Stage 3 Kids off to Milson Island

This morning we waved farewell to 86 very excited students, as they set off on their camp adventure on Milson Island for the next three days. Their dedicated teachers, Ms MG, Miss Bird, Miss Dufty and Mr Nuto were organised and prepared for three days of fun and adventure and two nights of little sleep!

During their trip, the children will have the opportunity to conquer fears, take risks, try something new and get to know each other much better. It is a wonderful chance for them to bond as a Stage 3 group and make many new friends.

I am looking forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return on Wednesday.

P&C Movie Night – A Huge Success

The first Balmain P&C Movie Night for the year was a great success, with children and adults all enjoying watching ‘The Princess Bride’ and snacking on popcorn, pizza and ice cream. Thank you to everyone who came along to share the evening with friends and support our school.

The night was even more special for some – our raffle winners! Congratulations to parents Monique Dower and Angela Argent, and to past student Maddie Boyd on winning prizes.

This event was organised by the parents of 4/5D; thank you to volunteers Biddy McDermott, Kim Janson, Rosaline Perry, Linda Syron-Henderson, Caroline Bayliss, Matt Boge, Damian McLynskey, and to raffle prize donators Sharyn Tamlyn, Chris Evans, Valerie McConnell, Jaala Dyer and Lee and Joanna Gunawan. Thank you also to Andrea Smith and Trish, and to events coordinator, Venetia Hendry.

Watch out for news of the next movie night coming soon!

Thank You Everyone!

I would like to personally thank the whole Balmain PS parent community for your support this term in my role as Acting Principal. It has been a wonderful term, and a really positive start to the school year. Your support, assistance, encouragement and kind words are really appreciated, and I have enjoyed getting to know and work with so many more of you over the last 11 weeks.

Thank you to the teachers and staff and of course to the amazing students. I have loved you all asking about ‘Baby Edwards’ every day, and have made a list of all of your name suggestions! I am very excited about the new adventure I am about to embark upon, and can’t wait to meet Baby Edwards. Enjoy the rest of the school year and baby and I will be back to visit very soon.

Jo Edwards
Acting Principal
Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade is taking place in Gladstone Park this 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!

Assemblies for Term 2

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Anaphylaxis—No Nut School

There are a number of students in our school who have been diagnosed as having anaphylaxis. This means that these students have a potentially life-threatening response to a substance (eg. nuts, shellfish, eggs, bee stings etc.). Contact with an allergen can cause a child’s throat to swell and constrict, stopping their breathing.

To ensure those students who suffer from this allergic reaction are safe, we ask that no foods containing nuts are brought to school. We also insist that students do not share food with each other.

Those students who are identified as anaphylactic have a specific health care plan and may carry an auto-injector (adrenalin injector) as a precaution.

Parents are responsible for informing the school of any changes to their child’s health care plan and of ensuring medication is up to date.

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:

School holiday kids and family camps

It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

Managing screen-time

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them.

Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk
5 Lapis Lazuli just love learning. Our main unit of work this term has been based on the key concept of heroism in relation to the First World War. We have recognised the horrendous conditions the soldiers fought in and we respect their contribution to try and create world peace. We received a memorial box from the Australian War Memorial and explored the contents. As we donned the uniforms, analysed photos, wrote persuasive texts and played the leisure activities of this era it became more alive for us. We drew detailed maps on our desktops showing the battlefields, main towns and cities and observed how the Western front shifted over the four years of war. One warm Friday afternoon we went to visit the Balmain War Memorial, sketched it and wrote the names of some of the fallen soldiers. We used the Australian War Memorial register and online collections to find out more information about these soldiers.
FUNDRAISER 
FOR YEAR 
6 FAREWELL 
FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2014 
(Last day of Term 1) 
(NO canteen on the 11th instead a fundraiser for Year 6 
bring your money along on the day)

HOT CROSS BUNS ........$1.20

WARM CHOCOLATE MILK......$1.00
ORANGE GROVE MOVIE NIGHT

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FRIDAY APRIL 11TH

ORANGE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

GATES
OPEN 5:00PM / MOVIE STARTS 6:30PM

TICKETS
$5 CHILD / $10 ADULT / $25 FAMILY

BBQ KEBABS / GELATO / CAKES / COFFEE / POPCORN

AN ALCOHOL FREE FAMILY EVENT
orangegrove movienight.com

P&C WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING

STUART NORMAN
McGrath

CENTENNIAL DRY CLEANERS & LAUNDRY

ARTSMARTKIDS

SYDNEY PORTRAITS

BELLA EMPORIO
KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

An after school Visual Arts program

2014 TERM 2 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!
CLASSES HELD AT BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL.
MONDAYS 3PM - 5PM

We have an exciting new Art Program for 2014
INCLUDING SUBMISSIONS TO ART COMPETITIONS!
CREATIVE AND STIMULATING CLASSES OPEN TO K - 6 STUDENTS.
VISUAL ARTS TEACHER WITH 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE!
$30 PER CLASS. AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED.
+ $30 ART MATERIALS FEE PER TERM.

CONTACT Sabina: e: sabina@kidsatthearthouse.com
m: 0403768282

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

STUDENTS CHINESE NEW EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP
(DARLING HABOUR) “DREAM” EXHIBITION - 2014
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” 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
COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH THE TAFE ULTIMO
SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011
Finding challenges in raising 12—18 year olds?

FREE Parent Wise Parenting Workshops for ALL parents of adolescents.

Topics include:
- The stages of adolescence
- What parenting styles and communication techniques work
- How to keep a positive approach to discipline!

Rosemount Good Shepherd Youth & Family Services
(assisting families since 1982).

Date: Thursday afternoons — one session per week for 6 weeks
from Thursday 1st May — Thursday 6th June 2014
Time: 4:30pm—6:30pm
Venue: Rosemount Good Shepherd
440 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL please contact:
Carol Ashmore or Jo Evenden on Ph: 8571 7800
Email: carol.ashmore@rosemountgs.org.au or jo.evenden@rosemountgs.org.au

Also now available, THE AUSTRALIAN PARENTING APP
FREE from iTunes App Store or Android Market.

www.rosemountgs.org.au
**Minecraft Tekkit**
*Times: 9am - 3pm $299*<sup>a</sup>
*9am - 5pm $329*<sup>a</sup>
**Standard: Ages: 7-12**
15-17 April:
Perth: Christ Church Grammar, Claremont
Adelaide: Walford Anglican School, Hyde Park

22-24 April:
Sydney: Knox Grammar, Wahroonga **Laptop Venue**
The Tekkit Mod adds electricity and machines into Minecraft so you can use engineering technology to automate your inventions while taking part in a range of challenges!

**Advanced: Ages: 9-14**
22-24 April:
Sydney: Knox Grammar, Wahroonga **Laptop Venue**
Perth: Christ Church Grammar, Claremont
Adelaide: Walford Anglican School, Hyde Park

In this class students will explore additional Mods and discover different and exciting Tekkit plugins while pushing their brain with extreme challenges.

**Minecraft Inventions & Challenges**
*Times: 9am - 3pm $299*<sup>a</sup>
*9am - 5pm $329*<sup>a</sup>
**Ages: 5-10**
15-17 April:
Perth: Christ Church Grammar, Claremont
Adelaide: Walford Anglican School, Hyde Park

23-24 April:
Sydney: (9am - 5pm only $229*<sup>a</sup>) Masada College, St Ives
During this workshop students will learn to work within the 3D world of Minecraft taking part in a range of architectural and engineering challenges. Students are given exciting goals and challenges, both individually and in a group!

**Fashion & Wearable Arts**
*Time: 9am - 5pm $329*
**Ages: 7-12**
15-17 April:
Perth: Christ Church Grammar, Claremont
Sydney: Athena School, Newtown
This three day interactive course teaches students about the worlds of Fashion, and Wearable Arts! Learn the process of fashion design focusing on wearable arts as you develop your skills in conceptualising outfits with mood boards and fashion drawings. Use unusual fabrics and recyclable materials to invent unique fashions and accessories.

**3D Animation & Games Design**
*Time: 9am - 5pm $329*
**Ages: 6-12**
22-24 April:
Perth: Christ Church Grammar, Claremont
Adelaide: Walford Anglican School, Hyde Park
Students will explore the movie making process from start to finish through storyboarding to scripting a story. Students will also learn industry level tricks such as how to use a green screen and many other special effects!

**Minecraft Advanced**
*Time: 9am - 5pm $399*<sup>a</sup>
**Ages: 8-14**
14-17 April:
Sydney: Cliftons Training Centre, Sydney CBD
Don’t miss how to design custom adventure maps in this exciting course! Students will create their own textured landscapes and also get the chance to explore the implementation of resource packs.

**Lego Engineering & Robotics**
*Time: 9am - 3pm $299*,
*9am - 5pm $329*
**Ages: 6-11**
22-24 April:
Perth: Christ Church Grammar, Claremont

Take part in exciting extreme Lego challenges using Bricks, Mindstorm robots and 3D construction software. Don’t miss out!

**Smartphone Web & App Development**
*Time: 9am - 5pm $399*
**Ages: 10-15**
14-17 April:
Perth: Christ Church Grammar, Claremont
Students will be exposed to the programming, scripting and designing of apps using 3D development programming tools. Students also develop their very own website from scratch! This course unlocks the potential for a hobby to become a career option!

**What is a Laptop Venue?**
Students must bring their own laptop to Laptop Venues. Bubble Dome will provide you with all the software information prior to the course.

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*Prior to commencement students are required to have their own Minecraft account, this works out to be approximately $33.00. This is not included in the price of the course and can be purchased at www.minecraft.net*

**Book online at www.bubbledome.com**
**Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz**  **Phone: 1800 11 55 62**
Office Hours: 9:00-5:00 NZDT. Course content may vary.

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