What a great week we’ve had...Monday saw the beginning of Spring, with a beautiful sunny day! Spring has been a little shy since then, but this morning saw the sun shining again, for a fabulous Spring Brekkie BBQ ~ what a hive of activity, with sausages sizzling, bacon and eggs frantically frying, croissants, fruit, juice, as well as tea and coffee… mmmm!!!

Our school band and strings ensemble delighted us with their playing and the community chatted cheerfully! Again, Balmain Public School has a wonderful community feel, of which I certainly am proud to be part of! Thank you to Dr Elisabeth and Aeree, for your fabulous work!

This week is School Administrative & Support Staff Recognition Week ~ we are so lucky to have a fabulous team! Thank you so much for your contribution to Balmain Public School. You help make BPS the special place that it is!

Happy Fathers’ Day to all our Dads!

Maria Lambos Principal
DISTRICT ATHLETICS 2014

CONGRATULATIONS!
SPRING BREAKFAST AT BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

THANK YOU TO OUR P&C!
Welcome to the third instalment of the Dioptase Diaries... We have been busy bees this term and barely know where the time has gone. We have learned so much about informational texts where do we begin?

At the beginning of term we designed a special and wonderful magazine to raise funds for UNICEF to help children and adults in need. What a wonderful and rewarding experience. There are still copies available for purchase of 5 dollars. For our ongoing term project we have been writing newspapers set in the time of 1778 when the first fleet landed in Sydney. Our poetry journals are filling up as we are composing poems to get ready to present at our classroom poetry slam.
Our 3D name sculptures are taking shape and looking remarkable. We are going to showcase them on top of our wonderful new white bag shelves.
Our magic potions to help us understand volume luckily did not explode on Friday morning as we double, double toiled in trouble. This term has brought about so many fun activities and tons of great learning experiences. We cannot possibly think how fourth term will top it. Guess we can only wait and see.
BALMAIN
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Outstanding Achievements

AVA C & NATHAN W
Dear parents and carers,

On Wednesday 17th September, the Sports Ministry will be running a “Sports Colours Day”.

This means that you come to school wearing your favourite sport team colours, or jerseys.

It will be a gold coin donation and all money made will go to children and teens suffering from cancer.

We would love for you to come along and enjoy wearing your favourite sport team’s colours, as well as helping an important cause.

Thank you

Sports Ministry
THANK YOU!

To everyone who opened an account with our new online canteen and made the transition so smooth. We have about 58% participation so far, let’s see if we can get support up next term. It’s so easy to register! Just visit www.flexischools.com.au and follow the easy steps.

Tomorrow (September 5th) is the LAST canteen for Term 3. Canteen will reopen next term from October 17th. Due to lack of volunteers, we will go back to FRIDAY CANTEEN ONLY.

For parent volunteers, roster times will be 11.30am-2pm

Parents who are interested in helping in the canteen, please contact Monique Dower
monique.dower@belleproperty.com
Community consultation on strengthening the future provision of public secondary education in the inner Sydney area

The Department of Education and Communities undertook a community consultation on the changing needs of public secondary education in the inner Sydney area. The consultation period was from 16 May - 27 June 2014 and was undertaken by an external consultant Straight Talk. Thank you to all those parents, staff, students and community members who provided feedback as part of the community consultation.

Straight Talk has now finished analysing and collating all the feedback that was collected. Five issues summaries have been produced and a final newsletter, Newsletter No 3 which provides a summary of the community consultation and the outcomes. Attached for your convenience is a copy of Newsletter No 3.


The Inner City Schools Working Party is considering the feedback gathered through the community consultation along with all other available information in formulating its recommendations to the Government which will be delivered before the end of the year.

Thank you again to all those who have contributed to this important piece of work.
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 Balmain Public School
every Monday 3pm - 5pm.
For more information please call Sabina M: 0403768282
E: sabina@kidsatthearthouse.com
To reserve your booking now!

THIS FESTIVAL IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CELEBRATIONS OF THE LUNA NEW YEAR IN THE WORLD!
 TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

HALLOWEEN DISCO...!

ENTRY TO DISCO: $5 PER CHILD OR ADULT
ENTRY TO DISCO AND ‘MEAL DEAL’ (PIZZA + MINI ICE CREAM + CORIDIAL): $10
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT BUT BOOK AHEAD SO YOU DON’T MISS OUT!

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 6-8.30PM

THIS IS A P&C EVENT. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR CARER
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

Leading Girls Education in NSW
• Outstanding academic achievement
• Broad development of each child

Debating Leadership Music Technology Drama Duke of Edinburgh Creativity Sport

• RESILIENT • CONNECTED • INNOVATIVE

Please note – there is no parking in the school grounds
Enquiries: Mrs Jenni Cooper, Telephone 9922 6666 ext 104
Sydney Secondary College
Instrumental Music Program
presents:

Music in the Park

Join us for a relaxing afternoon in the park, enjoying the musical talents of some of Sydney’s finest young musician’s

- Jazz & Music ensembles from SSC with local primary school musicians from over 15 schools performing music from film.
- Bacon & Egg rolls from 11am, Sausage sizzle, Gelato and Cakes.
- Fun for the whole family.
- Raffles and great prizes.

Where:
Pioneers Memorial Park,
Norton Street Leichhardt

When:
Saturday 13 September ‘14
11am-3pm

BYO picnic rug, family & dog and enjoy the talent of your local college.
GROW. EXPLORE. SHARE.

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EVERY CHILD, EVERY OPPORTUNITY
ASHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

GARDEN FESTIVAL 2014

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
3PM TO 7PM

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK.COM/APSGARDENFESTIVAL