A great start to the day @ Balmain

This year, four out of five days (Monday-Thursday) at Balmain Public School sees Ms Biggins, our resident music specialist teacher, entice the entire Balmain community - students, staff, parents, caregivers and friends - into participating in the ‘Song of the Week’.

An extremely talented lady, Ms Biggins (of Play School fame), uses humour, call and response, singing, piano-accordion, guitar (with Mr Nuto also occasionally assisting) and even pre-recorded music on the iPod, to quickly and easily lure our hands into clapping, feet into tapping, mouths singing (or at the very least, lips smiling/mouths laughing) and hips swaying along to the uplifting, catchy numbers that she inspires us with!

What a great start to the day - I know I walk away with a huge smile on my face, as well as a gigantic heart smile, from these assemblies, ready to tackle the day!

Mrs Maria Lambos Principal
Dates for the Diary

Next week:

• **Tuesday 3rd March** ~ District Swimming Carnival

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

• **Thursday 5th March** ~ Assembly ~ 2pm ~ 5 ‘Nferno & 6 Light Emitting Diodes

The week after:

• **Thursday 12th March** ~ Selective High School 2016 testing

• **Thursday 12th March** ~ Assembly ~ 2pm ~ 1 Rainbows

Coming up:

• **Wednesday 18th March** ~ Regional Swimming Carnival

• **Thursday 19th March** ~ Assembly ~ 2pm ~ 3 Bioluminescence

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

• **Wednesday 25th March** ~ Cross Country Carnival

• **Wednesday 25th March** ~ K-2 Sun Smart Visit @ BPS

• **Thursday 26th March** ~ Assembly ~ 2pm ~ 2 Bright Sparks
A huge THANK YOU goes out to Rob Taubman and his amazing crew!!! What a fabulous evening was had by all!!!

A HUMUNGOUS shout out of THANKS must go to Trudy Graves and her Belle Property BALMAIN FUN RUN committee, who raised a phenomenal $52,000.00!!!! David Finlay, our P&C Treasurer, and I accepted the cheque!!!! What a difference this will make to our children’s learning at Balmain PS! We are so grateful!!!!

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Balmain P&C
AGM & general meeting
Wednesday 4th March 2015
@ 7pm
in school’s staff room
We LOVE spending time...

...with our buddies...
Hi, my name is Quinn and I am nearly 11. I am shaving my hair in The World’s Greatest Shave at school on Wednesday the 11th of March to help find a cure for leukaemia and to help my 5 year old cousin Eddie who is very sick as his leukaemia has sadly returned.

Thanks to everyone’s generosity, as at 4pm on 1 March, I have surpassed my $4,000 goal. Quinn

#worldsgreatestshave

http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/QuinnCurson
...buddy
time...

...is fun time...
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* Previously known as Computer Skills.
** Students can sit ICAS Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 15 June, and still be eligible for UNSW medals.

Enter online at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/school-portal](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/school-portal)
My Trip to Port Macquarie

On Friday morning we had 2 games on. The teams we were challenging was Parramatta and Hornsby. My team won against Parramatta. The score was 4-0 and I scored one try while my friend scored three. We beat Hornsby 14-0 and I scored 7 tries in the game.

On Saturday morning I had 4 games against Renegades Taree and I forget the other two teams. When we played Taree we smashed them but I forget the score but when we played the Renegades the score was 1-1. I scored the first try and then the referee had fugally goggles on and we touched the girl but the ref gave it away so they scored the try.

On Sunday we were going to play the quarter finals and semi-finals and most importantly the grand final which we would have won. They cancelled it because of to many injuries and the field was stuffed up. I was so annoyed I was about to cry my heart out.

I scored 14 tries out of 26 tries. My parents think I was the top try scorer in my club and if we won the grand final we will be the best team in NSW.

By Keturah Mate
I went to Port Macquarie to play touch footy, representing Sydney/Balmain in the NSW State Cup. I had to play against Penrith, Wests, Western Suburbs, Orange, Taree, Manly and more.

My team tied 3rd on the ladder with Orange. We beat Orange 2 to 1 to make it to the finals, but it got called off because of the weather.

It was really muddy with a lot of puddles and I got to play in it which was lots of fun!!!!!
The recently chosen 2015 Recycling Representatives participated in a Worm Farm Workshop, conducted by Theresa Rutherford of Compost Happens, sponsored by the Leichhardt Council.

Approximately 36 students from Years to 6 learnt about the life cycle of compost worms, how to create and maintain a worm farm and how to use the nutrient rich fertilizer from worm castings to nourish our garden. Hopefully in the future, we will be able to supply worm farm castings to children for their home gardens.

Because a worm cannot consume any more than its own weight over a 24 hour period, we will only be able to feed our 2 worm farms twice a week from a small proportion of fruit break waste until our worms multiply. A couple of classes will be chosen to be our worm farm feeders this term.

Thanks to all the staff and students for their contribution. A particular thanks to Ms Comino for purchasing the worms and the P&C for financial support.

Dr Pauline Jensen
Welcome to Kindergarten

Learning our letters and sounds ... helps us to write, and read!

Practising with chopsticks makes our fingers stronger for writing.

Making patterns helps us to think and predict.
Learning to work together is a challenge and we’re up for it!

Sharing our stories in Yarn Time with Aunty Fay. We drew beautiful pictures from her stories.

We like to move it, move it 🎶
BADADS
Balmain Dads

Friday 6th March
First Friday of the Month
Balmain Dads Night @ The Balmain Hotel from 7.00pm
All Dads Welcome...
High School Open Days...
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