This Week (Week 10)

Monday:  
Student Ministers at Young Leaders Conference

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

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

Dates to Remember

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

‘I Am Somebody’ – Inspiring Our Young Leaders

I have just returned from an inspiring and exciting day out with our Balmain PS student ministers at The National Young Leaders Day at Darling Harbour. The day was filled with inspirational and motivating speeches, all based around a central theme, that ‘I am somebody’. Along with 6,000 other Year 5 & 6 students from across the state, our ministers were challenged to consider the notion of not waiting around for somebody else to make a change in our world – that we can all be that somebody and we can make a difference.

Among others, we heard from Coen Ashton, the 16-year old boy who, after being told numerous times that he was going to die due to cystic fibrosis, recently received a double lung transplant and is now encouraging organ donation in Australia. Coen was in the media recently for jet-skiing up the Murray River, raising funds and awareness for both cystic fibrosis and organ donation. His main message to the kids was that you can take the very thing that makes you different and use it to your advantage.

Ita Buttrose spoke to us about her drive to achieve everything she has, and how she responded to the many set-backs she has encountered along her career path. That she knew she didn’t want to settle for what others had planned for her and that our young people are capable of making a difference to their own lives and the lives of those around them. And author Andy Griffiths entertained us with his quick wit and humour, reminding us of the importance of becoming immersed in literature and letting our imaginations run wild.

I am extremely proud of the way in which our student ministers conducted themselves during the whole day. They listened actively and respectfully, engaging with the speakers and the ideas presented and they showed genuine interest in the day as a whole.

Watch this space… I think they have lots of ideas they would now like to give a try!

Canteen Working Bee

On behalf of all the staff and students at Balmain Public School, I would like to thank all of the parents and kids who helped out at the working bee on Saturday. The canteen looks amazing, I can’t believe what a wonderful difference you have made, thank you so much.

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P&C Movie Night

The first P&C Movie Night for the year is taking place this Friday at 6pm in the school hall. Come along to watch ‘The Princess Bride’. Please remember that this is a P&C event, so all children but be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

See the flyer attached for information on the exciting raffle being drawn on the night too…

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade is taking place in Gladstone Park on Friday 11th April at 9.30am. Students will need to make their hat at home. We strongly encourage students to use recycled or reusable materials when making their hat.

Each class will parade around the park with their class. We look forward to seeing you there!

Notes Due

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. If your last name is different to your child’s, please use their last name to avoid confusion.

If money is placed in the box without a permission note, the money will be returned to you. Please ensure the permission note is enclosed.

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:

What makes a good book for young kids?

Books with vivid imagery, exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.


Helping kids learn how to make friends

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

6 Bixbite has had a great term so far!

We’ve been learning about the First World War, and were lucky enough to have some primary sources sent to us from the Australian War Memorial.

6 Bixbite students have also enjoyed exploring maths with the CSIRO’s Mathematicians in Schools program. Hugh Colburn stumps us with tricky mathematical questions and problems every week.

We’ve also enjoyed taking on maths investigation tasks. Students choose from a range of real-world problems and use mathematics to creatively find a solution. Often it involves making a product.

We’re all looking forward to camp and wondering what other adventures we’ll have this year!
Balmain Public School has formed a committee including the student ministers, Patrick and Eszter, teachers, Mr Nuto and a parent representative of the P&C to embark on expanding our recycling effort. Currently we recycle paper, only.

During second term we will be raising the children’s awareness on how and why to recycle plastics, glass and metal. We will exchange our paper and cardboard skip to a co-mingle skip.

However, before we can do this we must ensure that all children know what is accepted in the comingle bin and what isn’t. Through child-made posters appearing around the school, videos, child made power-point presentations, and the children analysing the waste they generate after eating their lunch, the children will be informed of what they can and cannot put in the co-mingle bin. For example, dirty paper and tissues, plastic without a triangle and food scraps CANNOT be put in the co-mingle bin. If the co-mingle bin is contaminated with unacceptable paper and plastics we will be charged a lot more money for removal. We therefore have to all work together to ensure we can do this. In doing so, we are helping to reduce landfill for current and future generations.

The following stage will involve recycling our food scraps and turning them into fertilizer for our gardens.

We thank the P&C for their financial contribution and we are currently applying for a grant from the Teachers Mutual Bank.

Contact: Pauline Jensen 98181177
HELLO! my name is

Inigo Montoya

the princess bride

4th April from 6.30pm

“When I was your age, television was called books.”

This is a P&C Event. All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Over $500 worth of raffle prizes!
*Photography Package for $299 (normally $400) Stuck in a Moment Photography *$145 voucher for Lolly Buffet Hire Supplies *$140 worth of Royal Easter Show tickets *$45 voucher for a spray tan from RW Hair Extensions *$50 voucher from Kaffine Café *$50 voucher from Sassy Mama Lingerie *Plus much, much more…!
CURRENT VACANCIES FOR 4 – 5 YEAR OLDS

Emmerick Street Community Preschool is a non-profit, community-based preschool located in Lilyfield, with a unique local heritage and proud culture of creating a positive and nurturing environment to foster the best foundation for growth for each child.

We were recently awarded an accreditation rating of ‘Exceeding National Quality Standard’, placing Emmerick Street in the top 14% of NSW.

Emmerick Street offers:

- A homely, idyllic cottage setting with a beautifully-landscaped outdoor play area including sandpit, children’s garden and adventure playground
- well-equipped, bright, natural and spacious indoor and outdoor areas
- professionally qualified, caring educators and staff championing a positive, well-rounded, stimulating and creative learning environment
- programs based on the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)
- a wonderful, nurturing community feel with 35 years of local heritage

A small number of places for children aged four to five have become available in our three-day program, which runs from Monday to Wednesday. These enrolments are for children turning four-years-old on or before July 31, 2014, or children turning five in 2014.

For more information on the preschool, our philosophy and programs, please visit our website at [www.emmerickstreet.com.au](http://www.emmerickstreet.com.au)

If you are interested in securing one of these spots, please contact:
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