What an amazing Community @ Balmain...

We truly have an amazing, supportive community here at Balmain Public School!

Wednesday saw Quinn’s Great Shave, raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation, whilst also supporting his 5 year old cousin, who unfortunately has leukaemia. Apart from our community generously contributing via the website prior to the event, $722.75 was donated on the morning! Quinn has raised $7075.00!!!!

Thursday saw Amelia from 5’Nferno, with her supportive classmates, bake and sell dozens and dozens of cupcakes, raising $305.10 to help support Asian elephants, Sumatran rhinos and Sumatran tigers, as there are less than 400 left in the wild!

All in all, our fabulous community has donated $1027.85 this week!! THANK YOU!!!!!!

Mrs Maria Lambos
Principal
Dear Amazing BPS Community,

I would like to thank everyone so much for their generosity and kindness. It means so much to me and my family that you would all donate so much of your pocket money for 'The World's Greatest Shave' and The Leukaemia Foundation.

It was a wonderful surprise when I arrived at school and everyone had crazy hair in honour of Eddie and my shave. You all did a remarkable job of keeping it secret and conspiring together for such a great cause.

The hard earned pocket money you donated on the morning I shaved came to a total of $722.75. This is amazing.

I'm donating my hair to the 'Australia Alopecia Areata Foundation' to make a wig for a child with permanent hair loss, as the hair of kids who've gone through chemotherapy will grow back.

Declan, Cathroina and Sophie (Eddie's parents and little sister) have taken Eddie home from hospital as his cancer has spread too much in his little body and there is nothing more the doctors can do for him. Our family are devastated.

Eddie has constant pain relief medicine so that he isn't in any pain and he is sleeping more and more. His parents, and all our family, are hoping he passes away peacefully in his sleep. Eddie and his family are religious and believe that soon he will be in heaven with his granddad and mine, which I think is a lovely thought.

I am pleased to announce that I have recently passed the $7,000 mark in total donations and that all this money will make a huge difference in the quest to find a cure for leukaemia.

We are in daily contact with Eddie's family in Ireland and, although sadly it's too late to help him, they are so grateful that your donations will help other little kids and their families just like theirs.

Thank you,
Quinn
Dates for the Diary...

Next week: HARMONY WEEK

• Monday 16th March ~ Dance2bfit (instead of Friday, due to Camp)
• Wednesday 18th March ~ HARMONY MUFTI DAY - Wear ORANGE to school
• Wednesday 18th March ~ Regional Swimming Carnival
• Thursday 19th March ~ Assembly ~ 2pm ~ 3 Bioluminescence
• Thursday 19th & Friday 20th March ~ Stage 3 Camp
• Saturday 21st March ~ HARMONY DAY

The Week After:

• Wednesday 25th March ~ Cross Country Carnival
• Wednesday 25th March ~ Stage One Excursion
• Wednesday 25th March ~ Kindy Sun Smart Visit @ BPS
• Thursday 26th March ~ Assembly ~ 2pm ~ 2 Bright Sparks

Coming Up:

• Monday 30th March ~ Dance2bfit (as Friday is Good Friday)
• Thursday 2nd April ~ Last day of Term One

• Tuesday 21st April ~ ALL STUDENTS RETURN ~ Term Two Commences
21 March is Harmony Day

*Harmony Day* is held every year on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia’s diversity that can be good conversation-starters. Did you know:

- around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi
- more than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia
- 92 per cent of Australians feel a great sense of belonging to our country?
HOT CROSS BUNS

HAPPY EASTER

It's $5.80 a Bag of SIX and Parents can
1. Donate a Bag to be Served at School OR
2. Order Bags for at home...To be collected after School WED 1st April

Order online www.Flexischools.com.au

THANK YOU to the people who recently caught a fish at the recent P&C fundraiser...your generosity has enabled us to purchase $550 worth of resources including posters for our Library and 2 x 'stable tables' per classroom! Your generosity is much appreciated!
THE WAY WE WERE...

Stage One have been studying what life was like in the past for our grandparents and great grandparents. 2Electro have written some Haiku and Acrostic poems about these important people. Here are some of them.

**Grandparents by Jaimie**
Grandad is funny
Reading with nana
Ana can be a short name for nana
Numbly, crumbly eating with nana
Down the stairs nana needs help
Parents help nana and grandad
Around the house we play a frozen game
Reading with grandad is fun
Eggs from nana are yummy
Now it is grandad’s turn to help nana downstairs
Tickle time with nana and grandad
Silly nana

**Grandparents by Alex**
Grandparents are fun
Raving with me
Alex is my name
Now I am seven
Dads are fun to play with
Penguins of Madagascar
And that is my dad
Roaring with laughter
Emily is my sister
Nuts are not allowed at school
Tony, my dad is fun
Swimming is fun!

**Grandma by Harrison**
My grandma loves me
She kisses me and hugs me
I love my grandma

**Grandma by Caitlan**
My grandma loves me
She kisses me and hugs me

**Grandma by Danielle**
Good grandma
Rolling around the grass
Amazing fun
Nice playing
Does not hurt people
Playing together
Always is nice
Really good grandma
Even nicer than all
Never annoyed
Today is fun
Stars in the sun

**Grandma by Nick**
Grandma has a ring
Grandma has a cup of tea
Grandpa is jealous

**Grandma by Hannah**
My grandma loves me
She kisses me and hugs me

**Nana by Ava**
Nana smells flowers
Roses blossom lovely
Nana loves the smell

**Grandma by Alex**
Grandparents are fun
Raving with me
Alex is my name
Now I am seven
Dads are fun to play with
Penguins of Madagascar
And that is my dad
Roaring with laughter
Emily is my sister
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We love our new stable tables and have been using them while learning about area in maths.

We have been playing maths games to practise times tables.

Making 3D objects out of sticks and plasticine and then describing the object's properties.

We are enjoying our new homework grid. We have designed ideal gardens, made 3D models of our bedrooms and made maths games!

In 3/4 Convex we have been busy...

We have been growing and observing broad beans, and dissecting flowers as part of our Plants in Action unit. We have learned that there are male and female parts to a flower!

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EATON STREET CENTRE
VACATION CARE APRIL 2015

About Our Vacation Care Program

Educators present a variety of stimulating, play-based, learning experiences for children while they are at Eaton Street Centre. This means that children are learning and are cared for in a relaxed environment where they can recuperate for the term ahead of them. Children are valued in our program and educators strive to build positive relationships with children and families as a basis for the program. We welcome all feedback and ideas from families in order for us to maintain a high standard of care that is linked to the home environment. For this reason, you are always welcome to approach educators in the playground, email or phone us with your thoughts and suggestions.

Policies and Procedures

Eaton Street Centre’s Policy and Procedures can be found near the sign in area of the office as well as on the Eaton Street Centre website. These documents are an important aspect to our centre as well as the care of your child, it outlines various aspects of our service and is always available for families to read, a copy can be requested to be emailed to you.

EATON STREET CENTRE
VACATION CARE APRIL 2015

Absences & sick children

If your child cannot attend on a day they have been booked to attend please notify us as soon as possible, fees still apply for all absences. Sick children are not permitted to attend the centre as they may spread infection to other children and staff. If you require a staff member to administer medication to your child, you must complete a Medication Authority Form.

What to Bring

Please ensure your child has each day:

A ready to eat Recess and lunch, healthy snacks and drinks, every child must have a bottle of water

Any safety gear or required clothing listed under special instructions overleaf.

Any emergency plans or medications

Menu

Breakfast is provided in the early morning and available for all children from 7.30am-8.15am. Afternoon tea is provided and a menu will be available for families to view when signing in.

Weather

Please note that at times the weather is unpredictable and unforeseeable. Circumstances may arise that require changes to be made to our program on the actual day. We do try to attend excursions in the case of wet weather, so wet weather gear is important.

Bookings and Payment of Fees

Bookings for the April Holidays will be open from 10am, Wednesday the 4th of March 2015, and the closing date for bookings will be Friday the 27th of March.

Bookings will be made online, on our Eaton Street Centre website at http://www.eatonstreetcentre.com.au

Parents are advised to book to avoid missing out on a place.

Instructions are on the website

All bookings are tentative until full payment and terms and conditions have been looked over and accepted.

Please be advised that the terms and conditions outlines the importance of authorisations based on your children attending vacation care, the terms and conditions need to be accepted for your booking to be finalised.

Non payment by the due date will result in the booking being cancelled. Any outstanding fees owed from Before School Care, After School Care or previous Vacation Care periods are required to be paid in full before a booking from vacation care is confirmed.

Vacation Care Hours:

7:30am - 6:00pm

**Please ensure that your child arrives at the centre no later than 8.45am on excursion days**

What to Wear

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing to the centre each day; please NO SINGLET, SINGLET DRESSES or THONGS are to be worn to the centre. If your child is not dressed appropriately to meet our sun smart policy or clothing policy you may be requested to collect your child from the centre or to provide appropriate clothing. Comfortable, enclosed footwear must be worn each day, especially when attending excursions

Centre Hats

Children are required to wear Eaton Street Centre hats when on excursions, please keep in mind that this is compulsory, as it is easier to keep a head count as well as identify children. The cost of the hats are $10 and this will be added to parent’s invoice. Hats are kept at the centre, laundered and prepared for the next day. If your child’s hat is misplaced, it will be replaced at the cost of $10 per hat.

What NOT to bring

Staff are unable to take responsibility for children’s valuables including money, toys, electronics etc. Children are encouraged to leave such items at home.

Please do not bring any NUT products to the centre, as this is a NUT FREE ZONE
**Vacation Care Calendar & Program**  
**April 7th – 10th 2015 School Holidays**

**Tuesday 7th April**  
**AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM (EXCURSION)**  
We will be travelling by chartered bus to the Australian Museum located in the city. Children will get to experience a variety of age appropriate workshops based on wildlife, science, history and have fun with interactive hands on activities.

*We will be travelling to the Museum on a chartered bus, please arrive no later than 8.45am*  
**STAFF RATIO: 1:8  COST: $75**

**Wednesday 8th April**  
**SCIENCE EXPERIMENT (EXCURSION)**  
Today there will be a person who will be coming into the centre from Einstein’s top Secret Science, they will be here to create some wacky science experiments with your children!

**STAFF RATIO: 1:12  COST: $65**

**Thursday 9th April**  
**CALMSLEY HILL CITY FARM (EXCURSION)**  
Today we will be enjoying a fun day out at Calmsley Hill City Farm. Children will be able to get up and close with the farm animals and experience hands on farming activities, there will be shows to watch as well as the opportunity to learn how to milk a cow and experience tractor rides!

We will be travelling to the farm on a chartered bus, please arrive no later than 8.45am  
**Please provide your child with lunch**  
**STAFF RATIO: 1:8  COST: $75**

**Friday 10th April**  
**CINEMAS (EXCURSION)**  
Today we will be travelling to the cinemas to watch a movie at the Hoyts in Broadway Shopping Centre. We will be travelling via chartered bus with a group from Balmain East Vacation Care. The movie selected will be told a week prior to this excursion, and will be rated G.

We will be travelling to the Hoyts cinemas on a chartered bus, please arrive no later than 8.45am  
**Please provide your child with lunch**  
**STAFF RATIO: 1:8  COST: $75**

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**Vacation Care Calendar & Program**  
**April 13th – 20th 2015 School Holidays**

**Monday 13th April**  
**OUR BIG KITCHEN (EXCURSION)**  
A fantastic day out where the children will not only learn about cooking and healthy eating habits, they will be able to experience the joy in helping someone not as fortunate as themselves. Located at the Yeshiva Centre in Bondi, it is a community kitchen designed to help those in need. Children will cook and prepare food for those in need as well as prepare their own lunch!

*Children will be travelling by chartered bus and will need to arrive at the Centre no later than 8.45am*  
**Lunch will be provided today**  
**STAFF RATIO: 1:8  COST: $75**

**Tuesday 14th April**  
**PEAK PURSUIT, CASTLE HILL (EXCURSION)**  
Today we will be travelling to Peak Pursuit, an indoor climbing centre for children located in Castle Hill. We will be travelling via chartered bus. Peak Pursuit will be a day where children will be actively involved for two hours with a break in between for lunch. There will be fun and exciting rope courses, rope ladders, rock climbing and plenty more!

*Children will be travelling by chartered bus and will need to arrive at the Centre no later than 8.45am*  
**Lunch will be provided today**  
**STAFF RATIO: 1:8  COST: $75**

**Wednesday 15th April**  
**ADVENTURE TO WATSONS BAY (EXCURSION)**  
Today we will be catching a ferry from Balmain Wharf, and travelling to Watsons Bay. The day will consist of lunch in the park with beautiful views, playground fun, various fun games and activities put together by the educators as well as some water/swimming activities on the Watsons Bay beach area (depending on weather). We will be catching a ferry back to Balmain from Watsons bay.

*Permission slips will be sent out with more information*  
*Children will be travelling by Ferry from Balmain Wharf and will need to arrive at the Centre no later than 8.45am*  
**Lunch will be provided today**  
**STAFF RATIO: 1:8  COST: $75**

**Thursday 16th April**  
**BBQ IN THE PARK**  
Today we will be catching a chartered bus to Sydney park, in St Peters. Where the children will enjoy a day fill with playground fun, activities run by educators and a BBQ in the park!

*Children will be travelling by chartered bus and will need to arrive at the Centre no later than 8.45am*  
**Lunch will be provided today**  
**STAFF RATIO: 1:8  COST: $75**

**Friday 17th April**  
**TEN PIN BOWLING (EXCURSION)**  
We will be travelling via chartered bus to Darling Harbour, where the children will get to have fun playing Ten pin bowling!

*Children will be travelling by chartered bus and will need to arrive at the Centre no later than 8.45am*  
**STAFF RATIO: 1:8  COST: $75**

**Monday 20th April**  
**BRICKS 4 KIDZ (EXCURSION)**  
Brickz 4 Kids is a fun and interactive workshop where children get to explore the world of Lego blocks and building their own creations, the workshop will be held at the centre!

**STAFF RATIO: 1:12  COST: $65**
L.O.L (Funny Stories)

Junior Book Cubs
Stories, Trivia, Games and Films

Leichhardt Library
Tuesday 7 April 2015 3.30pm
School Aged Children
Bookings Essential 93679266

Leichhardt Library
Presents Wendy Preston from Children's Discovery
UnBELIEVA Bubbles

Make your own bubble mixture, blow lots of bubbles - even create a bubble snake - and learn about bubbles
Balmain Library
Thursday 9 April 2015
1pm
Ages 7-12

Bookings Essential 93679211 or Book Online www.leichhardt.nsw.gov.au/Library

Let the Music Move You

Lullabies to Heavy Rock, Acapella to Pop and Loads of Participation

Be introduced to all genre’s of music and have a go at playing a variety of musical instruments

Leichhardt Library
Wednesday 15 April 2015 1pm
Suitable 5-12 years
Booking essential-Online or Phone 93679266

Games Afternoon at Balmain Library

Thursday 16 April 2015
2.00pm
School aged children only
Phone 93679211
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Featuring comedians from Sydney and Melbourne International Comedy Festival

In support of: Wairoa School for disabled children

8pm - April 17
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