



PIGEON POST



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Dates for the Diary

- **Wed 3 May ~ P&C Meeting**
- **Tues 9 May ~ NAPLAN ~ Language Conventions & Writing**
- **Wed 10 May ~ NAPLAN ~ Reading**
- **Wed 10 May ~ Inner West Debate**
- **Thurs 11 May ~ NAPLAN ~ Numeracy**
- **Fri 12 May ~ PSSA begins**
- **Fri 12 May ~ OC applications close**
- **Tues 23 May ~ ICAS ~ Digital Technologies**
- **Thurs 25 May ~ Kindy excursion ~ Sydney Wildlife World**
- **Tues 30 May ~ ICAS ~ Science**
- **Wed 31 May ~ Inner West Debate**
- **Fri 2 Jun ~ Spelling Bee ~ Years 3-6**
- **Wed 7 Jun ~ AFL Girls' Regional**
- **Wed 7 Jun ~ P&C Meeting**
- **Wed 14 Jun ~ District Cross Country**
- **Thurs 15 Jun ~ ICAS ~ Writing / ICAS ~ Spelling**
- **Fri 23 Jun ~ Athletics Carnival**



Lest We F[🌺]orget...

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning

We will remember them.

Maria Lambos ~ Principal



LEST WE FORGET

On our return to school for Term 2, we commenced with our ANZAC Day Commemorative Service, which is an annual event at Balmain Public School. As we've been growing considerably over the last few years, we held two separate assemblies: one for Years 3-6, as well as for our K-2 students.

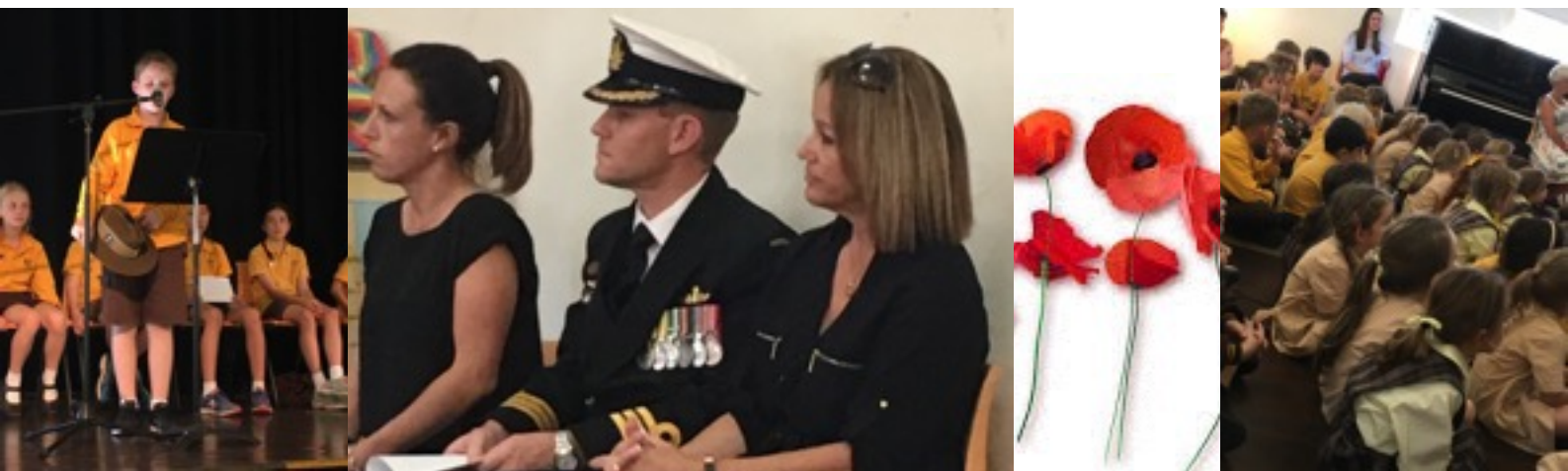
Over the last few years, we have had a couple of our dads as special guests, addressing this special assembly. This year, Commander Ben Hissink, who happens to also be Ms Burke's (co-teacher of 3/4P) husband, was our special guest.

Commander Ben Hissink is the Fleet Commander's Secretary and works at Fleet Headquarters, at Potts Point. He has served for 21 years; on Her Majesty's Australia ships Adelaide, Sydney, Kanimbla, Manor and Choules; he has also completed two deployments to the Middle East.

After addressing the assembly, Commander Hissink, had some time for questions from our Year 3-6 students. We are very grateful to Commander Hissink for taking time out of his busy schedule to share this significant event with Balmain Public School.

Our leaders very competently ran the Commemorative assemblies, with our Prime Minister, Elliot, solemnly playing the Last Post and Rouse.

I am very proud of all our students, for the solemnness and respect displayed throughout both assemblies.



YOUR P&C CONTRIBUTION MAKES A **BIG** DIFFERENCE

2017 GOALS

NEW CANTEEN
KITCHEN
ART RESOURCES

\$25K

\$20K

STAGE 1
COMPLETE



STAGE 2
END OF APRIL
COMPLETION



\$15K



\$5K



LIBRARY BOOKS



STAGE READERS

STAGE 3

2017
PLAYGROUND
MASTERPLAN

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CHANGE
IF YOU DON'T HELP
to make it!

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It is because of our fabulous P&C and our wonderful community, that our school is so well-resourced!

The 2nd stage of our playground upgrade is now complete!

We are very thankful to Eaton St Centre, who are very supportive of our school. They have funded this stage.

We love this space already and are looking forward to having our morning assemblies here from next week!



How good is our playground looking?



P&C Meeting

Wednesday 3 May

in BPS Staffroom

7pm

All welcome!

Our canteen is completely volunteer-run...

We REALLY depend on our parents/carers to help prepare lunches for our kids...

If you are able to volunteer some time prior to, and at, 1st Break (11:10-11:50) on a Friday...

please email canteen2017@gmail.com

Thanks in advance... 



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TERM 2 MENU

May 5	Pork & Rice		Jun 2	Beef & Rice	
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May 19	Dumplings		Jun 16	SUSHI	
May 26	Sausage Rolls		Jun 23	Pizza	

OC (Opportunity Class) 2018

Opportunity classes cater for gifted and talented Year 5 and 6 students.
DoE's Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2018:

<https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/49795d1c-b339-43e9-aa48-02e496d165f1/1/oc-applicpack.pdf>

Applications for opportunity class entry are completed online.

Application:

<https://www.shsocplacement.org.au/registration/>

APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE ONLINE

The school is asked to provide school assessment scores for each applicant - if your Year 4 child is intending to apply for OC placement in 2018, please email the school balmainps@gmail.com with: **OC 2018 Child's Full Name** (e.g. Maria Lambos) **and class**, in the subject line.

KEY DATES:

26 April 2017

Application opens online

12 May 2017

Application closes (no late applications)

12 July 2017

Parents are sent Test Authority letter by mail and email

26 July 2017

Opportunity class placement test for entry in 2018

High Performing Students Unit

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: **1300 880 367**

Fax: (02) 9266 8435

Post: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Welcome...

**This term, we officially welcome Ms Sharlene
Tauia (or Ms T), to our fabulous school.**

We met Ms T last term,
where she was casually
relieving for teachers who
were not on class for various
reasons, so many of our
children have already met
her.

As of this term, Ms T will be
co-teaching on 3/4 Costa
Rica on a weekly basis. Ms
Clay will be teaching 3/4 C
on Mondays, Tuesdays and
Fridays, whilst Ms T will be
teaching the class on
Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Ms T is a very dedicated,
involved teacher - from the
first time she taught at our
school this year, it felt as
though Ms T was already a
permanent member of our
school.

**We are really happy to have
you on board!!!! Welcome
to the team!!!!**

**...to Balmain
Public School!**





Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Would you like to be a **READING BUDDY**?

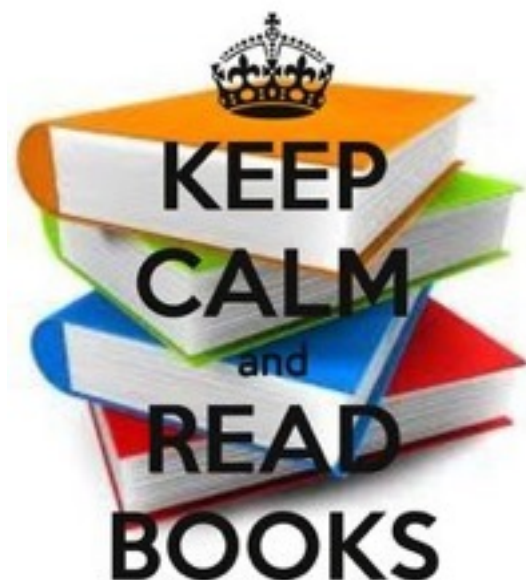
Our learning support teacher, Miss Pauline, along with Miss Parsons, will be organising a Reading Buddies group in the Library from 8.55 to 9.10 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Parents will have the opportunity to be trained in basic 'pause, prompt, praise' techniques with Miss Parsons and Miss Pauline. We will also endeavour to make sure parents are buddied up with the same child every week.

When students feel good about reading, they feel good about school! Your help in this area can make a big difference.

If you are interested please email the office at balmainps@gmail.com or talk to Miss Parsons and/or Miss Pauline.

***Thank you** to the people who have already offered to assist...we are looking at starting in Week 3...*



BALMAIN FUN RUN

Hello everyone,

For those who are new to BPS, each year, an important event on the school and community calendar, is the **Balmain Fun Run (BFR)**. Held in late November, this is a **major fundraising activity** for the school and a great way to **connect with our local community**. The fundraising largely comes from local business sponsorship. Ensuring they get good value for money is high quality and regular social media exposure.

The **BFR** has made massive strides in our social media presence in the last two 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!!).

If you are interested or would like more information, **please connect with Doug Talbot (Year 1 parent)**, who is **leading the organising committee**.

Email: dougptalbot@gmail.com

Phone: **0404 073 034**



CALLING ALL SKIERS...

For the first time, in 2017, Balmain Public School will be entering a team in the **NSW Interschools Skiing Championship** in Thredbo.

Please have a look at their website: <http://www.nswinterschools.com.au/>

The event is in the school holidays and runs from **11th to 15th July** and is **suitable for competent skiers and boarders from K to 6**.

Events include:

- **Ski** - Ski Cross, Downhill, Cross Country, Moguls
- **Board** - Giant Slalom and Board Cross

It's the 30th running of the event and it attracts hundreds of participants from across the state. It should be a fantastic opportunity for the students of all standards.

All travel and accommodation is arranged independently. To be clear, this is not a school ski trip. The team will race together and support each other, but otherwise, each family will arrange their own trip.

It would be great to get a good sized team together; I'm sure there must be lots of ski families in the school community who would love to see their children compete in this fun event.

To find out more, contact **Paul Foster**:
pfoster@balrec.com.au or **0422 800 501**.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you be an ethics teacher for Balmain Public School?

Some of our current ethics teachers are moving on, and **we are seeking volunteers** so that classes can continue this year.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. **Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available for 30 minutes at 10.30am on Friday each week.**

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to **make a valuable contribution to our school**, please visit

www.primaryethics.com.au.

Please also contact **Kate Melber**, our BPS ethics coordinator:

katemelber@hotmail.com.



KIDS ART CLASSES

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ART JOURNAL CLUB

WEDNESDAYS 3-5PM AT BPS

ART NINJAS

THURSDAYS 3-5PM AT BPS

Years 3-6 \$33 per class (Casual classes available \$35)

Includes all materials & afternoon tea snack

YOUNG AT ART SYDNEY

facebook.com/youngatartsydney

email: Sally at youngatartsydney@outlook.com



CHESS @ Balmain Public School

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Balmain Public School is held on Thursdays from 1:20pm to 2:00pm, starting on 27 April 2017.

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.

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

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



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1300 447 548

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Drummoine Junior Girl Guides

Tuesdays, 6pm - 7.30pm during school term
Junior Guides is for girls aged 7-10

drummoinejuniorguides@gmail.com



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KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

ENROL IN TERM 2 AND BE A PART OF THE "YOUNG ARCHIES" ART COMPETITION!

The Kids At The ARThouse is an After School Visual Arts Program that will inspire your child's creative spirit while allowing each student to express themselves individually in the art making process. Taught by an experienced and qualified Art Educator. \$30 per class!

Mondays 3pm – 5pm Contact:

Sabina Carney e: sabina@kidsattheartthouse.com

m: 0403768282

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



Kids Drama 2017 Inclusive Drama Classes

Drama classes for budding young artists with a disability



Term Two

Fridays 5pm-6pm

5th May 2017–23rd June 2017

Venue:

Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre
756 Darling St, Rozelle



Facilitator:

Stephanie Waites (Drama Scene)

Cost for Term: \$100



For enrolment and all other enquiries contact:
Charlotte at Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre
E: reddoorarts@rozellecentre.org
P: (02) 9556 9518

