The week that was…

What a fabulous term at Balmain ~ as I sit and reflect on what I’ve experienced in my first term at this wonderful school, I’m amazed at what goes on, as well as the amount of learning experiences that have occurred...

...my wonderful welcome at our first morning lines, news of Baby Noah Edward’s arrival into the world, P&C meetings, Inner West and Premier’s debating, public speaking competition, ice-cream cones, cross-country, NAPLAN, visit from vision impaired person, Reconciliation Week, Pauline McLeod Awards, Johnny Huckle performance, ‘Walk Safely to School Day’, fundraising for family of house fire, Kindy information evening, K-6 Athletics Carnival, K-2 Movie night, ICAS, Life Less Plastic, Recycling Program, Pre-school information evening, mid-year Strings/Band & Recorder Concert, The Barber of Seville, Wavell State High School (Brisbane) Showband Concert, Aunty Fay visit, reports, Mimosa Concert at the Opera House...have I missed anything?

Unfortunately, I did miss out on the majority of our Athletics Carnival. I was sooooooo looking forward to being out at Birchgrove Oval, in my sporting gear (and no heels!!)...I received a phone call from Pam in the Office, whilst preparing to do my very important recorder job. I tried to deal with the issue, via accessing the internet on my phone, as I wanted to get on with the job at hand, but to no avail...The issue had to be resolved on the same day, which meant I needed to go back to school.

‘Expect the unexpected’...Oh well, maybe next year!

I have really enjoyed my first term at this wonderful school. I wish all our families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 15th July (first day back for our students).

I LOVEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEVOE BEING AT BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL!!!!!!!

Maria Lambos  Principal
What an outstanding end of term for our PSSA athletes. Once again they demonstrated their superb sportsmanship and excellent skills.

In netball, Balmain A dominated against their opposition, with an overpowering win. Balmain B played a close, but hard fought game, ending in a tie. I am proud of your effort and enthusiasm you bring to netball each week. Well done.

The PSSA soccer teams had mixed results, but all played exceptionally well. Balmain A finished the term retaining their undefeated title. Balmain B won their first game, but unfortunately lost their second. Balmain mixed played well, but on the day, were beaten.

While Balmain did not win this week’s games against Annandale North, they gave it their best and the competition was heated. Well done to the particular students who showed great sportsmanship, not only supporting their own team, but congratulating and cheering on Annandale.

We look forward to what the next term of PSSA brings. Rest up, train hard, hone those skills and we will see you all next term ready to represent Balmain with pride.

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BPS is soon to have a cashless online ordering system for canteen orders. Information will be sent home with every student soon. The new system will start at the beginning of Term 3. Orders will be done online through a simple system called ‘Flexischools’. Registration/set up can be done on the computer, iPad or iPhone and then orders can be done online.

Your children can still buy snacks over the counter with cash. Please remember, the canteen is run by volunteers, this includes rostering, purchasing, collating orders, preparing orders and serving food. If you would like to volunteer to help in the canteen please contact Monique Dower (monique.dower@belleproperty.com)

**From our Office...**

Could you please ensure that contact details are kept up-to-date at the Office — Jenni needs to be notified of any changes, as they have to be entered into our system — this includes:

- Change of address/living circumstances
- Mobile phones/emergency numbers
- Email address (especially seeing that all correspondence will be distributed electronically, as well as the usual method)

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**KINDERGARTEN 2015**

**ENROLLING NOW...**

***...IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5 ON OR BEFORE 31 JULY 2015...***

**ENQUIRE @ OFFICE ~ 9818 1177**
This term, Stage 3 has been learning about plastic and recycling. We made a quilt from plastic bags, which made us think about how much plastic we use every year. Our quilt was really long and we were excited, but it also made us think about never using plastic bags again and just how many of them we use each year. We learnt that if we put all the plastic bags in the world that have been made this year end to end, it would wrap around the world more than 4020 times. That’s a lot! So we have decided not to use so much plastic every year. We would really like it if you would do the same to keep the food chain healthy and help the environment.

Caitlin, Allon and Jessica 5L
On Friday 20th June at 6pm, Balmain’s musos treated us all to a concert in the Hall. What a lovely way to end the school week...Thank you to Dr Elisabeth and her tutors...our kids sounded amazing!

Dear Band/Strings and Recorder Ensemble Members,
Thank you for such beautiful performances last Friday evening! It was a joy to see how confident all the children were, both in the group & the individual performances.
Thank you to the children’s teachers, in particular Dr Elizabeth who conducted the event.
A last thank you goes to you the audience who sat respectfully throughout. It was very much appreciated by the performers.

Good luck to everyone performing at The Opera House this Thursday!

Thanks,
Biddy, Volunteer Band Coordinator

Thursday 26th June, saw our Strings and Recorder players be part of the Festival of Instrumental Music ~ Mimosa Concert ~ at the Opera House.

Miss Butler and Dr Elisabeth accompanied these students, via ferry, to the Opera House for rehearsals during the day.

They had dinner together, whilst waiting for the evening performance, which commenced at 7pm.

Almost 1000 public education students performed on the Concert Hall stage, which was incredible! The concert finished after 9pm and many of us didn’t get home until after 10pm...it was a late night, although truly worth it! Again, thank you to Dr Elisabeth, as well as our kindy teacher, Miss Butler, who’s ‘school day’ was a very long one. We appreciate your commitment to our school and our children!
Students agree that *The Barber* made the cut.

A singing hairdresser may not be what you’d expect at your local public school, but this week our class joined in the privilege witnessing a barber hit the high notes in our school hall. This week the Oz Opera performed a frivolous rendition of *The Barber of Seville*, as our students were serenaded and spritzed into an operatic frenzy. The playful romp left us giddy with joy.

The Barber of Seville built a bridge to bring opera to our playful hearts.
To continue our week of high culture, 5/6N took their study of Greek mythology to the movies. We began by analysing visual techniques that persuade us to see monster movies. This evolved into a design task in which students created their own movie posters about a mythological monster. Students were then given the challenge to create their own trailer to accompany their posters. They brought their own devices for filming and editing and achieved some outstanding results. The final products are too frightening for younger audiences, so we hope these snapshots will suffice.

Molly, Sophie and Nilufar set the stage.

Lily and Mikiko film their serpentine scene. Perhaps Medusa could do with a visit from The Barber.
Morning lines is just sooooooooo much fun...with our new PA system, we have music to listen to while playing, as well as when coming to lines...

...we have entertainment, with Mrs Biggins, as well as teachers joining in (see photo of Ms Lovett...)

...we learn about interesting things, such as the introduction of the co-mingle bin and the quilt made of plastic (as well as the importance of reducing our waste!)

Just this week, we have changed the ‘look’ of our lines...we are now facing the hall, as well as have lines for our classes and NO bags taking up all the room...

Of course, we get to hear from our ministers on a daily basis, with interesting and funny facts, as well as important messages given by teachers (and sometimes parents...)

We LOVE our Morning Lines, as we all meet together, it has a lovely community feel and we go on to class and have a fabulous day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Balmain PS CANTEEN is going ONLINE!

The new online, cashless system will go live from the beginning of Term 3 JULY 15th

Monday & Friday Canteen Meal Deals can now ONLY be ordered online.

Snacks can still be purchased, with cash by students during the lunch break.

Look out for our new revamped MENU!

Go to www.flexischools.com.au

Follow the easy steps there to register and setup an account.

Accounts can be topped up with Credit Card, PayPal or direct deposit.

* Please note that online orders will incur a $0.25c fee

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Parents + Citizens Association

Working Bee

Monday, 14 July

Monday 14th is a pupil free day at school, but if you’re free, we’re going to do a little bit of renovating in the canteen. We’re starting about 9am, feel free to drop by if you’ve got a lazy hour to fill in!

Hope to see you there. Rob Smith.
smithr@ali.com.au

Balmain Public School, "learning to live and living to learn"
COMING SOON:

THE GREAT TOY SWAP’N’BOP!

Bored playing with the same old stuff? Don’t throw a tantrum or throw ‘em away – throw ‘em in a box and bring them along to school for our swap’n’bop night!!

WHEN? FRIDAY 25TH JULY 5.30 – 8.00 pm
WHERE? Balmain Public School Hall
WHY? Support your school and choose some ‘new to you’ toys and books at this fun social night. Remember – REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE!
WHO? This is a P&C fundraising event. Open to yrs K – 6
       All children must be accompanied by an adult
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Entry by pre-booked ticket only - $5 per person - on sale Term 3

Hot dogs, snacks and drinks available on the night

# Any ‘unswapped’ items will be donated to charity #
The Balmain Ball...

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

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
BAYRUN
RUNNERS • WALKERS • TEAMS • DOG OWNERS

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST
8AM

registration & info at
www.bayrun.com.au

Online registrations close 11pm Friday 1 August
KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

2014 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!

EXCITING NEW AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM
INCLUDING SUBMISSIONS TO ART COMPETITIONS!
CREATIVE AND STIMULATING CLASSES
OPEN TO K - 6 STUDENTS.
CLASSES HELD AT BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL
MONDAYS 3PM - 5PM.
VISUAL ARTS TEACHER WITH 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE!
$30 PER CLASS. AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED.

CONTACT Sabina: sabina@kidsatthearthouse.com M: 0403768282

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:
STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP
(DARLING HABOUR) “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
THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011
Community Consultation on Secondary School Provision in Inner Sydney

Feedback gathering for the consultation has now closed. On behalf of the Department and *Straight Talk* I would like to thank everyone that has helped organise, host, communicate information or who has participated in the consultation in some way. The success of the consultation process in reaching a large and diverse range of inner Sydney schools communities has been largely down to the strength of our local school networks and the support of our wonderful Principals.

The consultation included:
- 12 workshops - reaching 261 Principals, teachers, P&Cs, Aboriginal parents, councils and the wider community.
- 13 focus groups - reaching 97 primary and secondary school students, primary and secondary CALD parents, 'future' secondary parents and 'unengaged' community members.
- Numerous self-directed kitchen table discussions.
- Visits by over 4,000 community users who have observed or participated in online discussions.

*Straight Talk* is in the process of collating, analysing and coding the large amount of feedback received during the consultation.

I will be in touch again when the publicly available issues summaries are posted on the website. At this stage we anticipate this will be during first week of term 3; that is the week commencing Monday 14 July 2014.

Thank you once again; I look forward to continuing to work together to strengthen the future provision of secondary education in inner Sydney.

*Sylvia*

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DATE 28th January 2014