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Issue 40 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 10

Ho! Ho! Ho!

*Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold,
everything is softer and more beautiful.*

Norman Vincent Peale

**Thursday afternoon saw a special gift giving assembly,
hosted by the youngest members of our school...**

A ute full of gifts left Balmain Public School, with very
emotional and heartfelt THANKS from
Captain Christian of the Salvation Army.

Christian was overwhelmed by the
generosity of our fabulous community,
openly crying when he exclaimed that
there were now enough gifts for the 180
families that his Glebe team care for -
and that's **THANKS TO YOU ALL!!!!**

**Christian would like to extend an open
invitation to anyone/family, from our
school, that would like to be involved in
handing out the gifts to the intended
recipients...**

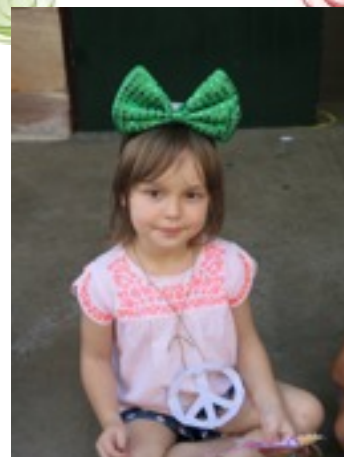
**When: Friday 18th December from
10:30am**

**Where: The Salvation Army
9 Ross St, Glebe**

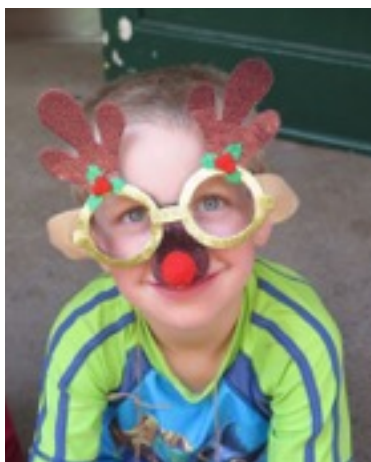


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GIVING
TREE
ASSEMBLY



Dates for the Diary...

Next Week...

- **Monday 14th December** ~ Year 6 Graduation
- **Tuesday 15th December** ~ Year 6 Day Out
- **Wednesday 16th December** ~ LAST DAY OF TERM 4!!!!!!



Next Year...

- **Wednesday 27th January** ~ Staff Development Day (NO STUDENTS)
- **Thursday 28th January** ~ Years One to Six return to school ~ Year 5 OC start at 9:30am
- **Monday 1st February** ~ Kindergarten commences 9:30am
- **Friday 5th February** ~ Swimming Carnival ~ Years 3-6 (and any Year 2 students turning 8 in 2016)



FAREWELL MS COMINO

Wednesday 16th December sees Ms Katina Comino's last day at Balmain PS for a while.

Katina has expressed a desire to broaden her experiences in education and has taken up a one-year teaching opportunity at Orange Grove Public School.

Whilst at Balmain PS, Katina has had several roles - Kindergarten teacher, Reading Recovery teacher, EAL/D teacher, RFF teacher, as well as Early Stage One Coordinator this year, whilst Jo Edwards was still on maternity leave.

We wish Ms Comino all the very best for her new adventure - Balmain PS will certainly miss you!

2016 at Balmain Public School

At this stage, according to our enrolments, we will most likely have 13 classes. The following configuration may change slightly, depending on additional enrolments from now until the commencement of the new school year:

1. Kindy - Ms Angela Curry
2. Kindy - Ms Ariana Davis
3. K/1 - Ms Deepika Mistry
4. 1 - Mrs Jo Edwards (M-W)/Mrs Jenny Parkes (Th-F) - when Mrs Edwards goes on maternity leave, Mrs Jen Lawson will work (M-W)
5. 1/2 - Ms Lauren Read
6. 2 - Ms Jennifer Stanley
7. 3/4 - Mr Sean Baumann
8. 3/4 - Ms Jackie Dufty
9. 3/4 - Ms May Ellwood
10. 4/5 - Mrs Victoria Clay
11. 50C - Ms Lynda Lovett
12. 6 - Ms Belinda Mikhail Gogos
13. 60C - Mr Blake Nuto

Additional teaching staff:

Reading Recovery - Ms Margaret Whelan

Library - Ms Margaret Whelan/Mrs Jenny Parkes

Visual Arts - Ms Sophie Parsons

Music - Ms Penny Biggins

Drama - Ms Charlotte Connor

Learning & Support - Dr Pauline Jensen/Ms Sophie Parsons

EAL/D (English as an Additional Language/Dialect) - Ms Charlotte Connor

School Learning Support Officers:

Ally
Andrzej



THANK YOU!!

We are floored by the **generosity** of the amazing families
at **Balmain Public** with all their donations for our
Food Drive for Asylum Seekers Centre!!!

Henceforth Mark Ragg shall be dubbed the Spice King for wiping
Woollies clean of chilli & other spices!

HUGE heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave a little something!!!!

Louise Booth & Van Allen

(Harrison, William & Zoe's mums)



Apologies to anyone who left their reusable shopping bags & had wanted them back
The Centre uses the bags for families & individuals to take the food items home.

www.asylumseekerscentre.org.au

I SEE YOU

It's a time of badges, certificates, medals, trophies, recognition, awards, prizes and 'seeing' of high achievement. I love seeing the kids that shine at this time of year - a big high heartfelt round of applause to you. You so deserve it for the effort you have put in.

But this message is for the kids that didn't get called up for any of the above...

I SEE YOU.

To the child that conquered their fear of heights, or sleeping in the dark, or riding without training wheels or sleeping out for the night for the first time this year, I SEE YOU

To the child that managed to resolve more conflict than they started this year, to the child that learnt to say the impossible; "I'm sorry", and to the child that walked away from the fighting instead of getting involved, I SEE YOU

To the child for whom school is a huge struggle, you get up everyday and you go, I SEE YOU

To the child that battled all year with the maths, or reading, or concentration, or speaking out in class, or learning their words, but persevered anyway, I SEE YOU

To the child that found the kindness in their heart reach out in anyway to another person or to an animal in need or in pain, I SEE YOU

To the child that learnt to give and to share for the first time this year and even found joy in these, I SEE YOU

To the child that battles to make friends and to be social, you made new friends this year and for that, I SEE YOU

To the child who wanted so much to please, but was just out of sight of an adult who perhaps was too busy or too distracted, I SEE YOU

To the child who lost a friend or a loved one this year, but carried on everyday bravely even though their heart ached, I SEE YOU

To the brave parents that try everyday to do the best for their kids, I SEE YOU.

May you and your children revel in small but significant victories that you have both experienced this year, as I will with my beautiful children. For every year there is progress and growth, we don't need a podium or handshake or a hall of applause to be seen.

I SEE YOU.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

ON MONDAY, 2ND DECEMBER
THE WHOLE SCHOOL
ASSEMBLED AT SYDNEY
SECONDARY COLLEGE -
BALMAIN CAMPUS. WE
SPENT AN ENJOYABLE
MORNING RECOGNISING AND
CELEBRATING THE
LEARNING THAT HAS
TAKEN PLACE AT BALMAIN
PUBLIC SCHOOL DURING 2015.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO
MAKING THIS DAY A HUGE
SUCCESS AND
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
AWARDS RECIPIENTS!



Celebration of Learning ~ Award Recipients

MICHAEL WARD COMMUNITY AWARD

Amanda Qiu, Jane Yang, Lilian Chen, Jessica Gu & Valentina Ha

SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Kathy Kritharides

'YOU CAN DO IT!' AWARDS

Getting Along - Rosie Paton

Confidence - Nikolai Shchekochikhin

Resilience - Corey Morgan

Persistence - Freya Pidcock

Organisation - Kobe Chatterton

K AURORA

Kenzi Lee - Consistent enthusiasm and application in mathematics

Jack Coboeroft - Consistent enthusiasm and application in literacy

Rose Heydari - Enthusiasm for learning and consistent dedication towards all areas of school

K CANDLES

Alex Lau - Outstanding effort and achievement in English

Alex Pidcock - Outstanding effort and achievement in mathematics

Mirabelle Fitcher - Overall outstanding effort, achievement and citizenship

K DAWN

Lexie Bradbury - Consistent application, achievement and enthusiasm for learning

Orson Owen-Jones - Consistent application and enthusiasm in maths

Matilda Reid - Outstanding achievement in literacy

I RAINBOWS

Laila Chopra - Excellence in literacy

James Taubman - Excellence in mathematics

Evie Clarke - Outstanding effort and a love of learning

Alex Taubman - Outstanding citizenship

1/2 PHOSPHORESCENCE

Cormac Johnston - Excellence in mathematics

Rania Phillips - Excellence in English

Saira Pillai - Diligence and excellence across all key learning areas

Ari Schwartz-Lomeli - Persistent application and consistent improvement across all key learning areas

2 BRIGHTSPARKS

Denva Timson - Outstanding achievement in English

Alexia Karakaidos - Outstanding achievement in mathematics

Laila Roddis - Outstanding effort and enthusiasm in all learning areas

Brendan Egiziano - Dedication and commitment to his own learning

2 ELECTRO

Charlie Bennett - Excellent achievement in mathematics

Hannah Banks - Excellent achievement in English

Sarah Drummond - Outstanding citizenship in all areas of school life

Harrison Booth - Consistent effort and excellent achievement in all key learning areas

Caitlin Yew - Outstanding academic achievement in all areas of the curriculum

VISUAL ARTS 'LUMINOSITY' AWARDS

Leah Sedgley-Davis & Maisie Britt

MUSIC PROGRAM - STRAUSS' STRINGS

Madeleine Fiene & Allon Chen

MUSIC PROGRAM - BEETHOVENS

Eva Scott - Most improved band member

Ava Rutgers - Leadership

Indya Farrington - Commitment

MUSIC PROGRAM - BACHS

Fiona Jung - Most improved band member

Molly Smith - Leadership

Quinn Curson - Commitment

3 BIOLUMINESCENCE

Charlie Huebscher - Excellent citizenship skills, showing respect and concern for others

Daphne Mason - Outstanding academic achievement in creative literacy

Sora Sato - Outstanding academic achievement in numeracy

Micah Matoe - Outstanding display of sportsmanship in physical education

Dylan Johnston - Consistent academic effort throughout the year

3/4 CONVEX

Dominic Wee - Excellence in mathematics

Lucy Edwards-Argent - Excellence in literacy

Fehlim Curson - Excellence in sport

Callum Young - Outstanding citizenship and responsibility

Emily Macfarlane - Outstanding effort and achievement in all subjects

4/5 MOONLIGHT

Lorien Wong - Consistent effort and application in mathematics

Stella Jeffery - Outstanding efforts in all areas of English

Alia Coffey - Outstanding citizenship

Henry Kinnon - Hard efforts supporting ICT structures within the school

Finn Cooper - Most improved across all key learning areas

5 'NFERNO

Christine Zou - Excellence in mathematics

Mieke Fairhurst - Excellence in English

Matthew Brewster - DaVinci all-rounder

Riley Stafford - Community spirit

Ryan Kim - Community spirit

Lara Grosser - Self-motivated learning

5/6 DAWNBREAKERS

Sami Janson - Excellent citizenship skills, showing respect and concern for others

Sophie Edwards-Argent - Outstanding academic achievement in literacy

William Reid - Outstanding academic achievement in numeracy

Jake Thomas - Outstanding academic achievement in physical education

Xavier Sjahriar - Consistent academic effort throughout the year

Keturah Matoe - Achieving excellent improvement to academic results through consistent effort

6 LEDs

Jess Lovatt - Excellence in literature and English

Finlay MacDonald - Expertise in all areas of technology

Evan Yi - Class citizenship and technology troubleshooting

Marcus Mallard - Advanced mathematical problem solving

Ellery Joyce - Exuberance, energy and high achievement in all areas

Charley Johnson - Class citizenship and all round high achievement

EAL/D (English as an Additional Language/Dialect)

Yiwei Lin - willingness to learn, his growing confidence in reading and pleasing progress

MUSIC AWARDS

Junior - **Daphne Mason**

Senior - **Madeleine Fiene & Ellery Joyce**

SPORTS AWARDS

Overall Junior Girl Champion - **Ada Rand**

Overall Junior Boy Champion - **Elliot Banks**

Overall Senior Girl Champion - **Madeleine Fiene**

Overall Junior Boy Champion - **Nathan Wang & Charlie Ragg**

2016 LEADERS

Prime Ministers - Sami Janson
Oliver Scott

Ministers - Matthew Brewster
Kobe Chatterton
Sienna Christofferson
Alia Coffey
Dieke Fairhurst
Emilia Ford
Stella Jeffery
Ethan Jeffrey
Joe Khalil
Chenny Lee
Keturah Matoes
Shane McLynskey
Elijah Ross
Harvey Young

BLUE HOUSE

Captains - Henry Kinnon
Arianne Geo Soucy

Vice Captains - Arno Coulon-Clark
Ada Rand

GREEN HOUSE

Captains - Quinn Curson
Anna Lucas

Vice Captains - Fehlim Curson
Lorien Wong

RED HOUSE

Captains - Lara Grosser
Thomas Merzliakov

Vice Captains - Lucy Edwards-Argent
Marcel Geczy

YELLOW HOUSE

Captains - Dingyang Guo
Stella Pearce

Vice Captains - Elliot Banks
Isla Smith

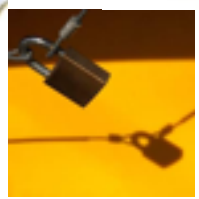
Help wanted

Kindergarten 2016

We are looking for...

- Wood pieces / small off cuts
- Old computer keyboards
- Small river stones or pebbles
- Small electronics (no longer working and are safe to be pulled apart)
- Measuring tapes
- Locks and keys
- Blank cards and envelopes

If you have any of these items could you please contact Ms Davis or Ms Curry





SCHOLARSHIP DAY 27th February 2016

Registration Closing Date: 5th February 2016

Academic, Music, Equestrian, Visual Arts & Design

Bursaries also available for eligible families

Contact Enrolments Office (02) 6774 8700

E: enrolments@negs.nsw.edu.au

www.negs.nsw.edu.au



EVERYONE IS INVITED! STUDENT ART EXHIBITION CHINESE NEW YEAR 2016

**Chinese Gardens of Friendship
Darling Harbour**

6th - 23rd February 2016

THIS IS AN ASSOCIATED EVENT WITH THE CITY OF SYDNEY'S CHINESE NEW YEAR
CELEBRATIONS 2016

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 1 2016 ARE NOW OPEN!

MONDAYS 3PM - 5PM BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

AN AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS FROM K-6

CREATIVE AND FUN CLASSES RUN BY A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST.

AFTERNOON TEA AND ART MATERIALS PROVIDED.

**THE PROGRAM INCLUDES PAINTING, DRAWING, PRINTMAKING,
DIGITAL ART, SCULPTURE AND FABRIC ART.**

CONTACT: SABINA E: sabina@kidsattheartthouse.com

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP "DREAM" EXHIBITION - 2013, 2014 & 2015

WINNER & SECOND PRIZE CHILDRENS BOOK WEEK POSTER COMPETITION 2015

WINNER AVANT CARDS "CALLING ALL ARTISTS" COMPETITION 2013

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY AND LITERACY FOUNDATION 2013

FINALIST AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013

WINNER SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012

WINNER SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011

WINNER AVANT CARDS "CALLING ALL ARTISTS" COMPETITION 2010

Wishing you all

the very best

for the

festive season!

