ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU goes to our Andrzej and Steve!!!

Monday saw the installation of our Stage Three ‘Welcome’ mural, which has taken it’s proud place in our foyer...please come and visit...I’m sure you’ll be able to appreciate it more in ‘real life’!

I often stand in front of it, admiring the handiwork of our Year 5 and 6 students.

Your stamp will be left on Balmain PS for many years to come!

Maria Lambos Principal
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!

Thank you so much to the families that have contributed so far!

We already have donations for 9 iPad Airs...

...only 41 to go!
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 Air 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!*
Volunteers

There’s been a great response to our appeal for volunteers last week and we are pretty close! We need 38 more people to ensure the day is a great success. If you don’t see your name below, please email info@balmainfunrun.com.au to volunteer!

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info@balmainfunrun.com.au

A subcommittee of the Balmain Public School P&C – ABN 88710438465
Registrations

Thanks for entering the Fun Run go to:

Ada R 3/4B
Greta R KB
Joe F 1/2E
Lachlan W 1R
Nicholas G 1S
Paris W 3/4B

You’ll get your stickers on Monday!!

It’s all still to play for in the Class Challenge!

Enter now to help your class win some great prizes.

www.balmainfunrun.com.au
As part of the Balmain community aboutlife is proud to be supporting the Balmain Fun Run. Come in and pick up some fun run staples, we have lots of super hydrating drinks & energizing snacks perfect for your run.

At aboutlife we believe in clean, wholesome, good food that is sustainable and supports our local farmers. All our products are 100% natural and 100% good for you, no artificial flavours, colours, sweeteners, preservatives or trans fats cross our doors so when you shop with us you know the products you are buying are safe, healthy and environmentally friendly.

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605 Darling Street Rozelle      www.aboutlife.com.au
The Diligent Reader

Do you love writing poetry or stories? Is your dream for your writing to be in an actual book? Well now your dreams can become a reality thanks to The Diligent Reader! The Diligent Reader is a book of stories and poems from children like you from years 3-6. But The Diligent Reader will not be possible without all your fantastic entries, so quickly get your entries in!

To send your entries in, simply send them as an email to thediligentreader@gmail.com as a docx file as well as your name and year at school. Your story or poem can be no longer than 850 words. Also, there is a limit of two pieces of writing for each student, due to a limited amount of places in the book.

Please check out our website, thediligentreader.weebly.com for more rules and regulations and tips and advice for entering. We also have a blog if you have any questions or queries, as well as informing of any news or important dates to do with The Diligent Reader.

Entries close October 29th, so get writing!
3/4B parents are in charge of organising our next P&C fundraising activity, the Halloween Disco!

One of the activities/fundraising events at the disco is a raffle of hampers (which are made up of supplies donated by parents).

They will be a mix of adults and kids hampers so donations can include (all new of course):

- Gourmet packaged food (biscuits, treats, canned and bottled foods, chocolates etc.)
- Wine
- Beauty products
- Toys
- Books
- Magazines
- Small gifts
- Anything else that would work in a hamper

Please deliver to the school Office by Thursday 30th October.

Thanking you in advance for your Hamper donations!

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**Halloween Disco**

Entry to Disco: $5 per Child or Adult
Entry to Disco and "Meal Deal" (Pizza + Mini Ice Cream + Cordial): $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.
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 scream + cordial): $10

Tickets will be available on the night but book ahead so you don’t miss out!

TICKETS

Disco only: Children ($5 each) ..........................................................
Adults ($5 each) ................................................................................
Disco plus meal deal ($10 each) ...........................................................

Total amount included $ ................................................................. (Cash or cheques to Balmain School P+C)

Child’s name: ......................................................................................
Class: ..................

This is a P+C event. All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.
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 **C R A Z Y**.

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**.

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Please check your email regularly, as a lot of our communication to you will come through balmainps@gmail.com

**Raise Your Hand...**

HELP BALMAIN PS WIN $10,000...

*We’ve raised 132 hands and moved up from 49 to 37 in a week...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...*
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As per email sent last week:

**Week 3** ~ Whole School Ministers’ Assembly
**Week 4** ~ 1R
**Week 5** ~ 4/5D
**Week 6** ~ KL
**Week 7** ~ 6B
**Week 8** ~ KB
**Week 9** ~ 3/4B
**Week 10** ~ End of Year Assembly
**Become an Ethics Teacher at Balmain Public School**

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don't attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

We would like to recruit volunteers to teach Kindy ethics classes. The classes run for 30 minutes from 10:30-11:00 am every Friday. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

For more information, please contact:

Andrea Smith
Ethics Coordinator for Balmain Public School

andreamith@iprimus.com.au 0405 622 525

"Mum, why is it ok to kill cows and sheep but not to kill whales?"

"Primary Ethics teaches kids how to think not what to think.

Volunteer as an Ethics Teacher in your community

primaryethics.com.au
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-rivot 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”
Kindergarten Library

K Library has been working very hard this week and have been learning about China.

We have been looking at the population and found out that China has 6 times more people than Australia.
We also looked at the size of China compared to Australia and saw that China is only a little bigger.

We have been looking at the book ‘Grandpa’s Mask’ and learning about the Peking Opera. We then created our own Peking Opera masks to show both female and male character and also characters that are good and bad.

Have a look at our class with our mask on.
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.
YOUNG EXPLORERS + SEASONED LEGENDS

PADDINGTON RSL 220-232 OXFORD ST
SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2-5PM

SET 1: LUKE STEVENS (TRUMPET), JOSH MEADER (GUITAR), MICHAEL AVGENICOS (SAX) & FRANK DACEY (SLIDE TRUMPET)

SET 2: ED WILSON (SLIDE TRUMPET), COL LOUGHANAN (SAX) & BILL BURTON (TRUMPET)

BACKLINE: MIKE NOCK (Piano), HAMISH STUART (Drums) & JONATHAN ZWARTZ (Double Bass)

eastsidefm.org

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 + CORPSE LAKE) $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
Sunday 19th October

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 4½ 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 for further details.
Or contact Michaela on 0405 155 425 or Anna on 0438 418 377
TAVERNERS HILL INFANTS SCHOOL Fete

A Country School In The City

SAT OCTOBER 25 10am - 3pm
corner Railway & Elswicke Sts, Petersham
balmain art & craft show

SAT 8 NOV 9AM - 4PM • SUN 9 NOV 10AM - 3PM

SHOWCASING CONTEMPORARY AND INDIGENOUS ARTISTS
INCLUDING MICHAEL SNAPE • TJALA ARTS • JOHN OLSN

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