The poem, ‘The Psychomania’ (Battle of Spirits), written in slightly less than 1000 lines, by Late Antique Latin poet Prudentius, contains a quote that we’ve all most likely used... "Patience is a virtue”. This quote dates back to early 5th Century AD...

I feel I’ve managed to be patient, as I definitely had no choice, but it certainly seems like forever since I found out I was going to be the Principal of Balmain Public School! I have really been looking forward to starting here and the day finally arrived!!

I must say, I have really felt warmly welcomed by both children and parents alike, whilst out in the playground before school, as well as the wonderful staff here at Balmain.

The first day was especially memorable, as I was treated to a fabulous ‘call and response’ welcome from the entire school, organised by Ms Biggins, with a beautiful sign, “Welcome to Balmain Mrs Lambos”, created by 3/4B!

I just KNOW I’m going to LOVE being at Balmain Public School! Thank you all so much...

Maria Lambos
Principal

PS Don’t forget to put your Mother’s Day order in!

While out in the playground on Thursday morning, I was asked by a couple of girls if I had a crystal name yet.

We were trying to think of a crystal or stone beginning with ‘L’, when one of the girls noticed the crystal I was wearing.

I was asked what type of crystal it was and when I replied, “I don’t know”, I was told it could be the ‘Love Crystal’, which I thought was a fabulous idea!

So I am now...Mrs Love Crystal!!
Welcome to the World, Baby Edwards...

The long-awaited moment has arrived!

Noah Sidney Edwards was born on Tuesday, 29th April, at 12:07pm. Noah weighs 4kg and is 52cm long. Both mum and bubz are doing well. According to mum, Noah is a very calm, content baby (at the moment!)

Congratulations to Jo and Ben on the birth of a beautiful baby boy!

Vacancies at Eaton St Centre...

There are currently places available for aftercare at Eaton St Centre for every day. Please contact the Centre at 9810 1190 for more information.

Balmain’s New String Tutor...

Welcome to Aeree Kim, who will be taking our wonderful strings group on Wednesdays 1.15pm – 2.15pm. Aeree is a professional violinist, violist and music educator, and currently the Senior Strings Tutor at Birchgrove Public School. Aeree comes highly recommended, and will be a great asset to our strings programme.

Aeree will be busy preparing the strings group for the annual Sydney Opera House Performance late June. If your child plays a string instrument and would like to join the group, please contact the office as soon as possible as they will be preparing for the Opera House concert this term. It is a very rewarding experience for the kids, and a truly remarkable concert to be involved in.

Roberta Palfreeman (Henri Collyer, Year 6) Parent Strings Coordinator
rpalfreeman@optusnet.com.au
Commemorating ANZAC Day at BPS...

ANZAC Day is the solemn day of remembrance of those Australian and New Zealand Army Corps soldiers who died while fighting for their country. ANZAC Day is commemorated on 25th April each year.

At Balmain Public School, ANZAC Day was commemorated on Wednesday 30th April, as ANZAC Day actually fell during the school holidays.

We were fortunate to have guest speaker, Petty Officer Grahame Paton, who happens to be Rosie’s (5L) dad. Petty Officer Paton is in the Royal Australian Navy and served in the Gulf War.

The entire assembly was moved with his speech about what it means to be a hero.

Patrick, from 6B, played ‘The Last Post’ and ‘Reveille’ beautifully on his trumpet.

Our wreath was laid at the War Memorial on Darling St.

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, not the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.”

Gymnastics...

The first day back at school saw the beginning of our Gymnastics program, run by Rumen Marinov, who also runs ‘R&G Gymnastics’ after school, in our Hall.

Gymnastics will be held each Monday and Tuesday.

Term 2 Assembly Timetable...

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Changes to Fridays ~ Lunch & Recess...

Please note a change to the Friday lunch and recess breaks commencing 2 May. Throughout second and third terms, the lunch break will occur from 11 – 11:50am and recess will be from 1:20 – 1:40.

This is due to several of our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students attending PSSA winter sport on a weekly basis. The bus for PSSA needs to leave at 12:20pm to reach the sporting grounds for a 1pm start, and these students need to eat lunch before their departure.

Year 6 Graduation 2014...

It is time to start planning for the end of year celebration for our current Year 6 intake.

To ensure these students have a memorable graduation we are calling for any interested Yr. 6 parent to form a planning and working committee.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 June at 6pm in the school library.

P&C Meeting...

Our next P&C meeting will be held in the School’s Library on Wednesday 7th June @7pm.

All welcome to attend.
2MG are amazingly talented writers. During the last week of Term 1 they participated in poetry writing. They reflected on joyful memories and shared them with their peers.

'Some of those memories are below:

Elle’s last big belly laugh was when her friend rolled down a hill by accident.

Harrison’s parents always tell him that they love him!

Darcy’s parents always tell him to clean his room!

Tianyang’s happiest moment was when his dad slipped on a ball.

Maya’s most treasured possession is her family!
Katrina’s favourite movie is Babe!

Connor’s earliest memory is getting a fluffy cat.

Yesmina’s favourite movie is Frozen!

Elijah’s favourite book is called Avengers.

Abbie’s most treasured possession is her husky golden retriever and cat.

Daphne’s happiest moment was when her dad came back from Japan.

Jade’s happiest moment was when she went to the movies.

Natalia’s earliest memory was when she was born!

Charlie’s happiest moment was when he received a teddy bear as a gift!

Elvira’s parents always tell her to sleep early.

Cameron’s happiest moment was the first day of year 2.

Mojmir’s most treasured possession is his mum and dad’s house.

Ava’s earliest memory was her 1st birthday.

Sam’s earliest memory is having a surprise birthday party!

Toby’s family always tell him to stop climbing the wall.
Milly's family always tell her to get off the IPad.

Tyler’s parents always tell him to be quiet!

Dylan Johnson’s earliest memory was when he went to the play centre.

Dylan Ritchley’s most treasured possession is his football.

Ms MG’s most treasured possession is 2MG!
Mother’s Day Chocolates

A great way to show our appreciation.

$10 Gift-Box

of an assortment of 4 exquisite hand-made chocolates from Josophan’s Fine Chocolates.

Boxes will be handed out to the children on Friday 9th May.

Mother’s Day Chocolates

Name: ___________________________ Class: __________________

Number of Boxes: ________________ Total: $ __________

Please place money & orders in the box by the office by 9:30am, Tuesday 6th May.
Late orders cannot be guaranteed.

This initiative is organised by the BPS P&C and any profits go directly into making our wonderful school even better.
KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

An after school Visual Arts program

2014 TERM 2 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!
CLASSES HELD AT BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL.
MONDAY’S 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 HARBOUR) “DREAM” EXHIBITION - 2014
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
COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011