



# PIGEON POST

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## Dates for the Diary

- **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'

**‘No man stands so straight as when  
he stoops to help a boy.’** ~ Knights of Pythagoras

**Nineteen 66** was a very good year (for me) as well as some others in our Balmain community...

Our community is very lucky that we have a special volunteer, Meryl, our Catholic scripture teacher, who has been coming to Balmain PS, each and every Friday, for **50 years!** We appreciate your dedication and commitment! Thank you so much!

We also thank the countless number of people who voluntarily give themselves to our school: for scripture and ethics, canteen, 2nd chance uniform stall, reading buddies, classroom assistance, organisation of P&C events, the Belle Property Balmain Fun Run...the list goes on and on and on!

***Balmain Public School are very THANKFUL for each and every one of you! THANK YOU SO SO MUCH!!!! You make a difference to our children's education!***

*Maria Lambos* ~ Principal

## Classes for 2017

As you are aware, preparations are well underway for our 2017 classes. The class groupings are dictated by the staffing formula handed to us by the Department of Education, then marrying this allocation with the needs of all students across the school.

When deciding on the classes for any year, we attempt to obtain as much information as possible to ensure that; given the resources of the school (number of teachers, classroom availability, number of children, etc..) we place children as best we can.

The classes are officially based on best social and academic fit - and they always will be.

What we do is have teachers form classes in consultation with the Executive. Please be assured that 99% of the time the issues the parents bring to us we know about and have dealt with already.

Interestingly enough, an avid number cruncher from another primary school in the Port Jackson network, has investigated the mathematics that goes with forming classes based on the possibilities and combinations. If we consider; academic need, social groups, equity needs, teacher possibilities, stage classes... there ends up being 47,119,316,493,900,000,000,000 (or 47 Sextillion) different combinations!

So please keep that in mind if your child does not end up with exactly their ideal combination!

## Viva la Musica @ BPS...



Monday evening saw, and heard, the musical talents of a number of the children at Balmain Public School...

The Beethovens, Strauss' Strings and Bachs, all performed superbly, as well as soloists, duets and other combinations.

**A huge THANKS** go to our Band Director, Naomi Robinson, Aeree Kim, our Strings Conductor, as well as our beloved Ms Biggins, who doubles as an accompanist by night.

**Many thanks** also go to the parent volunteers that pull many strings behind the scenes: Vanessa, Biddy and Janet.

We wish Aeree all the best with her endeavours in 2017 and thank her for her valuable contribution to our strings program over the past couple of years.

***Is anyone out there a strings conductor, by any chance?***





# School Holiday Workshops

Mosaics, Eco-Weaving, Dreamcatchers  
Design Your Own Pillowcase, Collage & more...

Tues 17th Jan & Weds 25th Jan  
10.00am-12.30pm & 1.30pm-4.00pm

Thurs 19th Jan & Mon 23rd Jan  
9.30am - 12.00pm

2017

years  
3-6  
or with adult

Next Term:  
Exciting  
NEW CLASS!

## ART JOURNAL CLUB!

Starts  
1/2/17

Wednesdays  
3-5pm

years  
3-6

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YOUNG AT ART

For more details, please email Sally at  
[youngatartsydney@outlook.com](mailto:youngatartsydney@outlook.com)



Did you know that Balmain Public School came 3rd in the NSW School State Fencing championships? Did you know that Balmain Public has a fencing team?

Her name is Freya McDowell, from 6N, and last weekend Freya competed in a major tournament against fencers from around Australia, plus NZ, China, Japan, Malaysia and Singapore.

Freya has finished 2016 as the 3rd ranked U13 foil fencer in NSW. She is off to the Australian Institute of Sport in December for the National Fencing Camp and has been invited to compete as part of the NSW team in the Asian Youth Grand Prix in Shanghai in April, 2017. **Congratulations and Good Luck, Freya!!!**

# CONGRATS, FREYA!!!!



# CONGRATS, LORIEN!!!!



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Congratulations Lori on placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in continuous sparring 8-10 y.o. (Adv Black Belt) at the recent AMAC Australian Titles Championships, qualifying along with her older sister, Jasmine, to represent Australia in both Japan and New Zealand in 2017. **Congratulations and Good Luck, Lori!**



# Our sponsors

We love them. They make this race possible. These businesses are not only the major supporters of the race, they are the cornerstones of our local business community.

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# *Celebration of Learning*

*K Chickpeas ~ Ms Angela Curry*

LEARN:Tristan Yew~Excellence in literacy

LEARN:Max Irvine Feeney~Excellence in mathematics

LIVE:Francesca Hagan~Being a friendly classmate and getting along with all her peers throughout the year

LIVE:Quin Stanton~Consistently persisting all year to achieve his goals and excel in class

LEAD:Olivia Pryor~Positive attitude to school and learning and willingness to help in the classroom

LEAD:William Bowen~Demonstrating an enthusiastic and positive approach to all areas of school life

*K Dahl ~ Ms Ariana Davis*

LEARN:Joe Sweeney~Consistent application and enthusiasm in maths

LEARN:Hugo Hamilton-Smith~Outstanding achievement in literacy

LIVE:Felisha Kwok~Always thinking that it's important to be caring, to be fair to others, to act responsibly, to be understanding and including of others

LIVE:Ashton West~Always trying hard to do his best and not giving up when something feels like it's too difficult

LEAD:Alexandra Kuiper~Inspiring her peers to learn more, do more and become more

LEAD:Toby Morrow~Consistently displaying positive work values, as well as leadership qualities

*K/1 Mung Beans ~ Ms Deepika Mistry*

LEARN:Dante Stokoe~A steady commitment to his learning this year and the subsequent realisation that he CAN do it

LEARN:Waima-Lee Ashby~Altruistically and persistently striving to be a successful reader

LIVE:Nia Sampson~Always respecting and sharing the knowledge of the world around her

LIVE:Sebastien Gooding~Consistently caring for his peers and advocating for others in situations of unrest

LEAD:Vivienne Talbot~Continuing to demonstrate maturity and a willingness to do the right thing in all situation

LEAD:Charlotte Fry~Always modelling perseverance and a strong sense of justice so as to positively influence those around her

*1 Jumping Beans ~ Ms Jen Lawson/Ms Jenny Parkes*

LEARN:Harry Marlow~Demonstrating a keen mind and prowess in mathematics

LEARN:Veronica Ha~Her unwavering persistence and dedication to her studies

LIVE:Grace Reardon~Demonstrating empathy, kindness and a strong sense of resilience

LIVE:Luca Darda~Demonstrating maturity, self-control and focus across social and academic aspects of learning

LEAD:Sofie Taylor~Leading quietly by example and always striving to achieve her best

LEAD:Mac Foster~Using his inquisitive nature and inherent love of learning to inspire those around him

*1/2 Runner Beans ~ Ms Lauren Read*

LEARN:Henry Courtice~Outstanding effort and application in mathematics

LEARN:Marcella Conaty-Hughes~Outstanding effort and application in English

LIVE:Finn Campbell~Being a kind and responsible student, who shows great care for our school

LIVE:Sarah Hall~Being a dedicated student who continually strives to achieve her best

LEAD:Emily Rumboll~Leading others by being a responsible student and a kind friend to others

LEAD:Drew Karakaidos~Leading others through his consistent effort and enthusiasm in all areas

*2 Split Peas ~ Ms Jennifer Stanley*

LEARN:Hayley McFadyen~Successfully building her knowledge and confidence in all academic areas

LEARN:Lachlan Ward~His quiet achievements of artistic excellence

LIVE:Harriet Watson~Her empathy and kindness towards others

LIVE:Rania Phillips~Successfully building her confidence and resilience

LEAD:Alex Taubman~Always demonstrating respect to others and showing courage

LEAD:Chloe Tay~Always demonstrating respect to others and her tireless dedication to her studies

*3/4 Bass ~ Mr Sean Baumann*

LEARN:Cooper Dunwoody~Excellent application to learning

LEARN:Ava Christoffersen~Exceptional development to her learning

LIVE:Matty Allt-Graham~Exceptional conflict resolution & getting along

LIVE:Cassia Davies~Outstanding development in confidence

LEAD:Elle Luhur~Superlative display of natural leadership skills

LEAD:Charlie Bennett~Stalwart leadership skills

*3/4 Drum ~ Ms Jackie Dufty*

LEARN:Leah Sedgley-Davis~Demonstrating excellence in literacy

LEARN:Zayle Englezos~Demonstrating on going dedication to literacy and numeracy

LIVE:Natalia Mestre~Demonstrating excellence in all areas of school life

LIVE:Pearce Tyson~You Can Do It! all-rounder

LEAD:Alexander Rumboll~Demonstrating exemplary classroom leadership

LEAD:Caitlin Yew~Demonstrating exemplary classroom leadership

*3/4 Edamame ~ Ms May Ellwood*

LEARN:Phoebe Morrison~Demonstrating excellence in literacy

LEARN:Darcy Finlay~Persistence and dedication to his school studies

LIVE:Cameron Robinson~Increased confidence to share his knowledge and empathetic opinions with others

LIVE:Rachael Hall~Demonstrating maturity, empathy and a strong sense of resilience

LEAD:Eva Scott~Extraordinary citizenship in all aspects of school life

LEAD:Toby Cooper~Leading by example as a positive and responsible role model

*4/5 Current ~ Ms Victoria Clay*

LEARN:Finn Cooper~Demonstrating excellence in mathematics and general dedication to his learning

LEARN:Katrina Chen~Her commitment and conscientious attitude to her learning in all areas

LIVE:Isla Smith~Her reliable and responsible approach to community events and her strong social conscience

LIVE:Leander Zimmermann~His empathy and sensitivity to others and for demonstrating maturity in his learning

LEAD:Tom Zorgdrager~His increased confidence and maturity in his learning

LEAD:Natasha Wong~Leading by quiet example in all aspects of school life

*5 Learntils ~ Ms Lynda Lovett*

LEARN:Annabel Krockenberger~Excellence and diligence in English and her expressive writing

LEARN:Jingcheng Zhu~Dedication to his studies and successful results in all subjects

LIVE:Jacinta Rees~Passion for, and success in, learning and her kindness towards others through a deep understanding of human nature

LIVE:Luca Ratnavadivel~Persistence and confidence in learning culminating in successful results

LEAD:Emily Brewster~Demonstrating leadership skills in maintaining her positive attitude and accepting problems as challenges

LEAD:Alex Hess~Leading positively by example through confident communication



*6 Mustard~ Ms Belinda Mikhail Gogos*

LEARN:William Naufahu~His demonstrated commitment to achieve his highest potential

LEARN:Joe Khalil~His outstanding efforts in learning

LIVE:Indya Farrington~Her commitment to see improvement within the school environment

LIVE:Paris Wei~Continually working towards academic improvement

LEAD:Sienna Christoffersen~Exceptional leadership skills

LEAD:Nikolai Shchekochikhin~Inspirational leadership skills

*6 Nice Lentil Soup ~ Mr Blake Nuto*

LEARN:Emi Ford~Exceptional diligence and application

LEARN:Ashwin Barrett~A love of learning

LIVE:Elijah Ross~Strength and perseverance

LIVE:Minha Kang~Empathy and understanding

LEAD:Anna Lucas~Leading the way in activism and determination

LEAD:Chenny Lee~Leading the way in passion and understanding

*MICHAEL WARD Community Award*

This year's Michael Ward Community Award is going to a student who has been quietly working behind the scenes all year supporting many teachers, over and above expectations. In this regard, Henry Kinnon is a mature, responsible and obliging student, who has involved himself in all realms of school life in a quiet, understated way, with warmth, compassion, initiative, humour, reliability and enthusiasm. Choir, canteen, kindy interactions – all run smoothly with Henry's nurturing and initiative. Most importantly he leads by example. In situations where there is disorder, as can occur in even the most well run institution, Henry is a stabilising and calming influence. Henry has the capability to connect with people – from toddlers to our parent community – with wisdom and integrity. An example of this was prior to the art show when he more than ably assisted parents and staff in preparations. To put it simply, Henry was the glue who held it all together. Most importantly, Henry is happy being Henry and we are so happy that Henry has been the most wonderful student, here at Balmain Public School.

*Music Awards ~ Ms Penny Biggins*

Junior~Luca Galama-Wilshaw

Senior~Harvey Young

Senior~Toby Cooper

*Visual Art 'Les Fleurs' Awards ~ Ms Sophie Parsons*

Junior~Johnny Hatzopoulos  
Senior~Elliot Banks

*Strauss' Strings Awards ~ Ms Aeree Kim*

Aileen Jiang  
Mischa Bendall

*Beethoven's Band Award ~ Ms Naomi Robinson*

Pearce Tyson~Outstanding improvement and enthusiasm

*Bach's Band Award ~ Ms Naomi Robinson*

Oliver Scott - Outstanding improvement and commitment to the Balmain Public school music community

*UNSW Faculty of Engineering Awards*

John Huh (6M)~Superior results in numeracy  
Christine Zou (6N)~Superior results in numeracy

*Sports Awards*

Overall Junior Girl Champion~Emily Brewster  
Overall Junior Boy Champion~Arno Coulon-Clark  
Overall Senior Girl Champion~Ada Rand  
Overall Senior Boy Champion~Matthew Brewster  
Overall Senior Boy Champion~Kobe Chatterton

Winning House~Lilli Pilli

*2017 Leaders*

Prime Ministers~Emily Brewster & Elliot Banks  
Girl Ministers~Edie Arkell, Ada Rand, Jacinta Rees, Isla Smith, Lorien Wong  
Boy Ministers~Finn Cooper, Fehlim Curson, James Lambert, Ben Ward, Isaac Yassa

# Shout-out for Volunteers in 2017

## Positions Vacant

***The Belle Property **Balmain Fun Run** is the largest fundraiser for Balmain Public School. In 2016, we raised over \$52k for the school and \$6k for the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse Breast Cancer Clinic.***

It's been staffed by parents of the school for the last 8 years who have been augmented by some paid staff for the last 2 years.

The majority of the committee is moving on and we need to refresh the team. Many members of the outgoing team will still be helping in 2017 and beyond, to ensure a great handover.

Being on the BFR committee is so much fun. Many friendships have been made over a late night discussion on the merits of competing port-a-loo locations, whether we should actively target divorce lawyers as sponsors and which guerrilla marketing ideas have the least chance of us ending up in jail.

***So, go on, put your hand up, do something great for your kids and yourself.***

**Chair of Organising Committee – This role is responsible for the successful delivery of the entire event. The role will lead and motivate the delivery team who will be responsible for managing the balance between creating an outstanding participant experience, delivering value for sponsors, generating revenue to the school and ensuring compliance with relevant authorities.**

Your immediate team will include volunteer and paid individuals managing sponsorship, marketing, merchandise, equipment, logistics and finance.

It's a busy and exciting role that places you at the centre of the school community.

The role will suit someone with some management experience, a significant amount of time in September, October and November and traditionally, a love of wine.

As was the case for the last 2 years, you may wish to do this role with another individual to lighten the load. Let us know if you're keen to do half of this role and we'll find a partner for you.



**Sponsorship Coordinator** – *This role is responsible for acquiring and managing a range of local sponsors. There are many existing sponsors who we have excellent relationships with, so the role will be 70% Account Management and 30% Business Development.*

The role will develop the value proposition and sponsorship proposal for 2017. You will work with a team who will manage the individual relationships with each sponsor to ensure we are delivering maximum value to them including *on the day* activities, social media and other promotions.

This role would suit someone from a sales or account management background. This role is busiest around June and July, when we approach the deadline for signing new sponsors and in the 2 months before the event.

**Marketing Coordinator** – *This role is responsible for spreading the BFR message to the school, running community and the local population.*

The role encompasses social media, PR, email communication to our database, school communication, BFR website and other promotional activities and events that you can invent.

This role would suit someone from a marketing background and should have a fairly moderate and even workload throughout the year.

**Social Media Coordinator** – *BFR has made massive strides in our social media presence in the last 2 years. Now it's time to take it to the next level. We want to engage, not just the Balmain and Running communities, but the wider Fitness and Health communities and convert them into entrants.*

The role would suit someone who has run social media campaigns not someone who just likes posting selfies of their kids and food (yes, you know who you are... it's most of you!!).

**Design Coordinator** – *The pink t-shirts this year were a smash hit. We also liked the posters, the banners, the logos, the caps and all our paraphernalia. We need someone to design these items next year.*

You'll need to have a background in graphic design or similar and be happy to produce a bunch of different marketing material to meet some fairly shabby deadlines.

***If you are interested in one of these roles, or would like to help in another way, please shoot Paul Foster an email at [pfoster@balrec.com.au](mailto:pfoster@balrec.com.au) or call 0422 800 501***





# KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

**BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL MONDAYS 3PM - 5PM**

THE KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE PRESENTS AN AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM THAT WILL INSPIRE YOUR CHILDS CREATIVITY. RUN DURING THE TERM IT IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP AND ENRICH SKILLS IN A VARIETY OF MEDIAS WHILE ALLOWING EACH STUDENT TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES INDIVIDUALLY IN THE ART MAKING PROCESS. THE PROGRAM CHANGES EACH TERM AND INCLUDES MEDIAS SUCH AS DRAWING, PAINTING, MIXED MEDIA, SCULPTURE, TEXTILE DESIGN AND ART COMPETITIONS. TAUGHT BY AN EXPERIENCED AND QUALIFIED ART EDUCATOR. WE PROVIDE ALL ART MATERIALS AND AFTERNOON TEA! \$30 PER CLASS

**BOOK FOR 2017!.....CONTACT:**

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## **KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:**

STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP (DARLING HABOUR) "DREAM" EXHIBITION - 2014, 2015 & 2016

WINNERS: CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA POSTER COMPETITION 2015

FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2014

WINNER: AVANT CARDS "CALLING ALL ARTIST'S" COMPETITION 2013

FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013

WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012

WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011

WINNER: AVANT CARDS "CALLING ALL ARTIST'S" COMPETITION 2010

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH:

THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY AND LITERACY FOUNDATION 2013

THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011





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