“For the times, they are a-changing” ~ Bob Dylan

You may have noticed some changes around Balmain Public School recently…

If you’ve visited the office, you may have spotted the screen currently displaying photos of Education Week…

Watch the space above the office window ~ on Monday, all of Stage 3, (Years 5 & 6), contributed to the creation of a ceramic mural, which will eventually adorn that empty space…Stage 3 will glaze all sections of the mural on Monday 25th August…we can’t wait!

Slick new shelving can now be found outside the classrooms. These have replaced the old unattractive bag hook racks. The shelving will be attached to the walls as soon as the painting has been done.

I would like to sincerely thank Andrzei for putting all these shelves together, with the assistance of Aly…thank you so much! The shelving looks amazing!

Maria Lambos
Principal
FOR LESS THAN THE COST OF 1 COFFEE PER WEEK, YOU CAN HELP THE P&C TO REACH THEIR TARGET

Thanks to the generous donations from the school parent body, $9,050 of the $18K needed to buy new guided-reading tables has been collected.

Any money raised over & above what we need will be used for our next major project: 30 iPads used specifically for enriching the learning of our kids.

WE ARE HALF WAY THERE!

It is not too late to make your $150 P&C Voluntary Contribution; if you are able to donate more then it would be greatly appreciated. Please refer to the next page for more details.

The school staff, our kids & the P&C would like to thank you for your valued financial support in helping us to reach our goals.
Dear Parents & Carers,

Every year, the Balmain Public School P&C Association asks every family in the school community to make a voluntary financial contribution so that we can purchase essential items and services directly for the school; in general, these are things that are important for the school but are not paid for by the NSW Department of Education & Communities.

The money raised in 2013 was used to update the computers at school and we successfully raised $18,000 for 32 new laptops.

This year the P&C have chosen to raise money for another specific target: the school is in need of guided-reading tables and we are trying to raise $18,000 for 11 of them [one for each class from K to Yr6]. Any money raised over and above our target will be used to purchase new library books, new class readers, subsidising the recorder & band programs and other projects.

Guided-reading tables allow the teacher to sit with a small group of students and place equal focus on each individual child. The semi-circular shape and whiteboard surface of the tables ensure that each child is engaged in the lesson with equal focus. The tables serve a multitude of purposes and can be used for any type of focused-learning activity - not just reading.

Like last year, a minimum voluntary contribution from every family/household of $150 will very easily help the P&C achieve their financial target. Payments will be accepted by cash, cheque, and electronic funds transfer.

For cash/cheque payments, print out and complete the coupon below along with your payment of $150, or more if you can.

**P&C VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION**

Name of Oldest Child: ________________________________ Class of Oldest Child: _______________ Total Payment: $ __________

Please place your payment in the box by the office. Cheques can be made out to Balmain School P+C.

For electronic funds transfers, your payment of $150 [or more if you are able] can be made to:
Account Name: Balmain School P+C
BSB/Branch & Account Number: 062110-00900412
In order for us to keep track of payments please ensure that you write the following in the Description Line of your payment: PCVC-Family Surname-Class of Oldest Child.
For example, the Jones family with kids in KL, 1/2E & 5/6N would write: PCVC-Jones-5/6N

Every week, we will show how the fundraising is tracking against target in the school newsletter. The P&C and school staff thank you for making this vital financial contribution and helping us to achieve our goals.
Important Info...

If you have a child turning 5 on, or before 31 July 2015, they are eligible to begin Kindergarten next year.

As we are trying to plan logistically for 2015, if you have yet to enrol a sibling, please do so ASAP.

Thank You

Warming Hot Chocolate...

On Thursday 14th August, Year 6 will be fundraising. There will be warming hot chocolate sold at lunchtime in the canteen.

Cost ~ $2/cup

NO PSSA THIS WEEK
UNICEF MAGAZINE

4/5 Dioptase has been creating a magazine that they are going to be selling for $5.00 to children, parents & the Balmain community. The money that we collect will be sent to UNICEF. UNICEF stands for United Nations International Children Education Fund.

ABOUT THE MAGAZINE

In this magazine there are things from cooking to theme park reviews, interviews, culture studies, sport, animals, jokes, riddles and an artistic drawing at the back of the magazine done by one of the students in our class.

Come and help 4/5 Dioptase support an amazing cause.
What an AMAZING evening!!! 700 public school students came together in the Concert Hall of the Opera House on Tuesday night and sang and played together so beautifully!

A special THANK YOU goes to Ms Lawson and Mrs Biggins, who were brilliant, (not to mention the long hours spent supervising and singing), as well as to our students, who did Balmain Public School proud! Congratulations to all!!!!
Year One Ruby are a Bunch of Characters!

We have been learning about characterisation, and its importance in storytelling. Look at the adjectives we have used to describe our personalities ...
SPORTY

BUBBLY

PLAYFUL

caring
Adventurous

Graceful

Cool

Thoughtful

Nice
BALMAIN BOOK WEEK
WEEK 6
18 TO 22 AUGUST

The Bloodhound Boys

Andrew Cranna – Tuesday 19th

Favourite book character Parade –
Thursday 21st

Book fair – All week in the Library before and After school
**Harbour City Tones and Colours**

Art & Music by Elisabeth Kelvin

**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*
FORT STREET HIGH SCHOOL
Parramatta Road Petersham

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 14th August 2014
5.30-7.30 pm
For Prospective Students
“See how our selective high school works”

Enquiries: (02) 8585 1600

Run, Walk or Crawl
1504 Giant Steps
to assist children with autism
You are cordially invited to the Riverside Girls HS

Creative and Performing Arts

2014 HSC Soiree

28th August
School Hall
Doors open 5pm to view artworks
Performances begin 6pm