Introducing a new Teacher for 2013.

After a rigorous merit selection process Ms Martha Garven has been appointed as permanent Teacher at Nicholson St Public School beginning in 2013.

Ms Garven comments on her appointment “I can’t tell you how thrilled I was to be offered the position at Nicho. I am very excited to work with you all - teachers, parents and children!”

You may see Ms Garven around Nicho. When you do please give her a Nicho welcome.

Year 6 Graduation Assembly

The Year 6 Graduation Assembly will be held on Wednesday 19th December at 9:30am. The traditional arch to farewell our year 6 students will take place on the afternoon of the same day at 3:15pm.

The school website is constantly being updated with news, information and photos. So add it to your favourites and check back often at http://www.nicholson-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Principal’s Blog - www.det.nsw.edu.au/blog/42316-longlivelearning/
Nicholson St Public School Vimeo Channel: https://vimeo.com/channels/385808
Band Goes Bananas in Pyjamas Weekend Sleepover Workshop

Our third annual BGPIP was another great success! Despite the oppressive heat, our Concert and Training Band played on through intensive workshops and rehearsals to then delight family and friends with an amazing performance on Saturday.

A big big thank you to Ms Kelly, Ms Gervay, Mrs Payne, Mrs Constanti for looking after our kids. Thanks also to all of the parents who baked, bbq’d, served and cleaned up - the kids had a fantastic time.

Band Prom and Try an Instrument Session

The Music Program started the recruitment drive for 2013 with last week’s Band Prom and Try an Instrument Sessions. We took over five classrooms and filled them full of excited kids and beautiful, weird and wonderful instruments.

2013 Information sheets and Expression of Interest forms for next year’s music programs were handed out on the day. Copies of these notes are available in the office if you missed out. Please return completed forms to the office as soon as possible. The Music Committee will be contacting all interested families in the New Year.

Thank you to the P&C for generously supporting this event. Thanks also to our more youthful experts – Isabelle Laker, ex-Nicho percussionist; cellist Lilli Tarranto from Birchgrove P.S and Angas Murray, French horn, from Sydney Secondary College Balmain.

Concert Band Auditions

Auditions continue on Wednesday 12th December and on Wednesday 19th December. Audition results will be emailed to you on Wed 19th December.

Instrument Hire Return: Friday 14 December

Please return all instruments hired from the school to the instrument storage room by Friday 14th December so that they can be serviced over the holiday period.

Trophfest? So yesterday. Sundance? Too cold. The Inaugural Nicho Film Festival? Perfect!

Put May 18th 2013 in your calendars and iPhone reminders now, Nicho is hosting its first Film Festival and family movie night. Each class will be making a film, based on the theme of water (2013 is the International Year of Water Co-operation) and we’ll be opening up the competition to the other schools in Balmain.

If this idea interests and excites you (we hope it does!) and you would like to be involved, please contact Jennifer Smart (jennifersmart10@gmail.com). Anyone with film-making skills, access to equipment, film memorabilia for prizes, or if you happen to be sitting down to Christmas lunch with a celebrity, we’d love your help.

The Nicho Film Festival and Family Movie Night Committee.

Vision 2012+

If you haven’t seen it yet the school vision doc is available at the following link >> http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/blog/42316-longlivelearning/entry/vision_2012

K Transition 2013

The presentations from the K Transition Program are now available online at the following link >> http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/blog/42316-longlivelearning/entry/welcome_to_nicho_k_2013

Final Thank Yous and Best Wishes

As the school year comes to a close I wish to once again extend a huge thank you to the entire school community for the support they have given us at the school.

Together with all the teachers and staff at Nicholson St Public School we wish you all a safe and happy festive season and look forward to seeing you all back at school in 2013.

BANK SOME MONEY AND YOU COULD BANK YOURSELF AN iPAD MINI.

Simply making a deposit through School Banking will put you in the draw to win one of twelve (12) iPAD Mini’s valued at $369 each for Christmas*. Start saving more today and you can be a winner!

*To be placed into the draw students need to make a deposit of $369 or more into their School Banking account or use their ComBank Youthaver account at school any time between 19th November 2012 – 14th December 2012.

For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialist at the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496.
It has been an exciting first 7 months of being involved in the P&C and that is due to being able to work alongside our new Principal Georgia Constanti as she familiarised herself with our community - that is students, teachers and parents alike - and I don’t say that lightly, it has been a privilege.

It’s also been a lot of fun working with the parent & teacher community here at Nicho, it’s a highly active one and when I say active I mean dedicated, committed and supportive. Yesterday I found myself stuffing stockings full of white material while other parents were painting side boards and chalk boards just to mention a few things all happening for the Christmas play on Friday evening... It’s been a lot of fun!

I began the role as President in May in the wake of this wonderful new playground being completed for our students which was funded by the P&C. Along with helping Georgia settle in wherever we could, the P&C also organised and funded a memorial plaque for the late Nicolette Nelson who was Nicho Librarian for many years and we had our traditional Election Day cake Stall and sausage sizzle - I am told that the people who work at the elections get pretty excited when they hear we are doing that again.

The P&C continues to support and fund the burgeoning music program via purchasing portable instruments and funding tutors for the ever popular ‘Try an Instrument Afternoon’. Now I really don’t want to bore you with numbers but let me just mention a few – keep our treasurer happy and all that... we also fund around $7000 for learning support, $3000 for classroom resources also known as the Teacher Wish-lists, iPads for the classroom as well as new book purchases for this brand new and very fabulous library. There is much more and all available to see on our tab on the school site.

But it really wasn’t until the gearing up for the annual Halloween Festival that I was able to witness what an incredible whole community we really have here. The Halloween Festival is our flagship event when it comes to funding and to be a part of the unrelenting enthusiasm and commitment to it by all of the families at Nicho, was, in a word, extraordinary. The money raised, over $40,000, can now go towards the important stuff, the education of our kids.

And Georgia’s vision is all about that!

We recently approved the funding of a new server, Reading Resources throughout all the stages, a dedicated Artist in Residence and wireless internet throughout the school. And looking to the future we are hoping to realise a Visual Arts centre designed with shipping containers! We are also putting plans together for a film festival community event during Semester 1 next year where we may well find the next David Lynch or Ang Lee or Kathryn Bigelow hiding in our very talented group of Nicho school kids!

Tues 12th December was our final P&C meeting for 2012 but we will be back at it next year, every second Tuesday of the month at 730. If you are keen to join us in helping to continue to keep this community and school full of laughter, learning and life then please come along!

Nicole Sorby
Vacation Care December 2012 - January 2013

1 General Information
Location: Nicholson Street Public School, Nicholson St, Balmain East 2041
Hours of operation: 7.30am to 6.00pm
Contact number: 02 9810 3161

Balmain East Vacation Care Centre provides a range of fun activities for primary school aged children in a safe, warm and friendly environment. The program hours are from 7.30am am to 6pm, with most in-house activities starting at around 10.00am.

There will be no in-house program on excursion days. All children attending that day must take part in the excursion. Excursions may be changed at the Coordinator’s discretion.

On excursion days your child must be at the centre by 8.45 am. We cannot wait for latecomers, and there will be no staff at the centre to care for your child if they miss the excursion departure time. No refunds will be given for missed excursions

2 How to book and pay
To enrol for Vacation Care, you must be a member of Balmain East Out of School Care Inc. and have your term fee payments up to date. If you are not a member, you can join at the time of booking.

Bookings should be through emails or by contacting the Centre in person. You will need to present a completed Booking and Consent form together with one of the following forms of payment:

- Cheque made payable to Balmain East (with your child's name or family name clearly printed on the back)
- With a receipt for a Direct Deposit through the Internet or any branch of Commonwealth Bank.
  Account Details: Balmain East After School Care
  BSB - 062 110  Account number - 0090 3605
- Credit card

FULL PAYMENT is required to confirm your booking.

If a chosen day is full, we will place your child on a waiting list and inform you if a place becomes available. You will not be charged to have your child placed on a waiting list.

Please note:

- Confirmed bookings are not-refundable.
- If your child is absent on any confirmed booking day, the fees from that day are non-refundable
- We are registered (number 555 010 782J) for the CCB rebate. Where applicable your rebate will be deducted from the daily fee
- SPACES ARE LIMITED ON EXCURSION DAYS - FINALISE YOUR BOOKING EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT