

balmain public school *learn~live~lead* pigeon post

Issue 37 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 7

Belle Property Balmain Fun Run... ...is almost upon us!

How exciting! Only two more sleeps until the day finally arrives! I will have to be with you all in spirit...I had booked a weekend cruise long before the new date for the Balmain Fun Run was announced, so I will be in the middle of nowhere on Sunday...I have already bought and packed my t-shirt, so I will be dressed and ready to go and join in from the deck...can't wait to hear all about it on Monday...**HAVE FUN!!!!!**





SUN 22ND NOVEMBER 2015

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Dates for the Diary... •Sunday 22nd November ~ Belle Property BALMAIN FUN RUN



Coming Up @ BALMAIN...

- Thursday 26th November ~ 2:00pm ~ 5N/6L's Assembly
- Monday 30th Nov & Tuesday 1st Dec ~ MUSIC CAMP!!!!!
- Thursday 3rd December ~ 2:30pm ~ 3B's Assembly
- Monday 7th December ~ CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
- Tuesday 8th December ~ Music Evening
- Thursday 10th December ~ 2:00pm ~ Kindergarten's 'Giving Tree' Assembly
- Friday 11th December ~ Reports out
- Monday 14th December ~ Year 6 Graduation
- Tuesday 15th December ~ Year 6 Day Out

BALMAIN

Getting fit together



THE Foster family is celebrating health and fitness with three generations entering the Balmain Fun Run next Sunday. Joe, 8, and Mac, 6, their mother Natasha and their grandmother Robyn Sydun are running together. "I've just turned 70 and I love running" Robyn said.

"I've never won anything in my life until last week. I won the over 70s division at the 10km race at Homebush." Now in its eighth year, the Balmain Fun Run comprises 10km, 5km and 2km races in Callan Park. The event attracts some of Australia's best runners, but also encourages families to exercise and have fun.





60% of students have entered the fun run - FANTASTIC!!

We have a new class leading the Class Challenge! The winner will be announced at lines on Monday.

Ada R	4/5MG		Dylan P	2B		Joshua C	1R		Nicholas G	2E	
Aiden H	5N		Dylan R	3/4C	New!	Jude M	кс		Oliver S	5/6D	
Alexander L	KC		Elijah A	3B		Jude R	28		Olivia S	1R	
Alexander P	KC		Elijah R	5N		Kaito S	KC		Omar D	5/6D	New
Alexander R	2E		Ellery J	6L		Keira C	28		Orson O	KD	
Alexander T	1R		Ellie B	1R		Kieran N	2E		Oscar F	1R	
Alexandra B	KD		Elliot B	4/5MG		Kobe C	5/6D		Oscar J	3/4C	
Alexia K	2B		Emily R	KD		Lachlan R	1/2P		Oscar L	1R	
Alison H	1R		Emmeline F	6L		Lachlan W	28		Paris W	5/6D	
Andrei L	1R		Ethan M	3B	New!	Laila C	1R		Patrick R	KC	New
Andy A	KC		Eva E	KA		Laila R	28		Pearce T	38	New
Anja T	5N	Newl	Eva S	2B		Lara O	2E	Newl	Phoebe M	28	
AnnaL	5N		Evie C	1R		Liam Y	28	New!	Puff M	5/6D	
Antoine F	2E		Felicia Y	38	New!	Lilian C	6L	New!	Rachael H	28	
Arno C	4/5MG		Felix A	6L	ite wi	Logan P	KD		Riley S	5N	
Asha S	1/2P		Finlay M	6L		Lorien W	4/5MG		Rosie P	6L	New
Ava B	1/2P		Finley H	5N		Luca G	1R		Ruby T	KC	New
Ava M	6L		Finley R	5/6D		Lucas B	1/2P		Saira P	1/2P	
Ava R	2E		Finn C				KD	Manuel	Sam B	38	
				4/5MG		Lucas D		Newl			Name
Caitlin S	6L		Fiona J	6L	Naval	Lucy E	3/4C		Samuel L	4/5MG	New
Caitlin Y	2E		Frances R	3/4C	New!	Mac F	KD		Samantha J	5/6D	
Caleb G	KA		Freddie B	KC		Madeleine F	6L		Samuel N	3/4C	
Callum Y	3/4C		Freddie N	KA		Maisie B	4/5MG		Sarah D	2E	
Cameron R	3B		Freya H	1R		Marcella C	1/2P		Sarah H	KC	
Cassia D	1/2P		Freya P	2E		Marcus M	6L		Sean C	4/5MG	
Charles B	2E		Gisele D	2B		Marley D	6L		Shane M	5/6D	
Charley J	6L		Greta R	1/2P		Marli P	3/4C		Skye R	1/2P	
Charlie C	1/2P		Hannah B	2E		Matilda P	KA		Sora S	38	
Charlie H	3B		Harriett W	1R		Matilda R	1R		Stella J	4/5MG	
Charlie M	4/5MG		Harrison B	2E		Matthew A	1/2P		Theo R	KA	
Charlotte P	2B		Harvey Y	5N		Matthew A	1/2P		Thomas G	2E	
Charlotte W	3/4C		Hayla W	1/2P		Matthew B	5N		Tianyang G	3/4C	
Chloe A	1/2P		Hayley M	1R		Matthew M	4/5MG		Tom V	6L	
Chloe C	2B		Henry K	4/5MG		Matthew T	3/4C		Tristan T	KD	
Coco M	2E		Honghao C	6L		Max H	5/6D		Tyler B	38	
Connor C	3/4C	New!	Hugo B	2B		Maxim P	KD		Valentina H	6L	
Conor H	5/6D		Ike M	6L		Maxwell K	38		Veronica H	KA	
Cooper D	2E		Isla S	3/4C	CO - 0425	Maya S	3/4C		Waima-Lee /	KC	
Corey M	KD		James L	3/4C	New!	Micah M	38		Will M	KC	
Cormac J	1/2P	New!	James T	1R		Mieke F	5N		William B	KD	
Daphne M	3B		Jane Y	6L		Mingyang G	4/5MG		William N	4/5MG	
Darcy F	3B		Jessica G	6L		Mirabelle F	KC	New!	William R	5/6D	
Darcy S	2B		Jessica L	6L		Mojmir M	38	New!	Zayle E	38	
Drew K	KA		Joe F	2B		Molly S	5/6D		Zoe A	1R	
Dylan H	4/5MG		Joe K	4/5MG		Natalia M	38				
Dylan J	3B	New!	Jonah J	KD	New!	Nathan W	6L				
Dylan M	3/4C		Josephine S	KC		Nia S	KC	New!			



WE'VE DONE IT!

I always knew we could do it!

Thank you to all our families and friends who have volunteered to help with the fun run. And an extra big thanks to our wonderful teachers and staff for giving up their time to help out. See you all on Sunday!

Alice Liounis-Xanthakos	NEW!	lan Hendry		Michelle Cramer		
Anastasia Phillips		Jaala Dyer		Mieke Fairhurst		
Andrea Smith		Jaclyn Dufty		Mike Fairhurst		
Angela Argent	NEW!	Jacqui Freeman		Myrtie Liounis-Xanthakos	NEW	
Angela Curry		James Allt-Graham		Natasha Foster		
Annie Bowen		Jane Williams		Nhung Nguyen		
Antony Perkins		Janet Len		Nigel Russell		
Ariana Davis		Janice Gardiner		Nyree Morrison		
Arthur Graves		Jeff Gilbert		Oddette Harvey		
Bang Hai Zhang		Jen Parkes		Oliver Scott		
Barnaby Jenkins		Jenni Mackinder		Oscar Bennett	NEW	
Barry Cole		Jeremy Sandbrook		Paul Brooke		
Belinda Gogos		Jo Edwards		Paul Foster		
Ben Perkins		John Cobcroft		Penny Biggins		
Betty Liounis-Xanthakos	NEW!	Julia Limb		Peta Gilbert		
Biddy McDermott		Kate James		Peter Rand		
Blake Nuto		Katina Comino		Rebecca Ross		
Brenton Anderson		Katrina (Dylan's mum)		Renee Mackin		
Charlotte Herring		Kazu Takahashi	NEW!	Rob Bennett		
Charlotte Ritchie		Kerry Bray		Rob Taubman		
Christine Brown		Kim Janson		Robert Smith		
Conrad Johnston		Lauren Read		Robyn Elmslie		
Danielle Fairhurst		Leila Alem		Sally Cooper		
Danni Townsend		Linda Parnell		Sam Bowen		
David Finlay		Louise Booth		Sara Arcos		
David Joyce		Luana Ferrara		Sean Baumann		
David Scott		Lynda Lovett		Shanel Cameron	NEW	
Ella Perkins		Mags Tyson	NEW!	Shoma Dutt		
Emma Allt-Graham		Malcolm Day		Simon Gilson		
Finley Hook	NEW!	Maree Skinner	NEW!	Stan Wilson		
Fiona Curley		Mark Janson		Stella Brooke		
Gary Fiene		Mason Davies		Tate Fairhurst		
Georgina Perkins		Matt Platts		Trish McEniery		
Gerri Foster		Max Bennett	NEW!	Trudy Crawford		
Gerrie Sylvester	NEWI	Max McGown	NEW!	Van Allen		
Graeme Edwards		May Ellwood		Vanessa James		
Grahame Paton	NEW!	Meg Ford		Vassili Liounis-Xanthakos	NEW	
Greg Davies		Megan Elliott		Venetia Hendry		
Howard Lovatt		Melissa Wilkinson		Victoria Clay		

The Belle Property Balmain Fun Run is run by the school, for the school, with support from our amazing sponsors. All money raised goes to Balmain Public School.



K Dawn continued their investigations into the needs of living things. We were all actively involved in the daily care of our silkworms. Our silkworms are now laying eggs!

The life-cycle starts all over again.











It seems Ms Davis is no longer needed in K Dawn.

Lexie has taken over reading to the whole class!



Designing









brance Day Comparing the capacity of containers and making a mess!

Remem-

A visit from theSydney Kings!



Stage 3 had some very exciting guests this past week, with a visit from Tom Garlepp and Marcus Thornton, from the Sydney Kings. Balmain's Stage 3 Students were a part of a special program which complements our K-6 'You Can do it' program.

The Sydney Kings school program strongly echoes the two cornerstone philosophies of inclusiveness and healthy living. As an inclusive sport, basketball is the perfect vehicle to encourage life empowering attitudes and confidence in children. The year 6 students got a special year 6 gift and received some one-on-one time on the court with our special guests.









External Validation Process 2015 Pilot

As of 2016, all Department of Education (DoE) schools across NSW will be undergoing external validation. Our school was selected to undergo a pilot process earlier this term, along with some other primary and high schools across the state.

The executive team, as part of the process, were required to analyse our progress against the 2015-2017 School Plan (which can be found on our website), as well as the School Excellence Framework.

The School Excellence Framework supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of highquality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading.The document can be accessed by the following link: <u>http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/</u> <u>about-the-department/our-reforms/school-excellence-framework</u>. A PDF copy can also be downloaded by googling School Excellence Framework.

Due to the quick turnaround of the pilot study, (we were notified at the end of Week 2 this term), many intense full-day sessions were needed, with Assistant Principals, Mrs Edwards, Ms Mikhail Gogos, Ms Lovett and myself, involved in professional dialogue and carefully considering evidence to articulate our progress.

The reasoning behind the external validation process is as follows:

'Objectivity, transparency and consistency are important elements for ensuring a system-wide approach that supports schools in their ongoing journeys of excellence. While improvement efforts are designed, driven and assessed on an ongoing basis by each school, an external process is important for providing an assurance to the school and the system that the progress being made aligns with the expectations articulated in the School Excellence Framework.

The approach to school excellence includes a process in which schools provide evidence of achievements and ongoing progress assessed using the School Excellence Framework. This process involves an independent validation panel, comprising two Principals, School Leadership, or PSLs, to consider the evidence provided by each school.'

Wednesday morning saw the external validation panel, consisting of two PSLs, as well as another observer colleague, from the Leadership and High Performance unit, come and visit the executive team at Balmain Public School, where we presented our evidence and spoke about our progress towards our ongoing journey of excellence. We were really excited about sharing our journey with the panel, as related to our School Plan and School Excellence Framework.

We are proud of our students, staff and community!

Exciting News!!! We're getting a PLAYGROUND UPGRADE!!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our P&C and Eaton St Centre, who are jointly funding Stage One of our Playground Upgrade!

The playground upgrade:

o has been designed by experts ULP, with inputs from the student body, teaching staff, P&C and ESC;

o will improve safety (ie remove tarmac trip hazards in front of the toilet block);

o will provide a series of robust interactive learning and play spaces; and

o has the potential to be incorporated into a possible broader playground upgrade currently being assessed by State Government.

Work is due to commence mid-Term 1 next year and should take approximately six weeks to complete, weather permitting.

We are really excited!!!!!



http://www.balmain-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/53630275/53637643/ Balmain%20PS%20Playground%20Upgrade%20Design.pdf

KETURAH & MATTHEW ROAR FOR BALMAIN



adapted from a PowerPoint Presentation, presented by Keturah and Matthew

Matthew and Keturah's Trip to Port Macquarie

• What it is like in Port Macquarie...

- Matthew and Keturah travelled five hours north to get to Port Macquarie. It is a three day competition and we versed a variety of teams around the state.
- When we're up in Port Macquarie, it's always rainy throughout our games and there are massive puddles on the fields, so it's very slippery.
- First day of the competition...
- On the first day, Matthew's team versed Orange and beat them, 4-2. On Keturah's first day in Port Macquarie, her team versed Parramatta and flogged them. The score was 7-1. Both teams played against Manly - Keturah's team lost 3-1 and Matthew's team tied with them, 1-1.

Second day...

- Keturah played her last game in Port Macquarie, which was the semi-finals. Her team won because if its draw, whoever scored first wins and her team scored first.
- Matthew won his last game against Orange, 5-3.
- The grand finals and other finals got cancelled because it was flooding!

ft giving

All children are invited to provide a gift-wrapped gift

for a child in the local community who may not

otherwise receive a present.

(Collected in classroom <u>from now</u> with age and gender recommendation attached on a card if relevant please)

Giving Tree Ayembly



Thursday 2pm

10th December 2015

BALMAIN'S THEATRE SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP 2015



Team 'Troll Faced Studio' performing Expert Double Figures

This semester, 6L and 6/5D have been learning lots of new drama skills with Miss Connor and Ms Biggins, including improvisation, stagecraft, mime, confidence in performing and thinking creatively. This has all been leading up to the Balmain Theatre Sports Championships, which began in week 6. Over the course of 3 weeks, all students from 6L and 6/5D will have participated in this new and exciting in-school competition.

The Theatre Sport games learnt by the students have enabled them to shine on stage and entertain the audience with their quick wit, team skills and melodramatic performances.





Loyalty and Rewards Program Kidstuff



If you shop at the toy store, KidStuff, please remember to nominate BPS to receive the points from your purchase. We can use the points purchase resources throughout the year.





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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

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- 1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
- 2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
- 3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
- 4. The app is FREE to download.
- 5. When installed click "Open"
- 6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
- 7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- 8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

- 1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
- 2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
- 3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
- 4. Click the "Install" button.
- 5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
- 6.Click "Open" when installed.
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8:1 Phone and Windows 8:1 or 10 device users:

- 1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
- 2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
- 3. Install the Skoolbag app
- 4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
- 5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
- 6.Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"

7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.









Don't forget to like us on Facebook!



Please be invited to the celebrations of the tenth Birthday of Blooming Arts.

The exhibition will be offically opened by The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne, and with music provided by The Journey.



Leichhardt Council proudly presents the tenth year of **Blooming Arts** - an exhibition celebrating the wealth of artistic talent of people with disability. Timed to coincide with *International Day of People with Disability* on December 3, we invite you to join in the celebration.

Exhibition Open: 12 - 6pm daily - November 28 - December 6, 2015 Leichhardt Town Hall, Corner of Marion and Norton Streets, Leichhardt

For more information on The Blooming Arts program of events including workshops, a film preview and more please go to www.leichhardt.nsw.gov.au/BloomingArts

Contact 9367 9379



EXHIBITION OPENING EVENT: SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 1-3PM



FLYING SOLO



Event Date: Thursday 3 Dec, 6:30pm for 7pm start. To be opened By The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne. Leichhardt Town Hall, Corner of Marion and Norton Streets, Leichhardt

Digby Webster is a 27-year-old talented artist who dreams of one day moving out of home. His friend Tom Elenor fantasises about a stardom that will elevate him out of his mundane life but struggles with the responsibilities that come with independence. Award-winning actress Tracie Sammut now wants to teach other people with a disability and put a stop to industry stereotyping. All three share the same challenge: a society that doesn't always understand or accommodate them. Only by turning to a world beyond practicality and circumstance - the world of art - can they ever hope to change anything, themselves included. Join Digby, Tom and Tracie as they embark on a journey to find freedom through the creative arts and prove that all dreams are made equal.

There will be a Q&A with director Ehsan Knopf and some of the participants.

For more information about the film or to see the official trailer, visit www.flyingsolofilm.com

RSVP for catering purposes to bronwynt@imc.nsw.gov.au by Monday 30 November, 2015





Blooming Arts Mentoring Prize: 2010 - 2015

A retrospective exhibition of works by the 5 artist recipients of the Blooming Arts Mentoring Prize. The prize is a collaboration between Sydney College of the Arts and Leichhardt Council and awards one Inner West artist with disability the opportunity to attend the College and receive mentorship support from a College tutor.

Exhibition to be officially launched by The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Vera Anne Hannaford

Opening Night: Tuesday 1 December, 6 for 6.30pm start. Please RSVP to bronwynt@lmc.nsw.gov.au by Friday 27 November, 2015

Location: Leichhardt Library, 23 Norton St, Piazza Level, Italian Forum, Leichhardt Exhibition runs: 1-31 December, 2015

Exhibiting Artists:

Kway Zin Aung (2010 - mentored by Mikala Dwyer)

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5 years and Counting

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Clarrice Collien (2014 - mentored by Cleo Gardiner)	I









All inner west primary school children are invited to sing at Carols on Norton in Pioneers Park. FREE.

'Any musical activity is a powerful builder of friendships, community bonds and social capital – the aim of "Carols on Norton" is to encourage community interaction through music-making by people of all ages and ability at the highest level'

Michelle Leonard - Artistic Director, Carols on Norton

What is Carols on Norton?

Carols on Norton is a free outdoor Christmas event presented by the Leichhardt Espresso Chorus and Leichhardt Council. It is held in Pioneers Park, Leichhardt on Sunday 20 December. The event includes an orchestra, MC Julie McCrossin, Leichhardt Espresso Chorus and a Children's Chorus. This year the event also includes a Lantern Parade and Make a Noise: Public Percussion.

What is the Children's Chorus and what commitment is required?

The Leichhardt Espresso Chorus has been organising concerts and workshops with children in Sydney and all over regional New South Wales in programs sponsored by, amongst others, the NSW Arts Ministry. Using this experience in the local area children all over the inner west have experienced the benefits of singing in a professional concert – Carols on Norton.

All primary school children from grade 2 onwards are welcome to join the choir. No Auditions and... IT'S FREE!

COME AND REGISTER AT THE FIRST REHEARSAL: at Leichhardt Primary School Music Room – Corner Marion and Norton St, Leichhardt. Children must attend all rehearsals in order to be ready to perform.

Wednesday 25 November 4.30 - 5.30pm REGISTRATION & rehearsal Wednesday 2 December 4.30 - 5.30pm rehearsal Wednesday 9 December 4.30 - 5.30pm rehearsal Wednesday 16 December 4.30 - 5.30pm rehearsal

Saturday 19 December (time tbc) dress rehearsal with orchestra SUNDAY 20 December - sound check 5.00pm, Performance starts at 7.00pm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT:

www.espressochorus.com.au/childrenschorus

Or contact Pepe Newton at espressochorus@gmail.com Mob: 0412 548 703











They've arrived!!!



The 2016 BPS Art Calendar

It's not too late!!!

Only \$16!

Available from the school office, or in the playground at pick up time

during week 8.

Don't miss out!!!

Questions? lyndalrutgers@gmail.com









28TH BALMAIN FUN NIGHT!

Bring the kids down to Gladstone Park Bowling Club! George Gregan, former Wallabies Captain, will be running rugby clinics from 4pm. Matt Falloon and his Trained Balloons will entertain the kids from 6:30pm with a truly unique show and balloon twisting.

Adults \$20 - BBQ, dessert + drink (beer or wine) & babysitting Kids \$10 - Rugby clinic, balloon show, kids menu + soft drink



FOR MORE INFO & TO PURCHASE TICKETS, VISIT TRYBOOKING.COM/JHTC

