

PIGEON POST

DECEMBER

- Mon 3 ~ DiM Music Concert ~ 6:30pm
- Wed 5 ~ P&C meeting ~ 7pm
- Wed 12 ~ Year 6 Day Out
- Fri 14 ~ Reports go home
- Mon 17 ~ Yr 6 Graduation
- Tues 18 ~ Celebration of Learning
- Wed 19 ~ Last day of school for 2018

2019

- Wed 23 ~ Uniform Stall ~ 9:00-10:30am
- Mon 28 Jan ~ PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tues 29 ~ Staff Development Day ~ NO STUDENTS
- Tues 29 ~ Uniform Stall ~ 9:30-11:30pm
- Wed 30 ~ Years 1-6 STUDENTS RETURN
- Mon 4 FEB ~ Kindy BEGIN

Summer is officially here!

Summer has officially arrived!

Our Australian sun can be quite harsh, so please encourage your child to apply sunscreen all all exposed parts of their body prior to coming to school in the morning, as well as to re-apply throughout the day.

School hats should be worn outside at all times. Please ensure they are labelled. If your child forgets their hat, they will be asked to play in the shade.

Many of our students bring a drink bottle to school. Please ensure they are labelled. The best drink to have is water, which will definitely quench their thirst. It's really important to stay hydrated on those coming hot days!

Maria Lambos ~ Principal

School Calendar

BPS event		P&C event		TERM 4		@ BPS	
WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
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 Last P&C Canteen REPORTS OUT	15 Dec Canteen Volunteers' Thank You party
10		17 Dec Year 6 Graduation	18 Dec Celebration of Learning	19 Dec Last day of school			

HOLS				23 Jan Uniform stall 9:00-10:30am			
		28 Jan PUBLIC HOLIDAY	29 Jan NO STUDENTS Uniform stall 9:30-11:30am	30 Jan Students Years 1-6 commence	31 Jan	1 Feb	

NEW BPS UNIFORM

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ABOUT-OUR-SCHOOL/WHAT-WE-OFFER/
SCHOOL-UNIFORMS.HTML](https://balmain-pschools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/what-we-offer/school-uniforms.html)



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

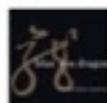
BPS Parents & Citizens Association

TERM 4 MENU

Dec 7 **Butter Chicken**

Dec 14 **Dumplings**

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**NO AWARDS HANDED
OUT DUE TO
INCLEMENT WEATHER**

BPS Band + Strings News!

Our amazing Balmain Musician news!

We are so excited at Balmain that our 2 bands and 2 string ensembles are working towards their end-of-Year Evening Concert on **Monday December 3 at 6.30pm**. We would like to invite all our Balmain community to come and celebrate at this fun event!

In week 5 this term, Directions In Music came to visit Balmain PS Year 1 + 2 students to show them all about the band instruments at our “Meet the Instruments” expo! If you are interested in joining the band or strings next year, feel free to come along to our end of year concert to hear some great music, have fun and introduce yourself to our conductors and other band students- we’d love to see you!

Star Students this week! To Thea G, Charlie B, Phoebe M, Daphne M and Nick C; thank you for helping at our “Meet the Instruments” and to Ava R who helped at the OC day!

Applications are still open for our 2019 Balmain PS Junior Band + Strings! All students from Years 3-6 in 2019 for band and 2-6 in 2019 for strings can sign up now! You can enrol online at www.directionsinmusic.com.au, or call our DIM office on 9662 2211, if you have any questions or want to chat about music! Please send any questions to naomi@directionsinmusic.com.au

Meet the Instruments!

You can play in Strings: Violin, Viola or Cello

You can play in Band: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Percussion, Bass Guitar + Guitar



Volunteers & Helpers

Thank You Morning Tea

The Staff at Balmain PS would like say a **huge thank you** to all those parents and volunteers who have contributed their time and assisted the school throughout the year - in class, reading groups, excursions, special days, fundraisers, working bees, sporting events and to those who teach Ethics and Scripture - the list is endless!

As an expression of our appreciation, we invite you to a special Thank You Morning Tea, to be held in the school library, on **Friday 14th December, 10:30 - 11:30.**

Please **RSVP** to the office, at balmainps@gmail.com to let us know that you will be joining us for catering purposes.

We look forward to seeing you!

Kind regards,
Maria Lambos and all the staff

Many Thanks!



NEW BPS UNIFORM

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.

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**THANK YOU
&
GOODBYE PARTY!**

SATURDAY, DEC 15TH

6.30pm

9 ADOLPHUS ST, BALMAIN

RSVP - van.hl.allen@gmail.com
or canteen2017@gmail.com

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.