From the Principal...

We’re not superstitious at Balmain and Friday 13th was a very LUCKY day for us all at Balmain. The sun shone for us and we enjoyed a mild winter’s day for our K-6 Athletics Carnival. It was wonderful to see so many parents, family and friends turn up for support! The cheering and enthusiasm from our children was amazing!!! The war cries for Amber, Sapphire and Garnet could be heard throughout Birchgrove and almost back at our school!

The incredible Balmain community spirit continued into the evening, with the screening of “Monsters University”...there was popcorn, pizza and entertainment for all! There was an array of very comfy attire: onesies, pyjamas, ugg boots, sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, cushions etc etc…

I’d like to thank Vanessa and her crew (P&C exec and members), for organising such a successful event, Ms MG (our techie), the staff members who attended, our kids and their families. Thanks to all of you, the evening topped off a fabulously lucky Friday the 13th!

Maria Lambos  Principal

Interesting ‘Friday the 13th’ info from Wikipedia...

According to folklorists, there is no written evidence for a "Friday the 13th” superstition before the 19th century. The earliest known documented reference in English occurs in Henry Sutherland Edwards’ 1869 biography of Gioachino Rossini, who died on a Friday 13th.

He [Rossini] was surrounded to the last by admiring friends; and if it be true that, like so many Italians, he regarded Fridays as an unlucky day and thirteen as an unlucky number, it is remarkable that on Friday 13th of November he passed away.

One theory states that it is a modern amalgamation of two older superstitions: that 13 is an unlucky number and that Friday is an unlucky day…

In numerology, the number twelve is considered the number of divine organizational arrangement or chronological completeness, as reflected in the twelve months of the year, twelve hours of the clock day, the twelve deities of Olympus, twelve tribes of Israel, twelve Apostles of Jesus, the 12 successors of Muhammad in Shia Islam, twelve signs of the Zodiac, the 12 years of the Buddhist cycle, etc., whereas the number thirteen was considered irregular, transgressing this completeness. There is also a superstition, thought by some to derive from the Last Supper or a Norse myth, that having thirteen people seated at a table results in the death of one of the diners.

Friday has been considered an unlucky day at least since the 14th century’s The Canterbury Tales, and many other professions have regarded Friday as an unlucky day to undertake journeys or begin new projects.
It’s been a fun and exciting term in 3 / 4 Bronzite. We have had some exciting and new arrangements to our classroom and have been enjoying our new open learning environment with great success.

No assigned seating and cushions and bean bag chairs in the classroom, what’s not to love?

We have also been exploring space, in particular the Sun, Moon and the Earth. During the week we made sun dials in the park and explored how it is possible to tell the time by the sun.

3 / 4 Bronzite would like to give a big shout out to Catherine Chatterton. Catherine competed during the week in the 2014 Cairns Ironman Competition and won her division. An amazing performance and 3 / 4 Bronzite, as well as all of Balmain Public School, would like to give you a huge CONGRATULATIONS!!
Apologies for the short notice...

Due to circumstances beyond our control, including very late feedback from the bus company re costing, the Athletics Carnival permission note was not handed out with the sufficient timing that we prefer to give.

In future, there will be several ways of accessing Permission Notes:

1. Children will receive a note to take home (as per usual)
2. On the same day, an email will be sent, confirming that a note is coming home, with the note also attached
3. On the School’s website, a copy of the note can be found under the ‘Interviews & Notes’ tab
4. If you hover over the Calendar on the ‘Home’ page of our website, any attachment will be shown as a paperclip. Click on it and it will take you to the event, with the note attached.
5. Clicking on an ‘Upcoming Event’ will also take you to the event, again, with note attached.

Pigeon Post

No PSSA report this week due to Athletics Carnival...

Kindergarten 2015
Enrolling Now...
...If your child turns 5 on or before 31 July 2015...
Enquire @ Office ~ 9818 1177
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.
Hello Band/String Ensemble Members,

Our mid-year concert will be held in the school hall on Friday 20th June.

All members need to be at the hall by 5.30pm SHARP to help set up and the concert will start at 6pm. Please wear your band uniform - red band t-shirt, black pants/skirt, black shoes.

Contact Dr Kelvin directly if you are interested in preforming as a soloists, duet or trio: emkelvin@optusnet.com.au

A small selection of sushi and cordial will be available to purchase during the interval for $5, with any profits going to the band/strings ensemble.

**Please do not bring any food or drink into the hall.**

This concert is both a wonderful opportunity for our children to perform in front of an audience and for us family members to see how hard they've been practising. With this in mind, it is important that as audience members we sit quietly and respectfully throughout the entire performance, regardless of whether our child is on stage or has already finished their part of the performance.

Although this is a school run event which teachers will be attending, parents must supervise their children at all times.

Looking forward to seeing you there and hearing our children play!

Thank you,

Biddy
Volunteer Band Coordinator
On Wednesday 28th May, our rubbish was weighed...an astounding 37 kilos for one day’s waste!

We intend to weigh it again after our recycling program is underway. Comingle bins have been ordered, so the program should be operative within the next couple of weeks.

Fingers crossed that we are able to reduce that amount!!

The Recycling Representatives of Balmain Public School are:

- **KB** ~ Greta R and Matthew A
- **KL** ~ Hayla W and Cormac J
- **1S** ~ Nicholas G and Phoebe M
- **1R** ~ Zafary Mand Sarah D
- **1/2E** ~ Charlie B, Erin C and Sam O
- **2MG** ~ Abbie O and Elijah A
- **3/4B** ~ Myles M, Maisie C and Joe K
- **4/5D** ~ Shane M, Matthew E and Dylan H
- **5L** ~ Jessica G, Caitlin S and Allon C
- **5/6N** ~ Connor P, Caterina L and Esther C
- **6B** ~ Jade R, William S and Patrick G

Upon arrival of the Comingle bins, their important work continues...
The Balmain Ball...

http://www.balmainball.com

http://www.facebook.com/balmainball

Balmain at its best

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 Walker 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