

Pigeon Post



BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

LEARNING TO LIVE AND LIVING TO LEARN

TERM 4 ~ WEEK 9

WED 10 DEC

Year 6 Outing ~

SkyZone

THURS 11 DEC ~ 2pm

'Giving' Assembly

FRI 12 DEC

REPORTS go home

FRI 12 DEC

Year 6 GRADUATION

WED 17 DEC

LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL FOR 2014!

WED 28 JAN 2015

School resumes for
Years 1—6

THURS 29 JAN 2015

Kinders begin

What an AMAZING event the Belle Property Balmain Fun Run is! It was fabulous to see such a wonderful turnout...the sun shone brightly as kids of all sizes and ages, including over 70 year olds, descended upon King George Park at Rozelle!

Over 1600 people competed, including Miss Butler's dad, a 69 year old, who ran the 10km race! 150 people signed up to volunteer on the day, including Balmain Public staff (and their children), parents, friends and friends of friends. 130 BPS students (out of 274), entered races!



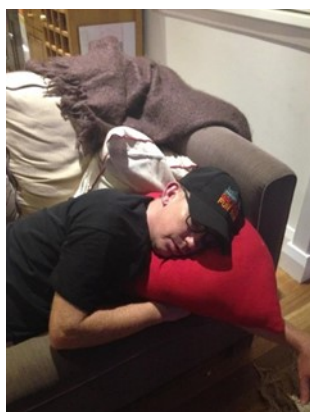
This event would not be possible without the tireless planning and efforts of Trudy Graves and her super-supportive, highly active **Belle Property Balmain Fun Run** committee. A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO TRUDY AND THIS WONDERFUL GROUP!!!
THANK YOU!!!

Saturday saw an event bag and bib stuffing day at the Fosters'. There were 20 adults and an assortment of kids, stuffing 1000 event bags, packing 1800 bibs and 7200 safety pins, as well as bagging up 133 t-shirts/caps.

CONGRATULATIONS to the collective team for such a successful event! Early calculations show that monies raised will easily surpass last year's mammoth effort!



Maria Lambos Principal




SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2014

130 kids from Balmain Public entered the Fun Run...

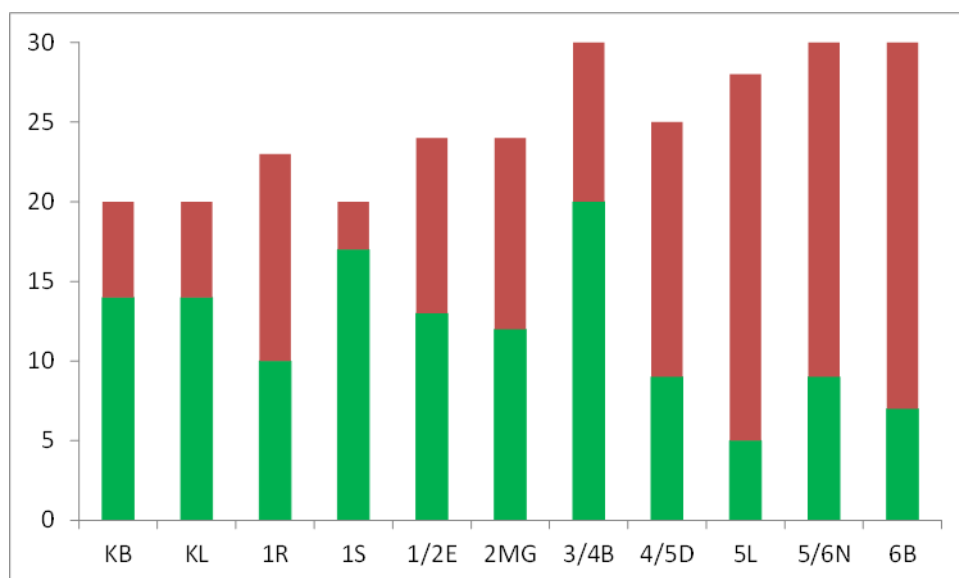
Ada R	3/4B	Elijah A	2MG	New!	Joe K	3/4B	Mojmir M	2MG	New!
Alex T	KB	Ellery J	5L	New!	Josephine P	4/5D	Molly S	5/6N	
Alexander R	1R	Elliot B	3/4B		Joshua C	KL	Myles M	3/4B	
Alexia K	1S	Ethan M	1/2E		Joshua W	1S	Nicholas G	1S	
Alison H	KL	Eva S	1/2E		Jude R	1R	Oliver S	KB	
Amelie S	6B	Felix A	5L		Keira C	1/2E	Oliver S	3/4B	
Andreas N	KB	Finley R	5/6N		Keturah M	3/4B	Oscar B	5/6N	
Andrei L	KL	Finn C	3/4B		Kieran N	1S	Oscar F	KB	
Arno C	3/4B	Finn O	6B		Kobe C	3/4B	Oscar L	KB	
Asha S	KL	Finnegan H	KL		Lachlan R	KB	Paris W	3/4B	
Ava B	1S	Freddie B	KB		Lachlan W	1R	Patrick G	6B	
Ava M	5L	Freya P	1S		Lachlan W	KL	Phoebe M	1S	
Ava R	1R	Gisele D	1S		Laila C	KL	Ruby E	4/5D	
Ayaka R	3/4B	Greta R	KB		Laila R	1R	Ryan H	1/2E	
Brendan E	1/2E	Hannah B	1S		Lara O	1R	Sam B	1/2E	
Caitlin M	6B	Harriett W	KL		Lily E	3/4B	Sam L	3/4B	
Caitlin Y	1S	Harrison B	1S		Lilybet M	5/6N	Sam O	1/2E	
Cameron R	2MG	Hayla W	KL		Lucas B	1S	Samantha J	4/5D	
Cassia D	1S	Hayley M	KB		Lucy E	3/4B	Samuel N	2MG	
Charlie B	1/2E	Henri C	6B		Madeleine F	5L	Sean C	3/4B	
Charlie H	2MG	Henry K	4/5D		Maisie B	3/4B	Shane M	4/5D	
Charlie M	4/5D	Hugo B	1R		Maleeha D	KL	Shou R	5/6N	
Charlotte P	1R	Isabella F	5/6N		Marcella C	KB	Sora S	1/2E	
Chloe A	1S	Isla S	3/4B		Marley D	6B	Tate F	5/6N	
Chloe C	1R	Jade R	6B		Matthew A	KB	Taylor Y	KB	
Connor C	2MG	Jade W	2MG		Matthew A	1S	Thomas G	1S	
Cormac J	KL	James L	1/2E		Matthew M	4/5D	Tianyang G	2MG	
Daphne M	2MG	James T	KB		Matthew T	1/2E	Toby C	2MG	
Darcy F	2MG	Jamie S	1R		Max H	5/6N	William E	3/4B	
Dylan J	2MG	Jason N	5/6N		Micah M	1/2E	William N	3/4B	
Dylan M	3/4B	Jasper M	KL		Micah N	KB	Zoe A	KL	
Dylan P	1S	Jess L	5L		Mieke F	4/5D			
Ellie B	KL	Joe F	1/2E		Mingyang G	4/5D			



And the winner is....

1S!

Congratulation to 1S – a whopping 17 out of 20 kids in
the class entered the fun run!!



KB & KL were joint runners up with 14 of 20 students each.

Giving Assembly

Salvation Army

Balmain Public School will be holding its Giving Tree Assembly on Thursday 11th December 2014 at 2:00pm in the school hall. It has been school tradition that students donate gifts for children less fortunate than themselves. These gifts will then be donated to the Salvation Army.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could donate a gift to a child to make their Christmas brighter. Please wrap and identify the appropriate age and whether it is for a boy or a girl. Thank you for 'giving' this Christmas!



Fundraising to support Aidan Brown

As a part of our Giving Tree Assembly, we would also like to acknowledge Aidan Brown, a little boy from Annandale North Public School with an extremely rare form of cancer. He was diagnosed with Adrenocortical Carcinoma (cancer of the adrenal gland) in March this year. This cancer affects as few as one in a million Australian adults and even fewer children; the Browns are unaware of another child suffering from this disease in the country. Its rarity makes the cancer difficult to treat. After eight months of intensive chemotherapy and drug therapy, Aidan's tumours have reduced, but still remain. As you can imagine, the lives of his family have been turned upside down.

A group of parents in the local community has banded together to raise funds for the Browns to enable Aidan's parents, Rob and Dawn, to be with Aidan while he battles adrenocortical carcinoma. The funds will also be used to assist in the next phase of treatment and quality time with the family. They have set up a website www.aidansquest.com.au and Facebook page (Aidan's Quest) in the hope of raising \$30,000 in 30 days. Balmain Public School will be hosting a gold coin donation during the assembly to help contribute towards this fund.



'Our Big Kitchen'



After experiencing 'Our Big Kitchen' first hand, Stage 3 have decided to run a food drive to support those most in need. We will be collecting donations this week. Suitable foods include: canned vegetables or fruit, flour, rice, pasta, oil, meals in a can, evaporated milk, cereal, baby food. Fresh produce can be donated on Thursday only. Please reconsider anything that needs refrigeration. OBK is a kosher kitchen, so all non-kosher items will be passed on by OBK to alternative charities who support the homeless and others in need. For more information on kosher foods, go to www.ka.org.au and for more information on OBK, go to www.obk.org.au

THANK YOU
for our latest iPad donation
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Starlettos are the essential
accessory for outdoor weddings,
garden parties, the racing
season and social events.



As seen in



OK!
BEYOND THE RED CARPET

COSMOPOLITAN VOGUE

STARLETTO'S





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:

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We can fund an iPad Air for \$500

(preferred name for engraving: _____)

OR

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We can contribute towards iPad Air trolley

(please insert donation amount: \$ _____)

Payment Option (please tick):

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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!



BPS and the Music Programme presents...

End of year Music Concert



Friday 5 December 2014

Concert Band

Fires of Mazama by Sweeney
Toucan Tango by Harrison
James Bond Theme by Norman, arr. Thorp

Individual Items

Sarah Boge, flute Siciliano by Fauré
Austin O'Toole, clarinet Concerto mvt. 2 by Tartini

Brass Ensemble

Selected item

Duet

Caitlin McManus, Viola
Selected item

Strings Ensemble

Baroque Study arr. Aeree Kim
Menuet and Bourrée by Händel

INTERVAL



Choir

Weave me a Poem by Blickhan
Selection from Mary Poppins by Scherman & Scherman
Feed the Birds
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Individual Items

Hannah Shi, clarinet Hard Rock Blues by Rae
Patrick Gill, trumpet Sevens by Cooper

Flute Ensemble

Bransle by Gervaise

Woodwind and Percussion Ensemble

Dance by Susato

Jazz Band

Blue's Groove arr. John Plankenhorn

Concert Band

Robin's Round by Freddie Hill
Portsmouth Trad. Arr. Mason
Nepi Tanc by Elisabeth Kelvin
Meet the Flintstones by Hannah, Barbara, Curtin
arr. Sweeney



A huge thankyou goes to our
Conductors, Tutors and Accompanists:

Dr Elisabeth Kelvin
Ms Penny Biggins
Ms Aeree Kim
Ms Madeleine Slaughter
Mr Freddie Hill
Mr John Plankenhorn

And to all the participating children of
Balmain Public School—Thank you for
playing beautiful music tonight



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!

OUR BIG KITCHEN...



Under the inspiration and organisation of Ms Bird, 6B, 5/6N & 5L volunteered our time at *Our Big Kitchen*. Across our stage, we have been looking at members of our society that do not have a voice. We have also explored ideas of democracy and equality. *Our Big Kitchen* was the perfect opportunity for our students to put their learning into practice.

The idea to start OBK was based on an experience that the founders had with a woman in the community who was extremely unwell. This lady was working with the founders and the burden of providing her and her family with meals fell onto the families in the community. The founders decided to do some communal cooking for her. To do this, they borrowed a kitchen and got together a group of volunteers to cook.



During these cook-ins, they noticed that the electricity that was created in that borrowed kitchen amongst the people there was incredible. Then and there they realised that this was something that they wanted to duplicate to help others in the community in need. They also wanted to bring together other people to share in this experience. So they transformed the basement in Bondi into a large-scale industrial kitchen that is now used to benefit anyone in the community.

OUR BIG KITCHEN...

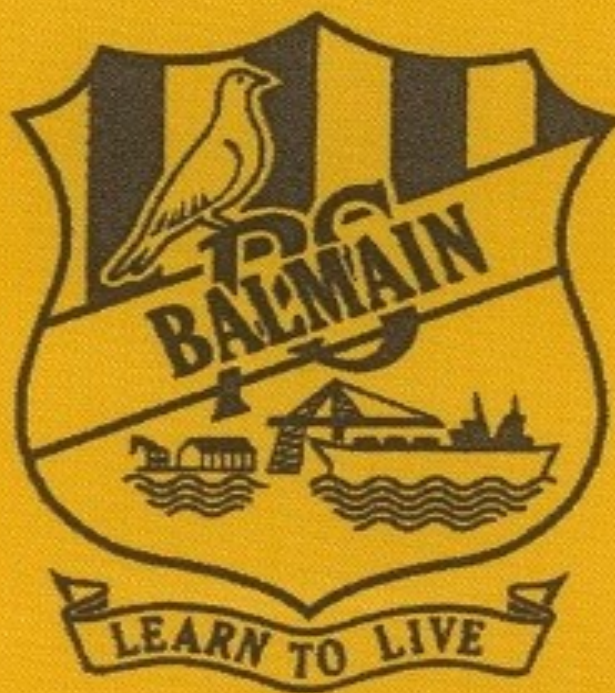


On any given day the kitchen caters for the homeless, refugees, hospitalised, families in need, you name it! We also learnt that they work to rehabilitate people through teaching basic hospitality skills, in order to give them a second chance. During our visit, the students were making biscuits for children in hospital. They also helped to make their own lunch, including their own bread rolls!

Overall, the pictures reveal that they had a fantastic time! We all learnt a lot, including the teachers. It was clear to see that through the stories that were shared, our eyes were opened to the reality of those that live on the margins of society.



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Mieke F

Blake L

Jon H

Mingyang G

Eliane S

Matthew B

Emily M

Ike M

Stephanie J

Matthew T

Milly E

Daphne M

Micah M

Ethan M

William N

Marcel G

Keturah M

Outstanding Achievements

Banner Recipients...

Sam O Zayle E Keira C Myles M James L

A HUGE SHOUT OUT goes to Van (Zoe's mum) and Tom (Milly's dad) for assisting Andrzej and Ally move out all the 'old' furniture from the Library and Year One rooms, in preparation for the arrival of the NEW FURNITURE!!!!

Thank you soooooooooo much!

**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 0423 290 467

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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