

PIGEON POST

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

Giving back to others



https://www.facebook.com/therunbeyondproject/

It was such an honour for me to present a cheque (seen in above right photo) for \$3,100 to David Criniti, founder of the Run Beyond Project, last Sunday.

The Run Beyond Project is an experiential program that supports young people as they work towards the accomplishment of a challenging but achievable Goal Event, which ranges from a 10km fun run, to a half-marathon in distance.

https://therunbeyondproject.com

The Belle Property BALMAIN FUN RUN is our school's major fundraising event, but it is so important that we also give back to a worthy charity close to our hearts - this year it's the Run Beyond Project. In the past couple of years, we have made contributions to the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, as well as to Batten Disease Support and Research Association.

Immensely proud of our supportive community...thank you so much for your generosity!

School Calendar

	BPS event	P&C event	TERM	4	@	BPS	
MEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
> 7		26 Nov	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov Canteen	
8		3 Dec	4 Pec	5 Vec 7pm - P&C meeting	6 Pec	7 Pec Canteen	
9		10 Pee Mock High School Day	11 Pec Mock High School Day	12 Pec Year 6 Day Out	13 Pec	14 Pec Last P&C Canteen	15 Pec Canteen Volunteers' Thank You party
10		17 Pec Year 6 Graduation	18 Vec Celebration of Learning	19 Pec Last day of school			

NEW BPS UNIFORM





You may have started to notice a few students in the new uniform around the school now.

For those of you wanting to order uniform items, online ordering is now available with payment via credit card or bank transfer.

The link is on the school website and if you go to the website and search 'Uniforms' you will find it.

The following link will assist:

HTTPS://BALMAIN-PSCHOOLS.NSW.GOV.AU/
ABOUT-OUR-SCHOOL/WHAT-WE-OFFER/
SCHOOL-UNIFORMS.HTML

LEARN LIVE LEAD

Awards



Awards

YOU CAN DO IT!

K Crabs

David T - excellence in all learning areas

K Dugong

Gerhard S - starting his story with a sizzling start!

K Pufferfish

Arwen J - displaying good citizenship by assisting others

1/2 Blue Dragon

Lina S - achieving high results from hard work and

dedication in her maths

1/2 Galapagos

Olivia P - being so brave and singing beautifully in front

of the whole school!

1/2 Megalodon

Elle Z - outstanding efforts in all areas

1/2 Seahorse

Micah C - his conscientious and dedicated approach to

his work, always trying his best

3/4 Flameback

Lachlan R - his attentiveness and eagerness to improve in

all areas of his learning!

3/4 Krill

Sarah H - always showing great collaboration and

teamwork skills

3/4 Turtles

Henry C - his leadership, friendship and maturity shown

to peers and teachers. Also his dedication to all learning

areas. Excellent work Henry

5/6 Coelacanth

Toby C - posing interesting questions about how light

behaves in space to guide his inquiry task

5/6 Lasseter's

Finn W - demonstrating leadership in sport and Year 5

group activities

5/6 Tethya

Connor C - working collaboratively with his peers in

literacy rotations and extending their collective

knowledge!

5/6 Wahoo

Bella T - her outstanding space probe work in science

5/6 Yabby

Keira C - her F2L spacecraft diorama

POSITIVE
PETE AWARDS
GO TO:

K Crabs

Vivienne B N - her commitment to completing an entire book over several days

K Dugong

Jack S - knowing to stay calm and bounce back when

faced with a difficult situation

K Pufferfish

Jordan G - persistence with her reading and sight word

learning goals

1/2 Blue Dragon

Oliver B - hard work and dedication to improving his

reading

1/2 Galapagos

Leo L - working hard to persist with tricky maths

problems

1/2 Megalodon

Olivia P - working hard in resilience

1/2 Seahorse

Arabella S - her persistence and enthusiasm with all tasks

3/4 Flameback

Corey M - the improvement he has made in all areas of

his learning!

3/4 Krill

Alex T - never giving up on a task

3/4 Turtles

Santi S - his persistence in English and spelling to see the

great improvements across the board. Fantastic work,

Santi

5/6 Coelacanth

Charlotte P - her positive and persistent attitude to

learning and to helping others

5/6 Lasseter's

Harry McL - demonstrating persistence in all facets of his

learning

5/6 Tethya

Hannah B - taking ownership and making positive

choices

5/6 Wahoo

Ned L - being inquisitive during classroom learning

5/6 Yabby

Mathilde L - her persistence in maths, creating a

skeletal 3D object

GEORGIE 6 KG

ANGUS B 1/2M

LAURA B S 3/4K

SAM N 5/60





CLASS OF 2018 THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER

BAIMAIN BAZAAR

On Thursday, Year 6 students held the Balmain Bazaar.

Students created and brought in products, to support their end of year events and to give back to Balmain Public School.

The day was a huge success! Despite the rain and the dust storm, students reorganised themselves in a new space and persevered. The bazaar took weeks of planning, which involved the consideration of roles, food, baking, location and advertising.

There were many stalls, like the Haunted House, the Cakery Bakery 20, and Sponge Throwing, as well as Spider Stalls and games. The whole school was able to get involved. Students went home with drawings, colourful hair and very full stomachs!

A big shout out to Ms. Biggins, for giving up the music space, Miss Weston, Miss Yau, Miss Weaver, Ms Adamson and Miss Tamplin for all their help, the K-5 students for making it an enjoyable day and buying our products, and to Year 6 for making it a spectacular day.

- Year 6 Students



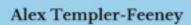
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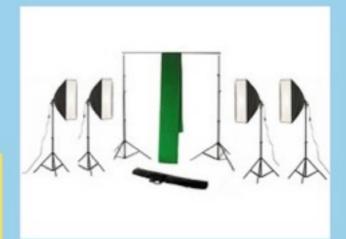
TECH CLUB PRESENTS....

Learning for STEAM

In 2019, the NSW Curriculum will include a mandatory Digital Technologies strand within the Science and Technology syllabus. Here are the cool new resources we have been researching and experimenting with in Tech Club to prepare for the change.



GREEN SCREEN STARTER KIT



The Green Screen Starter Kit is a film kit including a green screen and 4 large lights that can be used in schools, households and workplaces.

The Green Screen Starter Kit is a great kit for teaching basic filming skills and then slowly developing more advanced skills in filmmaking, production, editing and design.

I like this kit because I know how helpful it will be to have somewhere to do proper filming for F2L, PBL and other projects. It will also be quite beneficial for teaching filming techniques to students.



Do you have unwanted LEGO at home?



BPS are looking to build an interactive LEGO design wall to coincide with the new Digital Technologies focus! Please donate any unwanted LEGO into the donation box by the school office.

Every piece counts!

LEGO MINDSTORM EV3

This product is a robot \square that is made of Lego and requires you to program using drag and drop technology. The Mindstorms can be programmed to move, play sounds and to send messages to other robots so they can have a conversation. This robot has improved my skills of coding and programming and it will help with teaching your child about how tech works.



Maya Sarroff

MAKEY MAKEY

With Makey Makey you can turn everyday objects like bananas into touchpads, musical instruments and much more; you are the inventor! There is no programing knowledge needed, no software to install and it works with Mac and Windows. Makey Makey is a creative way to learn and develop an interest in this area. I like this resource because it allows you to design, create and review your invention. You get to experience the whole process as an inventor!



Nicholas Graves

SPHERO SPRK+

The Sphero improved my knowledge about tech. I like that the Sphero is game-based; you can do missions, level up and unlock abilities with cores (coins). I feel like it is a really good resource because it is inviting, and younger kids who might not want to engage with coding may be more motivated when they understand it's like a video game. This product is a robot that is controlled by an app that you can download.





to be, or not to be,



Guess which team came 2nd at the Theatre Sports Finals on Friday evening?

THE 3/4 FLAMEBACK FEED



Outdoor learning



"We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry!". We mixed potions and solved riddles to explore capacity in math!





Literature Circles





We each have a role while reading our group novel. It keeps us engaged and focused!

Social Stories





It is so important to us to improve our social skills! We are teaching each other tips for how to handle different situations.

SOLE - What makes a great playground?





We have been working hard to answer the big question of 'What makes a great playground?'. Some of us have used Tinkercad to create 3D digital designs of our playground plans! We are learning to apply real-world skills to solve realistic problems.

Science - Make a solar enery system to



Our current project is about planning, designing and creating a solar energy system that will be able to cook an egg! We have been brainstorming and researching different types of materials and structures that will work best.

PBL - Sculptures By The School "



Stage 2 is currently working together to bring Sculptures By The Sea to BPS. The vision is to create sculptures made up of re-used materials. The exhibition will be available for viewing on the top floor in Week 8. Stay tuned, further details to come.

History 🕚



Presentations on Ferdinand Magellan have been completed! We went through a thorough peer feedback system to build on our presentation skills. During literacy we have extended on History and are now exploring the big question 'What would have happened if the Spice Islands didn't exist?'.







Order your new school uniform items here...

If you need to try on items for size, or want to collect in person the uniform stall is open at the following times:

8:30 - 9am Friday mornings during school term

January 23rd 9 -10:30am (school holidays)

January 29th 9:30 -11:30am (pupil free day)

Anything ordered online during the school holidays can be collected on the 23rd or 29th January. During school term items will be delivered to your child's classroom on Friday's unless noted otherwise on your order form.

The uniform stall is a P&C initiative and money raised from uniform sales goes back into the classroom.

Any enquiries regarding the uniform please contact us on balmainpsuniforms@gmail.com

WHAT TO DO WITH BROWN ITEMS?

For those wondering what to do with brown uniform items, we have set up the following:

Good quality items are still accepted at the Second Chance Uniform stall

Worn / stained items can be taken to H&M or dropped in the H&M box in the office foyer. H&M first try and donate items for re-use and what can't be re-used is repurposed / recycled.

Up until Dec 14th, we have also set up a donation box to send good quality items to Fiji for them to be used at a school there. They are needing logo hats, good quality shorts & t-shirts and any new school supplies you may wish to donate. Given the climate, they do not want donations of jumpers.



EATON STREET CENTRE INC. PLAY. DISCOVER. GROW

Expression of interest for MYOB Bookkeeper position at Eaton St Centre

Our Centre, is an independent, not for profit, community-based incorporated association providing before, after school and vacation care services at Balmain Public School

We are looking for someone with:

- High attention to detail who is an experienced MYOB Bookkeeper.
- Payroll, IAS, BAS and Superannuation processing experience
- The ideal applicant would be a qualified accountant who is returning to work or looking for more child friendly hours

The role is permanent part time (2-3 days a week).

If you are interested in this position then please send your resume to oneeatonstreet@gmail.com or speak to the Eaton St Treasurer on 0401 991 612.

A more detailed job description is available on request.



BALMAIN PS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US!

Welcome to our vibrant community of music making...



A message from our Program Managers...

The Balmain PS Music Program is a unique and vibrant part of the school community.

All ensembles play regularly at morning lines for their friends and family, school events such as the celebration of learning, Father's and Mother's Day Breakfast, and Welcome BBQ each year.

Ensembles collaborate together during the year and all students work together and play together in a fun, social and productive environment and have great end of term concerts!

> Balmain PS musicians are so talented and everyone is welcome to share in the love of music! We can't wait for more young new musicians to come join in the fun!

> > Ms Hailey Stafford (strings) & Ms Naomi Robinson(Band) DIM Program Managers



"I'VE LOVED BAND. IT'S LOADS OF FUN AND
I LOVE THE WAY YOU CAN MEET NEW
PEOPLE AND WORK WITH THEM ... IT IS SO
MUCH FUN! ENJOY!"

AVA, 2018 BAND MEMBER







Band

WHAT INSTRUMENTS CAN I CHOOSE?

Choose the instrument you think you'd LOVE to play. The more you enjoy playing your instrument at home for your family and friends - the better you'll be!



Baritone

Trombone

HOW DOES IT ALL WORK?

You'll come to 2 teacher-led sessions each week at school

Junior Band Ensemble Rehearsal - Thursdays 7.45am

- Your band ensemble rehearsal is the perfect opportunity to practise your listening skills and learn how music is made when the whole band plays
- All band instruments rehearse together in this session. They are led by our trained conductors.
- These rehearsals prepare you to be part of some awesome performances both in school and out in the community.

Private Instrumental Tutorials - These are held during school time throughout the week.

· Your instrumental lesson is where you really focus on learning the fundamental skills and technique required to play your individual instrument.

HOW BIG IS THE COMMITMENT?

Learning an instrument is a big deal. You're going to see some great results, as long as you put in the effort required

- You'll need to attend all lessons, rehearsals and performances.
- You should set up a home practise routine starting with about 15 minutes, 3-4 times per week
- We know from experience it takes 3-6 months to really get going on an instrument. You need to give it a good chance to work - at least I full school term. You can not cancel your membership mid-term (cancellations must coincide with the end of a school term).

Why is band only for older students?

- Band is open to all students in year 3-6.
- Band instruments are all full size and don't come in smaller versions (like violins and cellos do)
- Brass and woodwind instruments take breath control and physical strength, especially in the learning stages, so you need to be physically big enough to handle them.

Why do I have to choose 3 instruments?

- We need a good balance of instruments in our band so that we can make a good sound together
- You'll tell us your top 3 choices, and we'll allocate the right one for

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

DIM membership fees are based on 38 weeks of lessons throughout the year. You will have a combination of ensemble membership and private lessons to pay for. Ensemble membership costs \$120 per term, & private lessons are \$40 per 30 minute lesson. Membership fees include all lessons, rehearsals, & performances throughout the year.

Annual Membership Fee:

- Paid Monthly (Feb Dec): \$185 per month, this includes all band rehearsals & all private lessons. Membership Fees are automatically deducted on the 1st of the month, including school holidays.
- One off enrolment fee: \$35 (music book, music bag and practise diary included).

School Resources Levy:

 \$20 per term, collected by DIM each semester & paid directly to the school, this covers room rental, music resources, & photocopying.

Extra Costs:

You'll need an instrument which you can hire or buy from DIM, or you can arrange your own. You may need to purchase consumables like new reeds of oil (depending on your instrument) from time to time.

Limited positions are available on other instruments including drums, bass guitar, keyboard, french horn, baritone, & euphonium.



There's only one drum kit in the band so you'll be sharing it with the other percussion players. You'll also play ALL the other percussion instruments. kit at home to practise on, however

practise pad/sticks can be purchased.

Bass Guitar (4 strings) Lessons are not offered at school for bass quitar, however it can be played in band. A private tutor outside of school is required.

Piano/Keyboard

We can have 1-2 piano/ keyboard players in the band. The keyboard players support the bass line and experience is required in reading the bass clef, and also for changing hand positions with ease. A private tutor outside of school is required.

WHAT INSTRUMENTS CAN I CHOOSE?

Choose the instrument you think you'd LOVE to play.

The more you enjoy playing your instrument at home for your family and friends - the better you'll be!



HOW DOES IT ALL WORK?

You'll come to 2 teacher-led sessions each week at school

Junior Strings Ensemble Rehearsal - Every Wednesday during Break A

- Your string ensemble rehearsal is the perfect opportunity to practise your listening skills and learn how music is made when all the string instruments play together.
- All string instruments rehearse together at this session. They are led by our trained conductors.
- You'll be part of some awesome performances together, both in school and out in the community.

Private Instrumental Tutorials - These are held during school time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

- Your instrumental lesson is where you really focus on learning the fundamental skills and technique required to play your individual instrument.
- Private lessons are essential for string instruments to get off to a great start.

HOW BIG IS THE COMMITMENT?

Learning an instrument is a big deal. You're going to see some great results, as long as you put in the effort required.

- You'll need to attend all lessons, rehearsals and performances.
- You should set up a home practise routine starting with about 15 minutes, 3 -4 times per week.
- We know from experience it takes 3-6 months to really get going on an
 instrument. You need to give it a good chance to work at least 1 full school
 term. You can not cancel your membership mid-term (cancellations must
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At a Glance...

Band

Private lessons \$185/month Students in yrs 3-6 Instrument Required 2 weekly sessions Woodwind & Brass Instruments

Strings

Private lessons \$185/month Students in yrs 2-6 Instrument Required 2 weekly sessions String Instruments

I'm very small, will I be too little to play? What if I want a group lesson?

- One of the best things about string instruments, is that they come in different sizes (1/4, 1/8, 1/16...), and they fit even the smallest little hands!
- Once you commit to joining the string ensemble, we'll size you up and let you know which size instrument size is the best for you.
- We don't offer group lessons for string instruments. It is pretty tricky when you're just starting out on a string instrument, you
 y need to learn how to tune the instrument, & where all the notes are on the strings, as well as getting used to how all the notes sound.
 - know which size instrument size is the In order to make good progress, private lessons best for you. are a requirement of our strings program.

Want to join Band AND Strings?

Just make sure you tick the right box on your enrolment form

OUR INSTRUMENT HIRE GUARANTEE...

"Music is just like sport - you can't learn to play properly unless you've got all the right gear!"



- We understand that you may not want to invest in a good quality instrument until you're sure that your child
- Good quality instruments are essential when starting out it can be hard enough without messing around with a substandard instrument.
- With over 15 years of experience getting kids off to a great start, be assured we'll give you the right advice every time!



- Top quality instruments.
- · Delivery straight to school in time for your first lesson (when ordered before our delivery deadline).
- Regular opportunities to purchase your hired instrument at a great price.
- Genuine advice you can trust.
- Hire fees \$44 per month on all instruments.

PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT OFFER HIRE OF KEYBOARDS, GUITARS OR DRUM KITS



Keeping true to our Student Values is an essential part of learning an instrument with DIM. Your child will learn important skills to prepare them for all aspects of life - all while playing some awesome music



How to get involved...

APPLY ONLINE: OR APPLY AT SCHOOL:

- Visit our website:
- Click on APPLY and complete your application
- Complete the attached paper www.directionsinmusic.com.au application form and return it to the school office ASAP
 - Please be sure to include an accurate email address, this is what we'll be using to get in touch to confirm your spot

CHECK YOUR EMAILS:

 You'll receive an email from us confirming your application and offering you a place

ACCEPT & PAY YOUR ENROLMENT FEE

You'll accept your position by clicking through the email & paying your \$35 enrolment fee

HIRING AN INSTRUMENT?

 If you've requested a hire instrument, you'll pay the deposit to secure your instrument and ensure that it's included in our delivery to school

YOURE IN!!

- That's it there's nothing else for you to do!
- We'll stay in touch over the next little while, and will count down with you as you get closer to your very first lesson!

Find out more... www.directionsinmusic.com.au 9662 2211

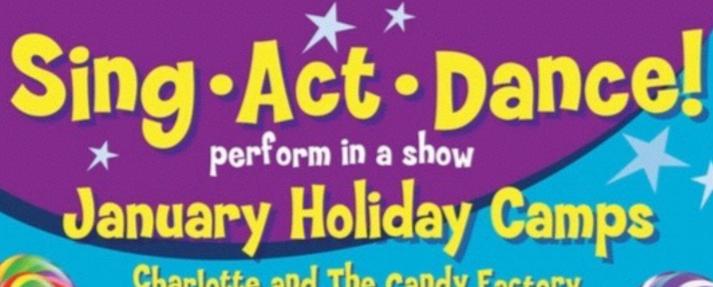


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In Term 1, 2019, we will continue to provide eletronic keyboard organ / piano lessons at your school.

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.

	MUSIC LESSONS 6
Yes, I'm interested in my child i	n learning to play the piano/keyboard with Top Note Music School
Child's Name	
We have our own instrument Pia	ano Elec. Organ/Keyboard None None

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.