It has been another great community-based end to the week at Balmain Public School...

A huge THANK YOU goes out to Venetia and her wonderful team, with the organisation and running of ‘The Great Toy Swap ‘n’ Bop’, which was held on Friday evening, from 5:30-8:00pm.

The week began with the delivery of the giant toy box, which kept all the toys safe and sound until Friday...

Children and parents alike had a great evening, beginning with toy swapping in the hall, a delicious feast of hot dogs, drinks and chocolate fountain with marshmallows! This was followed by a disco and a raffle draw to finish off the evening.

Thanks must also go to Ms Ellwood and Mrs Lovett, who also attended. We had a lovely time...the chocolate covered marshmallows were delicious and it was great to catch up with our community...

Thanks to the P&C for supplying the beautiful new block out blinds in the hall, but unfortunately made the room too dark to take photos during the disco...

Maria Lambos Principal
Year 5 Lapis Lazuli and Yr 6 Bixbite presenting their...

Maths investigations

Mathematics in the OC unit is a co-operative experience. Students are pre-tested on their prior knowledge for each strand and their learning is then organised using flexible grouping.

Finnegan is experimenting with binary numbers using a laptop.

Fiona and Emmie are tallying how many times the word TIME is used over the period of a week. They will graph their results, and then prepare a presentation including an interactive component for their classmates.

Learning how to calculate the differences between times is being explicitly taught to this group.

Jess is researching different methods used to tell time. She is deciding whether to explore how sundials, chronometers or atomic clocks work.
Yr 5 Lapis and Yr 6 Bixbite work together three days a week. The teachers co-operatively plan to provide students with a program designed to meet individual needs in mathematics through the provision of support, extension and the application of maths to real life situations.

Marley is developing a Caesar cipher code, which is named after Julius Caesar, who used it for his communications after he invaded Gaul. He rotated the disc (shown in the picture) by three letters to encode his messages.

Nathan is working on the fractional parts of triangles.

Ellery and her partner are constructing an hourglass in such a way that the sand takes exactly a minute to flow through.

Through exploring the website timeanddate.com.au, Finn will prepare a lesson for his classmates on international time zones.
This term, Kindergarten Lightbrary are studying the unit ‘Changes in our lives’, for HSIE. Earlier this week they were asked to write a sentence about ‘what they would like to be when they grow up and why’. They came up with a range of interesting careers and justified their choices. Their work is written below.

Andrew
When I grow up I’d like to be a policeman.

Alison
When I grow up I’d like to be a teacher because I practise teaching all the time.

Ellie
When I grow up I’d like to be a hairdresser because I like doing people’s hair.

Harriett
When I grow up I’d like to be a hairdresser.

Finnegan
When I grow up I’d like to be a farmer. I like milking cows.

Chloe
I want to be a ballet teacher because I like to do ballet.

Cormac
When I grow up I’d like to be a farmer because I like to plant.

Eliana
When I grow up I’d like to be like my mum because I’d like to be like my mum.
Joshua
When I grow up I’d like to be a Karate teacher because I like Karate.

Lachlan
When I grow up I’d like to be a soccer coach and a drum teacher because I’m good at playing the drums.

Jasper
When I grow up I’d like to be a builder because I like to build things.

Laila
When I grow up I’d like to be a mum because I want to have babies.

Andrei
When I grow up I’d like to be a librarian because the librarian puts away the books.

Asha
When I grow up I’d like to be an artist who paints Aboriginal art because I like art so much.

Zoe
I’d like to be a ballerina when I grow up because I like to dance and learn.

Olivia
When I grow up I’d like to be a ballerina because I enjoy dancing.

Maleeha
When I grow up I’d like to try different jobs everyday.

Hayla
When I grow up I’d like to be a teacher and mummy because I like babies and I like playing teacher games.
From last week’s Newsletter...

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 |
Recently, Ada went to the state cross country.

She had a great race and came 15th (out of 78 girls from across NSW).

There is also a team event for the different regions. The four fastest placings out of the 6 team members are chosen.

Ada was 4th in her team so her place will contribute. They apparently send out the medals to the schools. Hopefully it is gold for Sydney East! – we’ll keep you all posted...

**Congratulations, Ada, we are sooooo proud of you!!!!**

**P&C Meeting...**

Our next P&C meeting will be held in the School’s Library on Wednesday 6th August @ 7pm.

**KINDERGARTEN 2015**

**ENROLLING NOW...**

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

**ENQUIRE @ OFFICE ~ 9818 1177**

**PSSA...**

*No PSSA this week due to inclement weather.*
**ELECTION DAY 2^{nd} August, 2014**

Balmain Public School hall is to be used for voting on Saturday 2^{nd} August.

- The **BPS P&C** will be running a sausage sizzle, drinks and lolly stall.
- We are asking if families could please donate lolly bags or packets of lollies, treats and chocolates, that can be made into lolly bags.

There will be a box in the staff room to place any donations.

Volunteers are also needed to run these stalls, if you are able to spare an hour or two on Saturday, please SMS Kim Janson 0427972741

All money raised goes to supporting projects for the children at BPS. Thank you
Exhibition-related Event Dates

Tuesday, August 12 ~ 12 - 7pm  
*Preview for Friends and the Curious*  
Wander through the gallery for an early glimpse of the Harbour City Tones and Colours exhibition.

Friday, August 15 ~ 6 - 8pm  
*Opening Night*  
Join us for a fantastic evening of art, live jazz performed by Elisabeth and friends, and drinks.

Sunday, August 17 ~ 4 - 5pm  
*New Music Performed and Presented by Titan Chunky Compositions*  
Enjoy a free concert of unusual music performed by Elisabeth Kelvin, clarinet/sax and John Plankenhorn, bass. Art and music together!

Thursday, August 21 ~ 5 - 8pm  
*Art Soiree*  
Mingle with musicians, artists, and others. Join in the jam session. Find your favourite work of art.

Saturday, August 23 ~ 4 - 6pm  
*Discussion on Art and Music led by Titan Chunky Compositions*  
Bring you friends to this lively conversation about art, music, and the rest of the world.

**Gallery Hours:**

Daily 12 - 7pm  
August 12 - 23

Salerno Gallery  
70 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe

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*This is a detailed shot of “Ring the Changes,” oil on canvas, 179 x 190cm*
BAYRUN
RUNNERS • WALKERS • TEAMS • DOG OWNERS
SUNDAY 3 AUGUST
8AM
registration & info at
www.bayrun.com.au
Online registrations close 11pm Friday 1 August
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
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