



PIGEON POST

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Dates for the Diary

- 30 Nov ~ Last Chance to buy at 2nd Chance Uniform Stall



- 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
- 14 Dec ~ Reports go home
- 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'



Highest English Score in NSW...

As you are no doubt aware, our school, as well as many others across the state, annually participates in ICAS, or International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Twenty countries around the world participate in ICAS!

Mieke F, in 6Nice Lentil Soup, as well as a student at Balmain Public School since Kindy, was presented with a medal at a special ceremony at the University of New South Wales today, along with 149 other students.

It was very exciting to watch Mieke up on stage, representing our school, receiving her medal for achieving the highest score possible for English in NSW. Her parents and I were positively beaming! What a proud moment! **Congratulations on your achievement, Mieke!**

Maria Lambos ~ Principal

Belle Property Balmain Fun Run

What a fabulous turnout last Sunday, for our Belle Property Balmain Fun Run! There were record entries this year and whilst we still don't know final numbers, it is anticipated that there will be a record return to our school, in addition to the incredible \$6,100 raised for Chris O'Brien Lifehouse!

The organising committee, consisting of parents and BPS staff reps, have spent the last 8 months working tirelessly to plan a great event - Sunday was an absolute credit to them! A huge THANKS must be given to Paul, Brenton, Mike, Natasha, Trudy, Doug, Kate, Annie, Ariana, Sean and Keith! THANKS SO MUCH! What an amazing team!

Thanks also go out to the myriad of people behind the scenes that made the day a huge success - too many people to mention individually, but you all know who you are - the bakers, chefs, photographers, etc! Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

Thanks must also go to the huge number of people who volunteered to assist with set up on Saturday, as well as on the day - there were an incredible amount of jobs/roles needed to be done and it's amazing the number of people, including staff and kids, who put up their hand to help out, no matter how boring or mundane the job seemed to be, but obviously important to ensure the smooth running of the event...*many hands make light work*, as they say...Thank you very much!

The winning class for the Class Challenge was K/1 Mungbeans! They all received a Hoyt's movie pass, thanks to Hoyt's Broadway!

The quality and professionalism of the Belle Property Balmain Fun Run never ceases to amaze me, and to think that it belongs to Balmain Public School! What a fabulous community we have!

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH! Your tireless efforts help put back into the school - the education of your children!






 The Smith Family
everyone's family

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.



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IT'S ONLY CHRISTMAS WHEN WE SHARE IT

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toyandbook.thesmithfamily.com.au

It's quick and easy and allows The Smith Family to target those most in need.

OR Make a donation

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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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workshops.
(Discounts apply)

\$30
per
workshop

all welcome
from

K-6

Christmas Craft Workshops

for details
please email:

Sally

youngarttsydney@outlook.com

at:
Balmain
Public School

Weds 3-5pm

30/11/16

7/12/16

14/12/16

friendly
& safe!

K Chickpeas



To all the little Chickpeas who started big school earlier this year,
It's almost time to leave kindy, and yes I'll shed a tear,
I've watched you grow and sprout,
and of fun memories, we're not in drought,
You have learnt to read and write,
Always surprising me, you're all so bright,
We have laughed together everyday,
And we wouldn't have it any other way,
Thankyou for sharing this year with me,
I'll never forget it my little chickpeas.

Love from Miss Curry

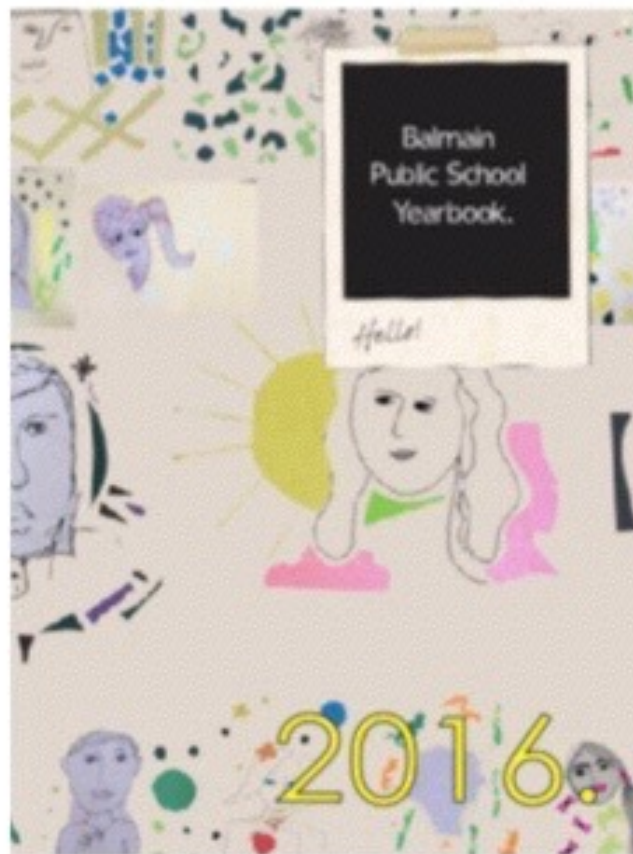






Term 4 highlights from class

It's that time of year again.



The 2016 Balmain Public Yearbook!

\$28

On sale NOW at Flexischools until **NOVEMBER 30th**

Due to the quick turnaround, no orders will be taken after this date. All yearbooks will be delivered to your child's classroom the week of December 12th. There will not be a re-order. Do not miss out on 60 pages of joy to cherish forever.

Any questions, please contact Ms. Dufty or Tiffany Zehnal (Yr 4 / Charlie Huebscher's mum) at heyzehnal@gmail.com.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 3/4 EDAMAME 2016

My highlight is going into Mrs Ellwood's class...Harry

My highlight of this year is the 3/4 production.....Moimir

All of stage 2 coming together to perform in a production... Freya

Going to music camp will be my highlight.... Sarah

When I went to the Primary Proms concert....Xavier

My highlight was the 3/4 Production.....Leo

I loved representing my school at district cross country....Charlie

Running in the Fun Run is my highlight.....Charlotte

Our night excursion at the observatory was my highlight because we learnt about stars and saw lots of bats....Cameron

My highlight was moving schools and I met Sarah...Harriet

The Observatory was my highlight. I saw the moon and cool looking stars through a telescope.....Sora

Moving classroom was my highlight.....Eva

My highlight of 2016 was the Primary Proms. That same night I had my first Subway....Rachael

My Highlight was playing PSSA against Wilkins and beat them three nil. I scored my 1st goal...Elijah

At the sports carnival I participated in long jump. On my 3rd jump I jumped 3metres and almost went to district...Phoebe

At the Primary Proms when we were singing the Papaya song. We were about to say, "Mama," when I shouted out, "Ma!!" We all started giggling and couldn't sing..... Laila



I loved it when PSSA started because I could make new friends from other schools....Micah

In the Big Dome we looked at the moon and saw craters during our observatory excursion.... Darcy. F

My highlight for 2016 was the stage 2 production...Toby

My highlight for 2016 was going to A district for the first time.....Sam

The day we moved classrooms.....Lachlan

My highlight was when I went to Primary Proms. It was the best!.....Alexia

My highlight was the Balmain Fun Run. I ran the 2km race and had Warhead Juice.....Coco

My highlight this year is the The Balmain Fun Run....Darcy S



We love technology!

Here we are researching Asian countries for our geography lesson.



We work well in teams and support each other's learning.





time for a dunking!





BPS CANTEEN

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

TERM 4 MENU

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



KAFEINE



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.





CALLING ALL GIRLS 5-15!



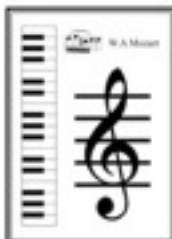
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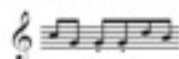
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In Term 1, 2017, we will continue to provide electronic keyboard organ / piano lessons for students at your school.
Students would be taught by a qualified music teacher for a 45minute lesson per week.
Tuition is **\$19.00 per lesson**. Family discounts for siblings are available.
To express your interest in providing this program, fill-in the form, and return to your school by Friday 2nd December, 2016.

✂----- cut and return this part -----✂

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.....