This Week (Week 9)

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

Dates to Remember

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

Wednesday 30th April:
Anzac Day Assembly
10.30am in school hall

Tues 13th - Thurs 15th May:
NAPLAN assessments for Year 3 and Year 5 students

Cross Country Carnival

Another wonderful Balmain PS Sports Carnival was had by all last Friday, as students aged eight and up took part in the annual Cross Country event. Our junior runners had to tackle the 2km race, while our eleven and twelve year-olds had the challenge of running 3km.

The day was a huge success, with the Balmain team spirit shining through as always. Children cheered on their friends, supported everyone involved and tried their hardest in their race.

Thank you to Ms Mikhail Gogos for your organisation of the event, and thank you also to the many parents and friends who helped out on the day. These carnivals really could not run without your help and support.

Congratulations to our successful runners; we look forward to future announcements about who will be representing our school at the Balmain District Carnival next term.

Harmony Day

Our school turned orange last Thursday, as we celebrated Harmony Day. Students worked together to explore what ‘harmony’ means to them, and created a whole-school harmony tree of hands. The beautiful singing of an Indigenous Lullaby each morning last week touched us all, as students came together to celebrate the many cultures and stories we bring to our school.

Swimming Success

A huge congratulations to Nathan (5L) who has reached the next stage of the swimming competition. He will be participating in the State PSSA Carnival on 9th April, swimming in the 50m Breaststroke. Good luck Nathan!

Extra Canteen Day

Your child can now order lunch from the school canteen on Mondays, as well as Fridays. The new day will be for specials only – sushi or dumplings. Look out for the order forms and make sure they are in the box by 9am on Friday.

P&C Movie Night

See the attached flyer for information on the first movie night for this year. Join us to watch ‘The Princess Bride’, in the school hall on Friday 4th April.

Jo Edwards
Acting Principal
Using School Toilets

If you need to use the toilet when on the school grounds, please see Jenni in the office about using an adult toilet. Please do not use the student toilets.

LAST CHANCE TO AUDITION FOR THE CHOIR  Voices of Sydney

Voices of Sydney Choir (formerly Sydney Region Choir) is an auditioned and official DEC choir for public school students from Years 5 – 12, with great performance opportunities.

- If you like to sing, and would like to sing in a choir, and
- If you would like to perform in great events (including the 2014 Schools Spectacular)

Then come along to a weekly rehearsal before the end of this term and join the rehearsal.

- Tuesday afternoons at Sutherland Public School. 4.00pm-5.30pm (Deb and Therese)
- Thursday afternoons at Darlington Public School 4.30pm – 5.45pm (Kipi and Helen)

Please ring, text or email to find out more - or turn up to a rehearsal and meet the choir.

Heather Causley Manager- 0400 808 603  causleys@bigpond.net.au

More information on the website www.sydneyregionarts.det.nsw.edu.au – Music Programs- Sydney Region Choir (the 2013 information is still current for this year).

For Parents:

Helping your child to become a good speller

What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.


Dad and son time

A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and building a healthier relationship.

We have shone brightly this past week by finishing reading 'Nim's Island'. We are looking forward to working on some interesting activities to support what we have read.

In science we studied the movement of the sun across the sky at different times in the day which helped us to put together our exciting flow charts.

In HSIE we are working hard to finish our Hall of Fame display with our wonderful Significant Australian Bank Notes.

We are learning how to write persuasively with the help of 'One Small Island' and 'Animals and Us: Do animals have rights?'

A lot of fun was had by all at the cross country carnival on Friday which was a fantastic end to a fabulous week of hard work.
2013 P&C VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION UPDATE - WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Thanks to the generous donations from the school parent body, $14K of the $18K needed to buy 32 new laptops for our kids was raised; with a $4K top-up from the P&C we reached our target.

The school staff, our kids & the P&C would like to thank you for your valued financial support in helping us to reach our goal.

The P&C are undertaking planning for the year; we have already approved the following, to mention but a few:
- Canteen upgrades & online ordering
- new library books
- art supplies

We welcome any ideas that you may have for our next major project[s]. Some suggestions so far are:
- a giant shade sail covering the large open spaces in the school.
- improving both the mobile and school hall PA systems.

If you have any ideas then we would love to hear from you. Please drop a note into the P&C Box by the office or feel free to approach any of the P&C Executives.
INCONCEIVABLE!
Film night is back...

the princess bride

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

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