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BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

LEARNING TO LIVE AND LIVING TO LEARN

TERM 4 ~ WEEK 11



Where has the year gone? I feel like I've blinked and missed it! We've reached the end of a fabulous, event-filled year at Balmain Public School.

I would like to thank each and every staff member at Balmain Public School, both teaching and non-teaching, who put their heart and soul into their work, for all our kids! We couldn't do it without them.

We have a couple of teachers who will not be returning to Balmain in 2015...A huge thank you, good luck and farewell goes to Miss Alison Bird and Mrs Elizabeth Walker! All the very best in the future! Thank you also goes to Mrs Karen Meers, who has relieved for our wonderful Pam this term—Karen will be going to Canterbury PS next year...good luck!

At the beginning of 2015, we welcome Miss Ariana Abeni-Davis to our school. Miss Abeni-Davis was the successful applicant when a classroom position was advertised at the beginning of this term.

To our families that have Year 6 students and are moving on to high school, we wish you the very best of luck with the next chapter of your lives.

To all our families, on behalf of Balmain Public School, I wish you all a safe, healthy and prosperous festive season and New Year!

Maria Lambos Principal

TUES 27 JAN 2015

***Staff Development
Day ~ Staff Only***

WED 28 JAN 2015

***School resumes for
Years 1—6***

THURS 29 JAN 2015

***Kindergarten begins
9:30am***



IMPORTANT INFO: 2015 @ Balmain PS...

At this stage, it looks like we are forming 12 classes next year, as we will have 310 students (there are currently 274 enrolled). The executive staff, Ms Ellwood, Ms Mikhail-Gogos and Mrs Lovett and I have looked at numbers and possible class configurations/teachers for next year.

There is the possibility of actually forming 13 classes—we are only a handful of students (only 3 kindy children), away from that...

As there is a strong possibility of extra enrolments at the start of school next year, when new families traditionally move into the area, we will not be forming new classes on Day 1, (Wednesday 28 January), but rather, wait until we have 'bottoms on seats' after Kindergarten commence on Thursday and form classes by the end of the week. If on Thursday, it looks as though we do form 13 classes, the executive will have to re-form class structures.

If we do form 12 classes, the structure will most likely be as follows:

- *KC—Ms Katina Comino*
- *KA—Miss Ariana Abeni-Davis*
- *1R—Miss Lauren Read*
- *1/2P—Mrs Jenny Parkes (3 days-Tues—Thurs) & Miss Sophie Parsons (2 days—Mon & Fri)*
- *2B—Miss Jess Butler (Terms 1 & 2) & Mrs Jo Edwards (3 days—Terms 3 & 4), as well as Miss Butler (2 days—Terms 3 & 4)*
- *2E—Ms May Ellwood*
- *3B—Mr Sean Baumann*
- *3/4C—Ms Victoria Clay*
- *4/5MG—Ms Belinda Mikhail-Gogos*
- *5N (OC) - Mr Blake Nuto*
- *5/6D—Miss Jackie Dufty*
- *6L (OC) - Mrs Lynda Lovett*
- *Library/Reading Recovery—Ms Margy Whelan (Stone)*
- *Music Specialist/ESL—Ms Penny Biggins*
- *Visual Arts Specialist—Miss Sophie Parsons (3 days—Tues-Thurs)*

IMPORTANT DATES 2015:

Tuesday 27 January

Staff Development Day—No Students

Wednesday 28 January

Years 1—6 begin ~ 8:55am start

Thursday 29 January

Kindergarten begins ~ 9:30am start

Friday 30 January

Kindergarten—Year 6 ~ 8:55am start

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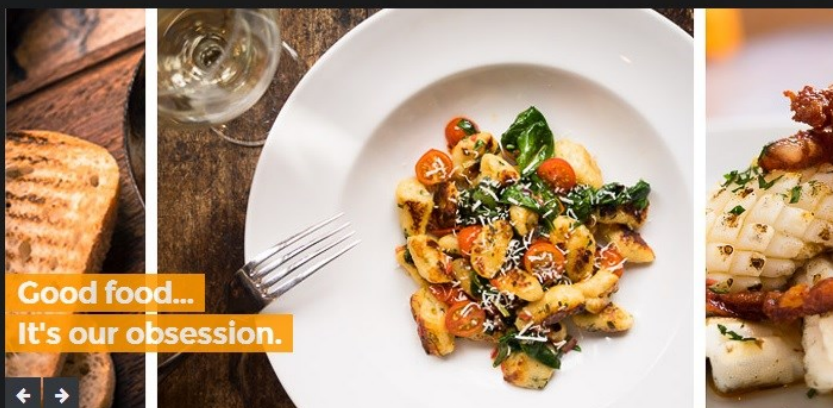
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balmain public school band



Join the Balmain Public School Band Program!

An annual non-refundable joining fee of \$200 plus \$75 per term includes:

Membership to the Training Band, Concert Band or Strings Ensemble

An invitation to the Music Camp (additional cost)

Band t-shirt

Performing at school & P&C events

Printed music sheets

The band is run by a parent volunteer committee so if you are interested in volunteering, please contact
Biddy: biddymc@gmail.com or Robyn: robyn.elmslie@gmail.com

Learn to live...and make music!

SAVE THE DATE
27 FEB 2015

BPS P & C
PARENT DRINKS NIGHT

Tickets \$40 Per Person (Inc 2 Drinks & Canapés)
Buy your Tickets on www.flexischools.com.au

A Social Evening. Come and meet your child's classmates
Parents for the New Year. A chance to mingle with Teachers.
Celebrate opening our new Library...

Good Food, Drinks, Music, in The School Hall.

Strictly No Children – so come and kick your heels up for a
Fun Night out.

Contact info@flexischools.com.au 0423 290 467

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balmainps@gmail.com



KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

TERM 1, 2015 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!

EXCITING NEW AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM
PAINTING, DRAWING, PRINTMAKING, SCULPTURE AND FABRIC ART!
SUBMISSIONS TO ART COMPETITIONS!
CREATIVE AND STIMULATING CLASSES
OPEN TO K - 6 STUDENTS.
CLASSES HELD AT BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL
MONDAYS 3PM - 5PM.

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
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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