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BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

LEARNING TO LIVE AND LIVING TO LEARN

TERM 4 ~ WEEK 7

FRI 28 NOV

'Night of the Notables'
~ 6pm ~ Hall

THURS 4 DEC

'Our Big Kitchen' Ex-
cursion ~5L,5/6N,6B

FRI 5 DEC ~ 6pm

END OF YEAR MUSIC
CONCERT

SUN 7 DEC

BALMAIN FUN RUN

MON 8 DEC

PRESENTATION DAY

FRI 12 DEC

REPORTS go home

FRI 12 DEC

Year 6 GRADUATION

WED 17 DEC

LAST DAY OF

SCHOOL FOR 2014!

On Tuesday, our 2015 Year 5 OC students arrived for a day of information and fun! Ms Lovett's class organised and prepared for the presentation in the Hall. Students played the piano and our choir entertained everybody. Everyone enjoyed a morning tea and the parents / caregivers left their children here at Balmain PS to get to know each other, as well as our current Year 4 children, a little better. Our Year 4's supplied a picnic lunch for all to share and enjoy.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who assisted with organisation, morning tea, food etc! The day was a HUGE success!

"All I really need to know...I learned in kindergarten" ~ Robert Fulghum

Long gone are the days when Kindergarten was a time for girls and boys to 'get ready' for entering 'big school' (or Year One), where the **real** learning began...

Thursday morning saw our Kindergarten Orientation morning, where our 2015 kinders and their buddies mixed with our current kinders.

Parents and caregivers congregated in our library, listening to Ms Belinda Mikhail Gogos about what to expect when their children begin next year. Thanks, Belinda, for organising the morning.

The Orientation morning capped off a series of events with our 2015 Kindies, beginning with our Teddy Bears' Picnic at the end of last term and a week of 'Transition to School' program.

The relationship between the children, families and Balmain PS has already developed. Thursday morning saw very happy, excited young faces walking through our gates.

We're all looking forward to getting to know our youngest members, as well as our new families, next year!

THANK YOU also goes out to Carla Jedani, Eva's (1R) mum, for her tireless efforts in initiating and 'encouraging' local businesses to donate to our iPad Air Drive. Carla even managed to get us mentioned in Tuesday's Inner West Courier! Thanks again Carla, we appreciate all you're doing for Balmain Public School!

Maria Lambos Principal



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School hopes businesses in inner west will lend a hand to prepare pupils

BALMAIN Public School is asking for a helping hand from inner west businesses as it prepares to arm its students for the digital future which they will face once their education is complete.

But it is not just in the workplace that they are aiming to hone their knowledge – the classrooms where they gather their skills will be the starting point for the bold campaign.

The school is aiming to introduce tablets or iPads into its classrooms in 2015 so its students can learn how technology can open avenues in research, literacy and general knowledge.

Principal Maria Lambos said she hoped that businesses would chip in some or all of the \$500 required to purchase individual devices.

Local businesses which support the school will receive a full-page advertisement in the school newsletter, a commemorative plaque recognising their contribution and have their business name engraved on the device.

To help, contact the school on 9818 1177.





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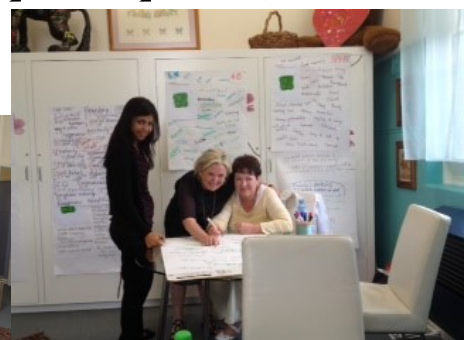
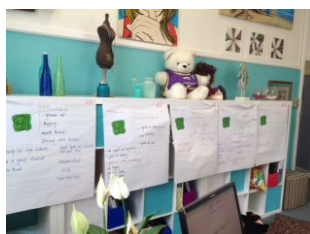
Friday morning saw the final speeches given by the students wishing to be ministers in 2015...Students and staff then voted (using a preferential voting system, of course!)

The results will be announced at our End-Of-Year Presentation Morning, on Monday, 8th December.

Vision Continues!

Thanks goes to all parents & caregivers, staff and students who participated in the 'Backpack' survey / activity.

Our executive have looked at the results, which, along with the initial survey you filled in, is helping to guide our 2015-2017 School Plan. The results are now in the foyer, should you wish to have a closer look...Thanks for your participation, it's much appreciated and definitely valued!





The Balmain Public School Device Drive

*Not too late
to Donate!*



We're on a journey to transform the way we teach at Balmain Public School and to open up a world of endless learning opportunities for our children through the introduction of iPad Air technology.

We are calling on the help of our entire school community to make this happen for our children.

Our goal: 50 iPad Airs (to be used across all grades)

The cost of purchasing one device is \$500. We are asking for families to contribute by funding one device or to make a contribution toward purchase of an iPad Air trolley.

A commemorative plaque will be made to honour the families who fund an iPad Air. Your name will be engraved on the plaque so that the school community can always remember those families that have generously supported our mission to revolutionise our children's learning experience. Your contribution will also be honoured through engraving your family name on each device that has been funded by your family.

The students are very excited about this opportunity. Here is a message from a Year 1 student:

Please help us raise enough money to buy iPads for our classrooms. To thank you, we will put your name on a sign so that our school will remember your amazing gift for lots and lots of years!

YES, we can help!

Family Name: _____

Child's Name & Class: _____

Please tick option:

☐

We can fund an iPad Air for \$500

(preferred name for engraving: _____)

OR

☐

We can contribute towards iPad Air trolley

(please insert donation amount: \$ _____)

Payment Option (please tick):

☐

Cash (enclosed)

☐

Cheque (Payable to Balmain Public School)

Please label envelope 'Device Drive', with your child's name and class. Please include slip with payment.

For any queries, please contact Maria Lambos on 9818 1177, or balmainps@gmail.com

Thanking you in advance for your generosity!

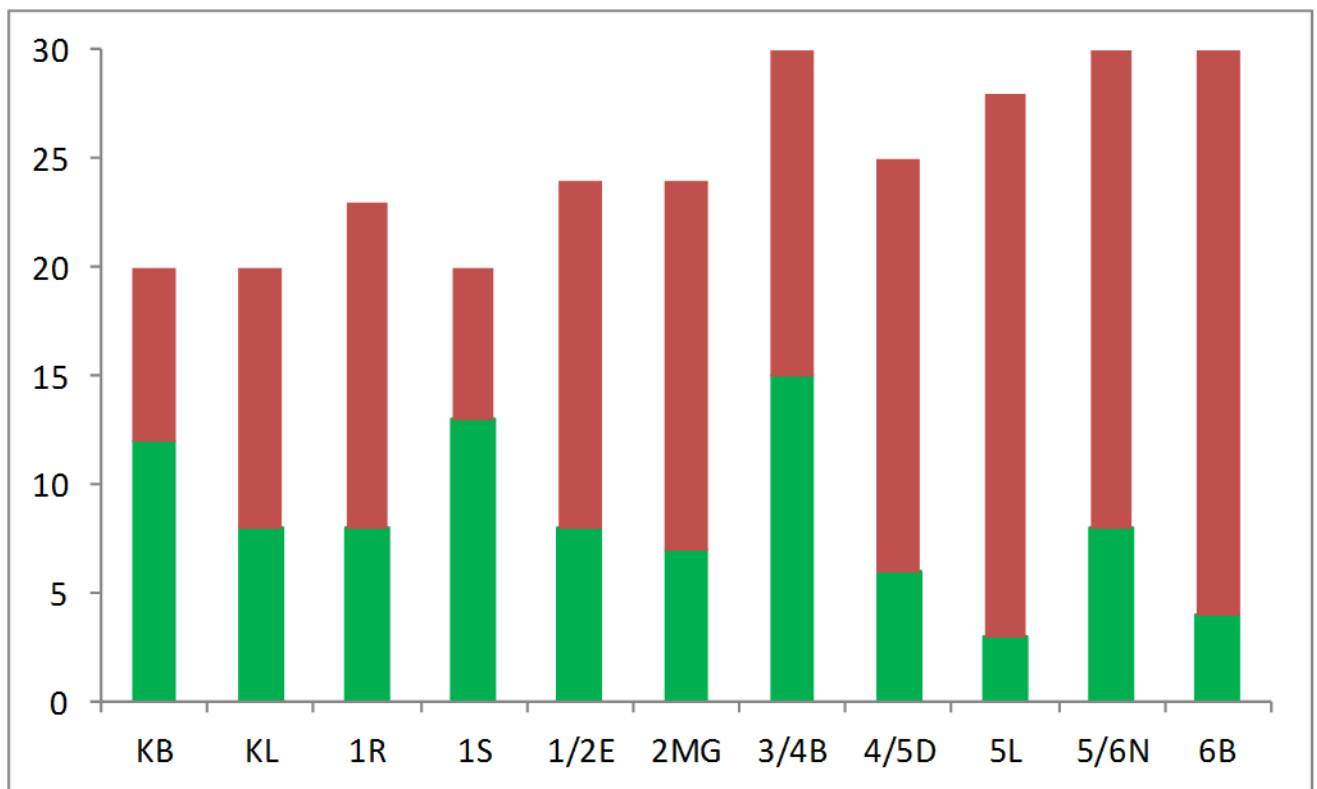


T-Shirts & Caps

We'll be running another t-shirt and cap sale on Tuesday 2 December from 8.30-9.00am. We are starting to run low on t-shirts so if you want to make sure you get one, please email your order to info@balmainfunrun.com.au and you can pick it up on the 2nd.

Registrations

We've had a massive week for school entries with 27 new ones added this week!



1S is still in the lead with a whopping 65% of the class registered, but KB is still close on their heels with 60%. A great week for 3/4B who have increased from 30% of the class registered to 50%.

Don't forget – race entrants in the winning class will receive a great prize! Just 2 weeks to go!



SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2014

**BALMAIN
FUN RUN**

Thanks for entering the Fun Run go to:

Ada R	3/4B		Greta R	KB		Marley D	6B	
Alex T	KB	New!	Hannah B	1S		Matthew T	1/2E	New!
Alexander R	1R		Harriett W	KL		Matthew A	KB	
Alexia K	1S		Harrison B	1S		Matthew M	4/5D	
Amelie S	6B		Hayla W	KL	New!	Matthew A	1S	New!
Andreas N	KB		Hayley M	KB		Max H	5/6N	New!
Andrei L	KL		Henri C	6B		Micah N	KB	
Asha S	KL		Hugo B	1R	New!	Mieke F	4/5D	
Ava R	1R		Isabella F	5/6N	New!	Mingyang G	4/5D	
Ava M	5L		Isla S	3/4B		Molly S	5/6N	
Ayaka R	3/4B	New!	Jade R	6B		Myles M	3/4B	New!
Caitlin Y	1S	New!	Jade W	2MG		Nicholas G	1S	
Cassia D	1S		James T	KB	New!	Oliver S	KB	
Charlie M	4/5D		James L	1/2E	New!	Oliver S	3/4B	
Charlie B	1/2E		Jamie S	1R		Oscar B	5/6N	
Charlie H	2MG	New!	Jason N	5/6N		Oscar L	KB	
Charlotte P	1R		Jess L	5L		Oscar F	KB	New!
Chloe A	1S		Joe F	1/2E		Paris W	3/4B	
Cormac J	KL		Jude R	1R		Phoebe M	1S	
Daphne M	2MG		Keira C	1/2E		Ruby E	4/5D	New!
Darcy F	2MG	New!	Kieran N	1S		Sam B	1/2E	
Dylan J	2MG		Kobe C	3/4B		Sam O	1/2E	
Dylan M	3/4B		Lachlan W	1R		Sam L	3/4B	New!
Lily E	3/4B	New!	Lachlan W	KL		Samuel N	2MG	
Elliot B	3/4B		Laila C	KL		Shane M	4/5D	New!
Eva S	1/2E		Laila R	1R	New!	Shou R	5/6N	New!
Finley R	5/6N	New!	Lucas B	1S	New!	Tate F	5/6N	
Finn C	3/4B	New!	Lucy E	3/4B		Tianyang G	2MG	
Freddie B	KB		Madeleine F	5L		William N	3/4B	
Freya P	1S		Maisie B	3/4B	New!	Zoe A	KL	
Gisele D	1S	New!	Marcella C	KB	New!			

www.balmainfunrun.com.au

Volunteers

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers! If you haven't already confirmed your involvement to Andrea Smith, please do so asap. Instructions for each role will be sent out next week.

If anyone else would like to join in, please email info@balmainfunrun.com.au. We do need a "bench" of volunteers as some people will have late changes of plan and won't be available on the day.

Allison Olds	Eliza Cusack	Linda Parnell	Rob Smith
Allon Ma	Elizabeth Walker	Lorna Grear	Rob Taubman
Anastasia Phillips	Ella Perkins	Louise Booth	Robert Green
Andrea Smith	Emma Allt-Graham	Lynda Lovett	Robyn Elmslie
Angela Argent	Fiona Curley	Margy Stone	Rosaline Perry
Angela Curry	Greg Davies	Maria Lambos	Sally Cooper
Anne-Maree Bowen	Helen Ma	Mark Egiziano	Sam Bowen
Antony Perkins	Howard Lovatt	Mark Janson	Sara Arcos New!
Arthur Graves	Ian Hendry	Marlene Cole	Sarah Braund
Audrey Ardolino	Jackie Showyin	Mary Evatt New!	Scott Huebscher
Bang Hai Zhang	Jaclyn Dufty	Mason Davies	Sean Baumann
Barry Cole	Jacqui Freeman	Matt Platts	Shawn Stilwell
Belinda Finlay	James Allt-Graham	Matthew Wilkinson	Simon Gilson
Belinda Gogos	James Anderson	Max McGown	Simon Skelton
Benjamin Perkins	Jane McPherson	May Ellwood	Stella Brooke
Blake Nuto	Janice Gardiner	Meg Mason	Stephen Conaty
Brenton Anderson	Jared Showyin	Mel Wyatt	Stephen Penny
Brett Curtis	Jeff Gilbert	Melissa Wilkinson	Susan Stilwell
Carla Jedani	Jessica ButlerMcPhee	Mia Ward	Susan Teasey
Charlotte Habib	John Dawlings	Mike Fairhurst	Tate Fairhurst
Charlotte Ritchie	Jonathan Spittle	Natasha Foster	Teresa Collignon
Christine Brown	Julian Luton	Nathalie Hansen	Terri Nelson
Cliff Philipiah	Julian Pidcock	Nhung Leed	Themi Roberts
Clontarf team	Karen Harvey	Nick Booth	Tiffany Zehnal
Damien McLynskey	Karin Hasse	Nyree Morrison	Tony Jedani
Daniel Sim Lind	Katherine Delaney	Oddette Harvey	Tony Leed
Danielle Fairhurst	Katina Comino	Odi Cameron	Trish Harvey
Danni Townsend	Katrina Johnston	Paul Brooke	Trish McEniery
Danqing Min	Kerry Bray	Paul Foster	Trudy Graves
David Joyce	Kim Janson	Penny Biggins	Van Allen
Denise McLynskey	Lauren Read	Peter Rand	Vanessa James
Desiree Fiene	Leah Egiziano	Phil Rutgers New!	Wayne Suryak
Diarmuid O'Connor	Leila Alem	Rena Lambos	
Edwina Cowdery	Liam Phillips	Rob Bennett	

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2KM 5KM 10KM

SUN 7TH DEC

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As part of the Balmain community **aboutlife** is proud to be supporting the Balmain Fun Run.

Come in and pick up some fun run staples, we have lots of super hydrating drinks & energizing snacks perfect for your run.

At **aboutlife** we believe in clean, wholesome, good food that is sustainable and supports our local farmers. All our products are 100% natural and 100% good for you, no artificial flavours, colours, sweeteners, preservatives or trans fats cross our doors so when you shop with us you know the products you are buying are safe, healthy and environmentally friendly.

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Peninsula Engagement Program 2014



PEP is an annual program for Yr5 students who show ability in a particular area.

It is held at Sydney Secondary College, Balmain Campus.

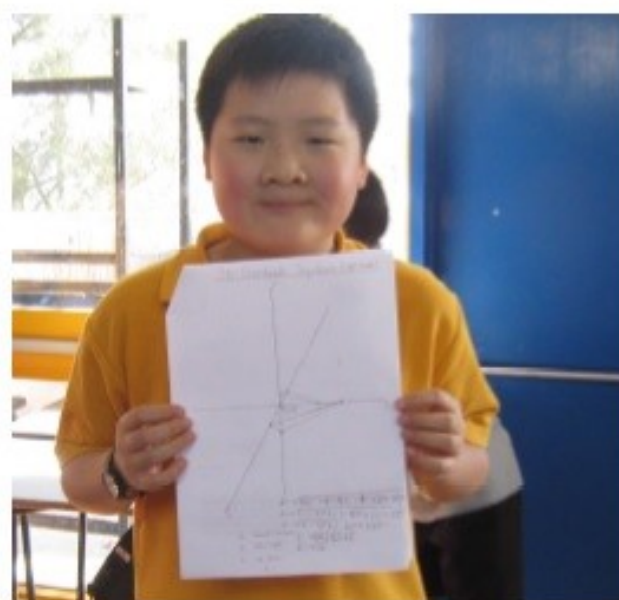




The 2014 theme was 'Outside the Box'.



The technology elective explored Apps using iPads. Educators from Apple were available to work with the students.



Mr. Corbett, a SSCBC mathematics teacher planned a treasure hunt. Students had to use 3D co-ordinate geometry to locate the treasure.



The science elective were given a choice of scientific concepts to investigate. One group chose to explore the feasibility of time travel.





Playtime was spent bonding with students from our own school and other peninsula schools as well.





The English elective were introduced to poetry slam or performance poetry. Students chose current issues they felt strongly about and stood on their 'soapboxes' to deliver their views in verse.

PEP culminated in an expo where students shared their learning with parents and teachers from their respective schools.





2014

***End of Year
Music & Choir
Concert***

Date: Friday 5th December

Time: 6pm

Venue: Balmain PS Hall



3/4 BRONZITE

This Term 3 / 4 Bronzite have been immersing themselves into the world of visual literacy. We've been studying texts from authors Libby Gleeson and Shaun Tan. 3 / 4 B have been analysing these texts and drawing bigger themes from the books. We've then been having fun using drama to help us understand the text, and draw more from the text so as to deepen our understanding.

Exaggeration



Imagination



3 / 4 B displaying their amazing acting skills in their 'still image' displaying themes discovered from the texts.



Darkness



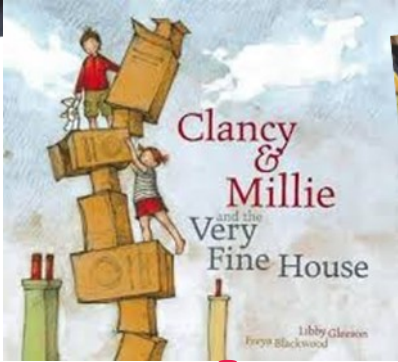
Loneliness

Boredom

Imagination

Sadness

Happiness



A huge thank you to all parents and children who helped create the 3/ 4 B garden. It is looking amazing and it's all thanks to you guys.



*If your child turns 5
on, or before 31 July 2015,
Please **ENROL** for Kindergarten **NOW!***

*Please check your email regularly,
as a lot of our communication
to you will come through
balmainps@gmail.com*

Raise Your Hand...

HELP BALMAIN PS WIN \$10,000...

We've raised 258 hands and sitting in 35th place...Keep RAISING YOUR HANDS!!!!!! You can help us get closer!

We have until 18th December to try and be one of two schools with the most hands raised, in order to win a grant for our school...

All you have to do:

Go onto the following website DAILY, click on 'raise my hand' and select Balmain Public School from the drop down list.

www.anaphylaxis101.com.au/raiseyourhand

Individuals can raise their hand once a day until the end of the competition...

BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL



Eszter C

Max H

Finley R

Stephanie J

Caterina L

Jason N

Shou R

Stephen L

Jessica G

Jane Y

Ava M

Dylan M

Lucy E A

Finn C

Maisie B

Elliot B

**Outstanding
Achievements**

Years 3~6 Banner Recipients...

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KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

TERM 1, 2015 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!

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SUBMISSIONS TO ART COMPETITIONS!
CREATIVE AND STIMULATING CLASSES
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CONTACT SABINA: sabina@kidsattheartthouse.com or 0403768282

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP
(DARLING HARBOUR) "DREAM" EXHIBITION - 2014 & 2015
FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2014
WINNER: AVANT CARDS "CALLING ALL ARTIST'S" COMPETITION 2013
FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011
WINNER: AVANT CARDS "CALLING ALL ARTIST'S" COMPETITION 2010
COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH:
THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY AND LITERACY FOUNDATION 2013
THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011