Miriam and Drew had a fabulous time at our Teddy Bears’ Picnic and can’t wait to start Kindy at Balmain PS in 2015!

Maria Lambos  Principal
Welcome to the World...

Holiday Brightly Nuto

3rd September 2014

2:22am

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...a baby sister for Teddy...
16 September 2014
The Principal
Balmain Public School
1 Eaton St
Balmain NSW 2041

Dear Principal,
I'm writing to ask for your help in the recovery of the Rozelle community, following the awful tragedy of 4 September.

On behalf of Leichhardt Council and the Rozelle community, I want to express our grief at the loss of three local people in the fire.

Bianka O’Brien, her beautiful baby son Jude and Chris Noble were much loved members of our community.

The human cost of this tragedy has hit our community hard. No words can change that, except to say that the love and prayers of the people of Rozelle go out to the victims and their families.

We are also very grateful for the professionalism and hard work of the emergency services workers who have attended the scene.

You can help by:


- **Shopping in Rozelle**—Most local businesses are now reopened and we need to help them get back on their feet by returning to Darling St to shop.

- **Coming to the fundraising concert** Council is hosting at King George Park on Sunday, September 21 from noon—3:00pm. For more information go to: [www.leichhardt.nsw.gov.au/RozelleFireAppealConcert](http://www.leichhardt.nsw.gov.au/RozelleFireAppealConcert)

Council is implementing an emergency plan to help the Rozelle community to recover.

This includes providing rates rebates for affected businesses, establishing a volunteer’s register to coordinate in kind donations and offers of assistance for the victims and holding a street fair, once Darling St is fully reopened.


After the suffering caused by this tragedy, let’s come together now and do everything we can to support each other as a community.

Yours sincerely,

Darcy Byrne
Mayor
ROZELLE NEEDS YOU

CAN YOU SHOP LOCAL?

YOU CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

BY SHOPPING IN DARLING ST, ROZELLE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN OVER THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS, YOU CAN REALLY HELP OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. AND IN THE PROCESS, WE CAN ALL START TO REBUILD OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

RALLY TO REBUILD ROZELLE... AND RALLY TODAY!
Rozelle Fire Appeal

Rozelle Fire Appeal Community Concert

Sunday 21 September 2014
12pm - 3pm
King George Park, Rozelle

Free Event. Bring a picnic!

Very limited parking at this event. Please walk, cycle or catch public transport!

Come along to Council’s Fundraising Concert to help raise money for those affected by this tragedy.

- Performances by local musicians
- Children’s entertainment
- Face painting
- Jumping castle
- Gold coin donation sausage sizzle
- Bucket collection for fundraising

Leichhardt Council
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Throughout the last two terms, Balmain PS students have swung, bounced, leapt, balanced and rolled in gymnastics classes with their much-loved instructor, Rumen.

The children have developed and refined fundamental movement skills, while engaging in fun and challenging activities on the balance beam, bar, trampoline and mats.

With his calm nature and genuine enthusiasm for developing the student’s skills in gymnastics, Rumen has taught every class from Kindergarten to Year 6. We are already looking forward to next year!

Thanks Rumen!

If you have siblings that turn 5 on, or before, 31st July 2015, they are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten for next year...

If you have yet to enrol your child, please do so at the beginning of Term 4. Balmain PS is offering a 5 consecutive morning ‘Transition to School’ program, on 3-7 November, or 10-14 November. Your child must be enrolled to participate...

If your friends or relatives live in our area and have yet to enrol, please pass the message on to them...

For more details, drop in to see Jenni, or contact BPS on 9818—1177, or balmainps@gmail.com.
Last Tuesday evening students gathered from all over the peninsula to celebrate the annual Friends of Balmain Library Writing Competition.

Earlier this year, students had been asked to submit a piece of poetry or a short story on a given topic. As a result of their literary efforts, many students from Balmain Public School had the honour of being highly commended on the awards night, taking home a $50 Hill of Content book voucher for their submission.

High commendations went to You Qi, Sarah and Caitlin of 6B, Eszter, Nilufar, Anne-Marie and Sophie of 5/6N, as well as Caitlin and Ellery of 5L.

Special congratulations go to Lalleh of 6B for winning 1st place in the year six poetry category, to Ava in 5L for winning 1st place in the year 5 short story category, as well as to Lily Rose and Jade of 6B who tied for 1st place in the year six short story category. Each of these students received a $100 book voucher. A voucher for $250 was also presented to the Balmain School library on behalf of all who participated.

Thank you to all who represented Balmain Public School and well done to our talented finalists!
2014 Friends of Balmain Library Writing Competition

School Prize

for

Balmain Public School

www.fobl.org.au
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On behalf of Leichhardt Council I would like to thank Balmain Public School for attending the unveiling of the restored war memorial @ Loyalty Square, Balmain.

Please pass on my thank you to Katina Comino and other teachers who attended.

Most of all please say a special thank you to all the children that attended on the day.

Please see photo attached.

Kind Regards

Costa Atzemis | Events Manager

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PSSA comes to an end for 2014...

2, 4, 6, 8, who do we appreciate? Balmain! Balmain! Balmain! The winter PSSA season is done and dusted. We were all relieved that we actually got to play today after several weeks of wet weather.

The touch team lost their last game, but enjoyed the season and have clearly developed their skills considerably.

In the soccer, Balmain A kept an undefeated title throughout the entire PSSA competition. Both Balmain A and Balmain B finished the season with back to back wins. Balmain Mixed had a strong win then ended the season on a tie.

The Balmain A netball team ended the season undefeated, coming first in their division. Balmain B also excelled, and came second in their division. They’ve shown great skills, excellent sportsmanship while always having fun.

2, 4, 6, 8 - who else do we appreciate? Miss Dufy! Mr Baumann! Miss Bird! Thanks teachers for coaching, umpiring and returning to school each Friday still smiling.

Bring on next year!

Unveiling of War Memorial...

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Harriet Evans
WEAR YOUR SPORTS COLOURS DAY...

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in Wednesday’s WEAR YOUR SPORTS COLOURS Day...$212 was raised for Kids & Teens with Cancer!

HELP BALMAIN PS WIN $10,000...

We’ve moved up from 276 to 52...Keep RAISING YOUR HANDS!!!!!!

We have until 18th December to try and be one of two schools with the most hands raised, in order to win a grant for our school...

All you have to do:

Go onto the following website DAILY, click on ‘raise my hand’ and select Balmain Public School from the drop down list.


Individuals can raise their hand once a day until the end of the competition...

Anaphylaxis Fact Sheet for Parents of Children at Risk of Anaphylaxis

What is anaphylaxis and how is it treated?
Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It usually occurs rapidly after exposure to a food, insect or medicine to which a person may already be allergic. Anaphylaxis must always be treated as a medical emergency and requires immediate treatment with adrenaline. Adrenaline autoinjectors (EpiPen® or Anaper®) are designed to be given by non-medical people, such as parents, school or childcare staff, friends, passers-by or the allergic person themselves (if they are well and old enough). Adrenaline autoinjector devices contain a single, fixed dose of adrenaline that works rapidly to reverse anaphylaxis. Instructions are included on the device labels, on ASCIA Action Plans for Anaphylaxis and on the ASCIA website: www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/anaphylaxis-resources
I'd like to thank those of you who recently took the time out to complete a Survey Monkey on ‘Our Vision for Tomorrow...and Beyond...’

You input is highly valued and I'd like to share a summary of some of the findings with where Balmain PS is heading in the future...

- Continued **Community** involvement
- Upgrading of our **Environments** ~ Classroom, Library, Playground
- Ensuring a quality, **Balanced Curriculum**
- **ICT**
- Reviewing the current **School Uniform**
- Possibility of introducing a **Language**
- Variety of **Sport**
- **Nutrition**
"Mum, why is it OK to kill cows and sheep but not to kill whales?"

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

We would like to recruit volunteers to teach Kindy ethics classes. The classes run for 30 minutes from 10:30-11:00 am every Friday. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives.

Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

For more information, please contact:
Andrea Smith
Ethics Coordinator for Balmain Public School
andreamith@iprimus.com.au 0405 622 525

VOLUNTEER AS AN ETHICS TEACHER IN YOUR COMMUNITY
primaryethics.com.au
Try our Big City Day Camps this school holidays

Wesley Vision Valley’s Urban Expeditions program is a great alternative to your everyday vacation care.

Our day camps are located around Sydney’s CBD where kids are guaranteed fun, adventure and a good day out.

Students are fully supervised by our experienced and professional team leaders. All programs include a scrumptious lunch, morning and afternoon tea.

Location: drop off and pick up at Wesley Mission reception, 220 Pitt Street Sydney.

Time: 8.30 am-5 pm.

What to bring: please wear suitable clothing, footwear and a hat. Please bring water.

To find out more or book a camp today
1800 043 344
visionvalley@wesleymission.org.au
wesleyvisionvalley.org.au

September 2014 holiday program

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| Big City Day Camp—Amazing Race  
Collect clues, discover Sydney and race to the finish line. |
$49.00
| 24       | 30      | 1 Oct.             | 2        | 3            |
| Big City Day Camp—Cockatoo Island  
Explore and discover our illustrious history then challenge your friends to a Masstarchef challenge. |
$64.00
| 30       | 3       | 2                  | 4        | 5            |
| Big City Day Camp—Sydney Harbour  
Visit Garden Island Navy base and Watsons Bay then Bondi Beach for some fun in the sun. |
$46.00
| 30       | 3       | 1 Oct.             | 2        | 3            |
| Big City Day Camp—Manly Beach  
Beach volleyball, a guided bushwalk or bike riding then cool off while snorkelling or learning to surf. |
$90.00
| 6        | 7       | 8                  | 9        | 10           |
| Labour Day Public Holiday  
| Back to school  
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The Writing Workshop

September-October Holidays
Creative Writing Courses

At Bicentennial Park, Homebush Bay
with award-winning authors Bernard Cohen and Ed Wright

The Writing Workshop helps young writers improve literacy,
build confidence, take pride in work, develop creativity,
increase braininess and have a lot of fun.

- Switch on to writing “Kids in the Park Special” (ages 6-9 years and 8-12 years groups – 29 September -1 October, two hours each day)
- Realise your ambitions: “Write Your Own Book”
  (ages 8-13 – full-day course 28th September)
- Stretch yourself with high-level skills and new techniques:
  “Skilled Young ‘Writers’” (ages 10-15 – full-day course 24th September)
- Convincing strategies: “Persuasion and Advocacy”
  (ages 8-13 – full-day course 23rd September)
- Put it all out there: “Writing for Performance” (ages 9-14 – full-day course 2nd October).
- Build test skills: “Selective Schools and ACER test preparation workshop
  (year 5 students only – 3rd October 10am - 1pm).

Can’t make the holiday courses? Try our fun and inspiring after-school writing
courses in Eastwood, Annandale, Haberfield and Leichhardt.

For details and bookings,
visit www.writingworkshop.com.au,
phone 0468 343 933.
email writingw@writingworkshop.com.au

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Halloween Disco...

ENTRY TO DISCO: $5 PER CHILD OR ADULT
ENTRY TO DISCO AND ‘MEAL DEAL’
(PIZZA +MINI ICE CREAM+CORDIAL): $10

TICKETS WILL Be AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT BUT BOOK AHEAD SO YOU DON’T MISS OUT!!

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
6-8.30PM

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CALLING ALL STUDENTS

BE A PART OF THE EXCITING
CHINESE NEW YEAR STUDENT ART EXHIBITION AT
THE CHINESE GARDENS OF FRIENDSHIP
DARLING HARBOUR.
AN ASSOCIATED EVENT OF THE CITY OF SYDNEY’S
CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS 2015.

Enrol with the kids at The ARThouse art program in term 4 and you can exhibit at the Chinese Gardens of Friendship in February 2015.
After a highly successful student art exhibition this year they have invited us back to do it again!
Open to all students from K - year 6.
Kids at The ARThouse at Palmuli Public School
every Monday 3pm - 6pm.
For more information please call Sabina M: 0403768282
E: sabina@kidsofthearthouse.com
To reserve your booking now!
THIS FESTIVAL IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CELEBRATIONS OF THE LUNA NEW YEAR IN THE WORLD!
Come and Join the Fun!
And help raise money for kid’s cancer research

The fourth annual Balmain & Rozelle Family Fun Day is taking place on Sunday 19th October 2014 (10am – 3pm) at King George Park, Rozelle and promises to be a fun day out for kids big and small. The Balmain & Rozelle Family Fun day is a great way to spend a Sunday and enjoy the community spirit of Balmain & Rozelle.

We are also very excited this year to announce that Sam Moran (former yellow Wiggle) will be performing his show Play Along With Sam at 12pm on stage.

Other activities available on the day include:

- Children’s rides
- Face painting
- Live entertainment
- Arts & craft activities
- Kids petting zoo
- Pony rides
- Giant slide
- Jumping castles
- Food stalls
- Sports activities

The Balmain & Rozelle Family Fun Day has been inspired by Ciara Flanagan, the daughter of a Balmain family, who was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma cancer at 12 weeks old. Ciara is now 4 ½ years old and in remission, but there are other children who have not been so lucky. Neuroblastoma is the leading single cause of cancer deaths of children under five with an average survival rate of only 50%. In its first three years, the Balmain & Rozelle Family Fun Day has raised over $190,000 for the Children’s Cancer Institute to fund cancer research.

Visit www.neuroblastoma.org.au for further details.
Or contact Michaela on 0405 155 425 or Anna on 0438 418 377.