



# PIGEON POST

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## Dates for the Diary

### AUGUST

- Tues 15 ~ ICAS Maths
- 21-25 ~ BOOK WEEK
- Wed 23 ~ Second Hand Bookstore
- Thurs 24 ~ Book Character Parade ~ 4pm

### SEPTEMBER

- Tues 5 ~ Festival of Instrumental Music (FOIM) ~ Sydney Opera House ~ 7pm
- Sun 17 ~ Working Bee ~ 8am-12pm

### NOVEMBER

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

## Challenge accepted, Ms Parkes...

Are you preparing for Book Week 2017?  
This year's theme is...



Come dressed as your favourite book character at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 24th August. Let's parade, celebrate books and escape together! See you there!  
♥ Families welcome ♥

**Come on kids**, let's get ready for a fabulous, favourite event at Balmain PS!

*Maria Lambos* ~ Principal



## District Athletics

It was a great day. Everyone did very well, but special mention goes to those who have got through to Regionals:

**Ada R, Luca G, Hannah B, Lucy E-A, Emily B and Jacob J.**

An extra special mention to **Lucy**, who was awarded the **Senior Champion Girls medal**, coming in the top three in three events and setting a new zone record of 1.38m in the High Jump.

**Jacob** also set a new zone record in the discus, as did **Luca** in the 800m. Our youngest competitors, **Mirabelle F** and **Orson O-J** ran really well and now have a taste for it.





# Learning...



Kindy science lesson - cloud watching



...comes in all shapes and sizes at Balmain Public School. Long gone are the traditional classrooms you and I probably grew up in...

Our school has registered to be involved in 'Outdoor Classroom Day' on 7 September.

Today's (12/8/17) Daily Telegraph' has featured BPS on page 4...



As I was working on this issue of Pigeon Post, up popped the above screen on Channel 9's Today Show...



## Don't leave kids to own devices

AUSTRALIAN schoolchildren rank their electronic devices more highly than playing outdoors with friends, new research shows.

Educational authorities and schools are so concerned about the generation of children staying indoors they have organised Australia's first "Outdoor Classroom Day".

When asked what they value most about their playtime, 32 per cent of Aussie primary school kids ranked their iPad or games console as the things they enjoyed most about their day — more so than outdoor play with friends (25 per cent), Omo/Galaxy research found.

And parents are tearing their hair out, with almost three-

quarters (73 per cent) of the 1000 families interviewed saying they faced "huge challenges" sending their offspring outside.

More than 70,000 Aussie kids, in almost 900 schools, including Balmain Public School, have now signed up for the outdoor classroom day on September 7.

Principal Maria Lambos said the school would be running English lessons, reading, geography, maths personal development and health and physical education classes outside on the day.

"Some students may not often go to a park to spend time, so having regular school sessions outside encourages them," Ms Lambos said.

"Students are more engaged as they generally enjoy being out of the classroom. Doing class work outside encourages students to consider other tasks which they could do outside."

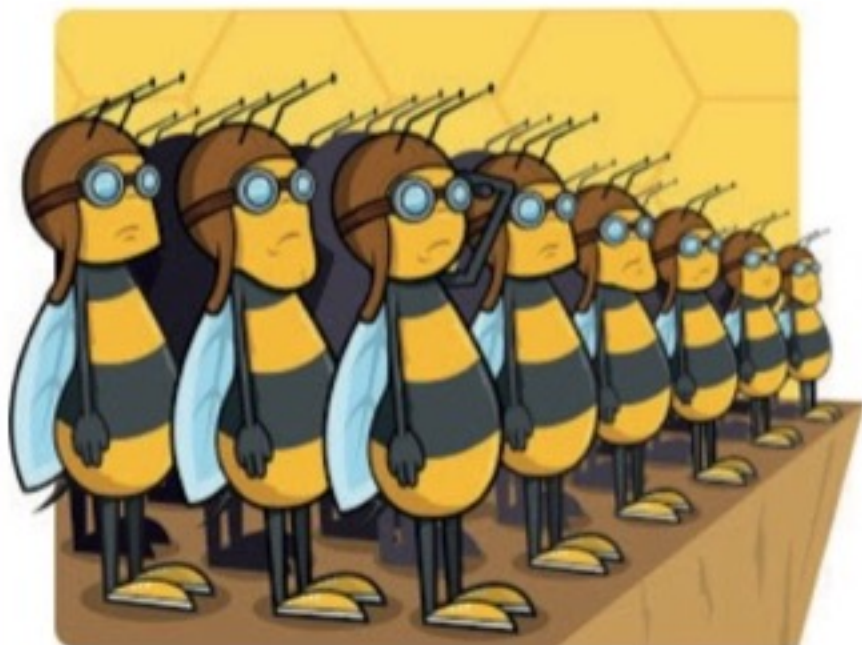
Outdoor Education Australia, a peak body group, argues more time spent outside benefits children immeasurably.

"We need the outdoors more than ever to provide release, inspiration, and a host of other elemental benefit," Outdoors NSW spokeswoman Joelle Breault-Hood said. "We know the outdoors is a panacea to many of the challenges of the modern world."



Emma Bradbury, 6, of Balmain Public School.

# CALLING ALL WORKER BEES!



**KIDS  
WELCOME!**

## **We're holding an old school Working Bee at Balmain Public School!**

### **Here's what's on the list:**

- planting trees
- painting tired buildings
- cleaning up the frog pond area
- and so much more...

**When: 8am-12pm, Sunday 17 September**

**Keen to help out?** Contact Rob Taubman at [rob@taubs.net](mailto:rob@taubs.net)

### **Can't make it? Why not donate a:**

- plant - \$30
- tin of paint - \$15
- BBQ supplies - \$5

**Head to Flexischools: [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)**



The background is a collage of children's art and craft supplies. At the top, there's a photo of children in a classroom. Below that, a pink brushstroke banner contains the main title. The bottom half of the image shows a wooden tray filled with various art supplies like markers, paint containers, and paper scraps, with a yellow brushstroke banner at the very bottom.

# KINDY INFO EVENING

*SHARING WHAT HAPPENS @ BPS*

A huge **THANK YOU** to our:

**Kindy staff** - Ariana Davis, Lauren Goodridge & Sophie Parsons

**Prime Ministers** - Elliot & Emily

**Parent Presenters** - Sophie Knox, Van Allen & Doug Talbot

**THANKS SO MUCH!**



On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 21 Stage 2 students competed in the MILO T20 Cricket Blast School Cup! It's an inter-school round-robin cricket competition for boys and girls, held at Timbrell Park in Drummoyne. When we arrived we could see 14 pitches coned out amongst the park, so that 28 teams could play each other. The Sydney Thunder bus was there with their 'green inflatable throwing alley thingy-magiggy', as described by students and then later by Ms Clay!

There was music playing, the TV news was there highlighting girls cricket, as well as Alyssa Healy, the Australian Women's Cricket wicket keeper, who was there being interviewed. Schools came to the competition from all over the area.

## Milo T20 Cricket Blast School Cup



The 21 Balmain kids were split into 3 teams: two boys' teams and one girls' team. There were 8 players in the boys' teams and 5 players in the girls' team. Everybody got a batting partner and you would face two overs together and then the next batting pair would come in. There were 16 overs in the whole game, with 8 overs a side.

Balmain played 3 games each and they all did very well. Everybody had a great time at the MILO T20 Cricket Blast School Cup!!!

*by Joe F*



PRICES WILL RANGE FROM  
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**August 23rd • Wednesday**

# *Second Hand Bookstore*

Be sure to bring all your second hand  
books and put them in the cardboard  
box outside your classroom by the  
22nd of August, Tuesday

All funds will go towards the  
school library for more  
learning supplies!





# Week of Tastes

The highlight of the week was definitely our trip to Gelatissimo - ask anyone in year four!



We learnt about the difference between ice cream, sorbet and gelato.

Harry from Gelatissimo showed us how they make gelato at their store - each flavour can be created in only fifteen minutes!

...aaaand of course, there was the compulsory taste testing segment at the conclusion of our visit.



It was a tough job - but year four were up to the challenge! A delicious end to a tasty week!







# PRIMARILY FUN

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## BAND WORKSHOP

MON 11 SEPTEMBER @ SSC BALMAIN 9AM TO 2:30PM

## STRINGS WORKSHOP

TUE 12 SEPTEMBER @ SSC LEICHHARDT 9AM TO 2:30PM

Collaborate with Sydney Secondary College musicians and Stage 3 students from other local primary schools for a fun and intensive day of music making and perform at:

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# MUSIC IN THE PARK

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SAT 16TH SEPTEMBER @ PIONEERS PARK  
LEICHHARDT 11:45am to 3:15pm.

Primary students arrive at 1:00pm.

Please visit [www.sscimp.com/about](http://www.sscimp.com/about) for more information





# Finn to conquer the world of Pokémon in Anaheim, USA!

Balmain PS is incredibly proud to announce that next week, Year 6 student Finn C, will be flying to the USA to represent Australia in the invitation only Pokémon World Championships!!

Pokémon is a highly strategic game, which involves quick thinking, anticipation of your opponent's strategy and an in-depth understanding of the potential interactions between hundreds of different Pokémon and their abilities.

Finn is currently ranked 8th in the Oceania region (Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, etc) in the game. He has been sponsored to attend the World Championships.

Here's a picture of Finn competing at a recent Australian Pokémon competition.

We wish him luck in the world championships!!





# GERMAN LANGUAGE DAY



from 8 AUGUST until  
19 AUGUST 2017



*Saturday, 19 August 2017*

## 3 to 5 pm LEARNING GERMAN IN SYDNEY

### *Information Fair*

Supported by the German Consulate General, meet our local German language schools and universities: German International School Sydney, Goethe Institut Sydney, Deutschstunde Sydney, German Saturday School, FROEBEL Kindergarten, University of Sydney, University of Technology Sydney (School of International Studies), University of Sydney (German Studies).

Connect with German organisations, such as the German National Tourist Office, the German-Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and 'German with Kids' (German Speaking Kids Living Abroad). Meet our local German churches, St Christophorus (Croydon) and the German Lutheran Church.

With Goethe Institut's informative and interactive station game "Autobahn" explore impressions and facts about German-speaking countries, their culture and products. It's the perfect game for students who are about to choose a foreign language, catering for German beginners as well as for advanced learners and even for parents.

## 5 to 6.30 pm BILINGUALISM IN A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### *Panel Discussion*

Hosted by SBS journalist Wolfgang Müller, our panel explores bilingualism in a multicultural society and consists of Karl Walter Hartleb (Consul-General of Austria), Ingrid Piller (Professor of Applied Linguistics at Macquarie University), Dr Sabina Groeneveld (Lecturer in International Studies and Coordinator of the German Language and Culture programme at UTS), and Dr Cat Moir (Professor at the University of Sydney and Chair of the Department of Germanic Studies).

## 5 to 6.30 pm HEIDI (2015)

### *Film Screening in German with English subtitles*

We all know Heidi, the story of a young girl who lives in the Swiss Alps with her Grandfather. This movie is a lovely retelling of the Johanna Spyri book about a spirited orphaned child in late 19th-century Europe, a delight for both adults and children.







from **8 AUGUST** until  
**19 AUGUST** 2017

### 8 AUGUST, 6PM

**Exhibition Opening:**  
"500 Years of Martin Luther's  
Reformation – #herelstand"  
by His Excellency General The  
Honourable David Hurley AC DSC  
(Ret'd), Governor of New South  
Wales

St. Andrew's Cathedral  
Cnr of George and Bathurst Street,  
Sydney 2000

Exhibition Period  
August - September 2017

### 10 AUGUST, 7:30PM

**Film Screening:**  
"Martin Luther – the Film"

German Lutheran Church  
90b Goulburn Street, Sydney 2000

### 11 AUGUST, 5PM-9PM 12 AUGUST, 4PM-9PM

**"Christmas in August"**

German style Christmas Market  
German International  
School Sydney  
33 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills 2084

### 15 AUGUST, 7.30PM

**Choir Concert of St Georg Choir**

German Lutheran Church  
90b Goulburn Street, Sydney 2000

### 17 AUGUST, 6.00PM

**Evening Forum: „Startup Scene  
in Germany and Australia“**

Successful start-up founders will  
reflect on their experiences and  
discuss opportunities in Germany  
and Australia.

Hosted by Tyro Payments  
155 Clarence St, Sydney 2000

### 18 AUGUST, 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM

**Free Concert: Acacia Quartet**

Australian string quartet performs  
contemporary German works

Goethe-Institut Sydney  
90 Ocean Street, Woollahra 2025

### 19 AUGUST, 3PM

**"German Language Day"**

Organised by Deutschstunde and  
Goethe-Institut Sydney

Information fair, panel discussion  
and film screening in German with  
English subtitles (HEIDI, 2015)

112 Edwin Street North,  
Croydon 2132



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# WEEK OF TASTES

**New Balmain business, Bourke St Bakery, visits our school...**



*Bourke street  
bakery*



**Can you tell what you're eating when  
you can't use your sense of sight?**





# Earn & Learn



**Woolworths Earn & Learn** is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school. Last year, Balmain Public School was able to 'purchase' many resources to boost our investigative learning program with the 10,000 points we collected, thanks to our community!

It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September 2017 or while stock lasts, when our parents and staff shop at Woolworths, they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator, or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet.

There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at our school, located in our foyer, or at our local Woolworths.

We can then redeem our Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources, just like last year!

Your assistance is much appreciated!!!!

# PSSA

## Netball...

It was a hot and tiring day, but Balmain gave it their all, at the Haberfield netball courts. The Senior As were really close, but lost. The Senior Bs also lost their game against a super-hard team. The Senior Cs had a neck and neck game, but sadly lost 3-4.

The juniors had a cracking game! The As won 8-0; the Bs had a close game, but lost 2-0.

We thought netball was a winter sport, but it didn't feel like that in Haberfield today, as we played in the blistering hot sun!

By Hannah B, Genevieve S and Winona M

## Soccer...

Our junior A team had to play Birchgrove A AGAIN!!! That makes it three weeks in a row that we have played them. It was really tiring to play against such a competitive team in the heat - What's going on? It's WINTER!! But we still came out on top with a great 3-0 victory, like last week. Goal scorers were Joe (2) and Lachie R (1). That makes it 2 wins to us and 1 win to Birchgrove in the local derby.

This week the Junior B Team played Birchgrove B. An outstanding performance from our B team. It was a 5-0 victory to us. Goal scorers were Lucius, Matt A., Alex T. and Lara O. I know there was someone else important too. Please let me know and I'll mention your goal next week.

By Joe F

A cracking game from the Senior B team, led by the competent captaincy of Mr Charlie H. A confident start was foiled by a lucky shot from Kegworth, that dropped like a heavy spectre from the heavens. Still down 1-0 at half-time, Balmain lifted their heads and then their eyes, as Charlie pocketed a corker in the first minutes of the second half. This was followed by an unbelievable goal from Nick Z, who let one fly from the half-way mark and saw the ball soar right past the goalies' feeble gloves. Kegworth returned to even the score 2-2, after an accidental handball won them a penalty in the box. This only inspired Charlie to seal the deal and finish the game, 3-2.

Player of the match goes to Savannah H, for respectful play, no complaints and valiant defence.

Our Senior A team was no less inspired and dominated Orange Grove, 6-1.

Player of the match goes to Luca V, for always listening to his captain and acting respectfully.

By Mr Nuto



# NAPLAN Online

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017. **Balmain Public School has been scheduled to participate during the week of 28 August-1 September.**

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology, ahead of NAPLAN Online. **The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability.**

The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

**The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.**

**Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.**

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

**<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>**

Ms Lovett and Ms Ally require a parent to assist us with supervision of the sporting group that attend PCYC on Friday afternoons from 11:50 - 1:20. This involves walking with us from school to PCYC and back again, as well as sitting in with the group of students who do boxing.

We need this extra supervision on the Fridays listed below: 25/8, 8/9 and 22/9

If you are able to assist, please email the school:  
[balmainps@gmail.com](mailto:balmainps@gmail.com) - att: Ms Lovett PCYC

Thanks in advance...

**can  
you  
help?**

# Could you be an ethics teacher? We need you at BPS!



**Ethics classes are taught by voluntary teachers but we don't have enough volunteers at Balmain Public School!**

If you'd like your child to learn ethics, there's a chance they won't be able to if we don't boost our teacher numbers. There are no special skills required and teaching involves only a few hours a week.

**Calling all mums, dads, grandparents and other family members to become an ethics teacher!** Head to [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) – it's a great way to engage with your kids and their peers.

**BPS also needs a voluntary ethics coordinator.**

Contact Kate Melber to learn more about the voluntary ethics coordinator role at [katemelber@gmail.com](mailto:katemelber@gmail.com)

**Why study ethics? Students learn to answer questions like:**

**Is it ever ok to lie?**

**Are sports competitions fair?**

**Why do some students receive more attention than others?**

**And students develop 21st century social skills such as:**

- **Critical thinking**
- **Collaborative inquiry**
- **How to disagree respectfully & imagine how others feel**
- **How to make ethical decisions**



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

**GOAL - \$25k**

**Thank You!**



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**\$20K**

**\$15K**

**\$10K**

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# BALMAIN BASKETBALL SESSIONS

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25/33 TERRY ST, ROZELLE**

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# **Keeping OK**

**6-8PM  
THURSDAY  
14 SEPTEMBER  
2017**

**BALMAIN TOWN HALL  
370 DARLING STREET  
BALMAIN**

**FREE EVENT-  
DOORS OPEN  
AT 5PM  
VISIT THE  
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STALLS  
AND ENJOY  
REFRESHMENTS**

**A COMMUNITY  
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ABOUT SUICIDE  
AWARENESS  
AND  
PREVENTION**

Book at [onedoor.org.au/events/keeping-ok-suicide-forum](http://onedoor.org.au/events/keeping-ok-suicide-forum)

or call 9708 2670 or 9747 8616

**10 September is World Suicide Prevention Day**

**Be part of a compassionate community**

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number of tickets required

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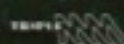
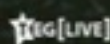


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# CALLING ALL ATHLETES

**COME AND JOIN THE  
BALMAIN LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB**

**Get your running shoes on and  
come and register for a fun filled  
season of friendly competition  
and personal bests**

**Tiny Tots (4yrs) to U17 welcome**



## **SEASON STARTS**

After winter sport finishes  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

## **REGISTRATION**

Online [www.lansw.com.au](http://www.lansw.com.au)

**THEN** come down to **KING GEORGE OVAL, MANNING STREET, ROZELLE** on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August or 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 2-4pm to pick up your registration pack. Uniforms will be on sale too

**PLEASE NOTE:** proof of age for **ALL NEW** athletes has to be sighted so bring your child's passport or birth certificate with you.

## **ENTERING YEAR 7 IN 2018 ?**

No problem as over ¾ of our season will have been completed before you even start high school

## **COST \$130**

Get in quick as we have an **early bird fee of \$110** that applies till 5pm 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug

## **CONTACT**

[info@balmainlac.org.au](mailto:info@balmainlac.org.au)

Facebook: BalmainLAC



**BALMAIN  
LITTLE  
ATHLETICS  
CENTRE**



NORTH SYDNEY BOYS  
HIGH SCHOOL

# OPEN DAY

TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST 2017  
9:15 AM - 12:00 PM



The North Sydney Boys community invites you to Open Day.

Join us to discover how we deliver excellence and innovation in boys' education. Our students, parents and teachers look forward to welcoming you to the school and sharing with you what makes North Sydney Boys so unique.

**School Tours: 9:15am; 9:30am; 9:45am; and 11:15am**

**Principal's Address and student presentations: 10:45am**



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