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Issue 39 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 9

Congratulations!!!!

'I believe that children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way...' - Whitney Houston

Ms Margaret Whelan has been educating children for 30 years! And that's no mean feat!

For 30 years, Ms Whelan has been 'teaching well' and 'letting them lead the way'.

For 30 years, Margy has been passionate about her job, day in, day out.

We **thank you**, Ms Margy Whelan, for your commitment and dedication to educating our children!

Here's to another 30 years!

Congratulations!

Maria Lambos Principal



Dates for the Diary...

Next Week...

- **Monday 7th December** ~ CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
- **Tuesday 8th December** ~ Music Evening ~ 6:30pm
- **Thursday 10th December** ~ 2:00pm ~ Kindergarten's 'Giving Tree' Assembly ~ **all gifts much appreciated**
- **Friday 11th December** ~ Reports out



The Week After...

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

A few Weeks After That ~ 2016...

- **Wednesday 27th January** ~ Staff Development Day
- **Thursday 28th January** ~ Years One to Six return to school ~ Year 5 OC start at 9:30am
- **Monday 1st February** ~ Kindergarten commences 9:30am

Gift Giving

Giving Tree Assembly

All children K-6 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 from now with age and gender recommendation
attached on a card if relevant please)*



Thursday 2pm

10th December 2015



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MUSIC

CAMP

THE CHILDREN HAD A FANTASTIC TIME WITH THEIR TEACHERS AND FRIENDS, PLAYING MUSIC AND HAVING FUN, AT THE RECENT MUSIC CAMP.

IT WAS ESPECIALLY HEART-WARMING TO SEE THE OLDER BACHS STUDENTS HELP AND ENCOURAGE THE LESS EXPERIENCED BEETHOVENS, WHEN THE TWO BANDS PLAYED TOGETHER. THE STRAUSS' STRINGS ARE SOUNDING AMAZING FOR SUCH A LITTLE GROUP, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THEIR TEACHER, Ms AEREE KIM.

THE CHOIR HAVE SUCH TALENT, INCLUDING TWO STUDENTS, WHO WROTE AND COMPOSED THEIR OWN SONG, WHICH WILL BE PERFORMED AT MONDAY'S CELEBRATION OF LEARNING. MANY HIDDEN TALENTED WERE ALSO DISCOVERED AT THE TALENT SHOW, INCLUDING SOME VERY IMPRESSIVE DANCE MOVES BY BOTH STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, AFTER AN IMPROMPTU DISCO!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL TEACHERS AND TUTORS, WHO GAVE UP PRECIOUS TIME WITH THEIR FAMILIES TO NURTURE THE LOVE OF MUSIC IN OUR CHILDREN. AN EXTRA THANK YOU GOES TO Ms PARKES, WHO, NOT ONLY CAME TO CAMP ON HER DAY OFF, BUT ALSO SOLDIERED THROUGH WITH A VERY NASTY HEAD COLD.

THANK YOU Ms MG, Ms BIGGINS, Ms PARKES, MR NUTO, Ms AEREE KIM, Ms NAOMI ROBINSON, FREDDIE HALL, HARRIET, ALEX AND DOMINIC.
BIDDY - PARENT VOLUNTEER



MUSIC CAMP!

Students, from as young as Year Two, all the way up to Year Six, enjoyed their time at music camp this week. It was an upbeat experience for all, sharing our love of music in a vibrant and supportive community.

Students (and teachers) also demonstrated a wider range of talents on The Giant Swing and during our talent show. A big thank you to all our volunteers, including the parents, our music tutors and the teachers. It could not have happened without you!







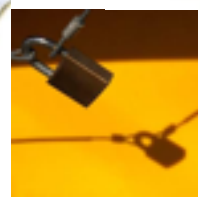
Help wanted

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





FOOD DRIVE

The season of giving is upon us.

Donate to the **FOOD BANK**.

Just a few dollars in your weekly shop will make the difference between a family going without a meal. The **smallest act of kindness** will help us **build a bigger table, not a higher fence.**

Drop off at **BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL staff room** until **Monday Dec 7th** or **61 Reynolds St, Balmain (via side gate) any time!**

Thank you for your generosity.

Louise Booth & Van Allen

(Harrison, William & Zoe's mums)

Baby Food (for 6 months), Baby rusks

Breakfast Cereal (cornflakes are popular!)

Canned beans

(chickpeas, red kidney beans, mixed beans)

Chilli flakes and Chilli powder

Coffee (instant), Condiments (honey, jam)

Dried fruit (apricots, prunes, dates)

Dried red lentils, Flour (small packages)

Long life milk (1L)

Muesli bars

Nuts (mixed, pistachios, cashews & sunflower seeds)

Noodles (instant), Rice (1kg bags, Basmati)

Tea (chamomile, peppermint, jasmine, green, black)

Tinned fish, Tinned fruit

Tinned vegetables (corn, tomatoes, mixed vegetable)

Tomato paste

The Asylum Seekers Centre, in Newtown provides practical & personal support for asylum seekers living in the community. Currently 1,400 women, children & men access the centre for support.

Over the past year, of asylum seekers using the centre:

- 100% received NO government support
- 44% had NO work rights

The poverty line for a single adult in 2012 is \$400.30 per week

A VERY small percentage of asylum seekers living in the community are eligible for government financial assistance.

What they receive is:

- \$221 per week = 89% of the Newstart allowance
- \$55 per week in rental assistance (not all are eligible for this)

www.asylumseekerscentre.org.au

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