



# PIGEON POST

Learn ~ Live ~ Lead

## JANUARY 2018

- Mon 29 ~ Staff Development Day (no students)
- Tues 30 ~ Years 1-6 return

## FEBRUARY

- Mon 5 ~ Kindergarten start



## Where did the year go?

**What an amazing year it's been again...**it only seems like yesterday that we were starting Term One!

I'd like to take the opportunity to wish you all the very best for the holiday season...stay safe and happy; enjoy the time with your loved ones.

To the families that are leaving the Balmain PS family, thank you for your contributions to making this school the best - good luck in the future!

To our Year 6's, we'll miss you all - go out there and continue making a difference - all the best for high school!

We bid a fond farewell, for 2018, to some of our beloved staff - **Jenny Parkes, Blake Nuto, Victoria Clay** and **Lauren Burke** - each of you have made such a difference to our kids' education - thank you and enjoy the journey you are travelling in 2018! We'll miss you all!

Have a relaxing and rejuvenating break!

*Maria Lambos* ~ Principal

KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
BE  
MERRY



IT'S CHRISTMAS!



# Celebration of Learning

## K Dolomites - Miss Ariana Davis

### Learn:

**Oscar Lloyd-Roberts** - Consistent application and enthusiasm in maths

**Emmie Bradbury** - Outstanding achievement in literacy

### Live:

**Cleo McPherson** – A positive outlook on life and approaching everything with a smile

**Rosie Finlay** - Always thinking that it's important to be caring, to be fair to others, to be understanding and including of others

### Lead:

**Zara Rutherford** - Always supporting and encouraging her peers

**Connor Taubman** - Consistently displaying positive work values, as well as leadership qualities

## K Pacific - Miss Sophie Parsons

### Learn:

**Charlotte Hegge** - Outstanding achievement in every KLA

**Kateryna Tkachuk** - Outstanding achievement in every KLA

### Live:

**Harriet Jouana** - An excellent attitude towards every aspect of school life

**Oliver Dryden** - An excellent attitude towards every aspect of school life

### Lead:

**Ky Devlin** - Displaying leadership skills and setting an example for others to follow

**Arabella Stokoe** - Displaying leadership skills and setting an example for others to follow

## K Rainforest - Mrs Lauren Goodridge

### Learn:

**Imogen Rutgers** - Outstanding effort and academic achievement in all Key Learning Areas

**Remi O'Brien** - Being an outstanding student through her conscientious approach to all learning tasks

### Live:

**Luca Larocca** - Being a dedicated student, a considerate friend and a great team player

**Demi Georghiou** - Consistently trying her very best in all that she does and demonstrating kindness towards others

### Lead:

**Farran Weir** - His amazing sense of responsibility and ability to work cooperatively

**Lauren Booth** - Leading others by being a fantastic role model in every aspect of school life

## 1 Masai Mara - Ms Jana Smith

### Learn:

**Ben Smith** - A positive attitude to learning and always willing to help in the classroom

**Arkie Elvy Mourd** – Being a kind and responsible student; with a positive attitude

### Live:

**Tristan Yew** - Consistent application and enthusiasm in all academic areas.

**Jackson Nicol** - Demonstrating continual dedication and focus to all areas of learning.

### Lead:

**Micah Callaghan** – Being a good role model to his peers; always being responsible, caring and friendly.

**Frankie Hagan** - Demonstrating an enthusiastic approach to all areas of school life and being a responsible and positive role model to her peers.

# *Celebration of Learning (continued)*

## **1 Yosemite - Miss Annabel Yau**

### **Learn:**

**Toby Morrow** - Creativity and ability to draw connections between his learning and personal interests

**Felisha Kwok** - Dedication towards learning and consistent achievements across all Key Learning Areas

### **Live:**

**Ian Yip** - Genuine love of school and the positivity he brings to his peers and teachers every day

**Olivia Pryor** - Friendly, helpful and mature attitude towards all peers and teachers

### **Lead:**

**Hannah Ockerby** - The qualities of confidence and resilience she has continued to build throughout the year

**Henry Saldumbide** - Empathetic nature and willingness to help others in need

## **2 Cairo - Miss Angela Curry**

### **Learn:**

**Alex Lau** - Consistently producing quality work and challenging himself to extend his learning

**Sarah Hall** - Love of learning and working hard to achieve her learning goals

### **Live:**

**Matilda Reid** - Enthusiastic approach, throughout all aspects of school

**Harry Marlow** - Being an inquisitive learner and a compassionate class member

### **Lead:**

**Lexie Bradbury** - Consistently demonstrating leadership qualities throughout the year

**Will Booth** - Being a fair and thoughtful leader in 2C

## **2 Machu Picchu - Miss Mila Morris**

### **Learn:**

**Sophie Taylor** - Unwavering persistence and dedication to her studies

**Frederick Buckell** - Enthusiastically and persistently striving to be a successful and confident reader

### **Live:**

**Emily Rumboll** - Being a kind and responsible student, who shows great care for our school and our classroom

**Andrew Karakaidos** - Being a dedicated student who continually strives to achieve his best inside and outside the classroom

### **Lead:**

**Andrew Allt-Graham** - Leading others by being a responsible student and a kind friend to his peers

**Logan Philipiah** - Inspiring her peers through her fundraising endeavours, and creating excitement for them to support charities that are close to their hearts

## **3/4 Costa Rica - Ms Victoria Clay & Ms Sharlene Tauia**

### **Learn:**

**Asha Sutton** - Impressive work ethic and high achievement across all areas, particularly in English

**Marcella Conaty-Hughes** - Dedication to her learning and her high achievement across all areas, particularly in mathematics

### **Live:**

**Freya Pidcock** - Unwavering persistence, resilience and dedication to her learning and for her overall achievement

**Nicholas Graves** - Demonstrating empathy and sensitivity to others, and maturity in all aspects of school life



# *Celebration of Learning (continued)*

## Lead:

**Phoebe Morrison** - Demonstrating excellent classroom leadership and for a showing great initiative

**Alexia Karakaidos** - Strong leadership, enthusiasm for all things and always striving to achieve her best

## **3/4 Madagascar - Ms Belinda Mikhail Gogos**

### Learn:

**Chloe Tay** - Outstanding efforts in learning

**Keira Chatterton** - A commitment to learn all she can

### Live:

**Chloe Bridge** - A positive and enthusiastic approach to school life

**James Taubman** - Outstanding citizenship

### Lead:

**Hannah Banks** - Natural leadership in the classroom

**Alex Rumboll** - Outstanding leadership

## **3/4 Pyramids - Ms Jenny Parkes & Ms Lauren Burke**

### Learn:

**Charlotte Penny** - Dedication to the pursuit of living a life of learning

**Ava Rutgers** - Embodying the Balmain School motto of learn, live, lead

### Live:

**Cooper Dunwoody** - Leading by example with kindness, maturity and responsibility

**Cassia Davies** - Leading by example through maturity, organisation and self-direction

### Lead:

**Santi Leguizamon Suarez** - Displaying an enquiring mind across all key learning areas

**Luisa Petrosino-Ceccon** - Exemplary growth in learning this year

## **5 Ecuador - Ms May Ellwood**

### Learn:

**Matthew Taubman** - Persistence and dedication to his learning

**Darcy Finlay** - Commitment and a conscientious attitude to his learning in all areas

### Live:

**Charlie Huebscher** - Demonstrated maturity, empathy and strong sense of integrity

**Toby Cooper** - Perseverance, empathy and strong social conscience

### Lead:

**Daphne Mason** - Leading by quiet example

**Anahita Dubey** - Leading the way in passion, empathy and kindness

## **5 Louvre - Ms Lynda Lovett**

### Learn:

**Dominic Wee** - Consistent and successful results in mathematics

**Kalanie Prabhakar** - Excellence in English

### Live:

**Leela Badami** - Solid perseverance in all aspects of school life

**Luca Gillard** - Active enthusiasm and energy in all learning activities

### Lead:

**Paul Braoudakis** – Role-modelling how to get on with others and form successful relationships

**Matisse Liu** - Natural leadership in classroom activities and on the sports field

# *Celebration of Learning (continued)*

## **5/6 Svalbard - Miss Jennifer Stanley**

### **Learn:**

**Elliot Banks** - Boundless enthusiasm and consistent excellence in all academic areas

**Felicia Yu** - Outstanding performance in mathematics

### **Live:**

**Lucy Edwards-Argent** - Embodied vitality and achieving success in all that she puts her mind to

**Jade Ward** - Empathy and kindness towards all others

### **Lead:**

**Fehlim Curson** - Demonstrating integrity, honesty and loyalty, and being an excellent role model for others

**Arnaud Coulon-Clark** - Positive political activism and his respect for others

## **6 AmazEN - Mrs Jo Edwards & Mr Blake Nuto**

### **Learn:**

**Annabel Krockenberger** - Excellence in English and mathematics

**Cassandra Szmajda** - Striving for excellence in learning

### **Live:**

**Emily Brewster** - Active enthusiasm and involvement in all aspects of school life

**Jacinta Rees** - Maturity, dedication and commitment to all aspects of school life

### **Lead:**

**Lorien Wong** - Outstanding, mature and active leadership skills

**James Lambert** - Positive role modelling and leadership qualities

## **Music - Ms Penny Biggins**

### **Early Stage One:**

**Zara Rutherford** - Application, understanding and enthusiasm in all music activities

### **Stage One:**

**Theo Rutgers** - Enthusiasm and musicality, especially his contribution to school percussion

### **Stage Two:**

**Alexia Karakaidos** - Mature musical understanding and overall excellence in all music activities

### **Stage Three:**

**Jacinta Rees & Ben Sweeney** - Musical excellence and contribution to music life at Balmain PS

## **Visual Art - Ms Amelia Fitzgerald (ES1) & Ms Sharlene Tauia**

**Early Stage One** - Elizaveta Shchekochikhina

**Stage One** - Hugo Hamilton-Smith

**Stage Two** - Alexia Karakaidos

**Stage Three** - Jacinta Rees

## **Michael Ward Community Award**

**Natasha Wong** - An outstanding citizen and can always be relied upon to lend a hand to teachers, community members and students. She possesses a maturity beyond her years, a genuine care and kindness towards others and is an overall superb role model.

## **Fred Hollows Humanity Award**

**Ada Rand & Edie Arkell** - Showing compassion and empathy towards others, working hard this year to make a difference both within our school and beyond.

# *Celebration of Learning (continued)*

## **Band Awards**

Bach Band - **Massyl Kessal** - Incredible enthusiasm and fast improvement

Beethoven Band - **Darcy Finlay** - Excellent attitude and dedication to practice and music

## **Strings Award**

Whole Ensemble - **Annabelle Krockenberger, Sen Sweeney, Jacinta Rees, Lorien Wong, Peter Sandwich, Sahara Ali, Sam Flax, Yichen Zheng, Charlotte Wong, Kylie Lin**

## **UNSW Faculty of Engineering Awards**

**Finn Cooper & Jingcheng Zhu** - Achieving Academic Excellence for superior results in numeracy

## **Maths Olympiad Medal**

**Luca Ratnavadivel** - perfect score in the Australasian Problem Solving Maths Olympiads

## **Sport Awards**

Overall Junior Girl Champion for 2017 - **Hannah Banks**

Overall Junior Boy Champion for 2017 - **Lachlan Ward**

Overall Senior Girl Champion for 2017 - **Lucy Edwards-Argent**

Overall Senior Boy Champion for 2017 - **Luca Gillard**

Winning House - **Lilly Pilly**

# *Student Leadership 2018*

## **Prime Ministers**

**Luca Gillard**

**Daphne Mason**

## **Ministers**

**Toby Cooper**

**Darcy Finlay**

**Charlie Huebscher**

**Ethan Mann**

**Matthew Taubman**

**Ava Christoffersen**

**Milly Ereira**

**Ingrid Lyford**

**Maya Sarnoff**

**Jade Ward**

## **Governor-General**

**Mrs Maria Lambos**



## 2017 Year 6 Students

Sahara Ali  
Elliot Banks  
Finn Cooper  
Fehlim Curson  
Sam Flax  
Alexander Hoogerwerff  
Annabel Krockenberger  
Amy Lee  
Sandy Ma  
Ada Rand  
Arlo Roberts  
Ben Sweeney  
Cal Wolfson  
Isaac Yassa  
Jingcheng Zhu

Jonah Antrum  
Emily Brewster  
Arno Coulon-Clark  
Lucy Edwards-Argent  
William Foord  
Jacon Johnstone  
James Lambert  
Sam Leece  
Cassidy Newman  
Luca Ratnavadivel  
Peter Sandbach  
Cassandra Szmajda  
Lorien Wong  
Callum Young

Edie Arkell  
Fynn Buttery  
Sean Coulon-Clark  
William Egiziano  
Marcel Geczy  
Massyl Kessal  
Jacob Lazarou  
Jody Lei  
Sissi Peng  
Jacinta Rees  
Isla Smith  
Ben Ward  
Justin Xu  
Yichen Zheng





# *Giving Tree Assembly...*



**What an amazing, generous community - your donations are overwhelming...**

**Thanks to you, there will be many children who will now have a gift to open for Christmas.**



**Thanks to Victoria, Harry Marlow's mum, for coordinating this event. The Salvation Army are so grateful.**





# *Year 6 Graduation...*



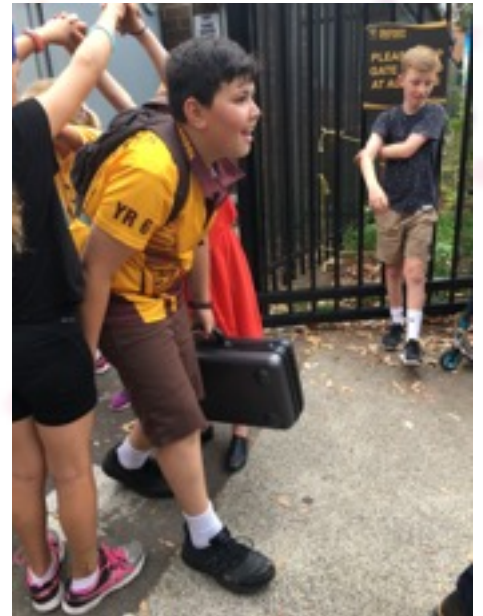


# Year 6 Gifts...





# *Farewell...*



*...Year 6 and our leaving families!*



# Many Thanks!



**THANK YOU** to each and every one of you, who have made Balmain Public School such a fabulous place again in 2017! You are all so generous and give in so many ways...

We have **amazing teachers**, both class and support, at this school - **THANK YOU** for your passion and dedication to your craft of educating our students and making such a difference!

**THANK YOU** to our **administration staff** - Jenni, Michelle and Angela - you keep the heart of the school pumping!

A huge **THANK YOU** to the **P&C**, under the steerage of the **P&C executive team** - such a dedicated, supportive group of people, whose aim is to ensure the students are educationally resourced, as well as the school environment being as attractive as possible!

**The Belle Property BALMAIN FUN RUN committee**, who deliver an incredible event - a major fundraiser for the school! **THANKS SO MUCH!**

To all the **volunteers** in our **Balmain community**, an **ENORMOUS THANKS!** Without you, we wouldn't have helpers in the classroom, a canteen, second chance uniform stall, band/strings organisers, working bees, furniture movers, setting up and packing away for events, costume creators, ethics coordinators, excursion helpers, Year 6 Graduation team....and the list goes on!

**THANKS to everyone!!!! Enjoy a well-deserved break!!!**

**Happy Holidays!!!**



# House T-Shirts for Sports Carnivals!



Support your house in style...

Follow the link to the Pickles website:

[https://www.picklesschoolwear.com/  
shop?school=balmain-public-school](https://www.picklesschoolwear.com/shop?school=balmain-public-school)

A huge THANKS to Lyndal Rutgers -  
Imogen, Theodore and Ava's mum,  
who organised the House T-shirts!  
The kids will look great at carnivals!

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Feathered friends Mask making, 'Art Room Theatre day', sewing, junk-art sculptures, Jewellery making for Girls and Boys', comic writing and drawing and more...

January 15, 19, 23, & 25 2018

Morning workshops \$50 each - 10.00am-12.30pm

Afternoon workshops \$50 each - 1.30pm - 4.00pm

ages  
6-12  
or with adult

Or ALL DAY options available:

10am-4.00pm or 9am - 5pm

## NEXT TERM:

## 'ART CLUB!'

(this class is for kids who especially LOVE to draw!!)

Ages  
7-12

**Tuesdays: 3-5pm** from 30/1/18

new  
class

## 'ART NINJAS!'

**Thursdays: 3-4.30pm**  
from 1/2/18

years  
K-3

MATERIALS & SNACKS  
are provided at all  
classes and workshops



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[youngatartsydney@outlook.com](mailto:youngatartsydney@outlook.com)





# *Creative Writing and Storytelling*

## **HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

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**OUR INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS :**

- Will get imaginations firing
  - Create crazy characters, fantastical worlds and heart-pounding plots
  - Include games, craft & more – all in the name of bringing your story to life.
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Enquiries: **0414 414 268**

**tiffany@storysquad.com.au**



# Carols on Norton

Sunday 17 December

Pioneers Memorial Park 7.30pm

Featuring the Leichhardt Espresso Chorus,

the Inner West Children's Choir,

Moorambilla Voices - MAXed OUT, and our very own

Tinsel Orchestra all led by Michelle Leonard OAM

Bring your family, friends and a picnic

to this free event



Inner West Children's Choir

Join us for

## Carols on Norton

Register on Friday November 24 at 4pm

at Leichhardt Primary School.

All singers yr3-yr6 welcome

Weekly rehearsals held 4pm-5pm

at Leichhardt Primary School

until the 17th December

**It's free!**

If wet we are in Leichhardt Town Hall. All details: [espressochorus.com.au](http://espressochorus.com.au)



2 day combo deal = \$90 for both days  
All participants need to be a PCYC youth member = \$10 annual fee

Location: 2-4 Minogue Crescent, Forest Lodge, 2037



**Enrol now** and join the Kids At The ARThouse every Monday 3pm - 5pm at Balmain Public School for lots of creative fun and art making. This visual arts program will enrich and inspire every student's creativity through a variety of art practises. Painting, printmaking, sculpture, drawing, mixed media and many more techniques are taught throughout the year. We supply everything including afternoon tea! All students from K-6 and from other schools welcome!

Come along, have lots of fun and unleash your creative spirit!

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**KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:**

STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP (DARLING HARBOUR) "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 & 2010

FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013

WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012

WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011

THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY AND LITERACY FOUNDATION 2013

THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011

