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FEBRUARY

- Mon 19 ~ Parent Information Evening in Hall:
 - 6-6:45 - Kindy
 - 7-7:45 - S3
- Tue 20 ~ Parent Information Evening in Hall:
 - 6-6:45 - S1
 - 7-7:45 - S2

MARCH

- Wed 7 P&C Meeting
- Fri 9 ~ P&C Welcome Evening ~ 7pm
- Tues 27 & Wed 28 ~ School Photos

APRIL

- Fri 13 Last day of Term One

MAY

- Mon 1 ~ Staff Development Day
- Tue 2 ~ Students return



Welcome to Kindy 2018!

We officially welcomed the youngest members of the Balmain PS family to our school on Monday!

It was really exciting to see so many happy faces, as the children walked, skipped and ran over to their new teachers...it was also great to see lots of brave grown ups waving goodbye, even if their child forgot to turn and wave goodbye, too!

Maria Lambos ~ **Principal**

...and while Kindy were getting to know each other and their buddies...



...the grown ups enjoyed a special morning tea! Thanks to Melissa, Benjamin S' mum, as well as her helpers, for organising!



ALLERGIES

Balmain PS has a number of students who are extremely allergic to food items, such as peanuts, nuts and associated nut products. These students can have a severe anaphylactic reaction (in some cases, life threatening) if they consume or touch these products or traces of these products.

Health care plans for these students. Prevention is much better than reaction. The canteen has agreed not to sell products which contain peanuts and nuts. The P&C supports this action.

Parents are requested to consider eliminating peanut, nut and chocolate products that their child may bring to school in his/her lunch.

Due to these allergies, we suggest that you consider an alternative to birthday cakes - perhaps a nut-free cupcake, or lollies...googling nut-free will bring up some easy-to-make alternatives/ideas.

The school knows that some students like peanut, nut and chocolate products very much. We ask that each family think seriously about this issue.

FROM THE OFFICE...

VISITORS

During school time, all parents/carers, classroom helpers etc MUST report to the Office. This is a work and safety requirement, in case of emergency.

ACCIDENTS

New Kindies sometimes have accidents. Please supply a spare pair of underpants in your child's bag, just in case.

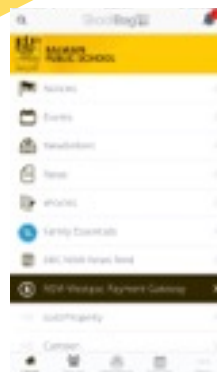
FORGOTTEN ITEMS

If dropping off lunches, hats etc please leave the items at the Office for distribution to the classes. This aids in minimising disruption to learning.

PAYMENTS

The School's preferred method of payment is **ONLINE**. This can be made online through Skoolbag (see image), or by clicking the 'make a payment' tab on the school website.

Cash can be placed in an clearly marked envelope: student's first and last name, class and what you are paying for. The permission note must be included. Please place in the large WHITE box, marked 'permissions', on the wall just outside the office. Thank you.



PARENT INFO EVENINGS @ BPS in the Hall

Monday 19th February:
6:00-6:45pm - Early Stage One (K)
7:00-7:45pm Stage Three (Y5 & Y6)

Tuesday 20th February:
6:00-6:45pm - Stage One (Y1 & Y2)
7:00-7:45pm Stage Two (Y3 & Y4)

**Meet the teachers and find
out about your child's
learning in 2018**

P&C
WELCOME
BREAKFAST



Thanks to all involved for
making this another
successful event!



And the **winner** is...

Lilly Pilly 316, Grevillea 320, Wattle 321, **Blue Gum 328!**



ARE YOU READY TO BOOGIE
THE NIGHT AWAY?

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THANKS SO MUCH TO THE P&C EXEC FOR THE LOVELY 'WELCOME TO BALMAIN PS' AFTERNOON TEA FROM ZUMBO'S



<p>My name is Miss Sarah Weston, teaching the opportunity class, 5/6Wahoo. Just like some of the Year 5 and Year 6 students in my class, I am new to Balmain Public School, and in fact, new to the area as well. Prior to commencing my journey in Balmain, I spent most of my life in Castle Hill and spent years teaching at Oakhill Drive PS. I have an absolute passion for teaching, most particularly in the area of accelerated learning. I am a sports enthusiast and will be Balmain PS's Sports Coordinator this year, a role which complements my involvement in sports teams and love for running. I centre my teaching upon the individual students in my class, and endeavour to challenge them in an authentic classroom setting. I look forward to becoming a part of the warm and welcoming community at Balmain PS.</p>	<p>Hello! My name is Amelia Cooper and I am so excited to be part of the kindy team at Balmain in 2018! I have lived in Sydney for quite a few years now, but I originally grew up way out in rural Moree, before moving to gain my Master of Teaching at the University of Sydney. I love drama and history (I even have a B.A. in medieval history!) and my two dogs, Yoshi and Bilbo. I am very much looking forward to having Kindergarten this year, meeting the families and becoming involved in this wonderful community.</p>	<p>Hi, I'm Nancy Ferguson and I'm teaching 3/4Flameback this year. I was born in Darwin and moved to Melbourne before coming to Sydney! I completed my degree at the University of Sydney. I have come from a strong sporting background, competing as a tennis player on tour full-time, before making the change to teaching. My ambition to teach has stemmed from my instinctive desire to help others. My goal as an educator is to facilitate and inspire student curiosity and creativity by designing learning experiences that will enable my students to become active and informed citizens. I am committed to positively influencing, protecting and supporting all students. I'm incredibly excited to be a part of the Balmain Primary community!</p>	<p>I'm Brigit Karstrom and teaching 3/4Krill at Balmain Public School. Originally from the vineyards of Mudgee, I came down to Sydney for secondary school. Being completely transfixed by the opportunities the city could provide I stayed to study Visual Arts at Sydney College of the Arts. After 4 years of studying and making jewellery the decision was made that there was more learning to do. In 2017 I taught Year 3 in Auburn after completing the Master of Teaching at The University of Sydney. The wonder and curiosity of children is an aspect of teaching would like to help inspire. Very passionate about the creative arts and helping students to find the absolute joy of reading.</p>	<p>Hi, I'm Megan Sweeney and I'm very excited to be teaching at Balmain Public School and a move to the inner west. I have been teaching for over five years within the hills district. In that time, I have been involved in teaching across most stages, as well as being involved in drama club, choir, dance, debating and coaching many sports teams. In my own time, I love the outdoors anything from meditation, going to the beach, bike riding to bushwalking and my interest areas include the creative arts, sports and drama. I have a Masters of Teaching, as well as an undergraduate degree in Health Science (PD/H/PE). Thank you for being so welcoming and if ever a question please feel free to say hello. I worked in corporate for five or more years prior to teaching as well as studied Steiner Ed and Human Resources (Cert IV).</p>	<p>Hi, my name is Cara-lee Weaver and I am teaching 5/6 Coelacanth this year. I moved to Sydney from North Queensland to study English and Japanese at university. After graduating, I taught English in rural southern Japan before returning to complete my Master of Teaching at the University of Sydney. I was incredibly fortunate to complete my internship at Balmain PS and teach casually here last year. I am very excited to return to the school to teach on Stage 3 in 2018 and I look forward to learning as much from my students as I hope they learn from me. I love reading classical literature, hiking the Coast Track and rock climbing in the Blue Mountains.</p>
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Learning in 1 /2 Megalodon!



1/2 Megalodon have had a wonderful start to the school year. We have spent time getting to know each other and our new teacher, Ms MG. As you can see in our photos, we've been very productive reading, writing, spelling, creating, surveying each other, learning about Aboriginal Australia and doing Yoga with 1/2C.

Thank You to the **P&C** for the surprise delivery of
fans for the top floor..we **love** them!



2nd Chance Uniform Stall



The second chance uniform stall will be running every **FRIDAY** morning from **8:30-9am**.

I have changed the morning due to parent request. If you can help out on a Friday morning please contact Melissa at meljwilkinson@yahoo.com.au Additionally, if you would like to run it another morning or afternoon, please get in touch.

Thank you to those who have already made donations to the office. All money raised goes directly to the P&C.



Empowering young people towards their greatest success through music.

2018 **BAND & STRINGS** MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

We are pleased to introduce **Directions In Music** to the students, staff, and families of Balmain Public School! **Directions In Music** will be managing the logistical, administrative, and artistic elements of the BPS Band Program in 2018. To ensure we get off to a great start, we are now taking enrolments for **brand new students** who would like to join the Band or Strings program at Balmain Public School.

How do we get involved?

Visit www.directionsinmusic.com.au to find out more about the instrumental music program & register your interest by clicking Enrol Here. Then click either School Band or School Strings.

When are the rehearsals and lessons?

- Band Rehearsals: Beethoven Band for our beginner students - Thursday at 7.45am
- Bach Band for our advanced students are Wednesday 7.45am
- String Rehearsals: Wednesdays Break A
- Private lessons: available during school
- All ensemble members are expected to attend the scheduled rehearsals, lessons & performances throughout the year.

What does membership cost?

- Band or String ensemble membership is a monthly cost of \$45, across February to December, which includes all rehearsals and concert performances
- Students will also need to book a weekly private lesson with one of our instrumental tutors at school, or make arrangements outside of school. Private lessons are usually \$40 for each 30 minute tutorial
- All students will receive a Beginner Muso Kit (including music book, practice diary & bag) at a one-time cost of \$35, at the time of enrolment

How do I get an instrument?

All band and strings members will need an instrument for rehearsals, lessons, and practice. You can hire, or purchase an instrument from Directions in Music, or source your own. It is ideal for young students to begin playing on a good quality instrument brand such as Jupiter, Yamaha, Enrico, or Gliga.

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

'ART CLUB!'

Tuesdays: 3-5pm

from 30/1/18

This class is for kids who especially LOVE to draw!

\$34 per class

Years
3-6

new
class

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years
K-6



An extension until 5pm is possible for this class, please ask for details.

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Join other Balmain PS kids at our 3-in-1 club and enjoy your child-free Saturday mornings as the kids are kept busy **boosting confidence**; **developing creativity**; **learning life skills**; All through our performing arts activities; Ages 3-14, all abilities

Saturdays 9am, Balmain High School, Rozelle
For ages 3-5; 6-9; 10-teen

Mondays 9.30am, Campbell St Church Hall, Balmain
For ages 3-5 only
(Only a few minutes walk from BPS)

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Play with Balmain Junior Rugby in 2018

Balmain Junior Rugby Union is now accepting registrations from boys and girls aged 5 to 14 across the inner west.

Training starts in March and Games start Early April.
The \$100 Active Kids voucher applies for all kids.


For more information and registration details please email balmainjuniorrugby@gmail.com or look us up on facebook





Could YOU be a Winter Olympian?

The 2018 Winter Olympics have just started in PyeongChang and winter sport fever has started early!!!!

So I ask: would **YOU** like to be part of something special? Have you ever been skiing and think it might be fun to go in a race? Would you like to compete against future Olympians , or perhaps become one yourself? Well, with 14 members of the current Australian Olympic team having competed in the Interschool Skiing Championships, this might be the place for you!

What is the Interschool Snowsports Championships?

The Interschools Snowsports Championship is a competition where students compete for their school in any of 9 alpine events. Competitors of **all abilities** and all school ages are encouraged and welcome to enter. The emphasis is on **fun** and **participation**.

When is it?

During the mid-year school holidays: **July 17-21 @ Perisher**

Who Participates?

ANYONE who attends Balmain PS who loves skiing or snowboarding!

This year will be the second year ever Balmain PS has participated! Last year we sent three representatives and this year we already have 7 members spanning kindy to Stage 3. BUT to participate in team events **we need YOU!**

What are the events?

Alpine, Skier-cross, Freestyle Moguls, Snowboard Giant Slalom, Snowboard Cross, Cross Country Freestyle Cross Country Relay, Ski Slopestyle & Snowboard Slopestyle.



How do I find out more information? Go to the Interschool Snowsport Championship website:

<http://www.nswinterschools.com.au/> or contact Paul Foster at pfoster@balrec.com.au or **0422 800 501**.



FRENCH CLUB

Are you looking for a fun & educational after-school activity for your children?

*The Bonjour Babies 'French Club' offers a before-school class on **Wednesday mornings at BPS from 7:55am-8:50am.***

Children from K-2 are invited to join.

We also have local after school classes on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in Rozelle.

Make 2018 the year to expose your children to a second language. You will not regret it!

Register at www.bonjourbabies.com.au or email info@bonjourbabies.com.au





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Ages 8-11

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21, 28 February, 7, 14 March 2018

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Punch Park Tennis Centre

Fairplay Sports conducts tennis lessons for kids aged between 4 and 14 at Punch Park.

Program	Age	Days	Cost for 9 weeks
Little tackers	3-6	Mon-Fri 330-4pm	\$130
Juniors	6-9	Mon-Fri 4-5pm & Sat 9am	\$200
Intermediate	9-14	Mon-Fri 4-5pm & Sat 10am	\$210

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