



PIGEON POST

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Dates for the Diary

- **SUNDAY 20 NOV**
~ Belle Property
BALMAIN FUN RUN
- 23 Nov ~ Bandanna 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 ~ **Balmain by the Beach** ~1:30pm
- 15 Dec ~ Year 6 Fun Day
- 16 Dec ~ Last Day of School

2017

- 26 Jan ~ Australia Day ~ Public Holiday
- 27 Jan ~ Staff Development Day ~ Teachers & Staff only
- 30 Jan ~ Years One-Six & Year 5 OC back to school
- 1 February ~ Kindergarten start 'Big School'



Fun Run Freddie...

Fun Run Freddie paid Balmain Public School on Wednesday morning. We were all very excited as he handed out stickers to the latest children who've registered for Sunday's long-awaited and anticipated **Belle Property Balmain Fun Run!**

Mr Baumann announced the class currently winning the Class Challenge - **K/1 Mungbeans**, followed closely by **2 Splitpeas**, then **3/4 Drum** and **K Dawn...**

It's not too late to register, but you've only got until 6pm on Friday... www.balmainfunrun.com.au

Maria Lambos ~ Principal

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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

BANDANNA DAY

Buy a BANDANNA

On Wednesday 23rd we are hosting a Bandanna Day to raise money for Canteen.

Bandannas will be sold in the office for \$4 each.



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Your gift of a new toy or book will bring a smile to a disadvantaged child's face this Christmas.

Sadly, thousands of Aussie kids will go without receiving a gift this holiday season simply because their families can't afford it.

This year, with your help, The Smith Family aim to deliver over 45,000 new toys and 30,000 new books to disadvantaged children around Australia.

The Smith Family's
TOY & BOOK
APPEAL

IT'S ONLY CHRISTMAS WHEN WE SHARE IT

Purchase a gift online
toyandbook.thesmithfamily.com.au
It's quick and easy and allows The Smith Family to target those most in need.

OR Make a donation
toyandbook.thesmithfamily.com.au
Not sure which gift to choose? Donate to the Toy and Book Appeal and your funds will be used to purchase toys and books.

OR Shop for a gift
Bring in a new toy or book and leave it at the collection location listed below. We'll ship all the presents off to The Smith Family in time for Christmas.



**There will be a collection box in the Sick Bay (near Office).
Thanks for your support!**

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LATEST 5 LEARN TILS UPDATE

First five weeks of Term 4

ANNABEL ENTERED THE 'BALMAIN FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY' WRITING COMPETITION AND WON A HIGHLY COMMENDED.

HERE IS HER WINNING ENTRY!



5L have winners!

By Dawn

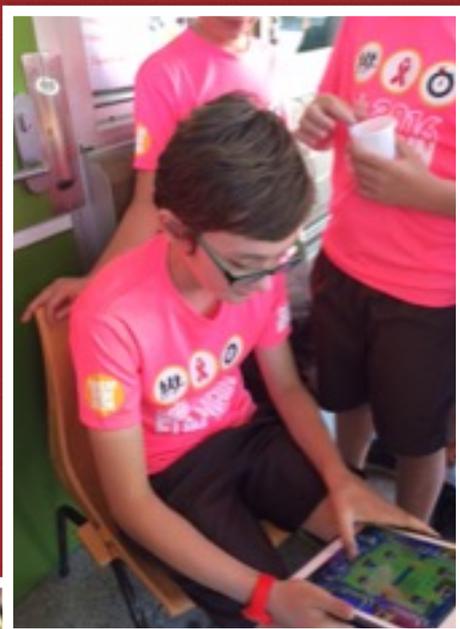
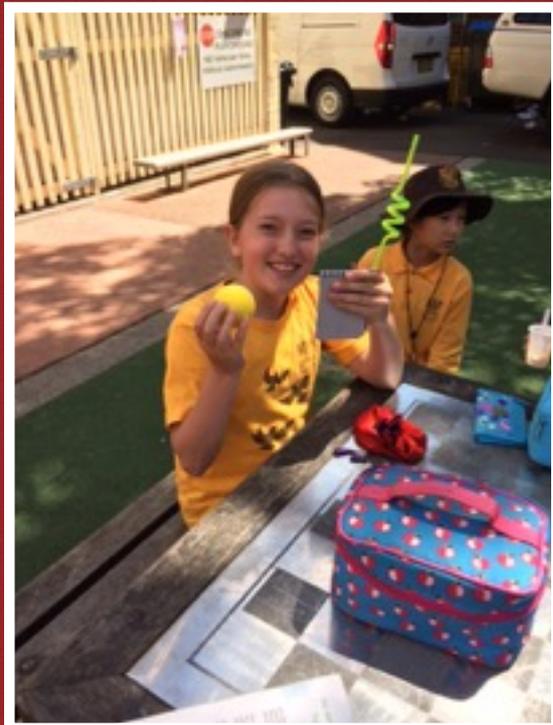
“Breaking news! All the words have disappeared from the books in Meadville Library!” The screen went static and a dastardly face came onto the screen. A raspy voice cackled, “By dawn I will have vaporised all your frivolous words from your petty little universe! For those brave enough to fight me, I will be on the top of Uluru!” Again the screen went static and Dawn turned off the television as fast as she could. She stared at the now blank screen in horror and then, as if someone had just flicked on the on button for her brain, she hastily packed her backpack and dashed out of her room, scribbling a note for her mother. She threw the note on the kitchen table and scrambled out the door. Dawn knew what she had to do, she had to save the world, but first she would have to get to Uluru.

Luckily Dawn lived in Yulara so the trip was only 43 minutes by car. She tried hailing a car, but it was starting to get late so she grabbed an abandoned bike and started pedalling, her thighs pumping. After a while she started to get tired. Very tired. Too tired to think. Too tired to pedal any further. She snapped to attention when a truck came hurtling towards her; Dawn veered to the right narrowly missing a pole and she tumbled to the ground, the bike smashing under the impact of her fall. Dawn climbed up the grassy hill, her dark hair flowing in the breeze. Dawn would never give up, even if it seemed the whole world was against her. She looked in the distance and saw the humongous rock about a kilometre ahead; Dawn wildly careered towards the massive rock. Meanwhile words were disappearing all over the place. The world (and Dawn's Mother) was in chaos with words swirling around them like hurricanes causing catastrophe. Cities were evacuating and the whole of Fiji was in lockdown. Not knowing the troubles that the world was facing, Dawn confidently strolled up to be face to rock with the rock. She opened her backpack, fished around for a minute and pulled out a grappling hook and a broken mirror. Why a mirror? I don't know, I have as much of an idea as you do. Dawn swung her hook, tightened her harness and started to climb up the famous Uluru. After 2 hours of tiresome pulling and exhausting climbing, Dawn finally reached the summit of Uluru and using the last of her energy she hauled herself up on to the top of Uluru. Dawn collapsed and it took all her strength to pull herself up again. She shakily stood to face the villain.

"Oh, so you've come to see the SNAKE-33 in action have you? No. You can't be a hero trying to destroy me - you are too weak and helpless" the villain concluded with his raspy voice.

"Well, I am just mystified as to how this strange machine works," Dawn lied. The villain went to turn on the machine but before he could, Dawn held the mirror up and bent the light, causing the machine to blow up! The villain raised his fist, but before he could strike, Dawn held up the mirror again and the light blinded the villain and he tumbled off the rock, his voice echoing through the air " I'll get you! You haven't heard the last of meeeee..."

PHOTOS FROM THE YEAR 6 FUN DAY



LUCA'S MOTHER, PETRA, HAS BEEN TEACHING INTERESTED STUDENTS GERMAN FOR MOST OF THIS YEAR DURING 'FREEDOM TO LEARN' (F2L) TIME.

Edie, Annabel, Ben, Sissi and Jacinta 'graduated' last week with an advent calendar that Petra made them to help them remember what they have learnt. Thank you, Petra.



CYBERBULLYING

A very serious issue, but we can still have fun, while we are learning the important messages....Arlo, Jules, Massyl and Cassidy wrote and performed a very entertaining rap. The message was still intact; that the effect of cyberbullying on other people is damaging.



FILM MAKING

No, we do not inflict horrifying injuries on students in 5L - they are quite capable of doing this themselves. Here Amy and Cassandra are preparing for the next scene in their film with 'makeup' ingeniously constructed from paint and tissues.



CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to our grandparents who shared stories from their youth during Grandparents Day. Ben's grandmother travelled from Queensland for the occasion and Alex's grandfather talked about his school days. Thank you for sharing!



Annabel's friends are helping her celebrate her birthday - Edie, Sahara, Annabel, Emily and Yichen



Emily and her 'mascot' are on their way to Fiji, where Emily is playing soccer for NSW in the Fiji Cup. While Emily is there, she will be playing lots of soccer, touring some local villages and meeting with some children affected by the cyclone. Good luck with the games Emily!



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DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR ORDERS IN

TERM 4 MENU BY THURSDAY 9AM!

Oct 21	SUSHI		Nov 18	Sausage Rolls	
Oct 28	Beef & Rice		Nov 25	Dumplings	
Nov 4	Meat Pies		Dec 2	Chicken Schnitzel	KAFEINE
Nov 11	Pork & Rice		Dec 9	Pizza	



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] or Jane [jane.williams@gmail.com] with queries.

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

