From the Principal...
Each and every one of you ...

Our BALMAIN Community is truly a special one ~
helping hands appear in various ways ~
...helping out financially, allowing the purchase
of resources and upgrading school facilities...
...participating in a variety of school events...
...assisting physically, removing unwanted items
and renovating around the school...
...helping in and out of the classrooms...
...supporting our own and others during the
good times, as well as when times are difficult...

is very special to us...THANK YOU!

Maria Lambos  Principal
The Richell family have asked me to thank the school community for their wonderful support at this time.

Your care and concern is much appreciated.

Thank you.

Our most heartfelt condolences and thoughts are with the Richell family during this difficult time.
A huge Thank You...

...must go out to Van Allen, Rob Smith, Mike Fairhurst, David Finlay, Jordan and Jen Wilson!

THANK YOU SOOOOOOOOOO MUCH!!!!!!!!!!!!

A couple of late nights in the canteen has brought it up a penny!

Have a look at the amazing transformation…
Van, thank you, for organising a tip truck to help out with the ‘renos’...what began with the area behind the shed looking like a dumping ground, ended up looking like a most respectable ‘storage’ area.

BEFORE ....

2 TONNES OF RUBBISH!!

AFTER ....
Dear Principal Lambos,

Firstly I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Leading Senior Constable Dowsett and I have been a senior member of the Leichhardt Highway Patrol for the past six years. I have recently been given the role and responsibility of being the local School (Traffic) Enforcement Officer (SEO). This role in essence has three aspects being:

1) To undertake a site audit of your school and identify any areas of traffic related concern/s i.e Speed, parking, crossings etc...
2) To conduct road enforcement operations and taskings specifically related to the traffic concerns effecting your school.
3) To provide you with a direct 'point of contact' for perceived or actual traffic problems you are experiencing at your school.

I have been given specific instructions from my supervisors that I am to conduct a 'blitz' on all traffic related offences in and around your school anytime from week three of term 3 onwards. I do not wish to simply turn up and issue tickets out to the offending drivers (Most likely parents), but would rather notify people of the upcoming 'blitz' so that they have the opportunity to correct their driving behaviour.

As such it would be greatly appreciated if a notification on the upcoming 'blitz' to be sent out in your local newsletters to the parents. This notification does not need to be specific in nature, but should simply advise the parents that the local Police will be conducting traffic enforcement operations around the school in the coming weeks of term 3 and that those drivers detected committing offences will be fined.

I look forward to working with you in order to make your school a more safer place.

Yours Sincerely,

Nicholas Dowsett | Leading Senior Constable | Leichhardt HWP |
NSW Police Force | 2 New Canterbury Rd, Petersham NSW 2049 |
Phone: (02) 9568 0005 | Eaglenet: 50005 |
Fax: (02) 9568 0011 | Eaglefax: 50011 | Email: dows1nic@police.nsw.gov.au |
A triumphant return to PSSA this week!  

The touch football team scraped a dramatic 4-3 win. Noah and Danyal were players of the week.

In soccer, Balmain A continued their undefeated title, winning all three games. Balmain B & Mixed won their first games but were unlucky in their second games. It’s clear that all players are continuing to develop their skills on a weekly basis. Keep up the great effort!

The netball teams both had wins. The A team are also undefeated. The teams can be commended for being particularly cooperative with their temporary coach, Ms Li.

**Lost Property**

We have a huge collection of lost property at the moment—is there anybody out there that wouldn’t mind volunteering a little bit of time to sort through the labelled clothing and send to appropriate classes?

If you are able to assist, please email the school at balmainps@gmail.com, or drop by the Office. Thank you.

**Absences**

If your child is going to be absent on a particular day, please either email the school at balmainps@gmail.com, or phone on 9818 1177, preferably before 9am.

All late arrivals MUST visit the office prior to going to class. Thanks.

**ICAS Computer Assessment**

Students from Balmain Public School achieved pleasing results when they participated in ICAS this year. We were awarded 3 High Distinction (Sarah from Yr 6, Henry and Mieke from Yr 4), 13 Distinction, 11 Credit, 1 Merit and 6 Participation certificates.

The benefits of the investment in our computer technology is clear.

*Lynda Lovett*
Creative Writing in 2 Moonstones!

To start off the term, 2 Moonstones have participated in creative writing experiences. On Tuesday they had a choice between a restaurant or superhero task. The tasks are below:

**My Restaurant**
Imagine you’ve opened your own restaurant. Share the name of your restaurant. Explain what the restaurant looks like, who works there and what you serve.

**Superhero!**
- Which superpower would you most like to have? Invisibility, super strength, or the ability to fly? Describe what kinds of things you would do with your powers and your special strengths.

Here are a few pieces from 2 Moonstone!

**Superhero!**
I would like to have superhero strength so I could bash a bad guy. I will be the best superhero ever.
I would also swim very very very fast so I can catch lots of fish and eat them!

By Tianyang
Restaurant
My restaurant will be called ‘Yesmina’s Food Bar!’ It has a kids space and fancy tables and chairs. I will be serving tables at the restaurant. I will serve grape flavoured ice-cream!
By Yesmina

Restaurant
My restaurant is called ‘Pasteria!’ It has pictures of pasta and the colour of the shop is white with bright purple spots. My brother works there and Elvira’s sister is an assistant. Elvira is a chef and so am I.
My restaurant serves sesame pasta, bread pasta with strawberry soup and orange pasta served with ice-cream and dumpling soup.
By Katrina

Superhero!
I would like powers that Superman has. I would like to fly, have super strength, x-ray vision and laser eyes.
I would save people and fight bad guys and kick people on their backsides when I am mad!
By Connor
School Photos

Thursday 24th July

Wear full WINTER Uniform

Bring your best smile with you!
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

Refund Policy

If your child is sick and/or absent on a canteen day which you have placed an order for, refunds can only occur if you notify Flexischools before or on that canteen day.

PH: 1300 361 769

Monies will be refunded back into your Flexischools account. No refund can occur, if you notify the school or Flexischools after the canteen day on which your child was bsent.

Please remember, the canteen is run by volunteers, which 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)
MEAL DEALS
$6

BPS Canteen are proud to announce
Award-winning restaurant Blue Eye Dragon
will cater our Monday & Friday Meal Deals,
every fortnight for Term 3!

MONDAY SPECIALS
** Specials rotate weekly
• SUSHI
• DUMPLINGS
• BEEF WITH NOODLES

FRIDAY SPECIALS
• CHICKEN FRIED RICE
• SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN & RICE
• PIZZA
• MEAT PIES
• SAUSAGE ROLLS
• BBQ SAUSAGE

FRIDAY TOASTIES
** We are introducing a high-fibre white bread
• CHEESE
• HAM & CHEESE
• BAKED BEANS *
• SPAGHETTI *

* The baked beans & spaghetti rotate fortnightly
We choose the salt and sugar reduced option

NEW MEAL DEAL
SNACK OPTIONS
• TINY TEDDIES
• POPCORN
• QUELCH

NEW MEAL DEAL
DRINK OPTIONS
• APPLE JUICE
• ORANGE JUICE
• LOW-FAT MILK

COUNTER SNACKS
20c
• TINA WAFERS

60c
• TINY TEDDIES
• POPCORN
• SHAPES
• QUELCHES

$1.20c
• JUICIES
• SMOOZE (GLUTEN & DAIRY FREE)
• APPLE JUICE
• ORANGE JUICE
• LOW-FAT MILK

$2.00
• FROZEN YOGURT
ORDER ONLINE AT www.flexischools.com.au

MONDAY SPECIAL, July 21st
ORDERS IN BY 9am FRIDAY

DUMPLINGS

FRIDAY SPECIAL, July 25th
ORDERS IN BY 9am THURSDAY

CHICKEN FRIED RICE

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Yay, we made it through the 1st week!
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 #
Look out for an exciting arrival in our playground next Monday - the most enormous toy box in the world!
Our job is to fill it - with toys for swapping and donations to our nominated charity "Good Beginnings" I hope you have already had a good tidy up at home and decided what you are going to bring in for our Toy 'Swap'n'Bop’ event on Friday 25th July.
Please note: This is a P & C event and all children must be accompanied by an adult to supervise them on the night.

You can buy your $5 entry ticket and bring your toys into our collection point before and after school on Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th July. The booth will be manned from 8.30 - 9 am in the morning and from 3 - 3.30 pm after school. Bring in your toys and exchange them for your 'credit card' which will carry the points earned by your toys. Then you spend those points on the swap night on whatever you like!
It will be a fun evening with face-painting, delicious hot dogs, snacks, drinks and our famous chocolate fountain will be available for those who get hungry, and there will be a disco from 7- 8 pm to round the night off.

We want to run a raffle on the night to raise extra funds for our school - so please ask your parents to donate a little extra something which we can use for this. It could be toiletries, a bottle of wine, chocolates - even unwanted tickets or the offer of services from their company, a babysitting pledge - whatever you can think of that others might enjoy as a prize.
Best of all, if you bring a raffle prize into the collection point for us, you will get an entry ticket FREE for each donated item!
Rules for swapping will be on display at school, but here's a quick rundown:

**ALL TOYS and BOOKS MUST BE IN GREAT CONDITION**

You can bring in up to 5 items for swapping - in a recyclable bag
No soft toys, no DVDs or computer games please.
All toys must be suitable for school age kids (5yrs and up)
Pre-school and baby toys can't be swapped - but will be happily accepted, as donations directly to our nominated kids charity, Good Beginnings.

Thank You!
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@kidsattheartthouse.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
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 Walter 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
SUNDAY 3 AUGUST
8AM

registration & info at
www.bayrun.com.au

Online registrations close 11pm Friday 1 August