

Pigeon Post



BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

LEARNING TO LIVE AND LIVING TO LEARN

TERM 4 ~ WEEK 10

WED 17 DEC

**LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL FOR 2014!**

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



***'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.'* ~ Aesop**

Yet again, the Balmain PS community has shown how generous you can be for less fortunate people than ourselves...

Thursday's Giving Assembly was very touching...the seemingly endless collection of brightly wrapped toys for the Salvation Army made a huge impression on our special guest, Miriam, the Salvation Army representative.

Miss Bird's car was packed to the brim, with food donations for 'Our Big Kitchen'.

A massive \$341.60 was collected for Aidan Brown, the little boy from Annandale North PS, with an extremely rare type of cancer.



I'm sure there will be lots of smiles and full tummies during the festive season! Thank you for giving...

***Maria Lambos* Principal**



Celebration of Learning

KB

Rania P – For outstanding achievement in literacy
Oliver S – For outstanding achievement in mathematics
Greta R – Outstanding citizenship
Matthew A – Consistent application in all key learning areas

KB

Asha S – Excellence in all areas of literacy
Cormac J – Excellence in all areas of mathematics
Lachlan W – Consistent effort and a positive attitude in all areas of learning
Luca G-W – Impressive academic development and application across all Key Learning Areas

1R

Charlotte P – For fantastic effort and application in all areas
Zafary M – For excellence in mathematics
Hugo B – Excellence in sporting ability and teamwork
Danielle K – Excellence in English
Ava R – For always working conscientiously and being a wonderful role model

1S

Caitlin Y – For excellent work in all areas
Harrison B – Great work in English and mathematics
Nicholas G – For scientific reasoning
Phoebe M – Wonderful writing of stories and reports
Lucas B – Class citizenship

1/2E

Keira C – Great enthusiasm and achievements in reading
Eva S – Wonderful enthusiasm and excellent results in all Key Learning Areas
Joe F – Excellence in mathematics
Matthew T – Wonderful achievements in academic and social aspects of school life
Micah M – Extraordinary citizenship in all aspects of school life
Dom W – Outstanding application and achievement in all Key Learning Areas
Charlie B – For academic excellence in all Key Learning Areas

2M

Cameron R – Demonstrated excellence in mathematics
Abbie O – Demonstrated excellence in English
Katrina C – Outstanding efforts across all Key Learning Areas
Daphne M – Outstanding citizenship
Darcy F – Demonstrated commitment to achieving his highest potential

3/4B

Dylan M – Academic excellence in mathematics
Maisie B – Academic excellence in English
Keturah M – Excellence in sport
Oliver S – Excellence in all Key Learning Areas
James L – Excellence in class citizenship
Elliot B – Commitment to achieving his highest potential

Celebration of Learning

4/5D

Mieke F – Demonstrated excellence across all Key Learning Areas

Josephine P – Outstanding efforts in learning

Blake L – Improved dedication towards learning and behaviour

Shane M – Excellent work in key learning areas and assignments

Dylan H – Improved positive outlook on learning and increased academic risk-taking

Monica P – Improved dedication and focus towards her studies

5L

Ellery J – Excellence in English

Jane Y – Excellence in mathematics

Charlie R – Excellence in mathematics

Kathy K – Excellence in science

Lilian C – Amazing progress

Jessica G – Class and school citizenship

5/6N

Anne-Marie S – A fluent and enquiring mathematical mind

Eszter C – Beautiful descriptive writing and analytical reading in English

Conor H – Always extending his knowledge in class, and exploring it beyond

Molly S – Dedication to her learning at all times

Ben P – Perseverance, determination and inspiring growth

Lilybet M – Focus, initiative and positivity across all areas of school life

6B

Charles S – A dedicated effort and an outstanding improvement in all areas

Amelie S – Dedication to achieve excellence in all areas

Henri C – An outstanding effort in social and scientific studies

Lily Rose R – Being a positive and respectful school citizen

Janette H – Achieving excellence in numeracy

Caitlin M B – Achieving excellence in literacy

English as an Additional Language/Dialect

Shou R – Outstanding effort and progress in learning English

Music

Dylan R – Junior Music Award ~ Wonderful Musicality and Participation

Lalleh M – Senior Music Award ~ Exceptional Musicality, Creativity and Leadership

Choir

Stephan C – Outstanding achievement and positive commitment to choir

Charlotte A – Outstanding achievement and positive commitment to choir

Band

Jade R – Commitment and excellence

Mingyang G – Most improved musician

Amelie S – Commitment and excellence

Marcus M – Consistent effort and cooperation to the jazz band

Henri C – Commitment and excellence to the strings ensemble

Caitlin M B – Being a co-operative and committed strings ensemble member

Celebration of Learning

Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad

Marcus M ~ Highest Individual Score

Felix A B ~ Highest Individual Score

The University of NSW Faculty of Engineering Award

Anne-Marie S ~ Superior results in numeracy

You Qi X ~ Superior results in numeracy

Debating ~ The Inner West Friendly Debating Team

Hannah S

You Qi X

William S

Jade R

Janette H

Penny P

Janice L

Raymond L

Marley D

Ellery J

Emmie F

Anne-Marie S

Debating ~ The Premier's Debating Team

Lily R

Sarah B

Noah R

Caitlin M B

Amelie S

Amanda Q

Jess L

Stephanie J-G

Finley R

Library Monitors

Kelly Y

Jade R

Carrie C

Dhara G

You Qi X

Penny P

Rebecca W

Anne-Marie S

Katya A

Ava M

Jessica G

Janice L

Janette H

Bella F-S

Ellery J

Michael Ward Community Award

Bill V ~ his thoughtfulness with younger students and desire to improve the school's physical environments

School Citizenahip Award

Henri C ~ Henri does not wait to be asked. He intuitively knows where and when he is needed.

Rotary Citizenship Awards

Lilybet M ~ tirelessly does what is expected of her without fuss, just getting on with the job. The staff really value students with these characteristics

Eszter C ~ tirelessly does what is expected of her without fuss, just getting on with the job. The staff really value students with these characteristics

Sports Awards

Overall Junior Girl Champion ~ Ada R

Overall Junior Boy Champion ~ Nathan W

Overall Senior Girl Champion ~ Caitlin M B

Overall Senior Boy Champion for ~ Max H

The winning house for 2014 is Sapphire

Celebration of Learning

Leadership Awards

Prime Minister 2014 – Sarah Boge

Prime Minister 2014 – Oscar Bennett

2014 Ministers:

**Lalleh M
Tate F**

**Lilybet M
Noah R**

**Eszter C
Amelie S**

**Henri C
Lily C**

**Patrick G
Ben P**

Leaders for 2015...

Prime Ministers



Molly S



Finley R

Ministers

**Max H
Jess L
Finlay M
Nilufar M
Austin O**



**Conor H
Ellery J
Madeleine F
Felix A B
Ava M**



An evening to remember



Year 6 Graduation...

Thank you to our P&C!

On behalf of Balmain Public School, we'd like to THANK YOU so much for your unwavering, continued support.

All your efforts have not gone by unnoticed!

Our community helps make this school the special place it is!!!!



THANK YOU
for our latest donations...

Stilwell family (Oliver KB) ~ 2 x iPads

Bowen family (Ada 1S)

Paroli family (Monica 4/5D)

Slade family (Jamie OC 2015)

Also, thanks to...

Blamain Care 4 Kids X 4 iPads

Aquiva Bakes ~ Fundraiser

The screenshot displays the Balmain Care For Kids website. At the top, a navigation bar includes the logo, contact information (info@balmaincareforkids.com.au, 02)9555 2341), and a 'Daily Diary / Wait List Login' button. Below this is a horizontal menu with links: Home, Your child, Parents & Guardians, Our centre, Events, Programme, Meals, Wait list, and Contact Us. The main content area features a large image of children interacting with a chicken, with the text 'At Balmain Care For Kids we provide children with opportunities to interact with nature.' To the right of this image is a login form for the 'Daily Diary / Waitlist Login' with fields for Email and Password, and buttons for 'Reset my password', 'Resend Activation', and 'Submit'. Below the main image are four colored boxes: 'Events' (blue), 'Our centres' (teal), 'Your child' (dark green), and 'Parent and guardians' (red), each with a 'See more' link. To the right of these boxes is a 'Welcome to Balmain Care For Kids' section with a paragraph about the organization and a 'Find out more' button. Below this is a list of links: 'Our philosophy', 'Development', 'Programme', and 'Meals', each with a '+' icon. The footer contains a 'Navigation' section with links to 'About Us' and 'Contact', and a 'care for kids' logo.

Balmain Care For Kids | Contact info@balmaincareforkids.com.au Call us **(02)9555 2341** [Daily Diary / Wait List Login](#)

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At Balmain Care For Kids
we provide children with opportunities to interact with nature.

Events
View the latest events that are happening at the centre.
[See more](#)

Our centres
This section is all about our child care centre. Here you will find Our Philosophy, all the policies
[See more](#)

Your child
This section is all about your child while they are enrolled at the centre. We cover the Development
[See more](#)

Parent and guardians
View important information for parents and guardians about Child Care Benefits and Rebates.
[See more](#)

Daily Diary / Waitlist Login
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Welcome to Balmain Care For Kids
Balmain Care for Kids has two child care centres and one After School Care service locational within the Balmain Peninsula. Father Fohn Therry After School Care Centre 16 Janes.....
[Find out more](#)

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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)

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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!

This has been an extremely busy and exciting week for Year 6!

As well as presentation day, we've also had our Year 6 excursion, the Giving Tree assembly and two days of Mock High School! Not to mention tonight's Year 6 Graduation!

On Wednesday, all of Year 6 went trampolining at Skyzone. We jumped, bounced, leapt, flipped and landed on the trampoline floors and walls! Mr Nuto, Miss Bird and Mrs Edwards joined the kids and were delighted to play trampoline dodgeball with, and against, the students.

literally climbing the walls, as well as tricks and flips, were popular throughout the Skyzone visit. And it was clearly difficult to choose between the basketball hoops and the foam pit. It was awesome fun, and good exercise!

Next stop was Sydney Park, where we all picnicked, played cricket and football, climbed trees and played on the equipment. We were incredibly lucky that the weather held out!

It was a fantastic day, and by the time we got back to school, there were plenty of tired-looking students and teachers!

Many thanks to Mrs Edwards and Julia Mcmar for accompanying us on the day! We hope you had fun too!



Night of the Notables

What a fabulous way to spend a Friday evening...recently, Balmain's hall was graced with the presence of 28 Notables ~ 28 people who have made their mark in this world...

There were clues to who these people were, clever captions and authentic food related to the particular person, (which was delicious, by the way!)

At the conclusion of the evening, it turned out that these 28 Notables were actually 5L students. Congratulations to 5L and Mrs Lovett, on a wonderful evening, celebrating the authentic learning in class. What an incredible night!

NOTABLES:

Felix—Gough Whitlam

Geena—Nancy Wake

Oscar—JRR Tolkien

Allon—Robert Baden-Powell

Lilian—Jane Goodall

Maddie—Frank Lloyd Wright

Emmie—Anne Frank

Jessica—JK Rowling

Valentina—Yulia Broskaya

Stanley—Larry Page

Ellery—Marie Curie

Fiona—Florence Nightingale

Kathy—Margaret Preston

Stephen—Abraham Lincoln

Jess—Malala

Finlay—Nikola Tesla

Marcus—Leonardo da Vinci

Ava—Millicent Fawcett

Ike—Albert Einstein

Finnegan—Janis Lipke

Austin—Winston Churchill

Amanda—Amelia Earhart

Charlie—Samuel Beckett

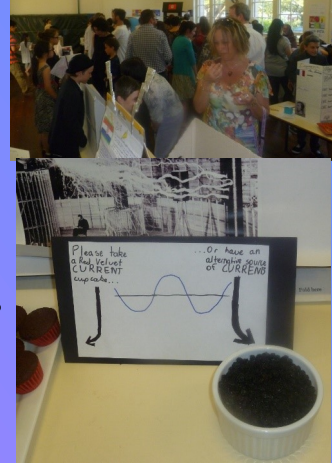
Caitlin—Rosa Parkes

Nathan—Steve Jobs

Jane—Dr Barry Marshall

Evan—Tim Berners Lee

Charley—Sylvia Earle



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

Please check your email regularly,
as a lot of our communication
to you will come through
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
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