

PIGEON POST

NOVEMBER

- Wed 14 ~ 'Meet the Instruments' Band & Strings Expo ~ 12:20pm
- Sun 18 ~ Belle Property BALMAIN FUN RUN
- Wed 21 ~ Kindy Orientation
- Thurs 22 ~ Year 6 Balmain Bazaar

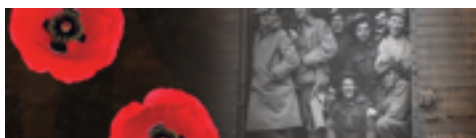
DECEMBER

- Wed 5 ~ P&C meeting ~ 7pm
- Wed 12 ~ Year 6 Day Out
- Mon 17 ~ Yr 6 Graduation
- Tues 18 ~ Celebration of Learning
- Wed 19 ~ Last day of school for 2018

2019

- Mon 28 Jan ~ PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tues 29 ~ Staff Development Day ~ NO STUDENTS
- Wed 30 ~ Years 1-6 STUDENTS RETURN
- Mon 4 FEB ~ Kindy BEGIN

We will remember them



Sunday, 11 November 2018, marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the First World War (1914-18).

The Balmain peninsula community gathered together at Loyalty Square, commencing with a minute's silence at 11am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Bella and Daphne proudly represented Balmain Public School, laying a wreath to honour the spirit of those before us.

Ms Whelan and I were delighted to see a number of our students and families attend the commemoration.

Maria Lambos ~ Principal

School Calendar

	BPS event	P&C event	TERM 4 @ BPS				
WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
5		12 Nov	13 Nov	14 Nov Meet the Instruments	15 Nov	16 Nov Canteen	Sun 18 Nov Belle Property BALMAIN FUN RUN
6		19 Nov	20 Nov	21 Nov Kindy 2019 Orientation	22 Nov Year 6's Balmain Bazaar	23 Nov Canteen	
7		26 Nov	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov Canteen	
8		3 Dec	4 Dec	5 Dec 7pm - P&C meeting	6 Dec	7 Dec Canteen	
9		10 Dec Mock High School Day	11 Dec Mock High School Day	12 Dec Year 6 Day Out	13 Dec	14 Dec Canteen Party	
10		17 Dec Year 6 Graduation	18 Dec Celebration of Learning	19 Dec Last day of school			



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BPS Parents & Citizens Association

**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR ORDERS IN
BY THURSDAY 9AM!**

TERM 4 MENU

Oct 26	Dumplings		Nov 23	Pork & Rice	
Nov 2	Chicken Napoletana		Nov 30	Penne Napoletana	
Nov 9	Beef & Rice		Dec 7	Butter Chicken	
Nov 16	Spaghetti Bolognese		Dec 14	Dumplings	

LEARN LIVE LEAD

Awards



YOU CAN DO IT!

Awards

K Crabs

Charlotte R - her wonderful contribution to KC this year!

K Dugong

Finley T - working persistently to use lower case letters

K Pufferfish

Imogen J - consistent effort in reading ll the tricky words in her chapter books

1/2 Blue Dragon

William B - displaying leadership in a 'call and response' song for the whole school

1/2 Galapagos

Emmie B - clever thinking to create a bar graph!

1/2 Megalodon

Jayden Y - hard efforts in reading

1/2 Seahorse

Jackson R - working steadily toward his learning goals and his neat presentation of work

3/4 Flameback

Jack C - confidently contributing to classroom discussions

3/4 Krill

Ellie B - using her creativity to collaborate well with all peers.

3/4 Turtles

Mirabelle F, Chloe T, Will B - their leadership qualities and always being positive role models to their peers

5/6 Coelacanth

Rachael H - her commitment to being an Environmental Warrior and helping our planet

5/6 Lasseater's

Katrina C - consistently high standards and work ethic demonstrated through her recent writing assessment

5/6 Tethya

Thea G - being proactive in class and striving for excellence!

5/6 Wahoo

Gemma B - positive attitude when faced with unfair circumstances and commitment to completing set tasks

5/6 Yabby

Aiman C - his strong participation in Maths this week

K Crabs

Elisya G - persisting at all tasks to the best of her ability!

K Dugong

Hannah B - bouncing back after a disappointment

K Pufferfish

Annabel L - being a constant pleasure and self-motivated worker

1/2 Blue Dragon

Kateryna T - persistently applying her best effort to all classwork

1/2 Galapagos

Madeleine C - positive thinking and having a You Can Do It Attitude in mathematics

1/2 Megalodon

Nicholas C - persistence with his learning

1/2 Seahorse

Benjamin S - persistence with his learning, amazing narrative writing and initiative - Keep it up!

3/4 Flameback

Sofie T - displaying a positive and responsible attitude to all aspects of her learning

3/4 Krill

Luella P - showing great persistence when working with others

3/4 Turtles

Jude McP - his focus and persistent effort in his writing and math

5/6 Coelacanth

Chloe B - remaining calm and showing resilience in challenging social situations

5/6 Lasseater's

Zoe V - her imaginative writing piece in literature

5/6 Tethya

Lachlan W - his engagement and dedication in mathematics, even when challenging

5/6 Wahoo

Jack B - consistently engaging in class discussions and group work

5/6 Yabby

Coco McP - For consistently completing homework tasks this term

**POSITIVE
PETE AWARDS**

GO TO:



SOPHIA A KD

LINA S 1/2B

WILL M 3/4T

JOE F 5/6Y



SUN 18TH NOV 2018

belle
PROPERTY

BALMAIN
FUN RUN



It's not too late...

READY STEADY BAKE!

Help!
We need
you!

Bite
me!

We need donations of cakes,
slices, cookies, muffins, cup-
cakes for the BTR Cake Stall -
Sun 18th Nov (nut free).

If you can help please click **HERE**
and we will send you details.

or Contact Gem: gemma.puplett@hotmail.com
or Jen: jenniferyhsieh@gmail.com



Cake Stall Registration: <https://surveyhero.com/c/4c66e973>

If you can volunteer, click **HERE**

**Register for the Belle Property
Balmain Fun Run here**

**WE NEED
YOU**



Our Balmain Kids... State Athletics

Congratulations, to the unstoppable, Luca G! On Wednesday, Week 3, Luca G attended the State Athletics Carnival, held at Sydney Olympic Park. Luca ran in the 800m heat and placed 2nd. Due to this brilliant outcome, he progressed to the final, held on Thursday.



It was a close race, where Luca finished 2nd overall. Not only did Luca achieve a Personal Best (PB) time, he will be competing in the 800m event at the National Athletics later in the year.

Well done! Balmain PS will be cheering you on, from our classrooms!

Sarah Weston ~ Sports Coordinator



Leading the Way

Leadership opportunities come in all shapes and sizes...William B, in 1/2B, taught Ms Biggins and the entire school, a 'call and response' song.

William confidently took to the stage, grabbed the microphone and expertly took the lead at Monday lines!

Full-Contact

Charlotte

Congratulations, Charlotte W (5/6ST), for your spirited fighting style at the recent KIKO Full Contact Tournament, earning you a 3rd place against some tough competition. Well done!



SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

*As most families would be aware, earlier this year the school community voted to change the **brown** of our uniform to **navy blue**. It is not anticipated that this colour changeover will happen instantaneously, but rather, brown will phase out over the next couple of years as students update items that they have grown out of.*

Brown

Our original uniform items are still available for purchase through Pickles, our existing uniform supplier, while stocks last. Many of these items are currently at a reduced price, and represent good value for anyone wishing to continue in the brown uniform in the short term. Brown items will also continue to be accepted and sold at the Second Chance stall for the time being, although due to reduced current demand existing stocks will be reduced and recycled. H&M offer a free textile recycling program, which would be a great option for any uniform items you can no longer use. We will be providing a drop-off box during the uniform stall, if you are unable to make it to H&M.

Navy

Since the vote took place, a uniform subcommittee has been looking at uniform options and suppliers. In order to provide uniform items in a timely fashion for new students starting in 2019, and generate some much-needed income for the school, some inventory of navy summer uniform items has been sourced for sale through the existing uniform stall. This includes the new gold polo with navy side-panels, and the navy polar fleece with zip, as voted by the school community. Samples of all uniform items are available to view in a range of sizes at the school office, or at the uniform stall on Fridays.

Orders and Payment

These items are now also available for order by the rest of the school community through our pre-order form, which is attached to this email. Completed forms can be handed in to the uniform stall, or sent to the uniform stall email address: balmainpsuniforms@gmail.com, and payment can be made directly into the P&C bank account (details on the form), or in person at the stall. The provision of online ordering and card payments is in the pipeline – more details will be provided when this is available.

Order Collection and Delivery

The uniform stall will continue to be open on Friday mornings 8:15-9am for the remainder of term for uniform orders and sales, and pre-orders can be collected from here from Friday 23 November, or delivered to your child's classroom on Friday (if indicated on your form). The final date for pre-orders and payment for 2018 is Wednesday 12 December, with the final uniform stall being held on Friday 14 December.

Holiday Opening Hours

The uniform stall will also be open on Wednesday 23 January from 9-10:30am, and Tuesday 29 January from 9:30-11:30am, in the school library. Any orders submitted via email or online during the summer break will be ready for collection on these dates. Alternatively, if your child will be at ESC vacation care on these dates, your order can be delivered to ESC if indicated on your form.

Winter

Finally, options for the winter uniform are also under consideration, and will be available for order in Term 1, 2019. Where possible a direct substitution of navy will be made, for any other items (eg the winter pinafore) investigations are underway, and input will be sought from the school community.

We have worked hard to source a high quality, reliable and affordable school uniform that our students can be proud to wear, while also supporting our school. We hope you will be as pleased with the new items as we are!

Kind regards,

Mel, Josie and Lyndal ~ Parent Volunteer Uniform Committee

The 3/4 Krill Bulletin

Issue 3

Week 4

9th November 2018

Letter From Canada

We have started a pen pal exchange in Canada with grade two French class. A pen pal exchange is when your class chats with other classes in other schools. They told us in the letter that they have mountain lion and bears in Canada. Their flag is red and white with a maple leave on it. In Canada they have two official languages French and English. They have many forest fires and crazy animals. They were so kind and created maple leaves drawings which we think are really cool. We have responded and made them spring flowers for their classroom.

Charlotte, Alex T and Mac



Sculpture by the Sea

In Week One Stage 2 went on an excursion. We went to Sculpture by the Sea in Bondi. It was a lot of fun. There were a lot of cool sculptures and many weird ones. We also got to make our own sculptures. 3/4 Krill made mummified cats! They looked pretty cool. One of the sculptures we liked was the HUGE whisk.

It was forecast to rain but instead it was a really hot day! Though we got through it, had loads of fun and also ended up seeing whales!

On the way to Bondi our teacher directed the bus the wrong way and a police officer had to come on the bus and direct us the right way. It was kind of embarrassing, poor Miss Karstrom.

Matilda, Sophie, Dillon and Luella



Spooky Stories for Halloween

We have been writing Spooking stories! We related them to Halloween. We used the Seven Steps of Writing which are Plan for Success, Sizzling Start, Tightening the Tension, Dynamic Dialog, Ban the Boring, Exciting Endings and Show Don't Tell. We wrote them with Miss Curry, it was super fun.

Lexie, Lola, Sarah and Logan

Mass in Math!

Mass is like weight. Although there is a slight difference. Weight is both the mass of the object along with the force of gravity, whereas mass is without gravity. There are different types of measurement, there is grams which is light like a pencil, milligrams which is like an ant. Then there is kilograms which you would probably be measured in. Then last but not least there is tonnes which you would measure something like an elephant in. In maths we used scales to weigh pencils and rubbers and lots more. You can use scales to weigh in grams, milligrams, kilograms and tonnes.

Lucas, Alesha and Asha

A Week with Miss Curry

Miss Karstrom went to the USA for a week, so we were lucky enough to have Miss Curry. It was great, we had so much fun and barely lost any blurts which got us very close to our tech time reward. When Miss Karstrom came back she bought us American candy and the ones we loved most were Sweet Tarts and Nerds. It was great to have Miss Karstrom back but sad to see Miss Curry go.

Luca G-W and Ellie

Harry Potter Potions

On Wednesday 31st October, Halloween, we made Harry Potter potions. We got divided into groups. There were Basilisks, House Elves, Centaurs, Werewolves, Thestrals, Hippogriffs, and more. We needed to make a Harry Potter potions out of dyed water. There were different colours which were Mountain Haze, Dragon Blood, Troll Boogies, Inky Slime, Tear Drops of a Fairy and Frog's Breath. The results were a brownish-purple like soup. After we got riddles about timing for the potion and dividing it up! It was so much fun and a great way to learn about capacity.

Alex P, James, Joseph and Finn



History: Early Explorers – Ferdinand Magellan

Ferdinand Magellan was a great explorer that discovered the 'Spice Islands' a long time ago, that's why we are studying him in history. Ferdinand Magellan died on the 27 of April 1521 in the Filipino tribe months after he had become the first man to sail from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. He was a Portuguese explorer and has three children, Loren Duarte Barbosa, Carlos de Magailhãse & Rodrigle Magailhãse. It has been interesting learning about Ferdinand Magellan as an early explorer.

Julian, Zoe, Talon and Luca D



Update from PBL

For Project Based Learning (PBL) we have been split into groups across the stage to create sculptures inspired by Sculpture by the Sea. We are answering the question: Why do we have public installations of Art? All groups must have an individual sculpture that they have made out of recycled materials. The groups range from 2 people to 7 people. We were able to choose our own groups. That way everyone will have a job each and not have arguments. The deadline for this project is Week 8 and we will then be creating a mini art gallery on the top floor of our building. We are really excited about it.

Kenzi, Maxim and Alex L



Thank you, Cath S, for capturing our excursion, as well as to all our parent helpers that made our day amazing!

3/4 Krill

MY EXCURSION...

"Urbenville? That's a school? In NSW? Really?"

Sounds like a movie, 'Pleasantville', from the late '90s. When I type Urbenville into Google, I get:

Urbenville is a rural village in northern New South Wales, Australia. The village is located in the Tenterfield Shire local government area, 822 kilometres north of the state capital, Sydney, and 150 kilometres south west of Brisbane. [Wikipedia](#)

Elevation: 370 m

Okay, so I'm starting to believe that Urbenville may be real. Tenterfield Shire – the infamous Peter Allen was born in Tenterfield in 1944...

Time is a traveller, Tenterfield saddler, Turn your head. Right again jackaroo, think I see kangaroo up ahead...

External Validation is a process which provides an assurance to the school and system that the progress being made aligns with the expectations articulated in the [School Excellence Framework](#) (SEF). Once every five years each school undergoes an external validation of the evidence of their school's self-assessment of progress by an independent panel. The panel is made up of a Principal, School Leadership (PSL), as well as a peer principal. Over 500 Department of Education schools, both primary and secondary, are validated each year, requiring a large number of principals to be involved as peer principals.

"So, I'm going to [Urbenville Public School](#) as a peer principal in an External Validation...how do I get there?" Okay, Whereis, help me out here...hmm, only 803 km from Balmain Public School...we're practically neighbours! (NOT)...I could drive and be there in just under 9 hours, or perhaps flying is the better option... Lismore? Gold Coast? Hmm...maybe Gold Coast.

The PSL I'll be working with, Jeff, assures me that Gold Coast is the better option and that I should stay in Tweed Heads (it could almost be a mini-holiday). Jeff lives close to the airport and his DoE office is in Murwillumbah. From there, it's only a 2-hour drive to Urbenville.

"Ahh, Murwillumbah. I've heard of that place. Just..." 'Bob Downe', a flamboyant (to put it mildly) Australian comedian, was supposedly from Murwillumbah, although actually from Melbourne. This External Validation is going to be an interesting excursion...I book my flights, accommodation, pack...and off I head.

The school preparing to be validated, (in this case, Urbenville), prepares and completes a submission, highlighting their self-assessment practices and achievements, using the SEF. An independent panel, (that's Jeff and I, in this case), determines whether the evidence presented supports the school's assessment.

Arriving at Gold Coast airport, I catch a cab to my accommodation in Tweed Heads. It's my first time. The taxi driver points out the structure that defines the NSW/Queensland border. It's right beside my hotel...this is exciting! I check-in and decide to go for a little wander, before I settle in to tackle the evidence and documentation the school has prepared for validation.

I confuse and humour myself all afternoon: I stand across the border, with one foot planted firmly in each state; I leave Tweed Heads (in NSW) and cross the road into Coolangatta, Queensland, walking along the beach and back again; I continue crossing the road and realise that my phone is having conniptions, as Queensland is an hour behind NSW, although the hotel has all clocks set to Queensland time...okay, time to get started on the reading of the school's evidence.

Parts of Murwillumbah had been severely flooded last year when Cyclone Debbie wielded her mighty sword, or rather, turned on her high-pressure hose, with 900mm of rain falling in only 48-hours. To put it into perspective, Melbourne gets around 600mm annually, whilst Sydney receives approximately 1220mm per year.

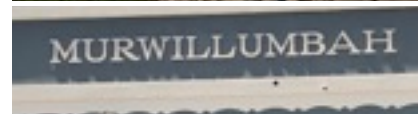
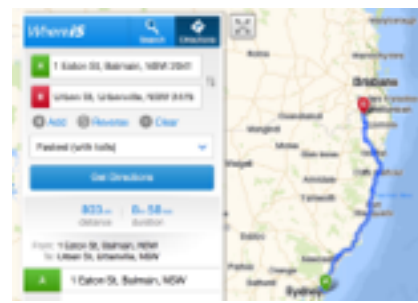
The drive from Murwillumbah took us on a winding road through national parks, with glorious sweeping valleys in stunning shades of greens. We drove through Uki, where I was challenged to trying one of the ['best pies ever'](#)! From Uki, we continued through Kyogle and on to Urbenville, which is the first little town as you enter Tenterfield Shire.

I feel like we've gone back in time. Urbenville has a population of just over 200 people, with 9 students enrolled at Urbenville Public School. Whilst we're visiting, they have 'Kindy O', their equivalent to our 'Transition to School' program, with 2 children, so Urbenville looks like it will start the 2019 school year with a grand total of 11!

Although our school and Urbenville PS varies in so many ways, there are a few similarities: each student is known, valued and cared for by their staff (their principal teaches the entire class - K-6); the staff strive to challenge each and every child, whilst catering to their needs; parents/carers are engaged and want the very best outcomes for their child/ren and they have a very strong community. Many community members attend regularly held events at the school (their next event was going to be a Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday) and the students also regularly visit the aged-care facility, for those who are unable to get out and about.

It was an absolute privilege to be able to share the successes of this tiny little school, on a beautiful block of land, in a remote part of NSW; as an educator, it's reassuring to know **that all NSW public schools are committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high quality educational opportunities for each and every child**, regardless of location, size or population.

by Maria Lambos



BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SUMMER PRE-ORDER FORM 2019

Items available for collection at Kindy Info Session on Nov 21st, the uniform stall on Fridays (school term only) from 8:30-9am after Nov 21st, Wednesday Jan 23rd 9-10:30am or Tuesday Jan 29th 9:30-11:30am.

Payment via transfer to Balmain School Parents and Citizens Association
BSB: 062110 (Commonwealth Bank Balmain), Ac#: 10357492, Ref: Your Child's Name

Enquiries and completed forms: balmainpsuniforms@gmail.com

	Price	Size	Quantity	Total \$
Summer Dress 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$52.00			
Skort 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$25.00			
Netball Skirt 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$25.00			
Short Sleeve Polo with Emblem 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$26.00			
Pigeon Sports T-Shirt 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$20.00			
Navy Gabardine Shorts 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$22.00			
Navy Microfibre Sports Shorts 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$22.00			
Navy Fleece Bomber Jacket with Emblem 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$42.00			
Navy Polar Fleece Jumper with Emblem 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$30.00			
Accessories				
Backpack with Emblem - Large	\$45.00			
Microfibre Surf Hat with Emblem S-M, M-L	\$15.00			
Microfibre Bucket Hat with Emblem S-M, M-L	\$15.00			
Baseball Cap with Emblem - One Size	\$15.00			
			GRAND TOTAL	

ORDER DETAILS

Child's Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

Parent Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Not returning to Balmain PS in 2019?

We have begun the process of organising classes for 2019. To assist us with our planning, if your child is NOT returning to Balmain, (apart from current Year 6 students), please email the school, at balmainps@gmail.com with:

Child's full name, class **NOT RETURNING** in the subject line.

Do you have a child, turning 5 on, or before 31 July 2019, that has yet to be enrolled for Kindergarten? Please contact the office on 9818 1177.

Thank you.

TOP NOTE MUSIC

9807 1272 | 0404 871 272



In Term 1, 2019, we will continue to provide electronic keyboard organ / piano lessons at your school.

Students would be taught by Mrs Chiara who has been teaching group keyboard lessons for over 20 years for Top Note Music School.

Tuition is \$20.00 for a 45minute lesson per week. Family discounts for siblings are available.

To express your interest in providing this program, fill in the form, and return to your school by Friday 16th November, 2018.

✂----- cut and return this part -----✂

MUSIC LESSONS



Yes, I'm interested in my child in learning to play the piano/keyboard with Top Note Music School.

Child's Name Class.....
School.....

We have our own instrument Piano ☐ Elec. Organ/Keyboard ☐ None ☐

Parental Approval.....  Contact Phone No.....