‘A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.’ ~ John C. Maxwell

As I sat in an auditorium yesterday, alongside 1000 educational leaders from all across Australia, including government, Catholic and independent schools, listening to an inspirational keynote address by one of Australia’s former leaders, Anna Bligh, I began to reflect on leadership...

We can easily name great leaders of the world we live in, such as the late Nelson Mandela, as well as leaders of our country, such as the recently passed Gough Whitlam.

Within our schools, we easily identify the obvious leaders ~ the Principal, Assistant Principals, classroom teachers who lead their class daily and our Prime Ministers and Ministers (or student body leaders).

What is not so obvious is the array of leaders in various situations, such as the leader within a group, the students that show initiative, as well as our future leaders.

Leaders definitely come in all forms, shapes and sizes. What is important that our leaders, whether formally recognised or not, continue to lead the way, uphold positive values and morals and consistently aim at being an exemplary role model at all times!

Maria Lambos
Principal
UPDATE

We have **15** iPad Airs!!
Only **35** to go...
..and contributions towards the iPad Air trolley.

A huge **thank you** to the following families who have supported the Balmain Public School Device Drive so far!!!
- Taubman (Matthew 1/2E, Alex KB, James KB, Connor)
- Allen (Zoe KL)
- Lee (Kayton 4/5D)
- Jedani (Eva 1R)
- Aquilina (Matthew KB)
- Lovatt/Elmsie (Jess 5L)
- Pham (Dylan 1S)
- Dada (Maleeha KL)
- Brown (Bailey 4/5D)
- Kantor (Max 1/2E)
- Rumboll (Alex 1R & Emily K 2015)
- Yew (Caitlin 1S)
- Penny (Charlotte 1R)
- O’Brien (Sam 1/2E)
- Galama/Wilshaw (Luca KL)
- Karakaidos (Alexia 1S)
- Englezos (Zayle 1/2E)
- Jung (Fiona 5L)
- Poznaks (Dillon K 2015)

Please continue to put forward your generous donations so that we can enrich the learning experience of our entire school community.

**Stay tuned for a further donation update in next week’s newsletter - let’s hope we can reach our target by then!**
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!
HUGE thanks go out to the handy mums & dads who volunteered their Saturday morning to help the P&C build the much needed storage shed to house the BFR things.

Matt Morrison, Rob Bennett, Marilyn Fong, Tony Rumboll, Mark Beely, Rob Smith & Van Allen

The space started 2014 as a junk yard, then cleaned itself up and finally became a storage shed!

The kids certainly put in their fair share of building with recycled materials too!
Volunteers

This week we welcome 14 volunteers from the Clontarf Foundation Swan View and Cecil Andrews Academies in Perth. They will be in Sydney on an end of year trip and have volunteered to help out! Please make them welcome on the day.

Thanks to the fabulous response over the last two weeks we now need only 10 more volunteers!! Please email info@balmainfunrun.com.au.
Registrations

Thanks for entering the Fun Run go to:

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You’ll get your stickers on Monday!

Every class now has some entrants in the run with 1S leading the way with over of a quarter of the class registered!

[Bar chart showing registration numbers per class]
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SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2014

BALMAIN FUN RUN
What Kindergarten Bowenite Have Been Learning So Far This Term!

K Bowenite have been learning about China in HSIE. We brainstormed and drew pictures of different types of food, clothing and toys that we already know come from China. We looked at the map of China and learnt about its capital city, its size, rivers and neighbouring countries.

We have been studying the book, 'Grandpa’s Mask' and created our Peking Opera masks. This week we started reading, 'The Story about Ping' and created Koi fish artworks using crayons, pencils and water colour paints.
In Science we are studying the topic, ‘What’s it Made of?’ We drew a picture map of the school playground and labelled what the different equipment were made out of.

In Mathematics, we are learning about measurement this week. In groups, we used base ten materials to measure the length of different objects and people around the room.
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!
Halloween Disco Hampers

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!
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 + 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
If your child turns 5 on, or before 31 July 2015, Please ENROLL for Kindergarten NOW!

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 220 hands and moved up from 37 to 36 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...
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 to 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

andreasmith@iprimus.com.au 0405 622 525

Primary Ethics teaches kids how to think, not what to think.
Summer Hill Public School
Spring Fair

12-6pm
Saturday 1st November
Moonbie St. Summer Hill

rides, bric-a-brac,
food, toys, books,
music, games, craft
balmain art & craft show

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