Welcome Back
I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break. This term is already off to a flying start with band camp, excursions, school photo day and our Mothers Day Breakfast all taking place in the next week. Be sure to order your school photos and Mothers Day breakfasts online as soon as possible. All of the staff and students are looking forward to another fabulous term of learning.

ANZAC Day Assembly
Thank you Mrs Wetzler for coordinating our Anzac Day Assembly this morning. The boys and girls reflected on the information presented and behaved respectfully throughout. ANZAC Day is an important event in our national calendar and it’s important our children understand the significance of this day.

Shade Over Play Equipment
As mentioned at our last P&C Meeting, we finally have the approval to construct shade structures over our two sets of play equipment. A project reference group has been established and the materials have been ordered. There is approximately an eight week lead-in time, so hopefully construction will be complete before the next holidays. This project is being jointly funded by the school and P&C and I thank the school community for your generous support of our fundraising activities.

Opportunity Class Placement for 2016
A reminder to Year 4 parents that online applications for 2017 OC placement, opened yesterday. There are no paper applications, all applications are to be submitted through the Selective Schools and OC Unit website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Parking At School
Thanks to those parents who always drive and park responsibly around our school. Unfortunately, not everybody does and I am in regular contact with concerned neighbours about unsafe practices around our school. Please do not park across the school’s or neighbours’ driveways. Drop off and pick up times can be stressful for many of us but it’s important to set the right example and obey the road rules. It is not ok to do the wrong thing because you are in a hurry. Perhaps consider walking to school or parking a little further away and walking the few blocks to school. Let’s start this term off the way we wish to continue. Thanks for your support.
Owen Taylor, Principal

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Welcome back to another exciting term. I hope you had the chance to spend some quality time together as a family over the autumn break. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces and excited children arrive at school ready for another term of exciting learning opportunities.

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. Order envelopes were sent home last term or you can order online by following the link below. All orders need to be placed before Wednesday 4th May. 
https://form.jotform.com/60130568877967
Please ensure your child is wearing their 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 and of course bring along a smile.

Assembly
This week will be a 3 – 6 assembly where 5S 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
New Conductors
It is with great pleasure I welcome our two new conductors Mr Rob Jardine, as our Concert Band conductor and Mr Michael Connors, as our Senior Band conductor. Both band conductors come very well recommended and are highly accomplished musicians in their own right. I would like to thank Miss Grace for the work she has put into our band program over the last year and wish her all the best with her continuing studies at University.

We are looking forward to seeing all band children at the band camp this weekend. Please return your child’s attendance slip for the band camp ASAP to either Mrs Mercer (3J) or myself.

Please return the permission slip for our Concert Band students to attend the workshop and concert at Balgowlah Boys campus next week. This will be a wonderful day for our students.

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

Marita Nieuwenhuis, Deputy Principal

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 the Year 3&4 students and one for the Year 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 ask them to inform their classroom teacher no later than Friday 29th April (Week 1).

For all competition guidelines and topics please go to the website Arts Unit NSW.
Public Speaking Committee
Friday Sport: Tennis
Tennis will commence next Friday, week 2. If you are interested in participating please collect a note from me, if you have not already done so. All notes are to be returned to me by Wednesday 4th May. All students doing tennis must remember to bring their tennis racquets. If you are able to walk to or from the courts with us please let me know ASAP. We leave the school grounds at 1.30pm and return at 2.45pm from the Wakehurst Tennis courts.

Katherine Turner
Tennis coordinator

Sporting Achievements
Many congratulations to Emily Devine, (4M), who was selected for the Manly Warringah Representative U11 Teeball team earlier in the year. The team played in the State Finals in Penrith, over the weekend of 9th & 10th April. Manly were undefeated over the 2 days of play and won the final against Cumberland 9-7 in an exciting and close final.

Susie Stock
Sports Coordinator

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
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
Thank you to all that have purchased tickets already to the Outdoor Movie Night. The winner of the Early Bird Incentive Prize was Katie Walters. She chose a term of Karate at Genbu Kai Karate in Forestville, valued at $280.

We have another amazing prize courtesy of Linda & Jason Pang at Cosmic Smile Dental for all tickets sold prior to Thursday 12th May 2016, the Flexischools cut off date! Buy your tickets on Flexischools now for entry into the draw for a clean & whitening package valued at $615. For families not on Flexischools, tickets will be for sale from the Music Room/Clothing Pool on Friday 6th May from 3-3.30pm, and you will still be eligible for the draw for this amazing prize!

On Movie Night, there will be a BBQ & snacks available, you just need to bring picnic rugs, bean bags or low chairs to sit on, blankets to snuggle under with the kids and then prepare to settle in for a family movie night. The movie is Oddball, an Australian movie about an eccentric chicken farmer who trains his dog to protect a fairy penguin sanctuary from foxes. It is heartwarming, funny and suitable for all ages!