



PIGEON POST

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Dates for the Diary

- 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
- Thurs 15 Jun ~ ICAS ~ Writing /
ICAS ~ Spelling
- Fri 16 Jun ~ Disco ~
6-8pm



- Fri 23 Jun ~ Athletics Carnival
- Fri 30 Jun ~ LAST DAY OF TERM 2



**This fish tank is
soooooo much
bigger than ours!**

On Thursday, K Dolomites, K Pacific and K Rainforest went on their first excursion to Sydney Wildlife World and Aquarium! They all had a FABULOUS time! A huge thanks to the parent helpers!

For more pics:

<http://www.balmain-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery/kindy-sydney-wildlife-world>

Maria Lambos ~ Principal



National Sorry Day (Friday 26th May) acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from their families, communities and culture.

National Reconciliation Week (Saturday 27 May - Saturday 3 June) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

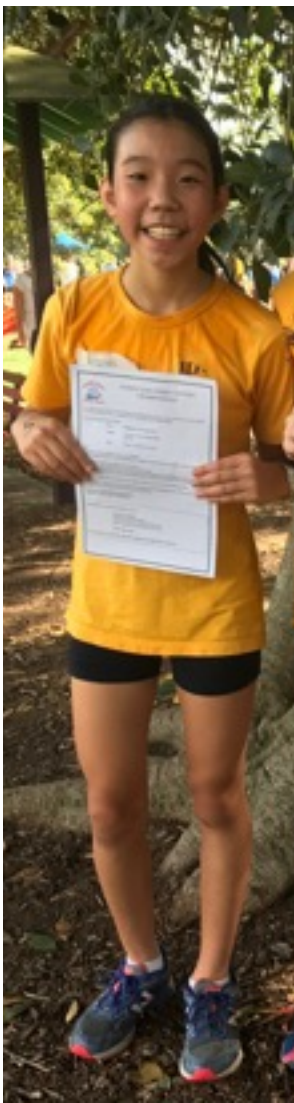
This year also commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 referendum, the 25th Anniversary of the Mabo High Court decision and the 20th Anniversary of the 'Bringing Them Home' report.

It is requested that all New South Wales Government buildings and establishments throughout the State fly the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags during National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week inclusive.

Flying the Indigenous Flags on **National Sorry Day** and throughout **National Reconciliation Week** recognises the significance of these events for all Australians and is a sign of respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture.

From Friday 26 May to Saturday 3 June the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag should be flown on additional flagpoles, where available, next to or near the Australian National Flag.

Unfortunately, although we have a flagpole at Balmain Public School, it is not in working order, so we are unable to fly a flag during this significant time.



A huge shout-out to Lorien,

who also qualified for the Regional X-Country, coming in 5th!

Lorien's name was inadvertently missed from the Pigeon Post article last week...**apologies** to Lorien and her family.

Lorien (and her family) were very humble and not wanting the extra fuss...

We are certainly very proud of you, Lorien!



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

TERM 2 MENU

May 5 Pork & Rice



Jun 2

Beef & Rice



May 12 Chicken Schnitzel

KAFEINE

Jun 9

Meat Pies

May 19 Dumplings



Jun 16

SUSHI

May 26 Sausage Rolls

K RAINFOREST NEWSLETTER



NOW WE HAVE READ ABOUT ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM, WHY NOT GO TO SEE THEM IN REAL LIFE?

THIS WEEK, ALL OF KINDERGARTEN WENT ON THEIR VERY FIRST EXCURSION TO SYDNEY WILDLIFE WORLD AND THE SYDNEY AQUARIUM.



IT WAS THE FIRST TIME EVER ON A BUS FOR SOME OF US!





WE LOVED
GETTING UP
CLOSE WITH
LOTS OF
ANIMALS!



WE'RE SO SMART,
WE EVEN DID
MATHS LEARNING
OUTSIDE OF THE
CLASSROOM!

NOW WE CAN GO
BACK TO BEING
'SMARTY PANTS' AT
SCHOOL!

LOOK WHAT WE CAN
DO...



Hey, kids...

get ready to 'bust a move' @...

KIDS' DISCO

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE, 2017

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via Flexischools.com.au

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This is a P&C Event. All Children MUST be Accompanied by a Parent or Carer at All Times.

**You will be notified, via Skoolbag, as soon as
tickets for the disco become available on...**

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PSSA

Netball

It was a beautiful afternoon for a game of netball and our PSSA teams enjoyed the Haberfield sunshine. Both the junior and senior teams are beginning to find their form and settle in to their positions. We faced a couple of very tough games, but the Senior B and Junior B teams worked like Trojans and didn't give up! The Senior C team persisted, but just missed out in a very close game, with our shooters gaining in confidence. The Junior A team won a convincing game and the Senior A team also finished triumphant this week. Mrs Clay and Miss Stanley are also gaining confidence in their whistle-blowing skills!

Mrs Clay



Soccer - Juniors

BPS A played against Orange Grove, ending in a 1–1 draw. Balmain's only goal was scored by Leo C from 3/4P. Well done, Leo!!

The BPS B team played two games: BPS B played Birchgrove and won 4–0. They then played Fort St, unfortunately losing 4–2.

Mrs Burke

Soccer - Seniors

A smashing day at PSSA soccer!

Our Senior A team must have found a proton pill in their lunch box today. They faced Fort St with a fierce fervor and found themselves with a fourteen to nil finish. What more can I say?

Player of the match goes to Lucy E–A.

Our Senior B team were more evenly matched against their peninsula neighbours. Birchgrove won the toss and took off with a flying start, but their momentum waned when Jacob L sunk a stunning goal from the half way mark. From then on, it was opportunity after opportunity, but we couldn't seem to sink another in the first half.

The stars aligned for Birchgrove in the second half, when they found a clear path before them after a substitution. At this point, both teams were determined to gain the upper hand. In the final moments, it looked like Balmain had it, when Micah scored a stunner in the box. A questionable call from the Ref (myself) determined it a 'no goal' and he surely copped it on the bus ride back to school. Another draw for our B team this week.

Player of the match goes to Jacob for his impossible goal.

Mr Nuto



**Stall available, free of charge
for BPS fundraising
1st Saturday of each month**

To support our school, and to help revitalise Balmain Markets, we have been offered use of a Balmain Markets stall, free of charge, once a month.

What a great opportunity!

Could **you** help organise one **cake stall** at the markets:

- * as a class group, to buy resources for your classroom?
- * as a year group, to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell?
 - * as a stage, to help pay for an excursion?
- * as a group, to buy new sports equipment for the school? Or books for the library? Or music or art resources?

Every bit helps. Let's do this!

If you would like more information, or to choose a month to run a stall, please contact Lyndal Rutgers: lyndalrutgers@gmail.com

Thank you to Cobden & Hayson for supporting Balmain and our school.

FROM THE OFFICE...

A CHANGE OF CLOTHES

For parents/carers of our younger students: please keep a spare pair of undies in school bags in case of accidents; it saves parents needing to be called.

EMAILING TEACHERS

If parents want to email teachers, please use the school email balmainps@gmail.com or Balmain-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au, with Attention: Teacher's Name in subject line e.g. Attention: Mrs Lambos

ONLINE PAYMENTS via our school's website...

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page on our website, hosted by Westpac.

Payments can be made using either a Visa, Mastercard or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone.

LOST PROPERTY...

UPDATE

As you may have been aware, the Lost Property box remained locked this week, even though it was meant to be in action!

Unfortunately, someone has gotten something stuck, way down in the barrel of the padlock. As it is a \$90 lock, we've been reluctant to use bolt-cutters.

On Monday, when our General Assistant is back at school, he will remove the barrel (and padlock), so we'll be in business! (fingers crossed!)



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

PAY ONLINE, IT'S EASY!

WWW.FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU

\$150



DON'T EXPECT TO SEE
CHANGE
IF YOU DON'T HELP
to make it!

NOT ON FLEXISCHOOLS YET...?
YOU CAN STILL CONTRIBUTE, JUST CONTACT THE BPS OFFICE

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School Holiday Workshops

Board game making, Collage, Jewellery making for boys & girls,
Sewing, Lantern making, "Art Camp Day" and more.....

July 4th, 6th, 7th
10th & 11th 2017

years
2-6
or with adult

Morning workshops - 10.00am-12.30pm

Afternoon workshops - 1.30pm - 4.00pm

Or ALL DAY options available: 10am-4.00pm or 9-5pm

AT
BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Next term:

ART CLUB!

Wednesdays

3-5pm

years
3-6

Why not come along first
to try out a casual class

YOUNG AT ART

For more details, please email Sally at
youngatartsydney@outlook.com



For more details, please contact...

Paul Foster: pfoster@balancerecruitment.com.au or Ed Tyson: ed@meap.com.au

2017 NSW Interschools ACT Snowsports 30th Anniversary Championships

Event Dates

Travelplan Ski - Northern NSW and Queensland Championships - July 4-6 at Perisher

Travelplan Ski - Sydney Championships - July 11-15 at Thredbo

Subaru ACT - Southern NSW Championships - July 26-28 at Perisher

Subaru NSW State Championships - August 22-27 at Perisher

Westpac NSW & ACT Cross Country Championships - August 24 at Perisher

NSW & ACT Slopestyle Championships - August 24 at Perisher

Multiclass Championships - August 26 at Perisher

Australian Championships - September 6-10 at Mt Buller

www.interschoolssnowsports.com.au

Westpac



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KARBON



YRS 6 & 5 Auditioning for NHSPA?

A third of Newtown Drama yr 7 2017 Students came to Drama Scene!
DSP Inc. (non profit) runs a workshop to PRACTISE & PREPARE TO AUDITION

Sunday 18 June, 1.00pm - 4:30pm

AS WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING THESE WORKSHOPS SUCCESSFULLY FOR 13 YEARS, WE KNOW THE DRAMA EXERCISES STUDENTS MAY ENCOUNTER. PRACTISE COUNTERACTS NERVES!

Experience group warmup activities, scripts, improvisation games and scenes. Perform scenes and scripts in pairs and teams in a group workshop environment, just like the audition. Participate in a mock interview. Ask NSHPA questions.

Successful participants from our previous workshops who became Newtown Drama students will act with you and be there to answer your questions about the school and the auditions.

LOCATION: PETERHSAM - Taverners Hill Infants School, Queen St

Cost: \$88.00 **Booking:** Contact STEPHANIE WAITES **Mobile:** 0407 235 914

www.dramascene.com.au (ENROLMENT PAGE)

Stories from around the world

Floating on a sea of stories

@ Leichhardt Library

Join us for this special storytelling performance based on traditional children's stories from Japan. Come on a journey with Oshin the poor peasant in this tale of magic, bravery, family, friendship and joy.



Tuesday
20 June
6 pm
All welcome

Bookings online or
call 9367 9266



OPEN INNER WEST
10 Days 24 Suburbs 57 Cultures

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Kids & the media

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Children and young people have access to lots of social media, TV, movies and games. While the wonderful array of content available offers many positive learning opportunities, there is some content that may have potentially harmful effects on young people.

Keeping an eye on what media children and young people are accessing, and any changes in their behaviour, is a good way to help avoid any long-term worries down the track.

Kids Helpline (KHL) has put together Tip Sheets that suggest ways to help manage worry and concerns some may experience due to exposure to some media content. The three sheets are audience specific for:

- children
- teenagers and young adults, and
- teachers and parents.

They include tips about managing individual worries and about how to help others. We encourage you to distribute these to children, young people, teachers and parents who might find these helpful.

KHL is Australia's only free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.

Talking with KHL can help. We're here 24/7. Any time. Any reason. Free call 1800 55 1800 or www.kidshelpline.com.au

https://kidshelpline.com.au/kids-and-the-media/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fkidshelpline.com.au%2Fkids-and-the-media%2F&mobilemlid=0&mobiledraw=0&utm_source=KHL1706&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=KHL-2017-06-KidsMedia&utm_content=TipsThatCanHelpimg2-kids-and-the-media-KHL1706