



PIGEON POST

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Dates for the Diary

AUGUST

- 21-25 ~ BOOK WEEK
- Wed 23 ~ 2nd Hand Bookstore
- Inner West Debate
- Thurs 24 ~ Book Character Parade ~ 9am
- 28/8-1/9 ~ NAPLAN Online trial ~ Y3 & Y5

SEPTEMBER

- Tues 5 ~ FOIM ~ Sydney Opera House ~ 7pm
- Thurs 7 ~ Ultimo Public Speaking Finals
- Thurs 14 ~ K-2 Athletics Carnival
- Sun 17 ~ Working Bee ~ 8am-12pm

NOVEMBER

- Sunday 19 ~ Belle Property Balmain Fun Run

Luca blitzes Nationals...

Luca represented NSW at the National Cross Country Carnival in Tasmania last weekend.

He came home, with not one, but **three medals!!!**

After running beautifully in Antarctic conditions, Luca won **silver** in the individual race and **bronze** in the team event.

The following day, in rain, high winds and icy cold, he also won **bronze** in the relay event with his 5 friends from NSW.

Luca is now officially the second fastest U11 boy in Cross Country in Australia!



Congratulations Luca!!! What an awesome achievement!!!

Maria Lambos ~ Principal



PRICES WILL RANGE FROM
50 CENTS-5 DOLLARS
BRING YOUR MONEY!

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!



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 ♥

RSPCA NSW acknowledges

Stage 1 students of Balmain Public School



Steve Coleman
CEO RSPCA NSW



GERMAN WEEK SYDNEY

from **8 AUGUST** until
19 AUGUST 2017

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

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.



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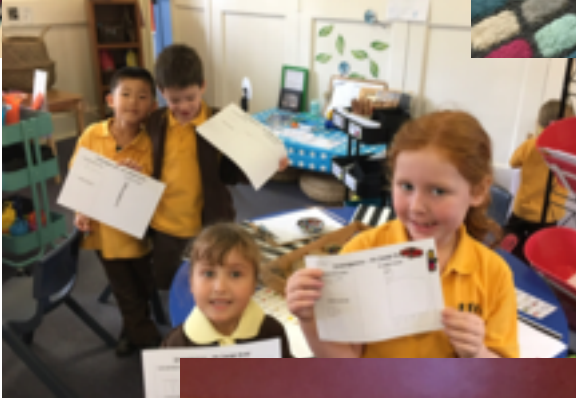
This term, in science, Kindergarten Rainforest have been learning about the weather. We made paintings on bark using Aboriginal symbols.





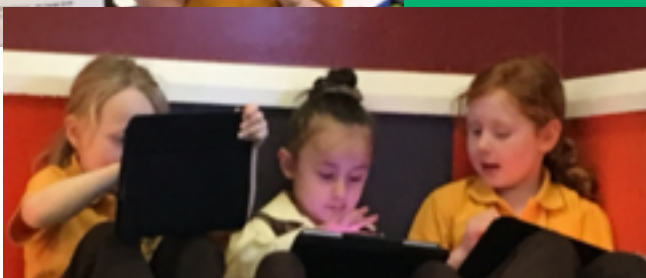
Kindergarten love to start the day with a song!

This week in investigations, Inez and Eliza have been busy creating at the collage table...



In reading groups, we are learning to read fluently.

Take a deep breath!



We love practising our sight words using the iPad!

Who knew making graphs and recording data could be so yummy!!!



DO YOU KNOW a celebrity ... ?

(ONE WHO IS happy to help OUR SCHOOL)

Were they in 'HOME & AWAY'..?

or even BLUE HEELERS..?

Maybe a food blogger..?

Big on Instagram..?

A YouTube sensation..?

Had a selfie with Ellen..?

WE NEED YOUR help..!

Email: info@balmainfunrun.com.au
Call: Doug Talbot (Event Director)
0404 073 034

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your
SCHOOL

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Citizens
Association



PRIMARILY FUN

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:

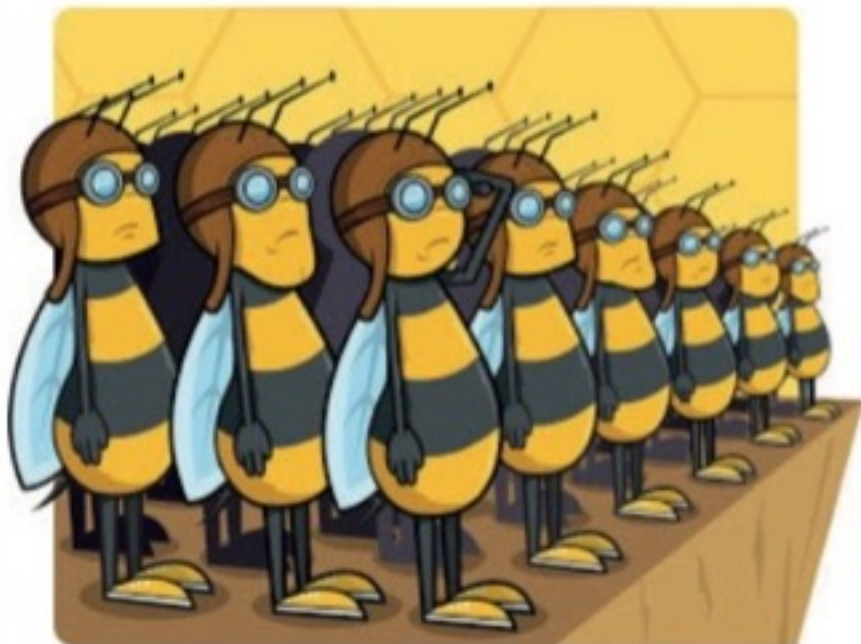
MUSIC IN THE PARK

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

Primary students arrive at 1:00pm.

Please visit www.sscimp.com/about for more information

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

Can't make it? Why not donate a:

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

Head to Flexischools: www.flexischools.com.au

Earn & Learn

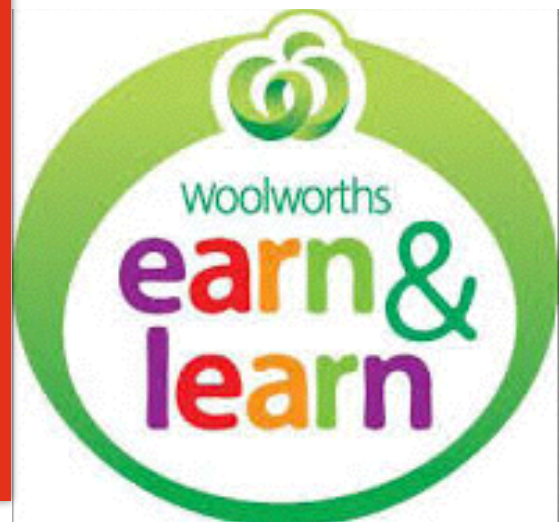
It's not too late!!!!

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!!!!



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>

can
you
help?

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 still need volunteers for this extra supervision on the Fridays listed: **25/8** and **22/9**

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

Thanks in advance...

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 – 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

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**

OPEN DAY

Date: Sunday 27th August



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TRIAL DANCE CLASSES ON US!
CONTACT 'NEXT MOVE' TO REGISTER
PH: 0410 621 791
E: info@nextmove.net.au



FREE CLASSES

Trial Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap,
Musical Theatre & Ballet

A fun learning atmosphere
A chance to trial your style

**ENROL ON OPEN DAY
& GET TERM 3 HALF PRICE!**
Enjoy Facepainting & Balloons!



THE DAY'S TIMETABLE BELOW... REGISTER!

- 9:30am - Lil' Movers (2-3yrs, ballet jazz combo)
- 10am - Lil' Movers (4-7yrs, ballet jazz combo)
- 10:30am - Tap (open age from 4yrs+)
- 11am: - Ballet (7yrs+)
- 11:30am - Hip Hop (4-7yrs)
- 12pm - Musical Makers Club (5-15yrs)
- 12:30pm - JFH (Jazz Funk Hip Hop - 8yrs+)

Next
Move

nextmove.net.au

BALMAIN BASKETBALL SESSIONS

**LEARN BASKETBALL
WITH OUR TERM 3
TRAINING SESSIONS**

**WEDNESDAYS 4-5PM AT
BALMAIN SECONDARY COLLEGE
25/33 TERRY ST, ROZELLE**

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AT:
PLAY@CITYHOOPS.COM.AU**

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE



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For free tickets, email
balmainps@gmail.com with
child's full name, class &
number of tickets required

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

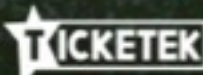
THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH RETURNS

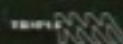
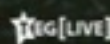


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CHEERLEADERS • MARCHING BAND
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • TAILGATE PARTY

STANFORD CARDINAL V RICE OWLS

ALLIANZ STADIUM SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2017

BOOK NOW AT 



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

Keeping OK

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

**BALMAIN TOWN HALL
370 DARLING STREET
BALMAIN**

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

**A COMMUNITY
DISCUSSION
ABOUT SUICIDE
AWARENESS
AND
PREVENTION**

Book at 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

Let's talk...a conversation can really help

 **INNER WEST COUNCIL**





FIRST LESSON FREE!

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Join up for Monday's class for the remainder of the term and get the first lesson for free. Make a paper mache animal, something special for Fathers Day and more!! Unleash your creative talents and have lots of fun! Taught by an experienced and qualified Art Educator. Kids At The ARThouse provides all art materials and afternoon tea! To enrol please contact Sabina!

Monday 3pm - 5pm

CONTACT: Sabina Carney m: 0403768282

e: sabina@kidsattheartouse.com



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



CORNER OF FALCON AND
MILLER STREETS, CROWS
NEST

PHONE: 9955 4748

PARKING IN THE
SURROUNDING STREETS IS
LIMITED TO 2 HOURS. THE
SCHOOL IS BEST ACCESSED
BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT. VISIT
TRANSPORTNSW.INFO FOR
TIMETABLE INFORMATION.



SYDNEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL INVITATION TO OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 6 September 2017 3.30-7.00pm

“Leading the Way – Celebrating 134 Years of Public Education”

Sydney Girls High School will be celebrating its Annual Open Night on Wednesday 6 September 2017. Open Night showcases the talents of our students in the academic, sporting leadership and cultural fields. Prospective students and their families are warmly invited to attend the evening. Come along and find out more about the school and the opportunities it offers its students. All members of the school community are welcome to share in this annual celebration of the life of the school.

Program:

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|-----------------|---|
| 4.00pm - 5.30pm | Displays by all faculties and co-curricular groups in the Main Building/Campbell Hall/Common Room: sport, performing arts, clubs, debates, multi-media screenings, drama, music, languages and Tournament of Minds performances, cross-curricular projects. |
| 6.00pm | Official welcome - meet the Principal and School Captain
Dance and Music performances in the School Hall |
| 6.00pm-6.30pm | Annual Textiles and Design Fashion Parade in the School Hall |

Anzac Parade, Surry Hills 2010
Parking: Cleveland Street - enter at Gate 4

Enquiries - phone administration
Ph: 9331-2336
Web: www.sghs.nsw.edu.au



INFORMATION MORNING
Prospective Year 7 Students 2019
Tuesday 10 October 2017
at 9.15am in the School Auditorium

Sydney Technical High School, established in 1911, has a proud tradition of student achievement. The school prepares young men who are scholarly and socially responsible. Features of the school include languages, music, visual arts, debating, public speaking and sport. Teaching and learning programs feature higher order thinking and are recognised as best practice in gifted education. The school actively promotes an environment in which student welfare, tolerance of others and strong community values support each student reaching his potential.

Enrolments: Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education. For further information contact the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au.

SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
686 Forest Road Bexley 2207
www.sths.nsw.edu.au

Enquiries to the School: 9587 5899

An Academically Selective School for Boys

Book Fair

Thousands of books at bargain prices

Find a great buy at this year's Book Fair among our broad range including fiction, poetry, art, travel, literature and academic titles.

The money we raise supports scholarships, maintenance of historic buildings and other vital projects at the University of Sydney.

When

Saturday 9 to Wednesday 13 September
10am – 4pm

Venue

The Great Hall, The Quadrangle,
the University of Sydney

Contact

+61 2 9351 0017
chancellors.bookroom@sydney.edu.au

sydney.edu.au/bookfair



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