“Out of the mouths of babes…” ~ idiom

Tuesday was one of those days...four of our students, Maisie B, Josephine P (both pictured), Oscar C and Marcus M, represented Balmain Public School at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

There was some pretty tough competition, with great speeches, and although none of our students won, they certainly did Balmain proud!

Tuesday evening saw the Kindergarten Information Evening held, in our School Library. Our Prime Ministers, Oscar and Sarah, spoke about why Balmain was a fabulous place, as well as their own experiences.

Four of our gorgeous kindies were also present, Greta R, Oscar F, Andrei L and Maleeha D, showing off their artworks and reading their writing...As I watched the audience throughout the kids’ presentation, I saw many impressed faces, with mouths opening and eyebrows raising...I was certainly proud of our students!

Ms MG had also organised a VIK (Very Important Kindies) panel at the end of the evening, where the audience were given the opportunity to ask questions of the children. They all held themselves remarkably well!

Congratulations to all of them!

Maria Lambos
Principal
SEMESTER ONE REPORTS & PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Please note that Semester One Reports will be going home on Thursday, 26th June, 2014.

As Term 2 only consists of 9 weeks, Parent-Teacher Interviews have been scheduled for the first 2 weeks of Term 3. Each teacher will have different times, according to their availability. Once You have accessed specific teacher/class, you will be able to view all available times.

Ms Dufty of 4/5D, will be on leave for the first 11 days of Term 3. Therefore, 4/5D interviews will be held in the last week of this term, namely 23-27 June.

This year, we are using an online booking system, to make the process much easier and faster for all.

The following link will take you to a new tab on the school’s website: http://www.balmain-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/interviews-2014

See page 3 for further details...

KINDERGARTEN 2015
ENROLLING NOW...
...IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5 ON OR BEFORE 31 JULY 2015...
ENQUIRE @ OFFICE ~ 9818 1177

No PSSA report this week.
Dear Parents of 4/5D ONLY

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Monday 23rd June ~ Friday 27th June 2014.
You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.
BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 27th June at 9am

You can also access via the School’s website:

Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.

Dear Parents of KB, KL, 1R, 1S, 1/2E, 2MG, 3/4B, 5L, 5/6N & 6B

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held over a 9 day period: Tuesday 15th July ~ Friday 25th July 2014.
You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.
BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 25th July at 9am

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, a computer kiosk will be available at the Office, so that parents can still make their own bookings.

Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9818 1177. Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9818 1177

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
K-2 Movie Night...

It’s one week to go until the Movie Night!

Join us on

**Friday 13th June 6-8:30pm**

Please pre-purchase your tickets if you haven’t done so already. This will assist with catering.

Pre-purchased tickets to be picked up on the night

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Thanks to our P&C...

Thank you to our P&C, who have agreed to purchase the portable PA system we’ve been trialling over the past couple of weeks...much appreciated by all!
On Friday, Balmain Public School had the pleasure of having Johnny Huckle, the Aboriginal singer, come to our school and perform a concert.

We watched him perform some songs. The children really enjoyed him singing and it was really good to hear some justice songs about reconciliation, as we have just finished celebrating Reconciliation Week.

One of the songs that Johnny performed was the ‘Wombat Waddle’, in which Mr Nuto, Ms Bird, Pauline and some of the students joined in.

It was lots of fun singing and dancing along to these songs!!!!
RECONCILIATION
BY CHARLOTTE
They took their children away
They missed their children
The government said sorry.

RECONCILIATION BY EMILY
Reconciliation means saying sorry and getting on with people
Embrace the Aboriginals
Consider Aboriginals special
On this land Aboriginals lived
No one will be mean to Aboriginals again
Come onto this land Aboriginals
I love this land
Love the future
I love this country
Aboriginals are special
Talk about Aboriginals
In this country Aboriginals lived
On this land Aboriginals lived here in peace
No one will say don't come on this land again.
RECONCILIATION BY FRANCES

Reconciliation is a sad day
Everyone should share
Celebrate and say sorry
Over all the mountains and rivers lived Aboriginals
Never do it again
Can share this land
It is a big land that everyone can share
Lovely Aboriginals should not suffer
It is important to love other people
All white people should say sorry
The land got stolen
It wasn’t fair at all
On the land where the Aboriginals lived all the white people
No one should be allowed to kill

RECONCILIATION BY JOE

RECONCILIATION day is to remember all the stolen children and to remember who died.
Kevin Rudd made a speech seven years ago to apologise to the stolen Aboriginals.
They missed their children and the children missed their parents.
RECONCILIATION BY MAX
The white people took the Aboriginal children from their families. Kevin Rudd said sorry for their sadness.

RECONCILIATION BY MATTHEW
Reconciliation Day
Aboriginals
People missed their family

RECONCILIATION BY CHARLIE
Kevin Rudd said sorry
To the stolen child
For their loss of family

MY HERO BY KIERA
My hero is Francis. She helps me. She has blonde hair and her eye colour is green. I like her skin colour. It is peachy. She is my friend. She is the best!

MY HERO BY SAVANAH
My hero is Aaron. He is thirteen years old. He is kind because he plays nicely with me. He is awesome!! When I fall and hurt myself he helps me up and asks if I'm alright.
MY HERO BY ZAYLE
My hero is from the Fantastic 4. He is very strong and brave. He has a girlfriend. She is very nice, strong and brave.

MY HERO BY ETHAN
My hero, Black Panther saves people when they are in danger by bad people. He is really fast and sneaks up and punches peoples in the face and their heads crack.

MY HERO BY MICAH
My super hero is red wolf. He is good. His strength is the best out of all of the superheroes. He is the best superhero.

MY HERO BY JAMES
My hero is from outer space. He has super speed and strength. He is so strong and goes 200000 kilometres a minute!

MY HERO BY RYAN
Toilet Boy is my favourite super hero. He is my favourite because he is light and he can fly.

Most of all he goes to the toilet!
Kindergarten Lightbrary and Kindergarten Bowenite have recently received specialised kidney-shaped guided reading tables.

These tables are perfect for use during literacy groups and allow the teacher to sit in the middle of 5-6 students and assist them with their reading.

The tables tops are made from a whiteboard material, which makes it easy to teach letters, sounds, word families and sight words focused on within the readers.

After reading, the students can practise what they’ve learnt by writing on the table with whiteboard markers.

The students are very fond of their new reading tables and especially enjoy the novelty of writing letters and sight words on the tables!

Thank you again to our P&C!
The Balmain Ball...

http://www.balmainball.com
http://www.facebook.com/balmainball

St Vincent de Paul Society

If there’s one event you don’t want to miss this year, it’s the inaugural Balmain Ball.

Set on the water’s edge at the stunning White Bay Passenger Terminal, The Balmain Ball promises to be the peninsula’s night of nights with event production by Rizer, catering by Cook and Waiter and music by internationally-renowned DJ Daniel Rowntree.

In 2014 all funds raised from this black tie event will be donated to the local St Vincent de Paul Society to support their work assisting people in need on the Balmain Peninsula.

Capacity is strictly limited, so get your friends together and get set for a night to remember. Tables of 10 are $250 per head + Eventbrite Service Fee. All food and beverage is included.

FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 2014 / WHITE BAY CRUISE TERMINAL
I am a Sydney dad of two primary aged children. They are losing things at school each week and I am never quite sure where stuff is and where to look – even though everything is labelled.

I am a little technically minded, so I decided to do something about it. I developed a new type of name label that could be read by my mobile phone and called it StrayHat.

Now, I now know when an item is lost. I know when it’s in the School Lost Property or OOSH. I get an email telling me:

- An item has been found e.g. A jacket Belonging to Child A
- Showing on Google Maps where its located e.g. K-2 lost property bin

I can do an online search of Lost Property too – if something left the house without a label.

This means that I am in control, my school looks cleaner and the volunteers have a system behind them that works. They no longer throw things into Lost Property and hope it’s found, or need to manually create a spreadsheet – the Mobile app will publish directly to your school page.

If you want to add to our system please contact us via http://schools.strayhat.com/ As an example http://lfc.strayhat.com/ shows you the basic functions. The same software allows school principals and parents to manage assets like iPad’s sporting equipment, books, resources and anything else that is of valuable and is movable. A brief summary can be found here and we can provide you labels to keep everything running smoothly.

StrayHat can help build a community that takes pride in being responsible for keeping the school tidy. Please join us.
BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL
MOVIE NIGHT
PRESENTS

Disney・PIXAR
MONSTERS UNIVERSITY

BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL CINEMA
Friday 13th June, 6-8.30pm
Tickets include popcorn & cordial
Meal deals = pizza & ice cream
This is a P&C Event. All children need to be supervised by an adult.

CHILD’S NAME: .........................
CLASS: ..............................
No. TICKETS $5 EACH: .............
No. MEAL DEALS $5 EACH: .........
TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDED: $ .......
Cash or cheques to:
Balmain Public School P+C

MEAL DEALS AND TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT