'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.' ~ Aesop

Yet again, the Balmain PS community has shown how generous you can be for less fortunate people than ourselves…

Thursday’s Giving Assembly was very touching...the seemingly endless collection of brightly wrapped toys for the Salvation Army made a huge impression on our special guest, Miriam, the Salvation Army representative.

Miss Bird’s car was packed to the brim, with food donations for ‘Our Big Kitchen’.

A massive $341.60 was collected for Aidan Brown, the little boy from Annandale North PS, with an extremely rare type of cancer.

I’m sure there will be lots of smiles and full tummies during the festive season! Thank you for giving…

Maria Lambos  Principal
Celebration of Learning

KB
Rania P – For outstanding achievement in literacy
Oliver S – For outstanding achievement in mathematics
Greta R – Outstanding citizenship
Matthew A – Consistent application in all key learning areas

KB
Asha S – Excellence in all areas of literacy
Cormac J – Excellence in all areas of mathematics
Lachlan W – Consistent effort and a positive attitude in all areas of learning
Luca G-W – Impressive academic development and application across all Key Learning Areas

1R
Charlotte P – For fantastic effort and application in all areas
Zafary M – For excellence in mathematics
Hugo B – Excellence in sporting ability and teamwork
Danielle K – Excellence in English
Ava R – For always working conscientiously and being a wonderful role model

1S
Caitlin Y – For excellent work in all areas
Harrison B – Great work in English and mathematics
Nicholas G – For scientific reasoning
Phoebe M – Wonderful writing of stories and reports
Lucas B – Class citizenship

1/2E
Keira C – Great enthusiasm and achievements in reading
Eva S – Wonderful enthusiasm and excellent results in all Key Learning Areas
Joe F – Excellence in mathematics
Matthew T – Wonderful achievements in academic and social aspects of school life
Micah M – Extraordinary citizenship in all aspects of school life
Dom W – Outstanding application and achievement in all Key Learning Areas
Charlie B – For academic excellence in all Key Learning Areas

2M
Cameron R – Demonstrated excellence in mathematics
Abbie O – Demonstrated excellence in English
Katrina C – Outstanding efforts across all Key Learning Areas
Daphne M – Outstanding citizenship
Darcy F – Demonstrated commitment to achieving his highest potential

3/4B
Dylan M – Academic excellence in mathematics
Maisie B – Academic excellence in English
Keturah M – Excellence in sport
Oliver S – Excellence in all Key Learning Areas
James L – Excellence in class citizenship
Elliot B – Commitment to achieving his highest potential
4/5D
Mieke F – Demonstrated excellence across all Key Learning Areas
Josephine P – Outstanding efforts in learning
Blake L – Improved dedication towards learning and behaviour
Shane M – Excellent work in key learning areas and assignments
Dylan H – Improved positive outlook on learning and increased academic risk-taking
Monica P – Improved dedication and focus towards her studies

5L
Ellery J – Excellence in English
Jane Y – Excellence in mathematics
Charlie R – Excellence in mathematics
Kathy K – Excellence in science
Lilian C – Amazing progress
Jessica G – Class and school citizenship

5/6N
Anne-Marie S – A fluent and enquiring mathematical mind
Eszter C – Beautiful descriptive writing and analytical reading in English
Conor H – Always extending his knowledge in class, and exploring it beyond
Molly S – Dedication to her learning at all times
Ben P – Perseverance, determination and inspiring growth
Lilybet M – Focus, initiative and positivity across all areas of school life

6B
Charles S – A dedicated effort and an outstanding improvement in all areas
Amelie S – Dedication to achieve excellence in all areas
Henri C – An outstanding effort in social and scientific studies
Lily Rose R – Being a positive and respectful school citizen
Janette H – Achieving excellence in numeracy
Caitlin M B – Achieving excellence in literacy

English as an Additional Language/Dialect
Shou R – Outstanding effort and progress in learning English

Music
Dylan R – Junior Music Award ~ Wonderful Musicality and Participation
Lalleh M – Senior Music Award ~ Exceptional Musicality, Creativity and Leadership

Choir
Stephan C – Outstanding achievement and positive commitment to choir
Charlotte A – Outstanding achievement and positive commitment to choir

Band
Jade R – Commitment and excellence
Mingyang G – Most improved musician
Amelie S – Commitment and excellence
Marcus M – Consistent effort and cooperation to the jazz band
Henri C – Commitment and excellence to the strings ensemble
Caitlin M B – Being a co-operative and committed strings ensemble member
Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad
Marcus M ~ Highest Individual Score
Felix A B ~ Highest Individual Score

The University of NSW Faculty of Engineering Award
Anne-Marie S ~ Superior results in numeracy
You Qi X ~ Superior results in numeracy

Debating ~ The Inner West Friendly Debating Team
Hannah S You Qi X William S Jade R Janette H
Penny P Janice L Raymond L Marley D Ellery J
Emmie F Anne-Marie S

Debating ~ The Premier’s Debating Team
Lily R Sarah B Noah R Caitlin M B Amelie S
Amanda Q Jess L Stephanie J-G Finley R

Library Monitors
Kelly Y Jade R Carrie C Dhara G You Qi X
Penny P Rebecca W Anne-Marie S Katya A Ava M
Jessica G Janice L Janette H Bella F-S Ellery J

Michael Ward Community Award
Bill V ~ his thoughtfulness with younger students and desire to improve the school’s physical environments

School Citizenship Award
Henri C ~ Henri does not wait to be asked. He intuitively knows where and when he is needed.

Rotary Citizenship Awards
Lilybet M ~ tirelessly does what is expected of her without fuss, just getting on with the job. The staff really value students with these characteristics
Eszter C ~ tirelessly does what is expected of her without fuss, just getting on with the job. The staff really value students with these characteristics

Sports Awards
Overall Junior Girl Champion ~ Ada R
Overall Junior Boy Champion ~ Nathan W
Overall Senior Girl Champion ~ Caitlin M B
Overall Senior Boy Champion for ~ Max H

The winning house for 2014 is Sapphire
Leadership Awards
Prime Minister 2014 – Sarah Boge
Prime Minister 2014 – Oscar Bennett

2014 Ministers:
Lalleh M  Lilybet M  Eszter C  Henri C  Patrick G
Tate F  Noah R  Amelie S  Lily C  Ben P

Leaders for 2015...

Prime Ministers
Molly S  Finley R

Ministers
Max H
Jess L
Finlay M
Nilufar M
Austin O
Conor H
Ellery J
Madeleine F
Felix A B
Ava M
On behalf of Balmain Public School, we’d like to THANK YOU so much for your unwavering, continued support.

All your efforts have not gone by unnoticed!

Our community helps make this school the special place it is!!!!
THANK YOU for our latest donations...

Stilwell family (Oliver KB) ~ 2 x iPads
Bowen family (Ada 1S)
Paroli family (Monica 4/5D)
Slade family (Jamie OC 2015)

Also, thanks to...

Blamain Care 4 Kids X 4 iPads
Aquiva Bakes ~ Fundraiser
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!
This has been an extremely busy and exciting week for Year 6!

As well as presentation day, we’ve also had our Year 6 excursion, the Giving Tree assembly and two days of Mock High School! Not to mention tonight’s Year 6 Graduation!

On Wednesday, all of Year 6 went trampolining at Skyzone. We jumped, bounced, leapt, flipped and landed on the trampoline floors and walls! Mr Nuto, Miss Bird and Mrs Edwards joined the kids and were delighted to play trampoline dodgeball with, and against, the students.

Literally climbing the walls, as well as tricks and flips, were popular throughout the Skyzone visit. And it was clearly difficult to choose between the basketball hoops and the foam pit. It was awesome fun, and good exercise!

Next stop was Sydney Park, where we all picnicked, played cricket and football, climbed trees and played on the equipment. We were incredibly lucky that the weather held out!

It was a fantastic day, and by the time we got back to school, there were plenty of tired-looking students and teachers!

Many thanks to Mrs Edwards and Julia Memar for accompanying us on the day! We hope you had fun too!
What a fabulous way to spend a Friday evening...recently, Balmain’s hall was graced with the presence of 28 Notables ~ 28 people who have made their mark in this world...

There were clues to who these people were, clever captions and authentic food related to the particular person, (which was delicious, by the way!)

At the conclusion of the evening, it turned out that these 28 Notables were actually 5L students. Congratulations to 5L and Mrs Lovett, on a wonderful evening, celebrating the authentic learning in class. What an incredible night!

NOTABLES:

Felix—Gough Whitlam
Allon—Robert Baden-Powell
Emmie—Anne Frank
Stanley—Larry Page
Kathy—Margaret Preston
Finlay—Nikola Tesla
Ike—Albert Einstein
Amanda—Amelia Earhart
Nathan—Steve Jobs

Geena—Nancy Wake
Lilian—Jane Goodall
Jessica—JK Rowling
Ellery—Marie Curie
Stephen—Abraham Lincoln
Marcus—Leonardo da Vinci
Finnegan—Janis Lipke
Charlie—Samuel Beckett
Jane—Dr Barry Marshall

Oscar—JRR Tolkien
Maddie—Frank Lloyd Wright
Valentina—Yulia Broskaya
Fiona—Florence Nightingale

Chris—Alfred Hitchcock
Kathy—Margaret Preston
Stephanie—Dr Barry Marshall

Ava—Millicent Fawcett
Austin—Winston Churchill

Charley—Sylvia Earle
Join the Balmain Public School Band Program!

An annual non-refundable joining fee of $200 plus $75 per term includes:

- Membership to the Training Band, Concert Band or Strings Ensemble
- An invitation to the Music Camp (additional cost)
- Band t-shirt
- Performing at school & P&C events
- Printed music sheets

The band is run by a parent volunteer committee so if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Biddy: biddymc@gmail.com or Robyn: robyn.elmslie@gmail.com

Learn to live...and make music!
SAVE THE DATE
27 FEB 2015

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PARENT DRINKS NIGHT

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A Social Evening; Come and meet your child’s classmates
Parents for the New Year. A chance to mingle with Teachers.
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Good Food, Drinks, Music, in The School Hall.
Strictly No Children – so come and kick your heels up for a
Fun Night out.
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STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP
(DARLING HABOUR) “DREAM” EXHIBITION - 2014 & 2015
FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2014
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2013
FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2010
COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH:
THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY AND LITERACY FOUNDATION 2013
THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011