



# PIGEON POST

Learn ~ Live ~ Lead

## Dates for the Diary

### JULY

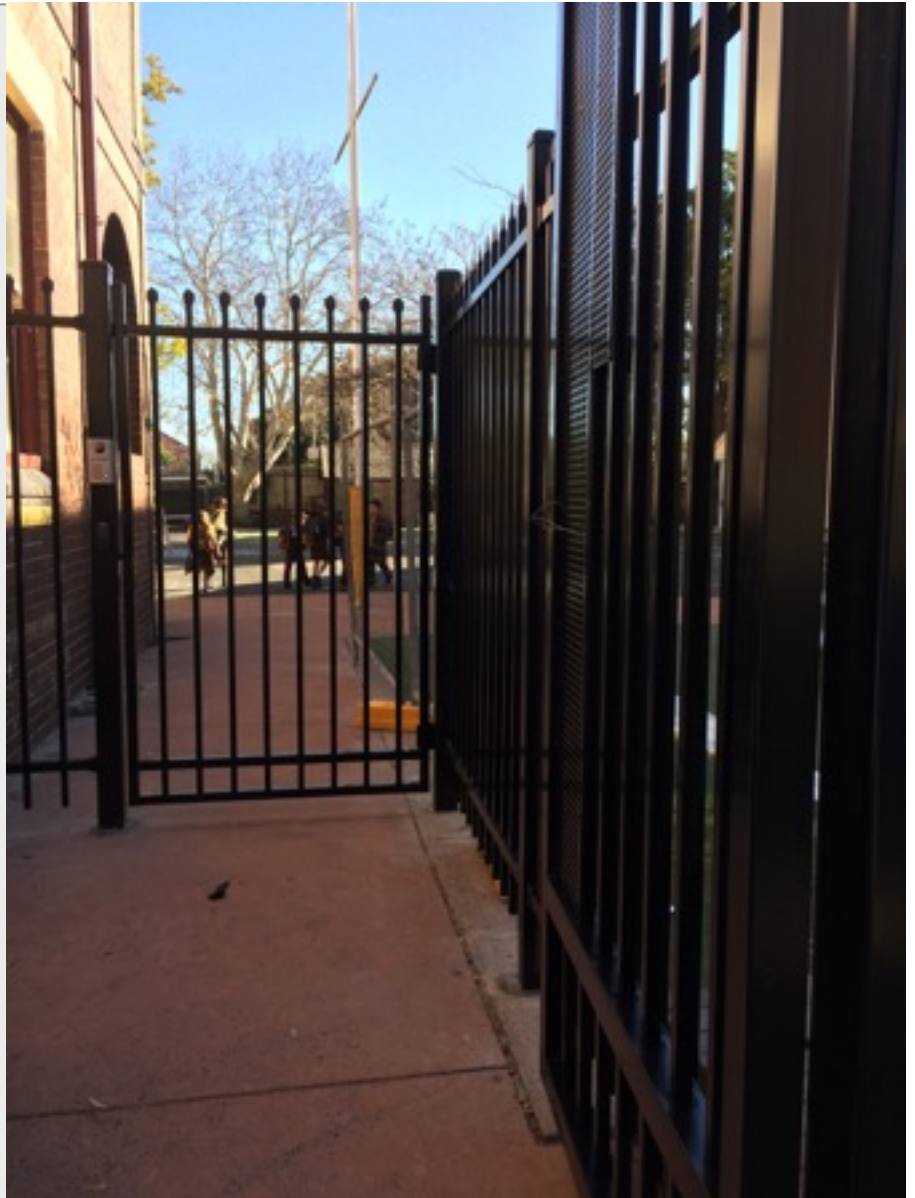
- Weeks 1 - 3 ~ Goal setting meeting with parents and students
- Wed 26 ~ OC placement test
- Thurs 27 & Fri 28 ~ Music Camp

### AUGUST

- Week 3 ~ Education Week
- Tues 1 ~ ICAS English & Day of Culture for our Aboriginal students
- Wed 2 ~ P&C meeting ~ 7pm
- Thurs 3 ~ K-2 Novelty Carnival ~ Gladstone Park

### NOVEMBER

- Sunday 19  
November ~  
**Belle Property**  
**Balmain Fun Run**



THE GATES GO ON...  
NOT LONG NOW UNTIL COMPLETION!

# I Learn, We Learn

## Education Week 2017

### EVENTS:

- ✦ Monday 31/7 or Tuesday 1/8 - Buddy classes will work together on a science-based activity where the older buddy will teach the younger buddy something new.
- ✦ Thursday 3/8 - Choir will perform at lines and classrooms (3-6) will be OPEN until 10am. Parents welcome!
- ✦ Thursday 3/8 - K-2 Novelty Carnival in Gladstone Park from 9:30am. Parents welcome!





Please vote for our short film  
‘Investigating Together’  
which fits in beautifully with the  
theme of Education Week 2017  
“I Learn, We Learn”

We are one of five finalists. With your help we can WIN a film-making kit!

To vote, click on the following links:

<https://poll.fbapp.io/vote-in-the-filmpond-storyquest>

<https://storyquest-finalists.filmpond.com/#/ponds/storyquest-finalists>



# Ms Smith is now on duty!



We welcome Ms Jana Smith, our new staff member, who will be teaching 1M. Ms Smith, Ms Yau and Ms Lovett spent the

School Professional Development Day getting Jana up to speed with the dynamic programs occurring in the upstairs rooms.

Ms Smith graduated from the MTeach program at University of Sydney in 2012.



## Ethics classes at Balmain Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you be an Ethics Coordinator for Balmain Public School?

Ethics classes have been available for students at Balmain Public School since 2011 thanks to the commitment of parents and local community volunteers. Our current Ethics Coordinator is looking to hand over the reins and we are seeking a parent volunteer interested in making a valuable commitment to our school.

In ethics classes children discuss a wide variety of scenarios and stories, learning how to think about ethical matters through discussion with their peers. Ethics classes are an opportunity for children to develop skills in collaborative inquiry, logical reasoning, critical thinking, respectful disagreement, listening and self-expression.

Children discuss topics such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- being an ethical consumer
- homelessness
- fairness

To accommodate all families who would like the option of ethics classes, we need a volunteer Ethics Coordinator to liaise with school staff and organise the training and background checks for the ethics teachers. This vital role is a great opportunity for a working parent, who might be unable to volunteer during school hours but would like to be involved in school life. The time is flexible, requiring approximately 1 hour per week, predominantly online.

If you would like more information about Primary Ethics and our curriculum, or volunteer for this important role, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au), or contact the Volunteering Manager Maria McCarthy at [maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au) or 0410 348 574.



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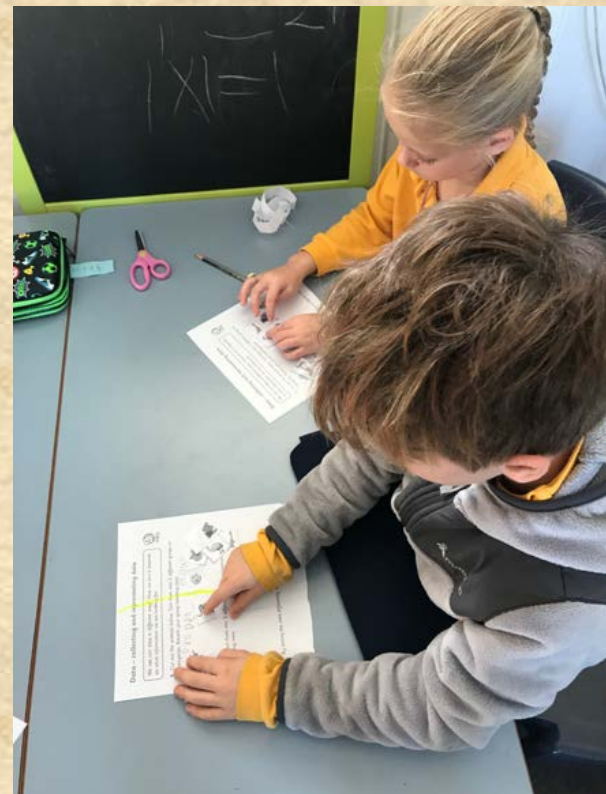
**Term 3 is off to a great start as we find ourselves:**

**Giving the rest of the school a “teaser” of what they can expect to see next week at our PBL presentation**

**Donning our mathematicians hat ...**



**Sorting information and developing surveys**





**Creating graphs  
with our  
information and  
interpreting our  
results**



**We continue to practise  
our 10 movements for  
mindfulness**



**And learn to write about  
our holiday experience in a  
creative way. Thank you to  
Connor Corby from 5/6S  
who came to share his comic  
strip expertise with us.**







Did you know that  
Balmain PS has a  
Ski-ing Club?





The Sydney Interschool's Skiing Championships celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; however, it was the first year that BPS has entered a ski team. Even though none of the kids had raced previously, we thought it sounded like fun so we entered, hired some skis and hit the road.

It was a small crew, 3 families and 3 athletes: Pearce Tyson, Joe Foster and Mac Foster. Also competing were BPS Class of 16 Alumni, Anja Tyson and Mischa Bendall, and supporting them Alex Bendall (Year 1), who is planning his assault on Interschools 2018.

It's a much bigger event than we'd realised, with over 2000 participants from across the Sydney region competing in nine snow sport disciplines. Some schools take it very seriously; with big turnouts of athletes who had attended organised ski camps, private ski coaches on slope and coordinated uniforms, whilst dozens of their teachers accompanied the kids to wax their skis at the starting line!!! But there were also public schools just like ours, who took the opportunity to compete to the best of their abilities. Everyone had a marvellous experience.

Pearce was first up in the highly competitive Division 4 Alpine (Downhill). It was a super icy course and Pearce did brilliantly to complete both runs and came 79<sup>th</sup>. He backed up nicely with an 84<sup>th</sup> in the Skier-X (banks and rollers).

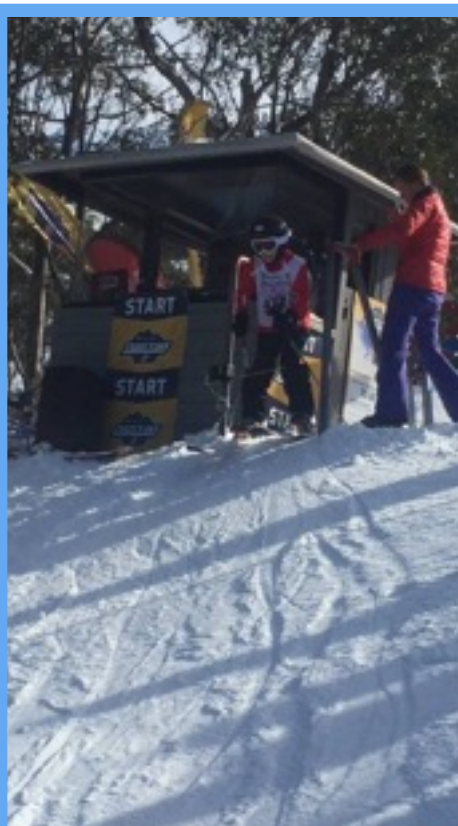
Mac was next up in Division 6 Alpine and did well to come 36<sup>th</sup>. He then entered the Skier-X and came a superb 13<sup>th</sup> missing out on qualifying for the State Championships by about 1 second.

Joe was up against 90 boys in the Division 5 Alpine. He flew down the course and miraculously came 10<sup>th</sup>, qualifying for the NSW State Championships. He also entered the Skier-X, placing 13<sup>th</sup>. He then took on the moguls (bumps & jumps), finishing a wonderful 9<sup>th</sup>, again qualifying for the state championships!

Most importantly we all enjoyed ourselves on and off the snow. We'd like to specifically acknowledge the excellent work of the Interschool organisers and the Mumm Bar in the Thredbo Alpine Hotel for their bottomless cups of marshmallows, who combined made for a great week.

It would be great to get a bigger BPS team next year. You don't have to be a great skier, just be prepared to have some fun. Traditionally held in the July holidays, more information about the event can be found at <http://www.nswinterschools.com.au/>.

Paul, Ed, Mags and Natasha.



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

**GOAL - \$25k**

**Thank You!**



**ART RESOURCES**

**STAGE READERS**

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

**\$20K**

**\$15K**

**\$10K**

**2017  
GOALS**

**NEW CANTEEN  
KITCHEN**

**STAGE 3  
PLAYGROUND  
UPGRADE**

**It's NEVER too late  
to CONTRIBUTE**



**WWW.FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU**

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

**BPS** | Parents & Citizens Association



# 2ND CHANCE UNIFORM STALL

Thank you for supporting the second hand uniform shop this term. We've given **\$300** to the P&C, so the money makes its way back to our kids.

The second-hand uniform shop will not be running for the rest of the term. We have very little winter stock. **We welcome donations!** They may be left at the office. We will be back in the second week of Term 3, Wednesday 8:30am; hopefully, with lots of new stock.

Please note that we almost never have hats for sale, so you shouldn't rely on the second-hand shop to supply your child with a BPS hat. Disappearing hats are a mystery to us too...(see below for supplier details of BPS hats...)

We also hope to run second-hand uniform sessions once or twice a term in the early evening for those parents who can't make it to Wednesday drop-off... stay tuned.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, email **Mel** ([meljwilkinson@yahoo.com.au](mailto:meljwilkinson@yahoo.com.au)) or **Jane** ([jane.williams@gmail.com](mailto:jane.williams@gmail.com)).

## 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.**



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SYDNEY  
ACADEMY OF CHESS

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## CHESS at 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 20 July 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](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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**SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST  
AT BALMAIN MARKETS**



# **YEAR 5 CAKE STALL**

**8 AM - 3 PM**

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

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- 1. VOLUNTEER BY SIGNING UP ON OUR  
ROSTER (LINK TO FOLLOW SOON)**
  - 2. BAKE GOODIES AND DROP OFF ON  
THE DAY OR DROP OFF AT YOUR  
CLASSROOM THE DAY BEFORE (ONLY IF  
YOU CANNOT BRING TO STALL)**

Book Week is our favourite time of year at Inner West Libraries, and we're so excited to bring you our new, expanded, Inner West Libraries Book Week 2017 drawing and reading competitions.

Council are inviting local school children to celebrate Book Week with us with two competitions open to children from K- 6. Last year we had over 1000 entries, and the buzz around the competition was great, and we hope to build the momentum this year, across all 8 locations of the Inner West Library service.

The theme for Book Week 2017 is ***Escape to Everywhere*** and we invite children to use their imagination to explore this idea.

### **Drawing Competition**

Open to children in grades K-2. Children are asked to draw a picture of a place they would go if they could escape to anywhere in the world.

### **Writing Competition**

Open to children in grades 3-6. Children are asked to write a short story about a place they would go to if they could escape to anywhere in the world.

You can find the competition page on our website here:

<http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/art---events/events-and-festivals/book-week>

### **How to Enter**

The competition is open to all children from ages K-6. Entry forms can be picked up at any Inner West Council Library or you can download an entry form on the website.

<http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/art---events/events-and-festivals/book-week>

If entrants need extra space, additional sheets of paper can be attached to an original entry form.

We think this competition is a perfect way to connect with local schools, and for our community to connect with us.

At least ten winners are selected per year group, and presentation afternoon is always a lot of fun.

There will be a special presentation afternoon at Ashfield Library on the 25 August where children will receive their prize and see a selection of entries. Prizes are a secret until the presentation day. Schools will be notified if any of their students are competition winners, and teachers and parents of winners are more than welcome to join us at the presentation.

If you have any further questions, the main contact for the competition is Emma Suyasa, Children's and Youth Services Librarian at Ashfield Library. She can be reached here:

[emma.suyasa@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:emma.suyasa@innerwest.nsw.gov.au)



The background is a vibrant light blue. It is decorated with various musical-themed illustrations: a large treble clef in the upper right, a musical note on a staff in the lower right, and several abstract shapes including circles and lines in yellow, black, and light blue. Some of these shapes have small black star-like symbols next to them.

# Piano & Singing lessons

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## Minis Program

For boys and girls  
aged 2.5 - 3 years

## Preschool Program

For boys and girls  
aged 3 - 5 years

## Junior Program

For boys and girls  
aged 6 - 8 years

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# Precision

## Alterations and Tailoring

# FAIRPLAY SPORTS

School Holiday Sports Camps at Balmain High

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/ **SOCCER** / **TENNIS MULTISPORTS**  
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/ **OZTAG**

July 10-14

**Ph: 1300 765 659**

[coaching@fairplaytennis.com.au](mailto:coaching@fairplaytennis.com.au)





# **MOVIE ROLE**

YOUNG GIRL  
6 – 8 YEARS  
WANTED FOR ROLE  
IN A NEW FEATURE FILM

Must have brown eyes and be  
bright and confident

NO ACTING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Please email a photo asap (a snapshot is fine) with  
your name, age, location and contact details to:

[general@barrettcasting.com.au](mailto:general@barrettcasting.com.au)

Barrett Casting have cast such films as Hacksaw Ridge,  
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# Kids' Disco

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Party  
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\$25 per child

\*Minimum of 10 children.

Every second Saturday

from 1pm – 3pm

- Entry only \$7-

Book early to avoid disappointment

In the "DISCO"TORIUM at 4 William Street FIVE DOCK NSW 2046

## Disco Dates

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

August 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

September 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

October 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

\*School Holidays



**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@kidsattheearthhouse.com](mailto:sabina@kidsattheearthhouse.com)**

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