



# PIGEON POST



## Dates for the Diary

- **1 Nov** ~ Grand-friends' Morning - 9am-10ish
- **2 Nov** ~ Kindy 2017 Orientation Morning
- **2 Nov** ~ P&C Meeting - Staffroom - 7pm
- **7 Nov** ~ Cupcake Stall
- **7 Nov** ~ Chess Tournament
- **14 Nov** ~ 2017 OC Orientation Day
- **1-2 Dec** ~ Music Camp
- **5 Dec** ~ Music Evening
- **8 Dec** ~ 10am - Celebration of Learning
- **12 Dec** ~ Year 6 Graduation
- **14 Dec** ~ K-2 Performance
- **16 Dec** ~ Last Day of School

## Happy World Teachers' Day!

**Annually, in Australia, World Teachers' Day is celebrated on 28 October...**

Balmain Public School is fortunate to have a wonderful group of passionate, dedicated teachers, who bring to school with them, their expertise, experiences and talents, sharing these with your children, each and every day.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you, for the difference you are making to our children's lives, on a daily basis - **THANK YOU!**

*Maria Lambos ~ Principal*



## Change is a coming...

**Term 4 is the time of year that each school's executive are planning for 2017...**

At Balmain PS, initial planning has begun. On Wednesday 2 November, our current executive team, Ms May Ellwood (Stage One), Ms Lynda Lovett (Stage Two), Ms Belinda Mikhail Gogos (Stage Three) and myself, will begin evaluating our current school plan (as per our website) and ensuring our vision for the school is reflected in the programs we will be delivering in 2017.

Ms Ariana Davis (Early Stage One Coordinator) will be joining the team once the Orientation morning is over. Mrs Jo Edwards, Assistant Principal, who is currently on maternity leave, will also be joining us for our planning sessions, as she will be returning to Balmain Public School next year, in a part-time capacity of 3 days per week.

This planning is extensive, and unfortunately, cannot effectively be done after school, as we have a series of meetings on a weekly basis, as part of regular 'life' at BPS.

We are looking forward to planning for the year ahead and hopefully will be able share with our community soon.

We'll keep you 'posted'...a sneak peek at Class 14 preparations for 2017...



## Our community never ceases to amaze...

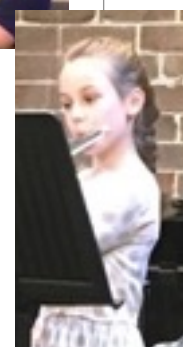
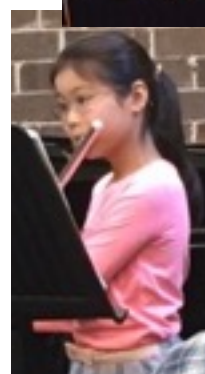
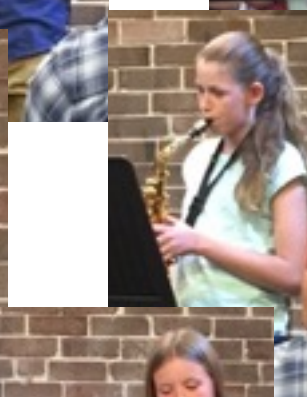
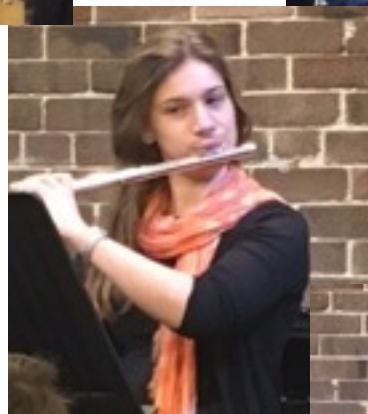
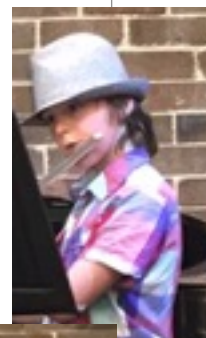
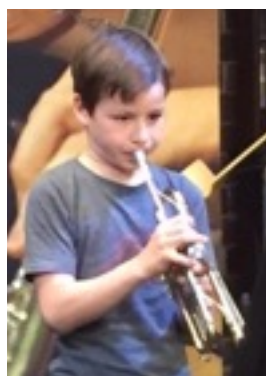
Last Sunday, several of our budding musicians performed at the 'Flutes and Friends' charity concert for *The Black Dog Institute*, in support of our super-talented band director, Naomi Robinson, who hosted the event. She is aiming to raise \$10,000 in support of this very worthwhile cause, already raising \$8,545 at time of publishing.

Thank you to our musicians, along with their families, for their support, especially taking time out on a Sunday!

**Tissue alert:** Naomi shares her incredible story...

<https://teamblackdog.gofundraise.com.au/page/NaomiRobinson>

100% of proceeds raised will go to *The Black Dog Institute*, who do vital work across Australia for mental health.



Naomi with some  
Balmain PS friends...



# BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Learn~Live~Lead



## Parent Orientation Information Morning Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 @ 9:30AM – 10.45AM

Kindergarten orientation for all prospective parents wishing to enrol their children at Balmain Public School for 2016.

This information morning will provide all prospective parents with an insight into the school and the kindergarten classrooms.

**Meeting point: School Hall**  
Parents will be required to stay in the hall and children will be supervised by current Kindergarten teachers.

## Cupcake Stall Monday 7th November

Morning Break

Cup Cakes \$1, \$2 or \$3



Please support Year 6!

...they are working hard to fundraise for their Year 6 Farewell and a School Gift.

Pigeon Post

# P&C Meeting

## Wednesday 2nd November

### 7pm

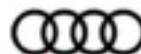
## in Staffroom

## All welcome... 🍁



## SUN 20<sup>TH</sup> NOV

Balmain/Rozelle  
**Community Bank**  
Branch Bendigo Bank



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**RS** RUNNING SCIENCE



CANADA BAY CLUB

**OE** FOOD STORES

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# HALLOWEEN DISCO

FRIDAY EVENING SAW A MULTITUDE OF INTERESTING, AND SOMEWHAT SCARY CHARACTERS CONVERGE ONTO THE GROUNDS OF BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL... MANY WERE SOMEWHAT RECOGNISABLE, WHILE OTHERS... WELL, LET'S JUST SAY THAT WE NEEDED TO HAVE A LITTLE PEAK BEHIND MASKS, JUST TO CHECK, INCLUDING JABBA... MWAH HA HA HA HA!



TWO SWEET LITTLE GIRLS, ADA AND ISLA, RAN A VERY SUCCESSFUL TOMBOLA STALL. AN AMAAAZING \$419 WAS RAISED!



BLOOD-CURDLING SCREAMS COULD BE HEARD ON THE PENINSULA



A HUGE THANK YOU MUST GO TO ALL THE GHOULS AND ZOMBIES INVOLVED IN MAKING THIS P&C EVENING POSSIBLE...

THANK YOU TO CLIFF AND HIS HALLOWEEN DISCO CREW

A GREAT NIGHT WAS HAD BY ALL!



# 3/4 Drum

What an exciting week it's been. 3/4 Drum has been involved in a marshmallow experiment, where they had to watch a marshmallow for 3 minutes, without eating or touching it. If, after the 3 minutes, they didn't touch the marshmallow, they would be awarded with another.

They were asked describe, in writing, how they felt while they sat watching the marshmallow, unable to eat it. Their answers were priceless. Sam O thought, "What if this marshmallow comes to life and jumps into my mouth!" Oh, the horror!



Marshmallow Madness





*6 Mustard*



*Learning  
Living  
&  
Leading*





Goooooooooooooaaaaaaaal!

Emily B, in 5 Learntils, recently spent time trialling for the upcoming 2017 soccer season...

Emily trialled and was successful in getting into the Sydney University National Premier League (NPL) U13 team. The National Premier League is the top tier of football in NSW.

Big brother, Matthew, in 6 Nice Lentil Soup, also trialled and was successful in gaining a spot in the APIA NPL1 U13 team. These positions are hotly contested and nearly a hundred children trial for 16 contracts. Nail biting stuff!

Both Matthew and Emily have also been selected to travel to Fiji, to play against other Oceania teams and local Fiji teams, in the Fiji Soccer Cup to be held in December.

**Congratulations to the both of you and Good Luck!**



# WANT TO BE A CODING NINJA?



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**Build your skills at Coderdojo's FREE kids'  
Saturday workshops @ Balmain Library!**

Calling all CoderDojo Ninjas  
(ages 7-17): join us to release your  
inner super powers!

Choose a project, and we will  
work together to make the magic  
happen!

We meet on Saturdays from  
2-4pm at Balmain Library.

Book your place online today.  
our workshops fill up quickly!

Term 4 dates: 29/10, 5/11, 12/11,  
19/11, 26/11, 3/12 & 10/12.

Email [balmain.au@coderdojo.com](mailto:balmain.au@coderdojo.com)  
or contact us via the  
CoderDojoSydney Facebook page.

**\*NOTE:** All children attending CoderDojo  
**MUST** have a parent or guardian with them.

Proudly supported by Balmain Library and the Inner West Council.



**CoderDojo**





# BPS CANTEEN

[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR ORDERS IN  
TERM 4 MENU BY THURSDAY 9AM!**

Oct 21 SUSHI

Oct 28 Beef & Rice

Nov 4 Meat Pies

Nov 11 Pork & Rice



Nov 18 Sausage Rolls

Nov 25 Dumplings

Dec 2 Chicken Schnitzel

Dec 9 Pizza



**KAFFEINE**



## NOW TAKING SUMMER UNIFORM DONATIONS

**EVERY WEDNESDAY from 0830-0855**  
**Starting: Wednesday 19th October**

**WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF ANY UNIFORM CLOTHING -  
LET'S PUT THEM TO GOOD USE BY GIVING THEM A NEW HOME.**

**All donations can be:**

- [1] Placed in the labelled plastic bin close to the lost property.**
- [2] Given at the collection stall by the hall before lines.**

**Please ensure that all clothing is clean, in sellable condition and clearly marked as a donation.**

**Prices will range from \$2 per item to half retail price for unworn or mint condition clothing.**

**Please contact Melissa [[meljwilkinson@yahoo.com.au](mailto:meljwilkinson@yahoo.com.au)] or Jane [[jane.williams@gmail.com](mailto:jane.williams@gmail.com)] with queries.**

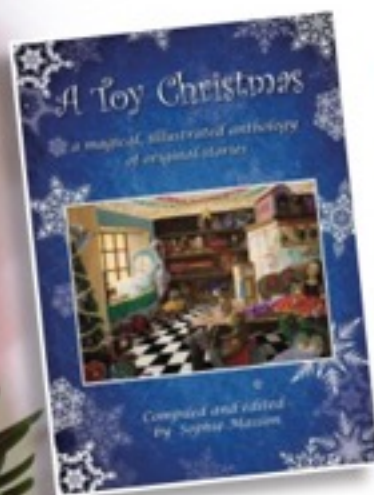
**This initiative is organised by the P&C; any profits go directly into making our school ever better.**





An evening event at  
with renowned children's authors

**Sophie Masson  
and Ursula Dubosarsky**



The launch of an anthology

**"A Toy Christmas"**

Compiled and edited by Sophie Masson.

An evening for the whole family to celebrate  
the start of the countdown to Christmas.

Door Prizes & Light Refreshments

All welcome Bookings online

[http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/  
news-and-events/whats-on](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/whats-on)

**Thursday, 17 November, 2016**

**6-8pm**

**Balmain Library Courtyard**



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**BALMAIN**  
**FUN RUN**

2KM

5KM

10KM



**SUN 20<sup>TH</sup> NOV**



**TOP NOTE MUSIC**



**☎ 9807 1272**



**In Term 1, 2017, 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 45minute 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 18th November, 2016.



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**MUSIC LESSONS**



Yes, I'm interested in my child in learning to play the piano/keyboard with Top Note Music School.

Child's Name ..... Class.....

School.....

We have our own instrument Piano ☐ Elec. Organ/Keyboard ☐ None ☐

Parental Approval..... ☎ Contact Phone No.....