



PIGEON POST

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Dates for the Diary

JUNE

- Mon 19 ~ Music Evening ~ 6:30pm
- Wed 28 ~ Athletics Carnival
- Thurs 29 ~ Reports out
- Fri 30 ~ LAST DAY OF TERM 2

JULY

- Tues 18 ~ Students return
- Thurs 20 ~ K-2 Athletics Carnival ~ Gladstone Park

AUGUST

- Wed 2 ~ P&C meeting ~ 7pm

NOVEMBER

- Sunday 19 November ~ Belle Property Balmain Fun Run



Congrats to Ada & Luca...

On Wednesday, Luca won the 11 yrs boys' race and Ada came 4th in the 12 yrs girls' at the X-Country regional carnival – so they both qualified for state!!!!

Read more on page 5...

Maria Lambos ~ Principal

Music Evening @ BPS
featuring
Bach's, Beethoven's &
Strauss' Strings
in the Hall
Monday 19th June @ 6:30pm



School Uniform



To ensure ALL Balmain Public School students are easily identifiable, we are asking that they are dressed in full school uniform EVERY DAY, including Fridays.

Balmain Public School sweatshirts and jackets are available for purchase online <https://www.picklesschoolwear.com/shop?school=balmain-public-school>. You may also be able to purchase at the 2nd Chance Uniform stall each Wednesday morning.

Plain bright yellow skivvies and long sleeve polo shirts may also be purchased at places like Target, K-Mart and Lowes.

As of next term, only BPS hats will be permissible. These may be purchased online, through Pickles <https://www.picklesschoolwear.com/shop?school=balmain-public-school>. The 3 types of hats available are \$15 each.

Proud to be part of Balmain Public School.

Thanks to our P&C

We are extremely grateful to the P&C, as well as the Balmain PS community, for the continued support of our kids and their education! Last week's P&C meeting generated lively discussions and a lot of positive outcomes. The minutes, which have been posted on the P&C page of the school's website, can be accessed here:

http://www.balmain-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/53630275/53637643/minutes_june_2017.pdf

The \$75 IT levy has generated almost \$23,000 so far, which has been used to purchase an interactive whiteboard (IWB) for 5/6Svalbard, a replacement IWB for KPolomites, as well as the purchase of 30 laptops, which should hopefully be in use before the end of Term 2.

A huge THANKS for a fabulous night at Friday's disco, organised by Logan and Marli's dad, Cliff, along with the hard work from many of our P&C exec, members and community...a great evening was had by all who attended!



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



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Dear BPS parents and carers,

As we head towards the end of Term 2, we'd like to give you an update on the P&C's support of Balmain Public School to date.

This year, the P&C has already contributed more than \$50,000 to Balmain Public School!

We have committed a further \$60,000 in donations to improvements at the school, including the ongoing playground upgrade.

As well as the Balmain Fun Run, one of the primary ways we raise money to ensure your child's schoolroom is stocked with the latest technology, exercise books, pencils, readers, library books, etc, is the P&C Levy. This is a parent contribution of a suggested \$150 per family that can be made via the [Flexischools website](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

To date, the voluntary contribution for 2017 is sitting at just over \$10,000. Our goal is to reach \$25,000, so jump onto the [Flexischools website](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and make your child's educational goals come to life.

So what's the purpose of the P&C Association?

The P&C forms a vital link between the school and the home. We're a diverse group of parents who come together to represent the school community. Among many activities, we initiate social events, like the School Disco and Welcome Breakfast, and we oversee the management of the parent-led canteen and playground upgrades.

But most importantly, the P&C takes an active involvement in the management of school affairs – we have a close working relationship with the Principal, Maria Lambos, and the teaching staff. Our drive is to ensure the best outcomes for our children.

P&C meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month – the next meeting is on Wednesday 2 August at 7pm in the school's staff room. We invite you to join our association and participate in fun and robust discussions to provide the very best educational outcomes for our children.



Sydney East Regional Cross Country Carnival



Forrest Gump eat your heart out!



On Tuesday we had 8 students represent Balmain at the Regional Cross Country. There were more representatives from our school than any other school in our area. Well done to all our runners: Luca Gillard, Ada Rand, Thea Green, Lucy Edwards-Argent, Audrey Ward, Hannah Banks, Emily Brewster and Lorien Wong. A special congratulations to Luca who came 1st and Ada who came 4th in their races. They will go on to represent our region in the State Cross Country!

Mrs Clay



Emily Brewster Bending it like Beckham!

Emily has made it into the State Representative Team for PSSA soccer. She was top pick for the A Team!

Huge Congratulations to Emily, our very own demon midfield!

The school news according to 6 AmazEN...

School Soccer Tournament

A report by Ben W, Jacob J, Jules H and Sam L

The BPSST (Balmain Public School Soccer Tournament) commenced on 23rd May and ended on 13th June. The tournament kicked off with a game between **FC Barca** and **Wubba lubba dub dub**. It was a close game between the two teams and had to go to a penalty shootout. Both teams had scored 0 penalties, but then the captain of **FC Barca**, Emily B, stepped up to the spot and slotted it away to win the game.

The second game was between the **Stationary Sticks** and **The Big Boyz** where an early goal by Jacob L saw **The Big Boyz** win the match 1-0. The third game was between **Munchen** and **The Bogologs**. Jules H scored five goals against **The Bogologs**. Three goalkeeping mistakes by Cal W and Fynn B saw three goals for **The Bogologs** as they pounced on the opportunity. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to beat **Munchen** as they won 5-3. The fourth and final quarter-final was between **The winners** and **The Sloppy Jellyfish**. **The Sloppy Jellyfish** won with Santi scoring two goals to come back from a 1-0 score to a 1-2 score.

The Semi-Finals kicked off with a cracking game between **FC Barca** and **The Big Boyz**. **The Big Boyz** started strong but didn't take their chances. A quick counter attack and cool finish by Joe F saw **FC Barca** take the lead. **The Big Boyz** tried again but couldn't crack the **FC Barca** goalkeeper Nick Z. The second goal came after a heroic save by Cassidy N who pushed the ball onto the crossbar. The ball unfortunately rebounded and came off Cassidy's legs and rolled into the goal. The game finished with a 2-0 Victory for **FC Barca**.

The second Semi-Final started off with a bang between **Munchen** and **The Sloppy Jellyfish** with Jules H finishing off a great team goal. **Munchen** kept applying the pressure and scored on three different occasions. **Munchen** ended up beating **The Sloppy Jellyfish**. 4-0.

The Grand Final kicked off between **FC Barca** and **Munchen** with Jules H, Slotting away a first, cracking open the **FC Barca** defence. Without anyone marking him, Jules H slotted away a second to end the half. In the second half **FC Barca** started to mark Jules tightly keeping him under control. **FC Barca** started to create chances as Emily B and Joe F linked up to try break the defence, but it wasn't enough to crack the **Munchen** defence consisting of Micah M and Paul B. Seconds were ticking away as Luca G played an inch perfect aerial ball to Jules H as Jules took the control on of the ball and volleyed it into the top corner. A beautiful way to end **Munchen's** campaign and a beautiful way to end the tournament.

After the final there was a trophy presentation. First trophy presented was player of the tournament, Santi won for the juniors and Lucy E-A won for the seniors. Goal of the tournament went to Jacob. L's volley against the **Stationary Sticks**. Lastly the trophy was lifted by **Munchen** captain Jules H.

The BPSST was at a close.



Following the long weekend, many students of 6EN have experienced fatigue. Amy L. was exhausted after going away for the weekend, and Arlo R. reported that he was "tired too". We wondered why so many people were sleepy, so we asked them. Sam L. answered, "I think it's probably because of the long weekend, people are going away and not sleeping much. Personally, I went to bed at about 11:40 both nights!"



This is clearly a problem, as sleep is vital for school work, concentration, and of course, having fun.

The average amount of sleep that 11-12yr olds need is 9-10 hours, so we took a survey of how many people achieve this level of sleep on a regular basis. The results were:

6 YES
13 NO

As you can see out of 19 people, approx. $\frac{2}{3}$ said no. This is an astonishingly large number, but it is quite easy to fix. Most pupils who said yes aimed to get to bed at 8:30, fell asleep at 9:00, and woke up around 7:00. Also, finishing assignments over a few days will help get a few more hours in. Overall, I hope that you will be able to sleep more after this.

6 AmazEN has been thoroughly enjoying the brand new, engaging, challenging and age-appropriate texts that the P&C so kindly purchased for Stage 3 students.



**THANK YOU TO
OUR AMAZING
P&C AND TO
EVERYONE WHO
SUPPORTS THEM!**

**The texts are being used to
support our guided reading and
whole-class literacy lessons.**



6 AmazEN students have been working on their poems for the Redroom Poetry Object Competition, in which they had to create a poem about an object that was meaningful to them. Look out for their amazing work to be presented soon...

The Cat

By Cassandra

**Dressed like the patriot you are
Union Jack, Southern Cross and star
What do you see with those eyes of
black?
Of the days that pass, do you keep
track?
White fur with a few tinges of grey
And feet that could dance the night
away
Chubby arms that move with airless
grace
A small red bow complements your face
What would you say if you could speak?
Your levels of sass, and your cheek?
What would you be if you were not
trapped?
What would you be if you weren't a cat?**



Tortoise

Sam F

**“A pale imitation of life,” they all say
Yet it holds special value for one.
“A flimsy shell, held together by string”
A shell that shields a beating heart
“Eyes of glass, they see nothing”
Eyes that long for loving care.
“Where is the spirit?”
Inside of the lover
“Where is the heart?”
The heart beats within me.**

Thumbademic

All across Balmain Public School a bizarre outbreak has plagued the students. Stumps are growing out of the sides of the children's hands called 'thumbs'. This Thumbademic has affected other classes, though 6EN has been affected quite a bit more. Doctors are saying that the standard lunchbox diet has caused this while others say it is because of a large amount of homework, explaining why it is quite prominent in the OC classrooms.

These thumbs are broader and are situated on the left hand side of the right hand and the right hand side of the left hand, causing lopsidedness and clumsiness. Most thumbs are around 5cm long though some are longer. A small amount of people, who are worse sufferers, can pop these unwanted appendages from their designated sockets. Like other fingers they have a nail on the end, though unlike other fingers they only have two joints, proving that these thumbs are strange and dangerous.

Some 'experts' say that the thumbs are normal and should be left alone, while doctors say that a simple remedy of sunflower oil and thyme should do the trick. Many other opinions exist on the matter that range from sensible to insane, but right now we need to focus on the wellbeing of our students.

By Massyl K



Before Thumbademic



After Thumbademic

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



SOCCER



JUNIOR Bs

Our Junior B team had to verse Germany!! No, not really, they just played the Balmain Junior A team. It was a really tough match.

The B team fought their hardest and had a few shots on goal, but could not manage to get one past [Charlie B](#), the A team keeper. The B team kept trying and trying, but could not do it. The A team out played them with a 3-0 win. The goal scorers were [Alexia K.](#) [2] and [Lachlan W.](#) [1]. A fantastic match from both sides!!!!

The B team had to play another game, but this time it felt like they were sun bathing at the beach – It was that easy! The opposition this time was Birchgrove. We won a good 3-0 and the goal scorers were [Lucius S.](#) [2] and [James T.](#) [1]. Great match from both sides.

Thanks to [Joe F](#) for this report

PSSA

SENIORS

Our Senior B Team faced up against Birchgrove and found their swing early on. Nailing the first goal within the opening minute, [Matthew T](#) led his side to a stunning victory. By half-time, they were up 8-0. Good fortune only followed in the second half, as the team became even more cohesive and were able to net another 6 goals, bringing the final score to 16-0. Player of the match goes to [Elliot B](#), for empathy and untiring sportsmanship.

Our Senior A's went head-to-head with Kegworth facing a much fiercer side. As usual, they were unwilling to retire to fear. With much perseverance and the strategy of Captain [Luca G](#), they managed to finish the game with a 2-0 victory. Thus far, both sides have been undefeated! Player of the match goes to [Luca G](#) for consistent scoring.

By [Mr Nuto](#)

NETBALL



It was a balmy afternoon for netball and all teams soon built up a sweat. The juniors had one convincing win against Orange Grove and had one very close battle, also with Orange Grove. Both teams were considerably improved from last week. Well done, Juniors!

The Senior teams all had close games, just missing out on a victory this week. They showed grit and spirit in their games and showcased much improved footwork and marking than last week. Well done, Seniors!

The netball squad is lucky to have [Charlotte S](#) ([Genevieve's](#) older sister), coach from the sidelines. She is doing her work experience and just happens to be a netball whizz! Thank you, [Charlotte!](#)

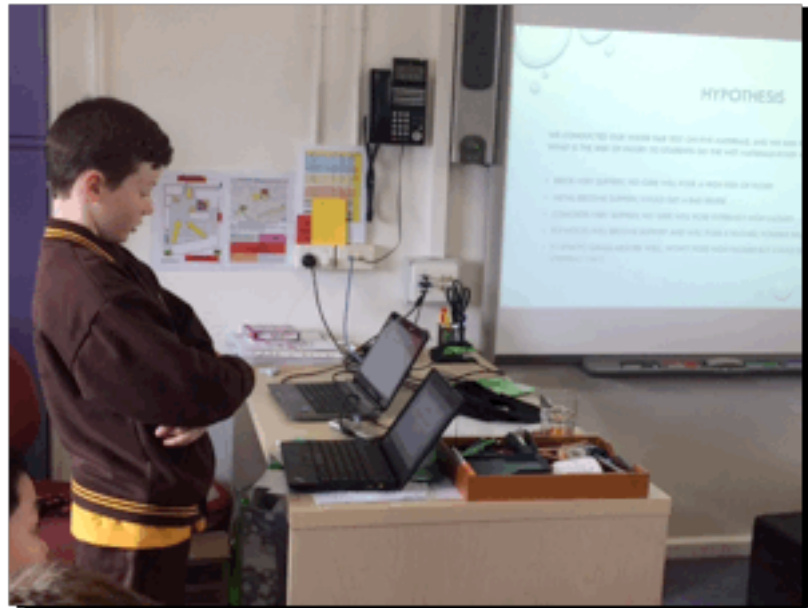
By [Mrs Clay](#)

LEARNING WITH 5 LOUVRE

WEEK 8 TERM TWO

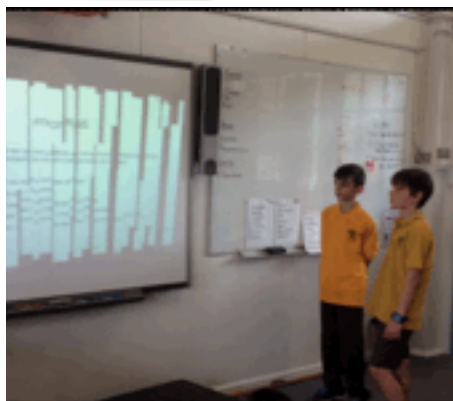
Project based learning In science

Stage 3 have received their brief: design a new Year 6 area taking into account materials, safety, usage, furniture, plantings and feng shui. We are now in the process of selecting the short list. The winning design will be presented to the P&C for their input (...and financial support, hopefully!)



Aidan presenting his group's hypothesis

Harry, Paul and Luca share their poster, specifications booklet, PowerPoint, bird's eye view and a very detailed, scaled model.



Fearce and Paul presenting their hypothesis



Joel and his group presenting their point of view



Bella and Leander share their list of materials

LEARNING WITH 5 LOUVRE

Our parents are learning too!

Judging by the smiles on the faces of Tania, Mel and Sunil it appears that canteen duty is the highlight of their week.

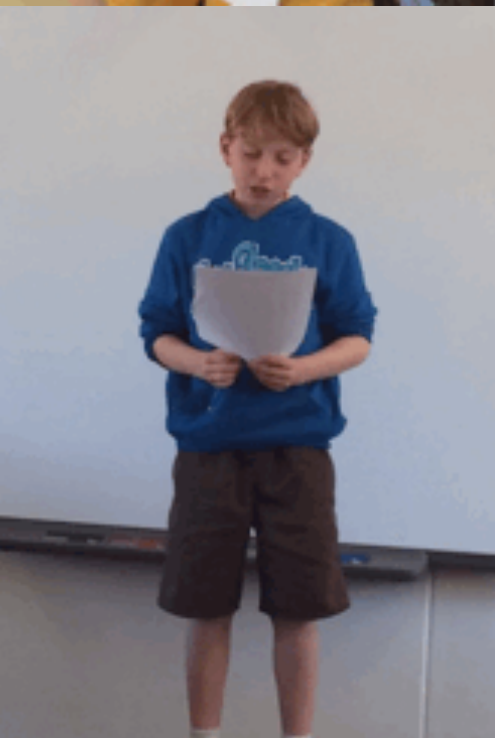
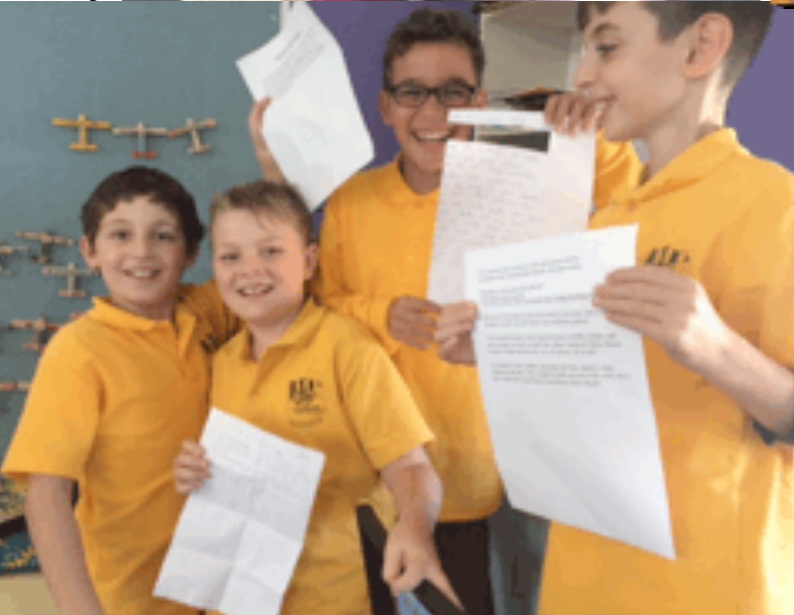


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WE HAVE BEEN WRITING POETRY FOCUSSED ON AN OBJECT THAT WE LOVE. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNT THAT WE LOVE POETRY. SEE US IN ACTION DISCUSSING, RECITING AND WRITING POETRY. EVEN OUR TEACHERS HAVE SHARED THEIR LOVE OF POETRY!



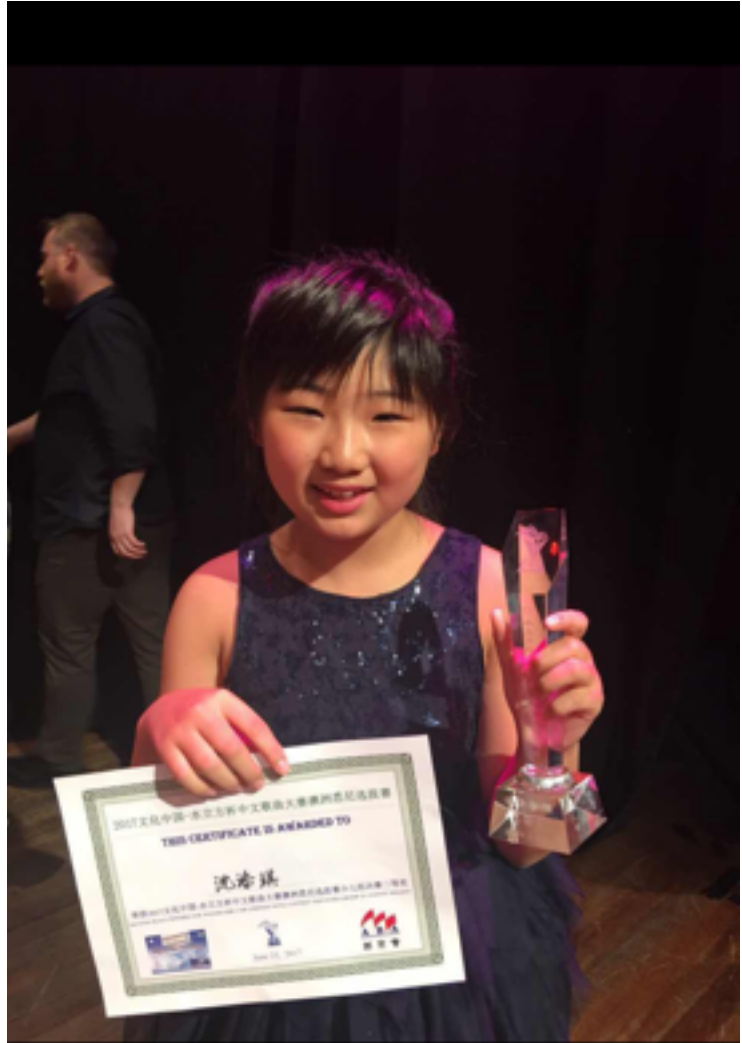
Balmain's Got Talent

Grace S, from 5Louvre, took part in the WaterCube Cup Chinese Song Contest, in the 10-18 year old category (Australia Region). She was **awarded second place**.

The WaterCube Cup is an international Chinese singing competition. It involves several rounds, in which eliminations occur. Entrants can sing songs of any genre and they are accompanied by a solo musician.

Grace may need to travel to Beijing to further compete in this competition, however, there is an age restriction of 12, so Grace may just miss out.

If this occurs, there is always a 'next time', as it appears **Grace has a bright singing future ahead of her**.



FAIRPLAY SPORTS

School Holiday Sports Camps at Balmain High

/ **TENNIS** / **SOCCER MULTISPORTS**
/ **SOCCER** / **TENNIS MULTISPORTS**
/ **AFL** / **BASKETBALL**
/ **OZTAG**

July 10-14

Ph: 1300 765 659

coaching@fairplaytennis.com.au





Inspired Stories School Memories

School Memories by Inspired Stories is a video record of a student capturing their reflections and ideas.

School Memories records the essence of your child's development and packages it together to create a professional video that has real meaning.

Your child will be interviewed about what they enjoy at school, what makes them laugh and what is important to them. This process will not only be a wonderful reflection for you in later years, but also enhances student's understanding of digital technology while developing communication skills.

Inspired Stories can also securely store your videos where you can add to it each year, creating a history of development of your child. Watch their physical, mental and emotional growth and have everything stored in one location.

Children participating in Schools Memories will receive a USB memory stick where they should save:

- 10 highlight photos of the year
- 2 video files taken on parents phones

In addition students should bring with them to the interview:

- 4 examples of their artwork, which we will copy and return
- 2 examples of their creative writing, which we will copy and return

Kindergarten
Payment form due:
22nd June
Filming:
Wednesday 26th July



Further information call
1300 19 12 58
www.inspiredstories.com.au

NAIDOC WEEK AT OUR HOUSE

Tuesday July 4, 2017

10 am - 3 pm

Parliament of NSW

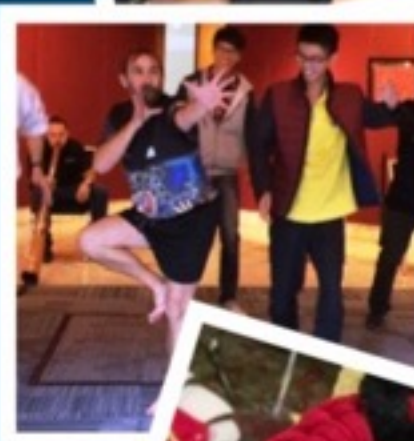
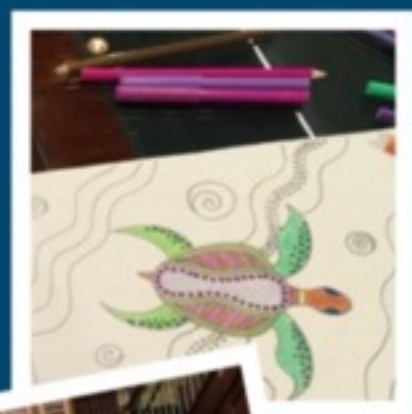
FREE FUN ACTIVITIES! ALL WELCOME!

A fun day with activities for the whole family including storytelling, Aboriginal art & crafts, playing didgeridoo and learning Aboriginal dances, as well as Dharawal Language workshops.

Sausage sizzle on the day! (\$3 per sausage sandwich)

Phone: (02) 9230 2047

Email: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au



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Consultative Group Inc.



Our Languages Matter
2-9 JULY 2017





KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

TERM 3 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!

BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL EVERY MONDAY 3PM TO 5PM

The Kids At The ARThouse presents a Visual Arts Program to inspire your child's creative spirit. It is designed to develop and enrich skills in a variety of mediums while allowing children to express themselves individually in the art making process. Kids At The ARThouse provides afternoon tea and each term there is a new art program. Taught by an experienced and qualified Art Teacher!

CONTACT: SABINA CARNEY m: 0403768282

e: sabina@kidsatthearthouse.com

Students Achievements:

STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP (DARLING HABOUR) "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

"Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere." - Albert Einstein