This Week (Week 8)

Wednesday:
Regional Swimming Carnival, SOPAC Homebush
Good luck to our representative swimmers!

Thursday:
Harmony Day - remember to wear orange clothes or orange accessories!

Thursday:
3-6 Assembly run by 5/6 Nephrite
2pm in school hall

Friday:
Cross Country Carnival
Mort Bay Park (Years 2-6)
Leave school at 9am

Dates to Remember

Thursday 27th March:
K-2 Assembly run by 1 Sapphire
2pm in school hall

Monday 31st March:
Student Ministers at Young Leaders Conference

Wednesday 2nd April:
P&C Meeting 7pm in the school library

Friday 4th April:
P&C Movie Night ‘The Princess Bride’
6-8.30pm in school hall

Mon 7th - Wed 9th April:
Stage 3 Camp - Milson Island

Friday 11th April:
Easter Hat Parade
9.30am in Gladstone Park

End of Term 1

Tuesday 29th April:
Start of Term 2 for students

Harmony Day at Balmain Public School

This Thursday, 20th March students and teachers at Balmain Public School are celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world. The message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. We will all be participating in a whole-school art activity, coming together to create a collaborative art installation. We also ask everyone to wear orange – either clothes or accessories – as this is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day.

New School Website – Now Live!

Our new school website is now live, and should be the first result when searching for our school on the internet very soon. From 5pm today, the old website will be taken down, so please ensure you have our new address.

www.balmain-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

The new school website has a mobile site which comes up automatically on your mobile device, with direct access to the calendar and school newsletter. You are also given an option to save the site as an icon on your home screen. Please make sure your child has returned their ‘permission to publish’ form so their photo can appear on the new website!

Parent Workshops on Educating Gifted & Talented Students

Balmain Public School is currently working in partnership with other local primary schools and Sydney Secondary College, Balmain Campus, on the education and opportunities provided for students identified as being gifted and/or talented.

If you would be interested in attending parent workshops in relation to this topic, can you please email me before the end of term:

joanne.jackson6@det.nsw.edu.au

Jo Edwards
Acting Principal
P&C Movie Night – Tickets on Sale Now!

The first P&C Movie Night for 2014 is taking place on Friday 4th April at 6pm in the school hall. Please see the attached flyer for information on how to buy tickets. Please note that this is a P&C event and all children must be accompanied by their parent or carer.

Easter Hat Parade – Save the Date!

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will take place at 9.30am on Friday 11th April in Gladstone Park. More details to follow soon!

Morning Assembly

Morning assembly at our school is a great way to start the school day and we love having parents coming to share in this routine every day. It is important for all of the students that they come together as a whole school; it is a time where teachers and students can give messages, and of course, the singing and movement led by Ms Biggins is a highlight!

We need to have our assembly to in the shade, however it can become quite crowded under the shade cloth. We would be grateful if you would make space for children to get to their lines when the bell goes, and for teachers to lead their class away at the end of the assembly.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

End of the School Day

Please remind your children that they must wait inside the school gates if you are picking them up in the car. For their safety, children are not to wait on the footpath on Eaton Street or Darvall Street, and not on the swings next to the bowling club. If you are running late and will not be at school until after 3.15pm, your child must come and wait in the school office.

Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Bay Campus

In response to parent interest, next week Sydney Secondary College is offering primary parents the opportunity to tour the senior school, Blackwattle Bay Campus.

Tours are scheduled for Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 March from 11am to 12pm. Parents and caregivers are asked to RSVP via email: susanne.love@det.nsw.edu.au

Notes Due

* Cross Country Carnival permission notes – due by 18th March
* Year 7 2015 High School EOI – due by 21st March
* Stage 3 Camp – Milson Island
  Final Payment – due by 24th March
* ICAS Test Registration and payment due by 9th April

Please ensure that all notes are clearly marked with your child’s first and last name and class and placed in the box in the office.

Thank you for returning your Emergency Contact and Medical Update forms. These have all been updated now.

If there are any changes to your contact details, please notify the office in writing as soon as possible, to ensure that our records are current.

For Parents:

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.


Wild Australia app

Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers.

Working together and playing together at Balmain Public School…

A day in the life of 3/4 Bronzite!
INCONCEIVABLE!
Film night is back...

Fencing, fighting, torture, revenge, giants, monsters, chases, escapes, true love, miracles...

the princess bride

Balmain Public School CINEMA  Friday 4th April  6.00-8.30pm

Child’s name: ..............................................................  Class: ........
Number of tickets (Popcorn + cordial included): $5 each: ..............
Number of meal deals (Pizza + ice cream): $5 each: ..............
Total amount included: $................................. (Cash or cheques to Balmain Public School P+C)

MEAL DEAL AND TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT

This is a P&C Event. All children need to be accompanied by an adult
A special Charity Fundraiser hosted by the Rotary Club of Balmain in support of Balmain Hospital, Balmain High School and Rotary International. This is your chance to experience a night of great entertainment and enjoy a sumptuous three course dinner (drinks included and free parking on site).

We hope you can join us for what promises to be a fun filled night.

Date: Thursday 20 March 2014
Time: 7pm
Venue: Le Montage in Lilyfield
Tickets: $120 per head or $1,200 for a table of ten.
Contact: Maria Scott 0407 077 220
Book: www.trybooking.com/77947

For further details go to www.balmainrotary.org
Call Maria Scott 0407 077 220