‘I touch the future. I teach’ ~ Christa McAuliffe

My earliest recollection of desiring to be a teacher was when I was in Year 2, standing in front of the ‘assembly’ in my bedroom and guiding the singing of ‘Puff the Magic Dragon’…

My daughter has almost finished her HSC, with one exam to go on Monday, also hoping to become a future primary teacher…

This year is the 20th anniversary of World Teachers’ Day, inaugurated on 5 October, 1994, by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the adoption of the UNESCO and International Labour Organisation recommendation concerning the status of teachers.

Most countries celebrate World Teachers’ Day on 5 October but, since that date falls in the Australian school holiday period, we mark the day on the last Friday in October. This year’s celebration is today, 31 October.

Every day teachers make a difference as they inspire and engage young people to learn and succeed. Often it is years later that a teacher realises the impact that she or he had on a student, or an entire class.

World Teachers’ Day is an important day internationally to acknowledge the skills and efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society.

I wish to acknowledge the hard-working, dedicated and passionate teachers that Balmain PS kids have on a daily basis. THANKS so much for everything you do! You certainly make a difference in our children’s lives.

Maria Lambos Principal
the Rozelle Fire Appeal was raised today for $289.15
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!

Friday 31st October
6-8.30PM

This is a P+G event. All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.
iPad Air Drive Update...

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)
   Shi (Hannah 6B)
   Cen (Grace 3/4B)
   Chopra (Laila KL)
   Yaldwyn (Taylor KB)
   O’Connor (Lara 1R)
   Showyn (Caitlin 5L)

WE’RE GETTING CLOSER TO OUR GOAL!!!!!! It’s not too late to donate!!!
Our 1st local business has contributed an iPad Air!!

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Physical, Mental and Social Benefits of Martial Arts

√ Stranger Danger  √ Concentration  √ Teamwork
√ Bullying  √ Self Control  √ Friendship
√ Motor Skills  √ Confidence  √ Respect
√ Energy Release  √ Discipline  √ Fun
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!**
Pink Ribbon Day

Next Friday (7/11/14) there will be a gold coin donation fundraiser for the Cancer Council. All you have to do is where something or many things PINK.

The pink ribbon organisation has already raised $416,916 and is hoping to get $9.47 mill we can make them one step closer to their goal.
Registrations

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You’ll get your stickers on Monday!

KB and 1S are fighting it out for the lead with 43% of their classes registered and 3/4B in third place with 30%!
Competition Fun

Would you like to win one of our fantastic and fashionable Balmain Fun Run t-shirts?

Simply like our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/balmainfunrun](http://www.facebook.com/balmainfunrun)) to find out when our competitions are happening and other fun stuff about the event.

Coming up on Facebook...

Did your lead bike rider get lost and lead you astray, and the officials all went home and cars were on the course (Bangalore!)?
Did a marshall go home mid race to put a load of washing on and everyone then went the wrong way (Sydney!)?
Did someone get the measurements wrong – 9 miles instead of 9km (Sydney!)?

What is YOUR worst fun run story?

Volunteers

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!
We’re nearly there and need just 5-10 more people.

Please email [info@balmainfunrun.com.au](mailto:info@balmainfunrun.com.au) to volunteer!
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Busting Moves ....
This is How It’s Done!

The Duke of York and all his men!
What a Detective!

What a Fun Week!
If your child turns 5 on, or before 31 July 2015, Please ENROL 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 237 hands and moved up from 36 to 32 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...
In case you were wondering, it is coming...

Balmain Public School

Yearbook 2014

A collection of classes and memories and moments and your child from this past year.

You want this book.
They want this book.
Buy this book.

Order forms will go out next week.

Also next week: an art contest!
All students are invited to submit art for the 2014 yearbook cover.
BALMAIN WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

Over the past week, school ministers Lilybet and Eszter have been putting together and recording interviews with some of our great teachers as we get ready to celebrate World Teacher’s Day. World Teacher’s Day celebrates teachers all around the world. Its aim is to make sure that there are teachers and public education for children everywhere in the future.

Ms. Bird 6B

Why did you choose to start teaching?

I felt that I like sharing knowledge with people and it’s an important role in society. I like getting kids excited about learning.

What do you enjoy about your job?

Getting kids excited about things they don’t think they like. Hanging out with kids is great. I get to do things in my job which my friends don’t.

What is the best thing about teaching at Balmain?

We have a good bunch of kids and awesome teachers who make it a pleasure to come to work every day.

What would you say is a reason for children to become teachers in the future?

It’s important to pass knowledge on to the next generation. We need quality teachers in the public system.
Ms Biggins - music teacher

Why did you choose to start teaching?

It was time to give something back to the community and I knew it would be really fun. As well, music is so important in our lives. I wanted to show that.

What do you enjoy about your job?

I like everything. I really like the kids, I really like the colleagues, and I really like the school and the generous holidays!

What is the best thing about teaching at Balmain?

The same as what I said above and also I see my job as a music teacher as trying to share with everyone how joyous and communal music is.

What would you say is a reason for children to become teachers in the future?

Because it’s a really cool job, there is variety. Every day is different and there’s so much about the world to share with kids, and kids themselves are fabulous.
Why did you choose to start teaching?
I enjoy teaching people things. I find it exciting!

What do you enjoy about your job?
You get to work with and meet a lot of new and different people; also it’s interesting and every day is a new day.

What is the best thing about teaching at Balmain?
It’s like being in a big family. Everyone is friendly.

What would you say is a reason for children to become teachers in the future?
If you like to teach people new things and see people better themselves, it’s good to be a teacher.
Ms Lovett 5L

Why did you choose to start teaching?
I think I was born a teacher. I used to play schools with my toys and friends.

What do you enjoy about your job?
The variety, that no day is ever the same. I’m never bored and I also like to plan interesting lessons.

What is the best thing about teaching at Balmain?
The wonderfully behaved students because I don’t have to spend the whole day disciplining, that way I can enjoy their company and we get a lot of learning done.

What would you say is a reason for children to become teachers in the future?
Because we need the next generation to continue our good work!! I’ve taught many students who would make great teachers.
Outstanding Achievements

K-2 Banner Recipients:

Marli P  Dylan P  Nicholas G  Hannah B  Hayla W  Charlotte A  Sam O
Samuel S  Brendan E  Joe F  Frances R  Emily M  Charlie B  Matthew T
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
andreasmit@primus.com.au  0405 622 525

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

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Invitation for children to participate

‘Any musical activity is a powerful builder of friendships, community bonds and social capital – the aim of “Carols on Norton” is to encourage community interaction through music-making by people of all ages, and ability at the highest level in a community setting.’

Michelle Leonard – Artistic Director, Carols on Norton

What is Carols on Norton?

Carols on Norton is a free outdoor Christmas event presented by the Leichhardt Espresso Chorus and Leichhardt Council. It is held in Pioneers Park, Leichhardt on Sunday evening, the 21st of December. The outdoor event includes an orchestra and local community choirs, including the Carols on Norton Children’s Chorus.

What is the Carols on Norton Children’s Chorus and what commitment is required?

The Leichhardt Espresso Chorus has been organising concerts and workshops with children all over regional New South Wales for the past eight years in programs sponsored by, amongst others, the NSW Arts Ministry. Using this experience in the local area children all over the inner west have experienced the benefits of singing in a professional concert – Carols on Norton.

All primary school children from year 2 onwards are welcome to join the choir. No Auditions and... IT'S FREE!

REHEARSALS: at Leichhardt Primary School Music Room – Corner Marion and Norton St, Leichhardt. Children must attend all rehearsals in order to be ready to perform.

Schedule is as follows:
Wednesday 26th November 4.30 - 5.30pm REGISTRATION & rehearsal
Wednesday 3rd December 4.30 - 5.30pm rehearsal
Wednesday 10th December 4.30 - 5.30pm rehearsal
Wednesday 17th December 4.30 - 5.30pm rehearsal
Saturday 20th December (time tbc) dress rehearsal with orchestra
SUNDAY 21st December - sound check 5.30pm (Performance starts at 7.30pm)

Or contact Pepe Newton at espressochorus@gmail.com Mob: 0412 548 703