



PIGEON POST

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OCTOBER

- Mon 30 Oct ~ Grandparents & Grandfriends Day ~ 9-10am

NOVEMBER

- Wed 1 Nov ~ P&C Meeting ~ 7pm
- Mon 6 Nov ~ Chess Championship
- Mon 13 Nov ~ Selective High Schools applications for Year 7 2019 CLOSE
- Sun 19 Nov ~ Belle Property Balmain Fun Run

DECEMBER

- Fri 1 ~ 'Whizz Around the World' ~ Creative & Performing Arts ~ TBA
- Mon 11 Dec ~ Year 6 Graduation
- Fri 15 ~ Last day of Term 4

Learning from Kindy...



If you weren't able to be at Monday morning lines, you unfortunately missed out on our youngest members of the school teaching the rest of us a song, complete with actions, whilst Ms Biggins accompanied on the ukulele!

Too cute!

Maria Lambos ~ Principal



Congratulations must go to two very articulate young ladies - Emmie Bradbury (KD) and Mirabelle Futchter (2C) - who, on Monday 23 October, represented Balmain Public School, at the Ultimo Directorate Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition 2017 Port Jackson Network.

We are very proud of you!



Public Speaking

Congrats to our TOP CODERS, James & Dom!



On Tuesday 24 October, Dom W (5L) and I represented Balmain PS at the grand final of the ANSTO Top Coder Competition.

In the grand final, all the winners of the heats were there (representing 12 schools) and we had 2 hours to code a game, animation, art music or story on the topic of CLEAN OCEANS.

Dom and I developed a game around a plastic bag trying to escape the ocean as it does not want to:

1. Suffocate a fish
2. Be mistaken for a jellyfish and be swallowed by a turtle, or
3. Get caught on a rock and never escape the ocean.

We finished the basic game within the first hour (phew!) so in the second hour, we:

- fixed our glitches
- made it more challenging by making the game become harder more quickly
- edited the background and added a soundtrack
- created another fun (but not game changing) addition ... bubbles you can pop! The bubbles made the game much more enjoyable.

Dom and I were named the runners-up, which was pretty exciting. In total, 41 primary schools entered the ANSTO Top Coder Competition this year.

Thank you Mrs Lambos for allowing BPS to compete.

James L (6EN)



Year 6 Fun Day

A huge THANK YOU to the wonderful teachers and generous student community, who helped to make the year 6 Fun Day such a fabulous day for all!

An amazing \$2,365.45 was raised for the year 6 graduation! The year 6 students and the graduation committee are very grateful to all.



& GRANDPARENTS GRANDFRIENDS DAY

9 – 10am, Monday 30th October

In honour of grandparents and grandfriends Day on Sunday 29th October, BPS would like to invite all grandparents and grandfriends to visit the school on the morning of Monday October 30th. There will be a special performance of the junior choir at morning assembly, after which grandparents and grandfriends are welcome to join students in their classrooms until fruit break at 10am.

LOST SCOOTER



Amelia Hodges, from KR, has lost her red metallic Micro two-wheeler scooter. It is a bit faded, so almost looks orange. It was accidentally left at the school since last weekend and is now missing.

If anyone knows of its whereabouts we would love to find it - contact Josie on 0400 490 482.

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 1 Nov

7pm

Staffroom

All welcome!



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

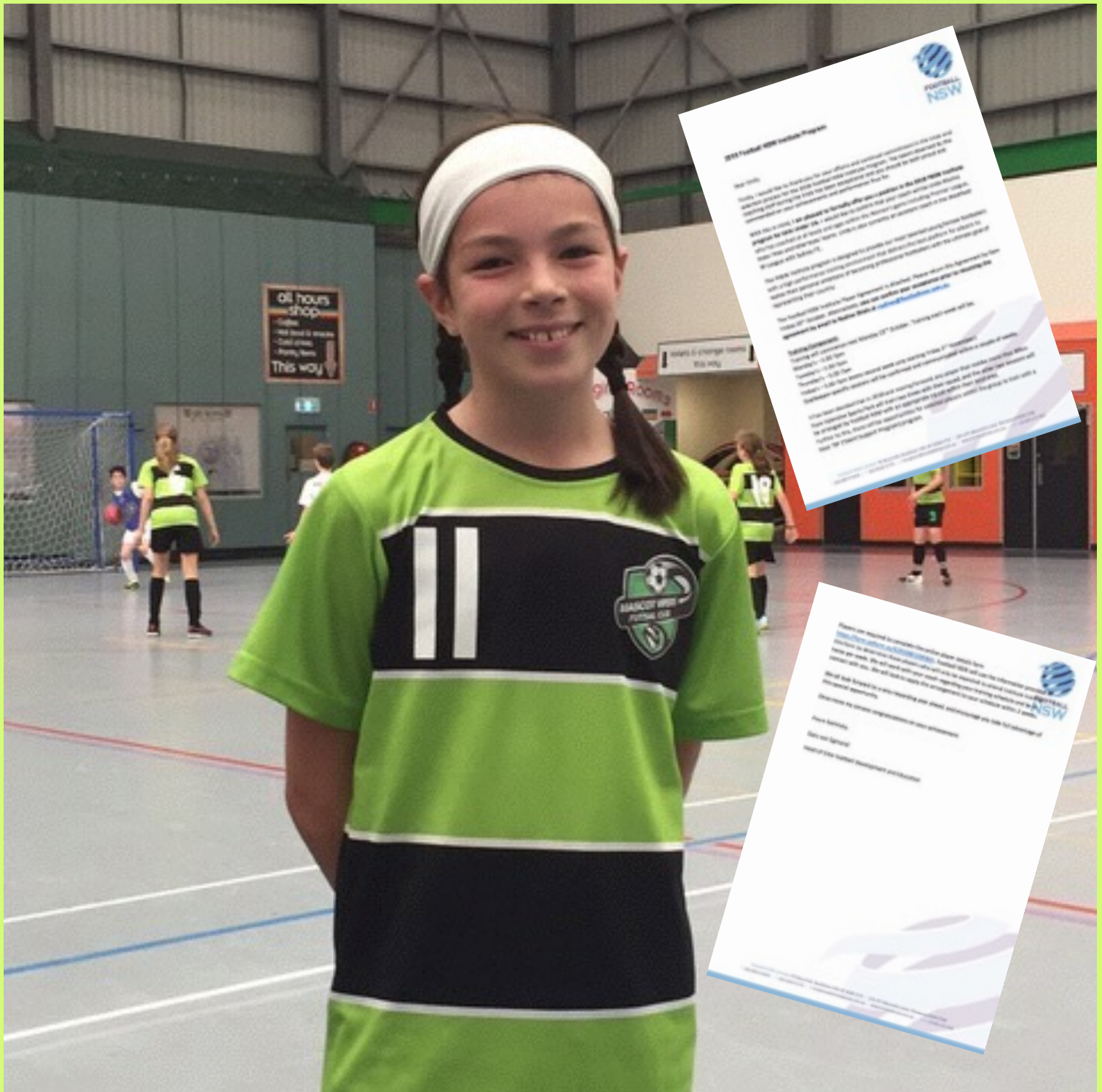
TERM 4 MENU

Oct 20	Dumplings		Nov 17	Beef & Rice	
Oct 27	Poached Chicken Wrap	KAFEINE	Nov 24	Sushi Hub	
Nov 3	Pork & Rice		Dec 1	Butter Chicken	
Nov 10	Pulled Pork Wrap	KAFEINE	Dec 8	Penne Napoletana	

Elite Emily

Emily has spent the last couple of weeks trialling at the NSW Institute for the Elite Womens Football program for next year. This has required her to be out for 4 nights over this period.

Emily is very pleased to say that she has been selected in the elite program for the new 2018 season. The institute is seen as the pathway for representing your state and even playing for Australia.



World Teachers' Day...

**In Australia, very last Friday in
October is World Teachers' Day.**

**A huge THANKS must go to each
and every teacher at Balmain
Public School, who make such a
difference in your children's
lives.**

**World
Teachers'
Day 2017**

Friday 27 October



CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP!!

The battle for the Balmain Public School Chess Championship will be held in Term 4, on **Monday 6th November** from 9:00am-12:30pm. The tournament is open to any student who knows the basic rules of chess.

The format of the tournament is a Swiss, meaning that all players compete in all rounds (approximately 7 games), and no one is knocked out. There will be trophies for the top 3 scorers, medals presented as age prizes, as well as certificates for everyone who takes part.

If your child is interested in taking part, please email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy of the enrolment form. **For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.**

CODERDOJO @ BALMAIN TOWNHALL - TERM 4



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Join the fun!

Learn to make games, websites, apps and more...

Make your own cool projects

Meet other coders

Mentors are there to help and ... its FREE!

Bring along...

- your imagination and enthusiasm
- your laptop
- your project buddies
- your parent or guardian (a must for U13)

**When: Every Saturday from 21 Oct - 9 Dec
2 to 4 pm**

370 Darling Street, Balmain NSW 2041 - Town Hall - Upstairs in the ballroom

WEB: tinyurl.com/y9huln4n Email: balmain.au@coderdojo.com.au

CoderDojo is a global network of volunteer-led, independent and community-based programming clubs for young people aged 7 - 17.





[RUNNING SCIENCE ARE A LONG STANDING SPONSOR OF BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL via the BELLE PROPERTY BALMAIN FUN RUN](#)



Running Science is growing its community running groups.

Our newest and most exciting service addition, is our group-based interval training that happens twice a week, every week, all year round. The group is growing and is mainly Mums and Dads from the local inner-west community.

The focus is on community creation, individual running needs and goals, as well as some good old high heart rate fun.

Next week we will be running our sessions aimed squarely at the “elevation challenges” that the Balmain Fun Run duly provides and will tackle some of the hills of Callan Park: **5.45am Tuesday and Thursday mornings**

Come along. First Run is absolutely free for members of Balmain Public School.

Links to more information are:

<https://runningscience.com.au/coaching/>

<https://www.facebook.com/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups>

HALLOWEEN DISCO...

On behalf of the P&C, I would like to acknowledge the generous dinner voucher gifts of \$100 & \$50 donated by 'Our Place On Darling' Restaurant, that were used for the 'Best-Dressed Adult' prizes for 1st & 2nd, consecutively.

Thank you also to all the volunteers that helped decorate the hall & did general set-up, managed ticket entry, pizza ordering & delivery, cordial preparation & drinks service, dinner service & final clean-up [including the school staff].

Without your help, this event would not have been possible.

Cliff



THE 2017 BALMAIN PUBLIC YEARBOOK

ONLY \$30

Due to quick turnaround, NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER
17TH NOVEMBER.

All yearbooks will be delivered to your child's classroom before
the last day of school.

Order ASAP, so you don't miss out!
any questions, please contact Tiffany (Charlie Huebscher's mum)
heyzehnal@gmail.com



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You're invited to celebrate the

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

by participating in the Access All Areas Film Festival School's Program

We provide you with:

- Age appropriate, quality Australian short films to screen for your class via the smartboard with audio described and open caption choices
- A quality teaching program for exploring issues around exclusion

Participation is FREE, just download everything you need from our website.

The Festival experience will support students to gain greater insights into issues for people with disability, develop a greater appreciation for our diverse community and extend their communication skills.

2017 Screenings 1st November - end term 4
Booking forms and more information are available
at www.bardicstudio.com.au/schools
or email jacqueline@bardicstudio.com.au

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Supporting parents and carers of children & teens with
ADHD, learning difficulties, and co-existing conditions

ADHD and Co-Existing Conditions

Dr Patrick Concannon

Developmental Paediatrician

Dr Concannon will discuss emotional and social issues in children with ADHD and co-existing conditions, particularly those with learning difficulties, Oppositional Defiance Disorder and Aspergers. He will also cover behavioural therapies for this group of children. A practical presentation with plenty of time for questions.

WHEN	Thu 16 November, 2017
TIME	7.00pm - 9.00pm
VENUE	Dunmore Lang College, (adjacent Macquarie Uni) 130-134 Herring Road, NORTH RYDE, NSW 2113 <i>Public Transport: Macquarie Uni train station, Off-road and street parking.</i>
RSVP	www.trybooking.com/293975
DONATION	\$5.00 for catering at the door.

ALL WELCOME!
**Stay for supper to meet the speaker
and other parents and carers.**