Welcome Breakfast @ Balmain…

After being awoken by an incredible downpour this morning at 1:15am, thinking, ‘Oh no, the breakfast!’ I was pleasantly surprised when I again awoke at a more respectable hour, to see that it had cleared to some extent.

The school was a hive of activity at 7am this morning, with parents (and students), helping with the setting up. The aroma of bacon, sausages and eggs wafted through to my office, so I quickly returned to the playground. One hundred sausage rolls, 120 bacon and egg rolls, as well as 50 croissants were prepared to feed the masses!

It was a fabulous sight to see so many of our families enjoying a delicious breakfast, having a chat, enjoying the sweet sounds of our Strings Ensemble, meeting our new Band Director, Naomi and delighting in a special performance by her.

Balmain PS truly is a special place, with a very warm, welcoming community and has been a lovely start to the new year! Thanks to our P&C for organising such a successful event…we look forward to others throughout the year.

Mrs Maria Lambos
Principal
Dates for the Diary

Next week:

• Tuesday 17th February ~ “Meet & Greet” ~ Parent – Teacher Information Sharing
• Thursday 19th February ~ Assembly ~ 2pm ~ 4/5 Moonlights
• Friday 20th February ~ Dance2bfit

The week after:

• Wednesday 25th February ~ Cross Country Carnival
• Thursday 26th February ~ Assembly ~ 2pm ~ 2 Electro
• Friday 27th February ~ “Parents, Drinks, Canape” P&C Fundraiser

Coming up:

• Tuesday 3rd March ~ District Swimming Carnival
• Wednesday 4th March ~ P&C Meeting ~ 7pm ~ Staffroom ~ ALL WELCOME
• Thursday 5th March ~ Assembly ~ 2pm ~ 5 ‘Nferno & 6 Light Emitting Diodes
• Thursday 12th March ~ Selective High School 2016 testing
• Thursday 12th March ~ Assembly ~ 2pm ~ 1 Rainbows
• Wednesday 18th March ~ Regional Swimming Carnival
• Thursday 19th March ~ Assembly ~ 2pm ~ 3 Bioluminescence
• Thursday 19th & Friday 20th March ~ Stage 3 Camp
There will be a half hour ‘Meet & Greet’ session with your child’s teacher/s, in their classrooms, on Tuesday 17th February.

Please note the following times:

5:45 - 6:15 pm
1/2 Phosphorescence
2 Bright Sparks
2 Electro
4/5 Moonlights
6 Light Emitting Diodes

6:15 - 6:45 pm
Kindergarten
1 Rainbows
3 Bioluminescence
3/4 Convex
5/6 Dawnbreakers

5 ‘Nferno will have interviews later this term, rather than a ‘Meet & Greet’ session.
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
WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE @ BALMAIN

HI, MY NAME IS QUINN AND I’M NEARLY 11.

I AM SHAVING MY HEAD IN HONOUR OF MY 5 YEAR OLD COUSIN EDDIE WHOSE LEUKAEMIA HAS RETURNED FOR A SECOND TIME.

PLEASE SPONSOR ME TO HELP SUPPORT THE LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION FIND A CURE!

THANK YOU

http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/QuinnCurson
Welcome to 1/2 Phosphorescence

It’s been a busy week! We’ve been working hard...and looking for our arachnid, Samuel...Here he is!

We spent the week getting to know each other and presenting our Brown Bag Biographies...

We rounded off the week by winning the bear assembly for being the best behaved class!

What a week!
We can't wait to see what happens next.
We are

1/2 Phosphorescence
and we are

PHABULOUS!!!!!!!
Early Stage One and Stage One looked at Pacific Island artworks and talked about how people make artworks about their environment. We learnt about blending colours and how we can use pattern to make artworks.

Stage Two created artworks about fantasy worlds. We learnt about foreground, background and using layers to make pictures.

Stage Three have been learning about portraits. We drew pictures of our classmates, focusing on recording areas of light and shade.
5N NEWS

TODAY: Riley Stafford reports on the new generation of worm farmers, pp.53.

Exploring Ant Colonies

When presented with a study of colonisation, 5N extended our literacy work into the realm of science. Combined with 6L, students have been designing baits to lure ants into a new colony. With lollies, biscuits and cotton balls at the ready, we have so far been relatively unsuccessful to fool these well-organised colonisers. A few of the detainees have already escaped, but class members are hopeful that our baits can be redesigned, in order to set up a substantial farm for our investigations. Stay tuned as we test our hypotheses, and discover more about these intelligent insects.

JUST DANCE – Check out our groovy moves.

The Shadow Lands:

Students have been furiously preparing for their assembly in week 6. We have been incorporating the theme of light into our performances, whilst studying the art of shadow puppetry. When interviewing 5N students, all refused to release any further details on the performance. It seems that our families will have to wait until the matinée to see what they have produced.
Balmain PS Swimming Carnival 2015
Eaton Street Centre Update and Vacancies

Eaton Street Centre is a popular choice for Before and After School Care and Vacation Care within our community and currently supports over 220 families. Our children come from both Balmain Public School and Father John Therry School.

The opening of Balmain Care for Kids at FJT, combined with the increase of our licence from 115 to 145 children an afternoon, appears to have met the demand of our community for after school care places. This means our waiting list has been reduced significantly and we currently have no waiting list for Term 1 enrolments. If you require a space or additional spaces please let us know so that our waiting list remains current.

Further, our enrolment policies, as outlined by the Family Assistance Law and our Licence with the Department of Education, have resulted in an increase in places to BPS children from 35% to 43% of total places since January 2013. Please note, these policies will continue to apply when enrolling children.

The Centre is looking to improve the aesthetics and learning environment through the recently completed office renovations. We are also looking to renovate the games room (next to the canteen) and are working with Mrs Lambos on jointly making improvements to the playground. The outdoor spaces are central to our program delivery, giving children the opportunity to develop team skills, friendships across both school communities and physical activity at the end of a long school day.

Eaton Street Centre employs educators from a variety of backgrounds and qualifications, who engage with the children and plan a play based program that responds to the children's interests. Cricket, soccer, chess and art based experiences are on offer daily, as well as assistance with homework in order to support families after a busy day.

The Centre currently has vacancies on all mornings and Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Due to the large number of enrolments, we are also able to offer casual care to all existing families if required.

If you require care, please notify the centre and join the waiting list so that we can proactively work with you in placing your children. Please contact the centre on care@eatonstreetcentre.com.au for all enrolment enquiries or pop in and speak to me.

Regards
Tracey Muccillo
KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

TERM 1, 2015 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!

EXCITING NEW AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM
PAINTING, DRAWING, PRINTMAKING, SCULPTURE AND FABRIC ART!
SUBMISSIONS TO ART COMPETITIONS!
CREATIVE AND STIMULATING CLASSES
OPEN TO K - 6 STUDENTS.
CLASSES HELD AT BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL
MONDAYS 3PM - 5PM.
CONTACT SABINA: sabina@kidsatthearthouse.com or 0403768282

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:
STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP (DARLING HABOUR) “DREAM” EXHIBITION - 2014 & 2015
FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2014
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2013
FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2010
COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH:
THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY AND LITERACY FOUNDATION 2013
THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011
KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE
CHINESE NEW YEAR OF THE SHEEP
EXHIBITION 2015
CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP

Following the imaginative and playful artwork displayed during Chinese New Year 2014, Kids At The ARThouse students from Balmain Public School return to the Chinese Garden with a new exhibition inspired by traditional Chinese culture and animals of the Chinese Lunar calendar.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!
13 February to 29 March
Daily
9.30am-5.30pm
(02) 9240 8888
Pier Street, Darling Harbour, NSW, 2000
Free with garden entry
Open Night

Wednesday, March 4, 5.30 - 7 pm

Dulwich High School of Visual Arts & Design

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