“When someone does something good, applaud! You will make two people happy.” ~ Samuel Goldwyn

Ada recently represented our school at the State Cross Country…

Apart from running a great race, coming 15th out of 78 girls across NSW, Ada also competed in a team event for the different regions.

Ada was 4th in her team and has received a medal for her fine effort!

Balmain Public School is very proud of you!

CONGRATULATIONS ADA!

Maria Lambos  Principal
Dear parents /carers

On Monday 18th August 5/6N and 2MG will be hosting the RSPCA cupcake day.

The money raised will go towards the RSPCA as funding for animal protection and care.

Small cupcakes are 50c and the larger ones are priced at $1.50

We ask that you donate a few gold coins to assist the RSPCA in their relentless quest for animal protection and walk away with a yummy cupcake yourself 😊

The stall will be held near the entrance to the office.

We would be really grateful for your support to help protect our amazing animals

Kind regards 5/6N 2MG
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
Book Fair

8:30-8:55am & 3:00-3:30pm & during Library lessons...
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
In the Library...

SAVE the DATE

Spring BBQ Brekkie
Friday 5th September
8am onwards
A POWERFUL EXPERIENCE...

Stage 3 have been learning about energy, electricity and innovations so on Wednesday, 5/6N and 6B ventured to the Powerhouse Museum. We had an awesome day exploring the museum and participating in two workshop activities.

The Zapped! show taught us about static and current electricity. Being such bright sparks, many student volunteers showed us how to create static electricity, and were shocked by the powers of current electricity.

In another workshop, groups worked collaboratively to create a rocket using straws, and the energy force of a balloon. It was more difficult than expected to innovate a design that shot the rocket at its target!

Classes also explored other exhibitions within the museum, including Space and the Steam Revolution. The Oopsatoreum proved to be a favourite. Author Shaun Tan, known for his books The Lost Thing and The Arrival, used artefacts from the museum’s collection, but created a narrative about an inventor, Henry Mintox, who ‘invented’ these objects for another use. For example, a suitcase with a glove on the end of a tube became a ‘handshaker to judge someone’s character’!

Thanks to the parent volunteers who helped out. We all had an excellent day, and can’t wait to drag friends and family to the Powerhouse Museum in the holidays!

“The Oopsatoreum’s inventions were cool and lots of fun.” – Hugo

“The child trap was pretty hilarious. And the concepts of lots of the other inventions were cool and interesting.” – Henri

“It was interesting to see lots of inventions!” - Jade
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.

For example, 1R currently do their reading groups and focused-learning on the floor.

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.
One Sapphire are working hard in maths and English. This class are good listeners and try to do their very best work always!
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

Assembly Roster ~ Term 3

Week 6—21/8/14—1/2E
Week 7—28/8/14—1S
Week 8—4/9/14—5L
Week 9—11/9/14—3/4B
Week 10—18/9/14—Whole School—Ministers’ Assembly

BACK TO THE PITCH OR COURT THIS WEEK!

As Poor Mr Baumann was sick, Miss Dufty took over the reigns of soccer. Balmain ‘A’ remains undefeated. Balmain ‘B’ played with great effort and sportsmanship, but lost both games. ‘Mixed’ drew one game, and won the other.

Many thanks to Ms Miller who managed the netball this week. Both teams won convincingly. Well done!

The Touch Football team had an intense match, that ended in a draw.

It’s always a pleasure to see players who demonstrate good sportsmanship, and who have a big smile on their face at the end of a match, no matter...
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.
**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*
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
OPEN MORNING
Wednesday, 10 September 2014
9.30am – 11.30am

Address by Principal and performances by students 9.30 – 10.30am
Tours of the school 10.30 – 11.30am

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Leadership  Technology  Duke of Edinburgh  Sport

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Please note – there is no parking in the school grounds
Enquiries: Mrs Jenni Cooper, Telephone 9922 6666 ext 104