



PIGEON POST

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Dates for the Diary

• FEBRUARY

- Every Friday until 7th April
~ FOOTSTEPS
- Thurs 16 Feb ~ BAND
AUDITIONS
- Wed 22 Feb ~
SCHOOL PHOTOS
- Thurs 23 Feb ~
SCHOOL PHOTOS

• MARCH

- Every Friday until 7th April
~ FOOTSTEPS
- Wed 1 Mar ~ P&C meeting
~7pm
- Thurs 9 Mar ~ Selective
High School Placement
Test (Year 7 2018)
- Fri 10 Mar ~ P&C
WELCOME EVENING (see
flyer)

• APRIL

- Every Friday until 7th April
~ FOOTSTEPS
- Fri 7 Apr ~ LAST DAY OF
TERM ONE



'We rise by lifting others' ~ Robert Ingersoll

Balmain PS Friday morning was abuzz with community spirit... we had our annual P&C Welcome Breakfast, as well as a fundraiser for a special little boy...

Maria Lambos ~ Principal

What a load of rubbish!!!

As beautiful as our school and community is, what is not so beautiful, is the state of our playground and the AMOUNT OF RUBBISH!



After Wednesday's P&C meeting and lengthy discussion about our rubbish situation, a suggestion was made by a couple of parents. It has been taken back to our staff and we are now taking it on board.

As of tomorrow, Monday 13th February, we will be eating indoors for the first 10 minutes of each break.

Children will be taking any rubbish they have back home with them. You can help by providing as much 'nude food' as possible in lunch boxes.

This will assist in reducing our overall waste.

The only rubbish we expect to see is from canteen orders on Friday and that will go into the bins!

Balmain Public School thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

**GREAT NEWS - We're already
over 75 people attending
Welcome Drinks
March 10th...selling fast.**

Tickets on sale now!!!!
www.flexischools.com.au

Can you help me out by collecting "Silent Auction Vouchers" for the Auction? Can you donate something?

My wife and another great Mum have kindly done from the School up to Woolworths, and we already have over 30 Local Business supporting the school!

Let me know if you can do a section of Darling Street Rozelle, or East Balmain.

DO any Parents have anything to donate (Tickets, Holiday House, your skills? One Smart Mum is donating to cook "A Class Cup Cakes" and I'll start the bidding on that!!!)

Let me know
rob@taubs.net

From the Office...

When emailing, or sending anything into the school for your child, please mark clearly with their first and last name, as well as class. Thanks.



Balmain Public School 2017 Parents Welcome Drinks *“Tropical Island Resort”*



Friday 10th March at 7pm
Dress: 5 Star Resort Wear



Tickets \$40 (includes food and 2 drinks)



Available at
www.flexischools.com.au



Welcome Breakfast...

Many thanks to the wonderful parents and carers who helped at the P&C Welcome Breakfast: Andrea, Anne, Biddy, Cliff, Lawrence, Lynn, Nyree, Oddette, Robert, Rob B, Sarah, Trevor, Vanessa and Van, as well as all those parents who stayed to help with the pack up.

There were also lots of students, (Isla, Eva, Jacinta, Laila and several others), who pitched in - thank you for being so polite and so helpful!

It was fantastic to have so many new parents to help out, as it will be the last year for some of our families, so it is great to know there are lots of people to keep this wonderful breakfast going!

We'd also like to thank QE Foods Balmain for their generous donation of the fruit for the breakfast. Given how hot it was this morning it was very much appreciated!

More pics on our website:

<http://www.balmain-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery/welcome-breakfast>

What an amazing effort from our community, yet again! It never ceases to amaze me how our Balmain community help others in need...it was so heartening to have so many people seek the raffle ticket sellers out - a phenomenal \$2154.20 was raised for little Harry!!!

There were a number of people who didn't have \$\$ (\$20 per ticket) and wanted to buy later. You can now buy a ticket online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/send-off-the-stilwells-a-fund-raising-event-that-will-give-harry-hope-tickets-30342272554>.

We will also be selling tickets at the Office. A message via Schoolbag will go out once they've arrived...



KING ROGER

Jacinta Rees and Ben Sweeney, both from 6 AmazEN, have been very busy with a professional engagement! They are singing in the Opera Australia children's chorus for the opera, "King Roger", at the Sydney Opera House.

The opera is in Polish and the 12 children's chorus kids have been rehearsing since last October to be able to sing beautifully in another language. The opening night was in January. Both Jacinta and Ben have had three performances a week since then.

There have been eight performances and the final one will be next Wednesday 15th February. It has been a wonderful experience and they have loved every minute of it! If you are able to go, it is well worth it!

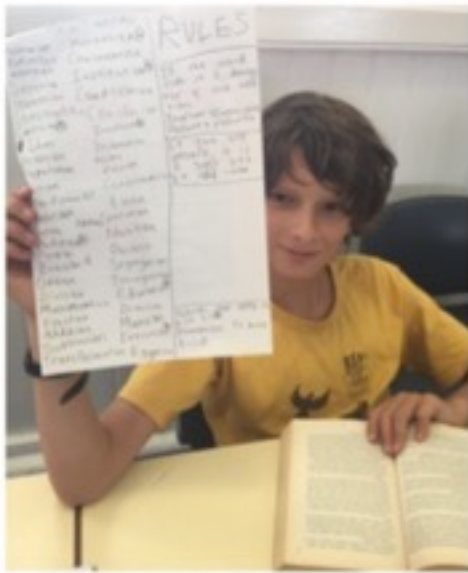


WESTS TIGERS ROAR @ BPS...

On Tuesday, we were visited by three Wests Tigers NRL players, as part of the **NRL Community Carnival** program. They talked to the students about respect and team spirit.

They also let us in on what their favourite meals were and what they enjoyed doing in their free time!





6 AmazEN!

What an 'amazen' start to 2017...



6EN students have certainly hit the ground running- working (and playing) hard already.

They have welcomed their new Year 5 friends and their Kindergarten buddies, read and written texts, danced, swam, solved mathematical problems, started studying words with the 'shun' suffix and so much more. It will be exciting to see these school leaders learn and grow throughout the year.

6EN students are working on extending their vocabulary use and language features to improve their creative and persuasive writing...

Like a snake, a shadow snuck up on me. Eyes wide with terror, I stood petrified, alone. Huff, huff, puff; the footsteps neared. One click of a device that is clasped in its hand and I'm no more. Should I stay put in the lair of a treacherous beast or should I leap in to the jaws of a shark?

By Sissi

As the plane slowly dragged itself over the sky, it scampered suddenly as quick as a mouse across the randomly scattered clouds. The muck, dirt and fog of the city was gone, and the awesome wonderland of the endless clouds littered the sky as the airplane slowly ascended from Sydney.

By Luca

El strode through the lab, her fingers ever so lightly dusting all the bottles and machines. The welcoming hum echoed through the ancient room.

She noisily leafed through all the antique books, her extremities tingling with the knowledge.

By Cassandra





BPS CANTEEN

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

TERM 4 MENU

Feb 10

SUSHI

Feb 17

Dumplings

Feb 24

Sausage Rolls

Mar 3

Beef & Rice

Mar 10

Meat Pies

Mar 17

Pork & Rice

Mar 24

Chicken Schnitzel

Mar 31

Pizza



KAFEINE



NOW TAKING SUMMER UNIFORM DONATIONS

EVERY WEDNESDAY from 0830-0855
Starting: Wednesday 15th February

**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
or if you are able to help with the stall on Wednesdays.**

This initiative is organised by the P&C; any profits go directly into making our school even better.



Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

**Combines
learning
with fun!**



Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Balmain Public School Chess Classes, 2017

Thursdays 1:20PM - 2:00PM in the Library

Term 1	Cost: \$68	16th Feb - 6th Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$85	27th Apr - 29th Jun
Term 3	Cost: \$85	20th Jul - 21st Sep
School Championship	Cost: \$17.50	6th Nov, 9:00am - 12:30pm

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at

www.sydneycademyofchess.com.au/payment

enter the code **7M6IU991GT** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term.*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery)

To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment

Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$45 [SPECIAL OFFER]
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$41 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$33 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock – Cost: \$76 [Recommended for All Ages]



**SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS**

Sydney Academy of Chess Pty Ltd

ABN: 14 139 982 004

Level 1, 30A George Street Burwood, NSW

PO Box 1325, Burwood, NSW 1805

P: 9745 1170 F: 9745 1176 E: enrolment@sydneycademyofchess.com.au

CHESS!!

Learn how to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Balmain

Public School is held on:

Thursdays from 1:20pm – 2:00pm.

Term 1 lessons will commence on Thursday 16th February.

Chess is the world's most loved board game. Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment! Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games, with personal feedback from the coach.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, solving puzzles, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, please pick up an enrolment form from the school office, or you can email

enrolment@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



Learning in 3/4 Madagascar...



Team building!



Researching!



Keeping cool!!



SING! ACT! DANCE!



Make Believe Kids Theatre Club is back.

As well as Saturdays, we're launching an extra class on Tuesday mornings, just for 3-5 year olds & only 3 mins walk from BPS.

Ages 3-18



Can't wait to have another term of
FUN!



It's a free trial day so don't forget to bring your friends and family along.

Sydney Secondary College Balmain, 25 - 33 Terry St, Rozelle,

BPS Talent Show winners - don't forget to claim your free month.



MAKE BELIEVE MUNCHKINS BALMAIN

FOR AGES 3-5

LAUNCHES 21st FEBRUARY

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CALLING ALL GIRLS 5-15!



GLEBE GREYHOUNDS INVITES YOU

TO KICK-AND-TRY AFL FOOTY

(FEATURING PLAYERS FROM THE GWS AFLW TEAM)

WED 15 FEB 5PM-7PM

- Free BBQ
- Accredited coaches
- Fun & friendly social club
- Did we mention? GIRLS ONLY!



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WANT TO BE A CODING NINJA?



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**Build your skills at Coderdojo's FREE kids'
Saturday workshops @ Balmain Library!**

Calling all CoderDojo Ninjas
(ages 7-17): join us to release your
inner super powers!

Choose a project, and we will
work together to make the magic
happen!

We meet on Saturdays from
2-4pm at Balmain Library.

Book your place online today.
CoderDojo.com

Term 1 dates: 18/02, 25/02, 4/03,
11/03, 18/03, 25/03, 01/04

Email balmain.au@coderdojo.com or
contact us via the [CoderDojoSydney](#)
Facebook page.

*NOTE: All children under 12 **MUST** have a
parent or guardian with them.