis Coordinator

Cross Country
It’s time to start running! The school cross-country carnival is coming up in week 4 of Term 2. It will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday the 18th May (weather depending). All students from Years 2-6 will compete and will run in their age groups.
7 year olds – 1 lap of both ovals
8,9 and 10 year olds – 2km
11 and 12 year olds – 3km
All year 2-6 students will be training with their classes next term. There will be additional training after school on a Monday and Wednesday for competitive runners who want to do a little extra – meet outside Ms Stock’s room straight after school.
More information will come next term.
Good luck with your training!
Kerry Kelly and Susie Stock

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Chloe Barnes who has been selected to represent the Sydney North Region in the Boys Football (Soccer) team to compete at the NSW PSSA Carnival to be held at Valentine Sports Park, Glenwood from Tuesday 31 May to Thursday 2 June.

At this level of competition these students will play against other regions from all over the state including Sydney East, Sydney West, Sydney South-West, Hunter, Riverina, Western, North Coast, South Coast, Polding and Mackillop (Catholic regions). It is a huge achievement and massive congratulations again to Chloe, Thomas and Jack!

Congratulations to Paige Etherington who has been selected to represent the Manly Warringah zone in the girl’s netball team to compete at the Sydney North Trials on 17 May at the NBISC, Jacksons Road Warriewood.

Susie Stock

Congratulations to Jack Mason who has been selected to represent the Sydney North Region in the Boys Football (Soccer) team to compete at the NSW PSSA Carnival to be held at Valentine Sports Park, Glenwood from Tuesday 31 May to Thursday 2 June.

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Congratulations to Thomas Klem who has made the Sydney North U/11s Rugby League team. This team will now compete at the NSWPSSA State Titles.

Susie Stock
Matilda is a conscientious, self-motivated student who always works to the best of her ability. With her kind and caring manner, Matilda is a responsible member of Year 2 who consistently demonstrates respect and empathy for others. Her positive, mature attitude is highly valued by her teachers and she is a wonderful role model for her peers. Matilda listens respectfully to ideas shared by her classmates and takes the initiative to assist others when a need arises, always offering an encouraging word. Her gorgeous smile brightens the classroom each day. Matilda is an asset to the class and a very deserving recipient of the Citizenship Award.

Hope has a love of learning and is a valued member of our school. She is supportive of others and a positive role model. She can be relied upon to help wherever and whenever she can. Hope uses her initiative to make our classroom a more caring environment. Hope participates widely in many aspects of school life and is commended for her diligence both in and out of the classroom. She consistently demonstrates all the positive qualities which we value at Balgowlah North. She wears her uniform with pride and is an excellent ambassador for the school. She is a delight to teach and is never without a smile. Hope is a truly deserving recipient of this citizenship award.
Austin has a genuine love of learning and is a valued member of our school. He is an extremely conscientious student. Austin is an excellent role model in and out of the classroom environment. He can be trusted to complete any given task in an efficient and responsible way. He always embraces challenging activities with confidence. Austin’s kind heart, thoughtfulness and school spirit is infectious. It is a delight to see his smiling face in the classroom and playground, accompanied by his quick wit and lovely sense of humour. Austin is a highly valued member of Balgowlah North Public School and a worthy recipient of the Citizenship Award.

Chelsea has consistently demonstrated outstanding citizenship skills over the past seven years. Her nurturing and gentle nature helps to create a harmonious environment wherever she is. She is an extremely helpful student, voluntarily assisting teachers and friends who may need a hand. Chelsea puts the needs of others before her own and never seeks recognition for her efforts. She honestly appreciates the accomplishments of her peers and embraces school activities with enthusiasm and responsibility. Chelsea takes pride in Balgowlah North Public School and is an excellent role model and a truly wonderful citizen. She is to be congratulated on receiving this well-deserved award.
Dear Mum,
You are invited to
Balgowlah North Public School’s
Mothers Day Breakfast

Friday 6th May 2016
8.00 to 9.00am

All orders are $5

- Greek Yoghurt and berries
- Egg and Bacon Quiche
- Blueberry Muffin

Cost includes a tea, coffee or juice popper

All Mothers Day orders will be done through Flexischools. Please go to www.flexischools.com.au, to place your Mothers Day order.
All breakfasts must be pre ordered and prepaid by Tuesday 3rd May at 4pm.
Please print off your ticket or have a picture on your phone to show staff on the morning of the breakfast.
**Family movie night**

Tickets are now on sale via Flexischools for the Outdoor Movie Night on 13th May 2016. We are showing the family friendly movie Oddball - Based on a true story, an eccentric chicken farmer, with the help of his granddaughter, trains his mischievous dog Oddball to protect a penguin sanctuary from fox attacks in an attempt to reunite his family and save their seaside town.

Tickets are $11 for children over 4, and $1 for adults. Buy before the end of term 1 to go into the draw to win an early bird incentive prize!

**Entertainment Book**

The 2016/2017 books are being printed and the new edition is launched in April! Both digital and hard copies are available for pre-order now! Purchase before 4 April and you’ll receive an additional $130 worth of vouchers including 25% off vouchers for Mrs Jones the Baker in Freshwater & the White Rock Cafe at Long Reef.

Order now, 20% of every book sold goes directly to the school!

Nicole Margetts

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Holiday Camps

**DATES:**
- **WEEK 1**
  11th - 15th April 2016
- **WEEK 2**
  18th - 22nd April 2016

**PRICING:**
$30/day, $125/week (5 days)

**WHAT TO BRING:** hats, water, recess and racquets (free hire available)

Book online at [www.wakehursttennis.net.au](http://www.wakehursttennis.net.au) OR 9907-9180

**Fun, Friendships & Sport**

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**ACROBATICS AND GYMNASTICS**

**April**

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**Times:** 9am - 1pm

**Ages:** +4

**Place:** 5/106 Old Pittwater Rd Brookvale

**Cost:** $45/day

info@aagi.com.au
or call on 9938 2017


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Seaforth Community Centre
Cnr Baringa Av and Koobilya St
MONDAY'S Juniors: 6:00pm

Forestville Senior Citizens Centre
Cnr Warringah Rd and Starkey St
WED Juniors: 5:00pm

Also Beacon Hill and more

**Phone:** 04 1300 4094

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