



# 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 Citizenship 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**

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## **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

Lilybet M

Eszter C

Henri C

Patrick G

Tate F

Noah R

Amelie S

Lily C

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  
between



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 shows the homepage of the Balmain Care For Kids website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo, contact information (info@balmaincareforkids.com.au, 02)9555 2341), and a 'Daily Diary / Wait List Login' button. Below this is a main menu with links for 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 a caption: '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 a 'Submit' button. Below the main image are four colored boxes: 'Events' (blue), 'Our centres' (teal), 'Your child' (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 'Find out more' link and a list of menu items: 'Our philosophy', 'Development', 'Programme', and 'Meals', each with a plus sign. At the bottom, there is a footer with 'Navigation', 'About Us', and 'Contact' links, and a 'care for kids' logo.



## 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!*

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***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](mailto: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!**

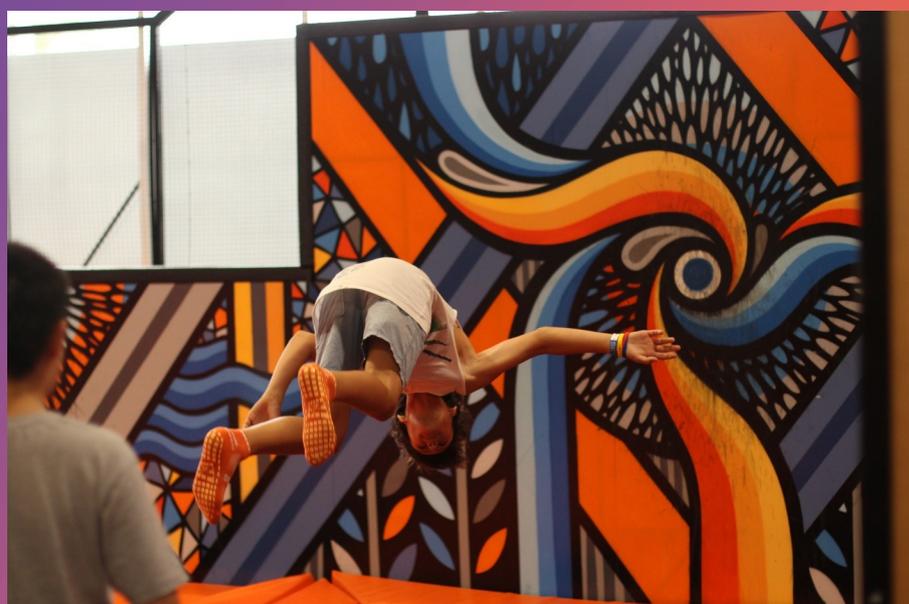
**On Wednesday, all of Year 6 went trampolining at Skyzone. We jumped, bounced, leapt, flipped and landed on the trampoline floors and walls! Mr Nuto, Miss Bird and Mrs Edwards joined the kids and were delighted to play trampoline dodgeball with, and against, the students.**

**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 Mear 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

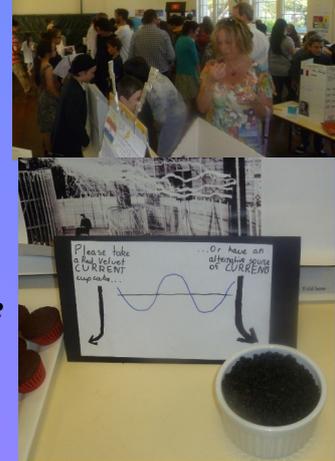
Caitlin—Rosa Parkes

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 Bidy: [biddymc@gmail.com](mailto:biddymc@gmail.com) or Robyn: [robyn.elmslie@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 [www.flexischools.com](http://www.flexischools.com) 0423 290 467

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as a lot of our communication  
to you will come through  
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# 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](mailto: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