The International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies, 2015 (IYL 2015) is a United Nations observance that aims to raise awareness of the achievements of light science and its applications, as well as its importance to humankind. IYL 2015 opening ceremonies were held 19–20 January 2015 in Paris, known as the ‘City of Light’.

Balmain Public School’s 13 classes (yes, we got there!!!) will each have names, chosen by the teachers and children, which will reflect the International Year of Light... our class names will be revealed on page 2.

Even our Ms Whelan and our new Library is getting in on the act and becoming enlightened...
This week:

• Thursday 12th February ~ 2pm Assembly ~

• Friday 13th February ~ WELCOME BREAKFAST ~ P&C event ~ 8am – 8:55am ~ Playground ~ EVERYONE WELCOME! (see flyer)

• Friday 13th February ~ Term 1 Sport commences for ALL students K-6 ~ Dance2bfit ~ 8 week program

Next week:

• Tuesday 17th February ~ “Meet & Greet” ~ Parent – Teacher Information Sharing – TBA

• Friday 20th February ~ Dance2bfit

Coming up:

• Wednesday 25th February ~ Cross Country Carnival

• Friday 27th February ~ “Parents, Drinks, Canape” P&C Fundraiser

• Tuesday 3rd March ~ District Swimming Carnival

• Wednesday 4th March ~ P&C Meeting ~ 7pm ~ Staffroom ~ ALL WELCOME

• Thursday 12th March ~ Selective High School 2016 testing

• Wednesday 18th March ~ Regional Swimming Carnival

• Thursday 19th & Friday 20th March ~ Stage 3 Camp
WELCOME BREAKFAST

COME AND ENJOY BREAKFAST
COFFEE, BBQ, JUICE, CROISSANTS

8.00am - 9.00am
Just a gold coin donation

FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY
If anyone is able to help out at the Welcome Breakfast, please contact Andrea Smith on andreasmith@iprimus.com.au

Thanks

Lots of useful information can be found on the school’s website.

To access the website, google Balmain Public School, or type in http://www.balmain-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home

The P&C have their own page too ~ access this page by clicking on P&C tab.
27
Feb
Parents
Drinks, Canapé Fundraiser
An Evening of Music and Entertainment
Men Dress in Black / Navy - Women Dress in Colour

$40 per person includes 2 drinks and canapés, the Bar will also be open. Tickets available via www.flexischools.com.au

A Social Evening - Come and meet your child's classmates, Parents for the New Year. A chance to mingle with Teachers. Good Food, Drinks, Music, in The School Hall from 7pm

Strictly No Children - so come and kick your heels up for a Fun Night out.
e: rob@taubs.net m: 0423 290 467

A Balmain P&C Event
2015 is the International Year of Light and Light-Based Technologies ~ The International Year of Light 2015 in Australia is a mix of business, education, arts and science coming together to celebrate all things ‘light’.

Light and light-based technologies are a part of most modern technology, from mobile phones to laser shows. The future of light technologies is dependent upon understanding how to apply light technologies to new solutions and creations that enhance our everyday life.

Our class names are a reflection of all things ‘light’...

KA - K Aurora - Miss Angela Curry
KC - K Candles - Ms Katina Comino
KD - K Dawn - Miss Ariana Davis
1R - 1 Rainbows - Miss Lauren Read
1/2P - 1/2 Phosphorescence - Mrs Jenny Parkes/Miss Sophie Parsons
2B - 2 Bright Sparks - Miss Jessica Butler
2E - 2 Electro - Ms May Ellwood
3B - 3 Bioluminescence - Mr Sean Baumann
3/4C - 3/4 Convex - Mrs Victoria Clay
4/5M - 4/5 Moonlights - Ms Belinda Mikhail Gogos (Ms MG)
5N (OC) - 5 ‘Nferno - Mr Blake Nuto
5/6D - 5/6 Dawnbreakers - Miss Jackie Dufty
6L (OC) - 6 LED (Light Emitting Diodes) - Mrs Lynda Lovett
Wow, what a busy first week!

We all decided that we want a happy, safe and exciting place to

Settling into a new class and making new friends is lots of fun!
World’s Greatest Shave @ Balmain

Hello,

I’m Quinn from 4/5Moonlights & I’m nearly 11.

On Wednesday 11th March I’ll be shaving my head at school in honour of my 5 year old cousin Eddie who has Leukaemia & to help find a cure.

Please help by sponsoring me. #worldsgreatestshave.
Contrast Poetry
by 4/5 Moonlights

This term 4/5 Moonlights are studying the *The Burnt Stick* by Anthony Hill. The story shares the life of a young Aboriginal boy by the name of John Jagamarra and his life’s journey. 4/5 moonlights have also been studying the art of poetry. Below you will find some contrast poetry related to the text.
I hope you enjoy reading them. Ms MG

Mother

Shattered, broken and sad
Her son is being taken away from her
Angry, upset and concerned for her child
Heartbroken.

Mother

Angry, thinking ‘how dare you!’
Anger boiling inside her
Plotting and thinking, ‘what can I do?
To protect my son and the family too?’
Desperate.
By Stella

John Jagamarra

Peacefully living with mother
Knowing nothing could go wrong
Happy!

John Jagamarra

A scared frustrated little boy who was snatched from his mother’s arms
Alone
By Maisie
Jagamara
A happy joyful boy living peacefully with his mother
Kind.

John Jagamara
A heartbroken unhappy boy who was taken away from his mother and sent to live in a mission
Disappointed.
By Ada

Miss Grainger
A wise and sensible woman that cared for her Aboriginal clan
Loving

Miss Grainger
A nasty and terrible woman that did not care for her clan and wished the worst for them
Hatred
By Sam

John Jagamarra
A creative Aboriginal boy with a loving heart
Loving.

John Jagamarra
A creative Aboriginal boy who was taken from his family disappointing.
By Natasha
John Jagamarra
A very good Aboriginal boy who loves his mother, father and family
Perfect.

John Jagamarra
A sad and very bad Aboriginal child who leaves his mother, father and family
No good!
By Nikolai

Liliianne
Awfully upset and living alone. Her son is being taught by the white people
Heartbroken!

Liliianne
Her life is amazing, sitting by the campfire with her beautiful son
listening to the elders recite dreamtime stories
Amazing!
By Alia

John Jagamarra
Frustrated and taken away from his home
Miserable!

John Jagamarra
Excited and has never had any bad luck
Joyful!
By Finn
Lilianne
Loving, warm and loves her son and her friends
Loving.

Lilianne
Hating, cold. Hates her son and her friends and does not care about them
Miserable.
By Sienna

School
An amazing place with friends and teachers that tell you what to do and when to do it
Great

School
A horrible death trap with enemies and cruel people that yell at you and shout as loud as they can.
Horrible
By Charlie
Welcome new families to Balmain PS & welcome back EVERYONE!

The school canteen is every Friday from the second week until the second last week of every term. All orders are made online at:

www.flexischools.com.au

Simply register your child and follow the easy few steps to set up your account. For existing families, after you log in, you will be prompted to update your children’s class before orders can be placed.

We have Meal Deals for $6,* which includes a hot lunch of either the weekly special or a toastie, a drink and a snack from select options. There is also a variety of over the counter snacks children may buy on the day.

The canteen is run entirely by parent volunteers. If you would like to help out for a couple of hours on Friday, and meet new parents, please contact: MONIQUE DOWER

monique.dower@belleproperty.com

*Flexischools charge a service fee of 25c per order.
Weekly Specials
- Pizza
- Sushi
- Sausage Rolls
- Dumplings
- Meat Pies
- Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice
- BBQ Sausage
- Beef Noodles
- Chicken Schnitzel Wrap

Toastie Selection
- Ham & Cheese
- Cheese
- Ham
- Baked Beans
- Spaghetti

**Rotate fortnightly

Counter Snacks
- Tiny Teddies: 60c
- Shapes
- Popcorn
- Quelch
- Juicies: $1.20
- Smoozes
- Frozen Yogurt: $2.00
- Tina Wafers: 20c

Drinks
- Apple Juice: $1.20
- Orange Juice
- Skim Milk
www.flexischools.com.au

Canteen orders are to be in by **9am Thursday**
You can order for the whole term and never have to worry about missing the cut-off times.

**Refund Policy**
Cancellations can be made at any time, up until the day of canteen. Simply log into your account and cancel the order, or call Flexischools on
PH: 1300 361 769
Monies will be refunded back into your Flexischools account. No refund can occur if you notify Flexischools after the canteen day on which your child was absent.

If you have any questions or issues with ordering, please feel free to contact me:
van.hl.allen@gmail.com

Thank you!
Van Allen
Parent Volunteer Canteen Co-ordinator
Balmain Public School is now in its second year of our recycling program.

In Term 1 we will:

• Elect our new recycling representatives. These students will be responsible for monitoring bins at recess and lunch to ensure recycling is done correctly and taking plant based waste to compost bin and worm farms and presenting Recycling Awards.

• Continue to recycle clean paper and cardboard, washed plastics, aluminium in our yellow bins in our playground to reduce landfill.

• Put plant based waste in special bins in playground which is transferred to our compost bin in our garden.

• Conduct a workshop to learn about worm farms and set up our worm farms where we will put our fruit break waste.

• Arrange an excursion for recycling representatives to a land fill site and a recycling facility.

• Publish Balmain Public School’s Recycling Handbook.

A reminder to parents:

• Please reduce the amount of non-recyclable plastics used in your children’s lunches. Packing your children’s lunch in a named reusable lunch box reduces waste considerably. Additionally, zipped bags can be washed and reused.

• Encourage your children to eat all their fruit and lunch (we can only handle so much plant-based waste).

We thank the P&C for their on-going financial contributions to this program.

Contact: Dr Pauline Jensen 98181177
TOP NOTE MUSIC

In Term 1, 2015, we will continue to provide electronic keyboard organ / piano lessons for students at your school. Students would be taught by a qualified music teacher for a 45-minute lesson per week. Tuition is $19.00 per lesson. Family discounts for siblings are available. To express your interest in providing this program, fill-in the form, and return to your school by Friday 13th February.
HOUSE CAPTAINS 2015

GARNET:
Captains
Marcus Mallard & Marley Donald
Vice-captains
Oscar Chaplin & Eliane Sage

AMBER:
Captains
Charlie Ragg & Sophie Edwards-Argent
Vice-captains
Cooper Dunleavy & Myrtie Xanthakos

SAPPHIRE:
Captains
Nathan Wang & Charley Johnson
Vice-captains
Jake Thomas & Geena Blackwood