A HUGE Thank You goes to our Andrzej, who came into school during the holidays with me...The painters were here daily, including the Public Holiday on Monday, ensuring that the two levels would be completed prior to the children returning.

The staircase next to the office has been completed this week, with Andrzej putting the finishing touches on the walls. We are using acoustic wall tiles, which will hopefully, not only look impressive, display our students’ work, but also improve the ‘echo’ effect of the stairwells...we are all very excited!!!

Our ceramic mural will be put up next week, fingers crossed, when we have both Steve and Andrzej here together...Keep watching this space!

Maria Lambos
Principal
Welcome to the World...

Beau Ralph Lawson

28th September 2014
8:10pm
3.4kg
Thank You to the P&C for the completion of blockout blinds installation on playground side windows...

BEST OF LUCK WITH THE HSC!!!!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR FAMILIES
WITH HSC STUDENTS

Crazy Day!

On Friday 24th October (week three), there shall be a Crazy Day (crazy hair and clothes) to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

All you have to do is bring a gold coin and go CRAZY.

The Leukaemia Foundation’s Vision to Cure is being achieved by funding the best research. Decades of research have improved survival rates and treatment for people with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood disorders. However, blood cancer remains the second biggest cause of cancer death in Australia, so ongoing research is vital and all we need is your one coin.
HELP BALMAIN PS WIN $10,000...

We’ve moved up from 276 to 49...Keep RAISING YOUR HANDS!!!!!!

We have until 18th December to try and be one of two schools with the most hands raised, in order to win a grant for our school...

All you have to do:

Go onto the following website DAILY, click on 'raise my hand' and select Balmain Public School from the drop down list.


Individuals can raise their hand once a day until the end of the competition...

Anaphylaxis Fact Sheet for Parents of Children at Risk of Anaphylaxis

What is anaphylaxis and how is it treated?

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It usually occurs rapidly after exposure to a food, insect or medicine to which a person may already be allergic. Anaphylaxis must always be treated as a medical emergency and requires immediate treatment with adrenaline. Adrenaline autoinjectors (EpiPen® or Anapen®) are designed to be given by non-medical people, such as parents, school or childcare staff, friends, passers-by or the allergic person themselves (if they are well and old enough). Adrenaline autoinjector devices contain a single, fixed dose of adrenaline that works rapidly to reverse anaphylaxis. Instructions are included on the device labels, on ASCIA Action Plans for Anaphylaxis and on the ASCIA website: www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/anaphylaxis-resources
Learn Japanese with 2MG!
Eaton St Centre Parents Management Committee are seeking a parent volunteer to fill the Balmain Public School Liaison Officer position.

The liaison officer communicates with the school principal and the P&C regarding Eaton St Centre. The commitment for this position is attending management meetings monthly during school terms, meeting with the BPS Principal and the centre Director once a term and updating the BPS P&C as necessary.

For more information on the position please contact Nyree Morrison nyree.morrison@gmail.com

Currently the Management Committee comprises 2 parents from BPS and 4 parents from Father John Therry. To ensure the interests of BPS families are represented, it is essential that the committee has an equal representation with parent volunteers from both schools.

I Scream...you scream...we all scream for... Ice-Cream!!!!!!

Year 6 will be holding an ice cream stall at lunch time next Tuesday 14th October to raise money for their gift to the school. Ice creams will be $1 each and toppings will be 50c each.

Fingers crossed for warm weather!
Hi & welcome back to Term 4 everyone!
BPS Canteen starts next Friday, October 17th.
The menu has been set for the term, so please feel free to start ordering from today at:
www.flexischools.com.au

Canteen can ONLY function with the help of parents!
Due to lack of volunteers last term, we have gone back to FRIDAY CANTEEN ONLY.
Roster times will be 11.30am-2pm

You don’t need any special skills, if you make your kid’s lunches then you’re perfect! Volunteer with a friend and have a relaxed time, chatting away. It’s a great opportunity to meet new parents too. See the joy on your children’s faces when they see you serving.

Parents who are interested in helping in the canteen, please contact Monique Dower
monique.dower@belleproperty.com
We are so grateful to the non-stop dedicated fundraising by our P&C to assist in our learning! At the beginning of this year, another 32 laptops were purchased to compliment the existing laptops, Computer Lab and Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs) in all classrooms.

As we enter our planning phase for the next 3 years, we need to continue being innovative and realise the full potential for Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) to significantly and broadly contribute to all facets of teaching and learning.

The introduction of iPad technology at Balmain Public School in 2015 will support the ever-growing needs of the 21st Century learners, namely, our children (as well as ourselves!)

Apart from the ease of mobility, long battery life and extensive capability of accessing educational apps, this mobile interactive device enhances student learning and engagement.

As pedagogical tools, iPads have facilitated the realisation of new teaching and learning opportunities. iPad technology is not meant to replace teaching, but merely to enhance it.

The role of iPads is to assist teachers in facilitating emerging curriculum and new assessment opportunities.

iPads at Balmain PS will make pedagogy more student-centric and learning activities more authentic through teacher realisation of new opportunities, as well as promoting engagement and helping to diversify the learning environment.

We look forward to the introduction of this exciting new addition to our learning!
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:

- [ ] We can fund an iPad 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

Thanking you in advance for your generosity!
Is your child gifted, talented, intelligent, curious, creative and filled with promise?

WE CAN HELP YOU!

An invitation to participate in a series of innovative workshops at UTS

Further Details:
2014 Program Dates:
March 22/23rd
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August 9/10th
October 25/26th

Cost:
$90 (+ GST) per day
or $165 (+ GST) per weekend

Time:
9:30am-3:30pm
(Saturday and/or Sunday)

Workshop Categories:
Year 3/4, Year 5/6 and Year 7/8

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Bands in the Park

Sunday the 9th of November, 2014

PIONEERS MEMORIAL PARK

Corner of Norton and William Streets Leichhardt

10:00 am until 3:00 pm

Come along and enjoy a great day of family entertainment hosted by your own Leichhardt Celebrity Brass. Several great bands will be performing throughout the day. Bring a rug and a picnic, or grab a sausage sandwich from the BBQ we’ll have on site. Drinks will also be on sale.

This concert is FREE to the public! Don’t miss this opportunity to spend a great day out with your family.

Wet weather alternative venue is Leichhardt Town Hall

Sponsored by Leichhardt Council

LEICHHARDT CELEBRITY BRASS Inc.
Working Bee
Saturday, 18 October

The P&C are building some more much needed storage on the school grounds. We’ll start at 8am, please drop by if you can spare an hour or so!

Tools to bring:
Drill & bits, hammer, adjustable spanner, pop-rivet gun, spirit level, etc

Hope to see you there – Van Allen
van.hl.allen@gmail.com

Balmain Public School, “learning to live and living to learn”
1st Balmain Scouts is turning 100!

Come and join us for our birthday celebration on Saturday 18th October, 12 – 4pm

Mort Bay Park (opposite the Scout Hall)

All welcome! - this is a community event with lots of free activities for children of all ages.

If you can't make it on the day but would like to know more about 1st Balmain Scouts please email balmainscoutscentenary@gmail.com

This event is supported by funding from Leichhardt Council.
Less Than Two Weeks to Go!

Come and Join the Fun!
And help raise money for kid’s cancer research and the Rozelle Fire Appeal

The fourth annual Rozelle & Balmain Family Fun Day is taking place on **Sunday 19th October 2014** (10am – 3pm) at King George Park, Rozelle and promises to be a fun day out for kids big and small. The Rozelle & Balmain Family Fun day is a great way to spend a Sunday and enjoy the community spirit of Rozelle & Balmain.

We are also very excited this year to announce that Sam Moran (former yellow Wiggle) will be performing his show Play Along With Sam at 12pm on stage. Other activities available on the day include:

- Children’s rides
- Live entertainment
- Kids petting zoo
- Giant slide
- Food stalls
- Face painting
- Arts & crafts
- Pony rides
- Jumping castles

This year in addition to supporting childhood cancer research, proceeds from the day will also go to the Rozelle Fire Appeal to help the local community get back on its feet.

The Rozelle & Balmain Family Fun Day has been inspired by Ciara Flanagan, the daughter of a Balmain family, who was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma cancer at 12 weeks old. Ciara is now 4 ½ years old and in remission, but there are other children who have not been so lucky. Neuroblastoma is the leading single cause of cancer deaths of children under five with an average survival rate of only 50%. In its first three years, the Rozelle & Balmain Family Fun Day has raised over $190,000 for the Children’s Cancer Institute to fund cancer research.

Visit [www.neuroblastoma.org.au](http://www.neuroblastoma.org.au) for further details.

Or contact Michaela on 0405 155 425 or Anna on 0438 418 377
YOUNG EXPLORERS + SEASONED LEGENDS
PADDINGTON RSL 220–232 OXFORD ST
SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2-5PM
SET 1: LUKE STEVENS (TRUMPET), JOSH MEADER (GUITAR), MICHAEL AVENICOS (SAX) & FRANK DACENT (SLIDE TROMBONE)
SET 2: ED WILSON (SLIDE TROMBONE), COL LOUGHMAN (SAX) & BILL BURTON (TRUMPET)
BACKLINE: MIKE NOCK (Piano), HAMISH STUART (Drums) & JONATHAN ZWARTZ (Double Bass)

HALLOWEEN DISCO...
FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
6-8.30PM
ENTRY TO DISCO: $5 PER CHILD OR ADULT
ENTRY TO DISCO AND ‘MEAL DEAL’ (PIZZA + MINI ICE CREAM + CORIDIAL): $10
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT BUT BOOK AHEAD SO YOU DON’T MISS OUT!

THIS IS A P+C EVENT. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR CARER
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SUN 7TH DEC
2KM 5KM 10KM
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Registrations

With 57 days to go we have 38% of our volunteers in place and that means WE NEED YOU! If you don’t see your name below, please email info@balmainfunrun.com.au to volunteer!

THANK YOU TO:

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