



PIGEON POST

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Dates for the Diary

- **5 Dec** ~ Music Evening ~ 6:30pm in Hall
- **7 Dec** ~ P&C Meeting
- **8 Dec** ~ **12:30pm** - Celebration of Learning ~ Balmain High School
- **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'



'Where words fail, music speaks'

~ Hans Christian Anderson

Students involved in choir, the Beethovens, the Bachs and Strauss' Strings, were offered the opportunity to attend a two day music camp at Stanwell Tops.

A huge thanks must go Ms Angela Curry, Ms Jenny Parkes, Ms Penny Biggins, Naomi, Aeree, and the tutors who also attended, working and playing with our kids!

A great time was had by all!

Maria Lambos ~ Principal

Classes for 2017

At this point in time, we will be forming 13 classes in 2017, although we are very close to 14, which may occur at any time!

We are setting up the classes in anticipation (fingers crossed) of reaching the magic number. If this is the case, we will form an extra Kindergarten class. All other classes will remain as is.

Currently, the 13 Class format is:

KD - Ms Ariana Davis

KR - Ms Lauren Read

1M - Ms Deepika Mistry

1Y - Ms Annabel Yau

2C - Ms Angela Curry

2M - Ms Mila Morris

3/4BP - Ms Lauren Burke (M-T) / Ms Jenny Parkes (W-F)

3/4C - Ms Victoria Clay

3/4MG - Ms Belinda Mikhail Gogos

5E - Ms May Ellwood

5L (OC) - Ms Lynda Lovett

5/6S - Ms Jennifer Stanley

6EN (OC) - Ms Jo Edwards (M-W) / Mr Blake Nuto (Th-F)

2017 @ BPS...

There are some changes in store for 2017 at Balmain:

Not returning in 2017:

Ms Jackie Dufty, despite becoming an Australian citizen, has decided to return to her beloved Canada. We will certainly miss her, although wish her the very best of luck!

Mr Sean Baumann is taking a break after 3 wonderful years at BPS and excited to pursue a new career and development opportunities. All the best of luck for your endeavours!

Ms Katina Comino - Orange Grove will not let her go! Lucky Orange Grove!

Returning in part-time capacity:

Mr Blake Nuto will be working 2 days in 2017 - Thursdays-Fridays

Welcoming back:

Ms Jo Edwards - returning from Maternity leave - Mondays-Wednesdays

Welcoming to Balmain:

Ms Annabel Yau (currently working with 5 Learntils)

Ms Mila Morris (currently working at Wilkins PS)

Ms Lauren Burke (currently doing some casual days at BPS)




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**There will be a collection box in the Sick Bay (near Office).
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Egg Society

Over the next few weeks, the OC classes will be building a society of eggs. While it may sound strange, the neighbourhoods have been formed, land has been auctioned, salaries and taxes set, businesses born, government grants administered and public services have been set up. Throughout this program, students will labour to understand civics and economics in order to build the 'wealthiest' society. How do we define 'wealth'? That is the key question of this simulation. So, if you see a student walking around with an egg, they aren't cracking up.





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1, 2 or all 3
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(Discounts apply)

\$30
per
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from

K-6

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at:

Balmain
Public School

Weds 3-5pm

30/11/16

7/12/16

14/12/16

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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

KAFFEINE

LAST WEEK
TO ORDER!!!

