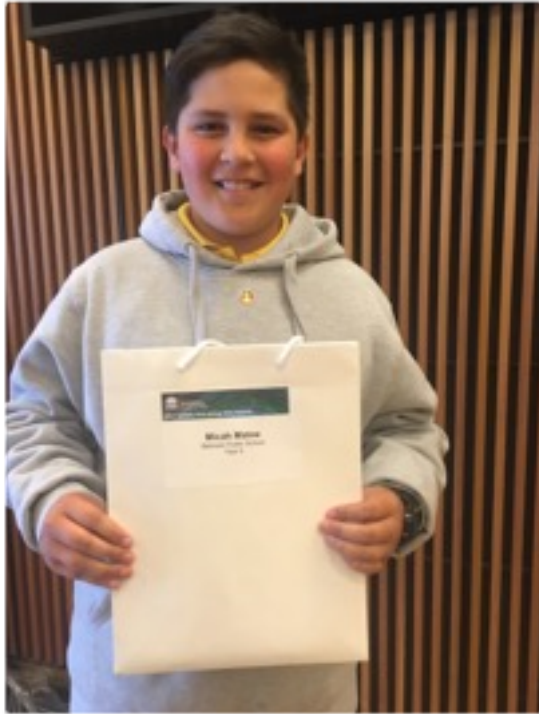




PIGEON POST



Learn ~ Live ~ Lead



Micah,

you're DEADLY!

The **DEADLY KIDS DOING WELL**

AWARDS (DKDWA) are held annually and recognise K-12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are doing well at school.

Micah M, in 5/6S, was nominated to receive this prestigious award this year.

Ms Ellwood and I attended the 9th DKDWA ceremony on Friday and were very proud to see Micah receive his award, along with another 111 deadly kids in our primary and high schools.

The keynote speaker was a young Aboriginal man, Corey Smith, who has just completed a double degree in law, speaking about not letting anything get in the way from dreaming, having a go and achieving!

Congratulations, Micah...we're so proud of you!

Dates for the Diary

SEPTEMBER

- Thurs 14 ~ K-2 Athletics Carnival
- Sun 17 ~ Working Bee ~ 8am-12pm
- Mon 18 ~ Music evening ~ 6:30-8pm
- Fri 22 ~ Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

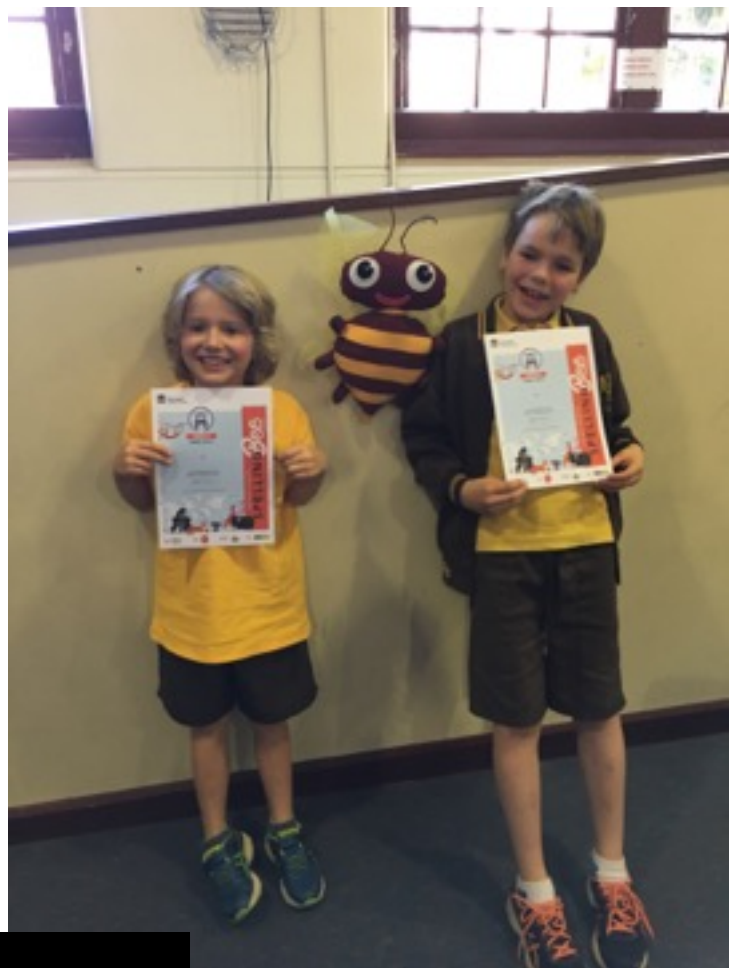
- Mon 9 ~ First day of Term 4
- Sun 19 Nov ~ Belle Property Balmain Fun Run
- Mon 11 Dec ~ Year 6 Graduation

Maria Lambos ~ Principal

The Spelling Bee Regional Final was held this week.

Alex and Henry, both in Year 2, were the youngest representatives from Balmain Public School.

There were over 40 students at the event and these 2 boys made it through the first few rounds, representing the school proudly!



Spelling Bee



Ben and Amy also represented our school.

Ben got through to the 5th round. Amy made it all the way to the final round and was the runner-up winner!

As runner up, Amy won two copies of the Macquarie dictionary, as well as online access to the Macquarie Dictionary, for the entire school, until the end of the year!

A wonderful (and nerve wracking) afternoon!

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

The working
bee has
already
commenced...



Scott, Alexandra's dad from 5E, started on beautifying our playground this week. He planted a series of established shrubs along the Eaton St entrance garden bed.

Scott also organised for a tap to be installed close by, so that watering these beautiful shrubs is easy...

Thanks so much, Scott!!



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NUMBER CRUNCHERS

On Monday September 4th I had the pleasure of accompanying three year 6 students - Luca R, Elliot B and Peter S - as well as Luca's mum, to the Number Crunchers Grand Finals, held at Connell's Point Public School. Over 70 schools, from as far away as Newcastle and Wollongong, participated in the competition this year; our three participants were very proud to have made it through the semi-finals and on to the last rounds!

I was awed by the fast thinking on display by all the students in the Number Crunchers final heats and super grand final - can you find the answer to 16 cubed minus 71 in your head in 10 seconds?

I was truly impressed by the memory capacities displayed in the Pi challenge - which was won by a seven year old girl who recited Pi to over 900 places! And I was transfixed by the Rubik's cube masters - the winner completed their cube in 14 seconds. Amazing!

It was great to celebrate mathematics at such a well organised and high profile event. Congratulations Balmain students!



SASS Recognition Week 4-8 Sept

We recognise and acknowledge the important work our School Administrative and Support Staff, or SASS, perform on a daily basis.

Balmain PS SASS:

Administration:

Jenni - School Admin Manager (relieving) - full-time

Michelle - School Admin Officer (rel.) - 4 days

Angela - School Admin Officer (rel.) - 3 days

School Learning & Support Officers (SLSO):

Ally - full-time

Andrzej - 4 days

General Assistants (GA):

Steve - 1 day (currently on leave)

Andrzej - 1 day (currently on leave)

THANK YOU for all that you do and making a difference to the education of our students! It's much appreciated!



sausage sizzle & cake stall



What a great turn out at the Election Day sausage sizzle and cake stall!

Voters were expecting the sizzle in the morning, so ex-BPS parent, Mike Fairhurst, very kindly set up the BBQ at 9am.

The Fun Run Committee - Doug, Mags and Jason - as well as cake stall volunteers Nyree, Lyndal and Biddy, stepped up to shop, cook and serve until Cliff arrived at 11am. Isla, from 5/6S, even did a Woolies run for napkins for the BBQ.

Fantastic teamwork by Balmain Public School's volunteer community!



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY



7 September 2017

6EN committed to spending the entire day in Gladstone park for Outdoor Classroom Day. Students entered into a simulation, in which their portly school teacher, Dr Jolly, suffered a snake bite during an overnight hiking excursion.

From here, students launched into a day of survival skills training, learning to administer First Aid and apply a make-shift splint to halt the spread of poison.

We learnt the power of observation in an emergency and practised enhancing our observational memory.

Next, the students learnt the importance of people skills and ingenuity, when left to fend for themselves, being forced to barter their 5 household items between each other and forage for supplies in order to build makeshift shelters for the night.

To finish the day, students learnt to utilise duct tape and paper to create water tight buckets, food preservation bags and rain protection gear.

I was utterly impressed by the students' ingenuity and teamwork. We will be going out again next term to complete their training.

Mr Nuto

MUSIC Evening

Dear Band and Strings Students and Families,

The Term 3 Music Concert will be held in the school hall on
Monday 18th September
6:30pm - 8pm.

Students need to arrive at 5.45pm sharp to set up for the concert.

Please wear your full band uniform: red band t-shirt, black trousers/skirt (no shorts/gym shorts) and black shoes.

We appreciate your support and child's commitment to the music program and look forward to hearing them play!

Thank you,
Vanessa, Janet, Lyndal, Richard
and Biddy
Volunteer Parents Band Committee



Festival of Instrumental Music



The Festival of Instrumental Music, or FOIM as it is affectionately called, is an annual event bringing together musicians in our Department of Education's primary and high schools, from all around the state.

FOIM runs over four separate evenings, as over 2000 students are involved. It is held at the Sydney Opera House and is an evening I always look forward to attending.

Tuesday 5th September's 'Jacaranda Strings' was the concert that our Balmain PS students were involved in.

Sitting in the audience on Tuesday evening, appreciating the talents of our children, as well as those of young people from other schools, I reflected on the incredible efforts and dedication from:

Mrs Anne Sweeney, our Strings Director, for being instrumental in raising the profile of strings at BPS and the amazing sounds that come from our Strings Ensemble;

Ms Penny Biggins, who spent the day and evening with our students;

Ms Janet Len, Charlotte and Lorien's mum, who accompanied the ensemble and Ms Biggins for the day;

the parents and carers, who support our students undeniably; and last, but not least, our students, who practise so hard and dedicate themselves to this craft.

Congratulations to all on an amazing evening!







PSSA - Netball

It was a windy day on the Haberfield netball courts, but luckily the sun was still shining ☀️.

Seniors A and B played against each other, with a score of 5-1 and the B team won. The C team versed Kegworth and had an amazing win of 18-3!!

The Junior A team had a fantastic win, with a score of 11 and the Junior Bs had a tie of 1-1.

By Danielle, Chloe and Genevieve

PSSA - Soccer

A team

Today was the semi-final. After two long terms, it was all down to this. The Junior A team played Orange Grove B.

The pitch was narrow, which it made it very difficult to play fluidly. Orange Grove came out with a good start, but couldn't handle the Balmain A team. We were just too good.

We won with a convincing 6-1 victory. Santiago scored 3 goals and Joe scored 3 goals.



PSSA - Soccer

B team

The B team were playing a friendly match, as they did not make it to the semi-finals.

Unfortunately, they didn't even get to play, because the sprinklers came on and spoiled the game.

They were as impressed as Ronaldo was when sprinklers came on in the middle of his match.

Soccer reports by Joe F

2017 CANTABILE MUSIC FESTIVAL



YET ANOTHER VISIT TO THE OPERA HOUSE ON FRIDAY EVENING FOR MRS LAMBOS!

THIS TIME, I WAS ENJOYING THE BEAUTIFUL SOUNDS OF OUR SENIOR CHOIR, WHO WERE TRAINED UNDER THE PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE OF OUR ONE AND ONLY, CHOIR TEACHER EXTRAORDINAIRE, MS JENNY PARKES, ACCOMPANIED ON THE PIANO BY THE INCREDIBLY TALENTED, MS PENNY BIGGINS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S CANTABILE MUSIC FESTIVAL CELEBRATES THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND MUSICIANSHIP OF OVER 1000 STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACROSS THE ULTIMO DIRECTORATE.

THE CANTABILE CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF CHORAL MUSIC AND FEATURES THE COMBINED PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHOIR, WHICH INVOLVES OVER 700 VOICES, INCLUDING 22 BALMAIN PS STUDENTS, MS PARKES AND MISS FOX.

AN ENORMOUS THANKS MUST GO TO MS PARKES, WHO ORGANISED AND ACCOMPANIED OUR LITTLE SONGBIRDS TO THE OPERA HOUSE, AS WELL AS TO MISS FOX, A PRAC STUDENT, CURRENTLY ON KP, WHO VOLUNTEERED TO GO ALONG ALSO!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

What an exciting time for Balmain! Our students were offered the opportunity to be part of Channel 10's 'The Project' segment, 'Lehmo's Kids'.

The Project has featured the 'Lehmo's Kids' segment for about three years, and every time, it's been great fun.

'Lehmo's Kids' is a segment in which Lehmo sits down in the school library with the children and asks them questions about a specific subject.

There was an overwhelming response to the opportunity, although the show's producer, Nick Coe, Anthony 'Lehmo' Lehmann and film crew, only requiring 12 students, both boys and girls, aged between 6 and 9.

The filming occurred on Thursday and the topic was 'Chores'.

The segment should be airing on The Project in approximately 2 weeks. I will be informed of the exact date and let you all know via Skoolbag.

I'm really looking forward to watching our kids being interviewed on television!



Lehmo interviews kids at Balmain PS



**Want to take part in this year's Belle
Property Balmain Fun Run. But don't
know the first thing about running?**



Calling all Mums at Balmain Public...! Belle Property Balmain Fun Run sponsor Boobs on the Run are offering to train up to 14 Mums, free of charge*, but a \$20 donation to Breast Cancer Network Australia would be awesome..!

The 10 week course starts on the 18th September and will get you ready to run the 5km course at the Fun Run with confidence.

You need to be available on a Friday during school hours for 45mins (and willing to run twice more a week during your own time).

**For more information contact Melanie: 0467 527189
Email: info@boobsontherun.com.au**

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Students will learn the skills of improvisation, devising and play building to create their own Haunted Mansion for all their friends and family to enjoy at the end of the week.

Details



Monday 25th - Friday 29th September 2017



9:00am - 3:00pm



Balmain Scout Hall
Mort St, Balmain



\$ \$350.00



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Family Fun Day is also renowned for its highly entertaining theatrical re-enactments. This year some very special 'ghosts' from the Parliament's past will engage visitors with intriguing stories and interactive performances.

Sausage in a bread roll - \$3.00 per person

Public Café will be open.



FREE EVENT

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Parliament of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney
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Department of
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Kids' fishing workshop



Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for best release techniques.

COST is \$40 PER CHILD, and includes:

- rod and reel combination
- shirt • hat • tackle box
- show bag—all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.
Maximum 25 participants.

Locations and Dates

Cronulla

Tuesday 26th September 2017
Tuesday 24th April 2018

Balmain

Wednesday 4th October 2017
Monday 15th January 2018
Thursday 19th April 2018

Narrabeen

Tuesday 23rd January 2018
Tuesday 17th April 2018

To book: e-mail daniel.mallen@dpi.nsw.gov.au or call Daniel Mallen on 0417 445 847
Web details: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop>

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Tuesday, 3 October to Sunday, 8 October 2017

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4	\$280	\$220	\$165
3	\$240	\$175	\$140
2	\$190	\$140	\$100

The early bird price expires August 31. The full price will be \$20 more per students

Sports

- ☐ AFL (9-12pm)
 ☐ OzTag (1230-330pm)
 ☐ Tennis (9-1230pm)
 ☐ Tennis Multisports (1230-330pm)
 ☐ Soccer (9-12pm)
 ☐ Soccer (1230-330pm)
 ☐ Basketball (330-530pm)
 ☐ Soccer Multisports (1230-330pm)

Contact Parent's Full Name _____

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Date of Birth _____

Any illnesses or Allergies _____

School _____

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