



PIGEON POST

Learn ~ Live ~ Lead

MARCH

- Tues 20 ~ Regional Swimming Carnival
- Wed 21 ~ **HARMONY DAY** & **Meet the Instruments** session
- Tues 27 & Wed 28 ~ School Photos
- Thurs 29 ~ EASTER HAT PARADE
- Fri 30 ~ GOOD FRIDAY ~ no school

APRIL

- Mon 2 ~ EASTER MONDAY ~ no school
- Wed 4 ~ P&C Meeting
- Wed 11 & Thurs 12 ~ State Swimming Carnival
- Fri 13 ~ Last day of Term One
- Wed 25 ~ ANZAC Day Dawn Service ~ Loyalty Square 5:45am



An artistic flair...

Art Ministers, Toby and Charlie, had a great idea - to hold an art competition...

Everyone was encouraged to sketch a flower-themed design over a couple week period...

(L to R) **Lachie W**, **Henry S** and **Aiden P** were the winners, receiving a visual diary to continue their sketching! Congratulations!

Maria Lambos ~ Principal



LEARN LIVE LEAD

YOU CAN DO IT!

Awards



Awards

K Crabs

Charlotte R - fantastic work counting both forwards and backwards in mathematics

K Dugong

Oscar F - putting 100% into all learning activities

K Pufferfish

Keira R - excellence in every KLA

1/2 Clams

Elliot S - working responsibly and with focus during 'Daily 5'

1/2 Galapagos

Elias P - being a responsible student, who approaches all tasks with diligence

1/2 Megaladon

Amelia H & George B- wonderful efforts in mathematics and a great story in Reading Recovery

1/2 Seahorse

Francesca H - being a hard working and enthusiastic class member across all learning areas

3/4 Flameback

Jack C - using up-levelled verbs to create an engaging story that made Ms Ferguson want to read more!

3/4 Krill

Monika M - outstanding progress and effort in writing

3/4 Turtles

Theo R - always doing his best across all key learning areas Well done!

5/6 Coelacanth

Elijah A - being an active participant during maths discussions and demonstrating speedy mental maths skills

5/6 Lasseter's

Pascale W - her dedication and commitment across all subject areas

5/6 Spoggiá

Oscar J - his diligent work ethic and considerate behaviour in class

5/6 Wahoo

Jonathan T - being highly engaged with all aspects of his learning

5/6 Yabby

Zafary M - his consistent achievements in numeracy

K Crabs

Tristan L - demonstrating courage and forging new friendships

K Dugong

Hannah B - always sharing equipment with her friends

K Pufferfish

Arwen J - working well with everyone

1/2 Clams

Ethan W - coming up with sensible solutions during our 'Getting Along' lesson

1/2 Galapagos

Tom H - getting along with his smiley nature and positive attitude

1/2 Megaladon

Olivia P - working well with peers

1/2 Seahorse

Summer W - always caring for others

3/4 Flameback

Rose H - accepting others for who they are

3/4 Krill

Zoe A - having a positive attitude and always willing to help others

3/4 Turtles

Henry C - infecting us all with his enthusiasm and friendships within 3/4 Turtles

5/6 Coelacanth

Chloe B - forming positive relationships with her classmates

5/6 Lasseter's

Alistair G - being a supportive classmate who looks out for others

5/6 Spoggiá

Lara P - her respectful and friendly attitude in class

5/6 Wahoo

Matisse L - demonstrating inclusive behaviours inside and outside the classroom

5/6 Yabby

Nicholas G - always being a kind, considerate and helpful member of 5/6 Yabby!

Everyone belongs...



HARMONY DAY

@ BPS

On **Wednesday 21st March**, Balmain Public School will celebrate **Harmony Day**.

This is the day when we celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and share what we have in common. The central message for **Harmony Day** is that 'everyone belongs'.

Students across the school are invited to **dress in clothes that represent their cultural background**, or to **wear something orange**, which is the colour representing **Harmony Day**.

We will have a **song at lines** to celebrate the day also.

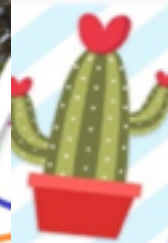
In class, students will participate in a range of activities to reflect this wonderful **cultural celebration**.

HARMONY DAY

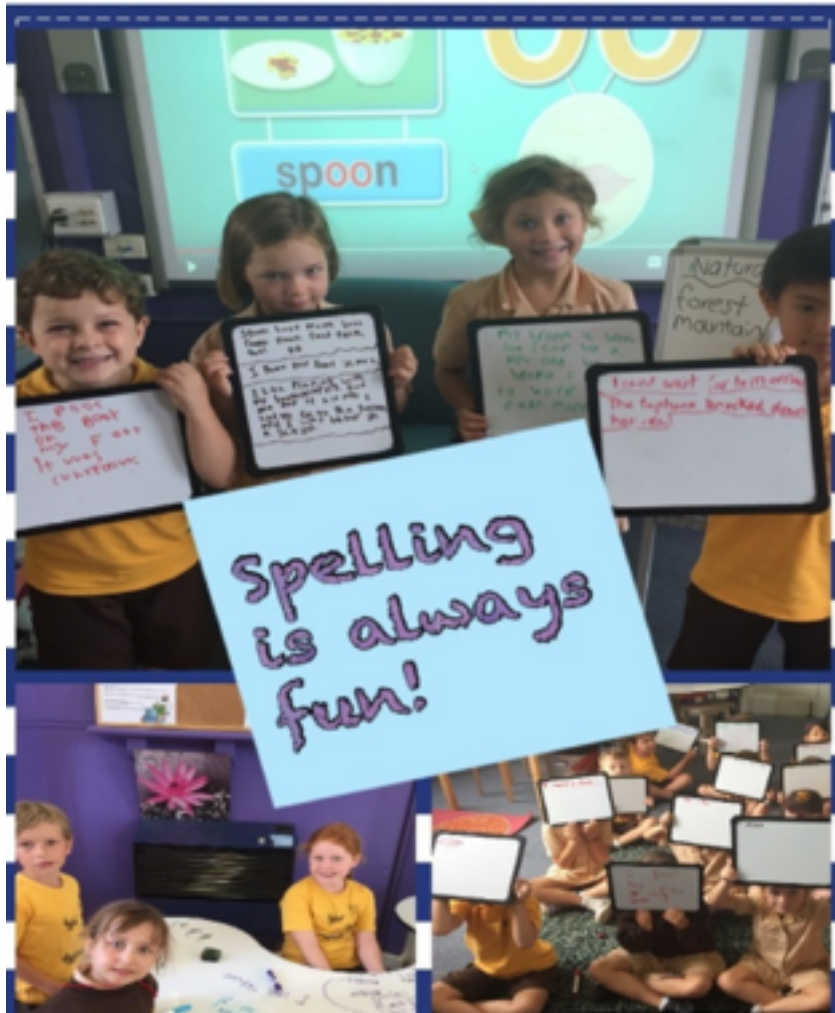
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1/2 SEAHORSE



We are learning about built, managed and natural environments. We went to Gladstone Park with 1/2G to investigate.



1/2 SEAHORSE



Easter Hat Parade..

This year, the annual and exciting Easter Hat Parade, will be held directly after assembly on Thursday 20th March.

We are asking parents/caregivers to make a hat with their child/children at home this year.

We usually like to have the buddy classes make the hats together in class, but, somehow, time has gotten away from us; our timetable is rather busy, so have some fun and surprise us with your creation!!!!

Regards

Ms Pauline and Ms Sweeney

Chief Bunnies~Easter Parade Committee



Learn..you learn... we all learn

An educational institution is typically a place for learning for its students. However, learning occurs for all. At our school, our staff, at all levels, including myself, are all learning...this happens in a variety of ways:

- whole staff professional learning on a weekly basis (can be general or differentiated, to suit the needs of the individual learners - just like the kids)
- individuals going to specific courses (both Dept of Education and others) and later sharing at meetings
 - teachers/exec observing others - within the school and visiting other schools
 - mandatory training - e.g. first aid, face-to-face CPR and anaphylaxis
 - online training
 - Community of Schools - CoLAS (Community of Leichhardt Area Schools) leaders organise an annual conference for a Staff Development Day - where all involved schools share similar learning
 - workshops at other schools
 - other

Balmain PL so far...

- First Aid training - for some staff (off site)
- Investigative Learning - ES1 and S1
- Future focused learning - DoE Futures Unit
- Flexible Learning Spaces - DoE Futures Unit
- School Plan evaluations and planning - Exec
- Learning Progressions (DoE intro for 2019 implementation) - Literacy & Numeracy - K-10
- Education Reforms Roadshow - Future Frontiers (Creating environments with insight into the future)
- Agile Work Spaces - BPS parent (linking research to needs of students)
- School observation of flexible learning spaces - team teaching

Coming up...

- Agile Schools Summit - Exec - 18/3/18 - Dr Simon Breakspear <http://www.agileschools.com>
- mandatory CPR/Anaphylaxis training - ALL staff - 21/3/18
- Bondi & Port Jackson Primary Principals Conference - 'Future Focused Fun' 27-29/3/18 - Dan Haesler: Leadership-Engagement-Mindset-Wellbeing <https://danhaesler.com> & Professor Stephen Heppell (UK) <http://www.heppell.net>
- 3-hour twilight session - 'How to construct learning environments which produce agile and creative thinkers' - Abbotsford PS - all teachers - 28/3/18 - Professor Stephen Heppell (UK) <http://www.heppell.net>
- 'Rock & Water' - anti-bullying, wellbeing - TBC
- Principals Study Tour (self-funded) — Singapore - learning about Singapore's education system, visiting variety of schools - 14/4-22/4/18 - Maria
 - Term 2 - TBC
 - CoLAS SDD Term 3 - Dan Haesler - all staff - 23/7/18
 - T3 & T4 TBC...

Empowering young people towards their greatest success through music.

TERM 2 BEETHOVEN BAND & STRINGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

We are pleased to announce that our Beethoven Band and Strings applications are now open! **If you have never played an instrument or have a little experience playing a musical instrument GREAT NEWS - we will be running a “Meet the Instruments” session at school on Wednesday 21, March** for all Years 1-4 and anyone else interested from years 5-6 to show you all the instruments you can play at school!
Our Band program is open to Years 3-6 and our Strings program is open to Years 1-6.

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. **This is the fastest way to be enrolled!** 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.



CONGRATS, PASCALE...

On Sunday 11th March Pascale W (5/6L) competed at a State Trial (Qualifier) for Acrobatic Gymnastics held at SGAC Rooty Hill.

She was part of a trio competing at Level 6 for the first time. The trio came 2nd in their Dynamic Routine, and achieved 4th overall.

More importantly, they qualified for the NSW State Acro Championships, to be held later this year.



Max, you're a Legend!



Balmain PS' very own Max K, in Year 6, was involved in the Sydney East PSSA Australian Football Championships 2018, at Sutherland, on Wednesday.

Not only did they win both games in their pool, against Cronulla and Eastern Suburbs/Sydney Coastal, they also won the cross-over game, being announced as the Area Champions!!!

A huge CONGRATS to Max and his team, Balmain/South Sydney!!!



Gifted and Talented Program

Year 7 Gifted & Talented Class 2019 enrolment

Information Evening Tuesday 20th March 2018

6:00pm - 7:00 pm Riverside Girls High School

Common Room

We invite interested parents (and prospective students) to come along to our information evening to find out what makes our program different. You will hear from students who have been through the program and find out all details regarding the application process

THE BALMAIN BALL *afloat*

FRIDAY 4TH MAY, 2018

7.15PM SHARP FOR 7.30PM BOAT DEPARTURE:
BALMAIN EAST WHARF (END OF DARLING STREET)

COCKTAIL PARTY AND DANCING, BLACK TIE

TICKETS: \$190 PP | balmainball.com

In support of Balmain Hospital



SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS!



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- ★ **And MORE!**



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

TERM 1 MENU

Feb 9	Dumplings		Mar 9	Pork & Rice	
Feb 16	Butter Chicken & Rice		Mar 16	Penne Napoletana	
Feb 23	Beef & Rice		Mar 23	Butter Chicken	
Mar 2	Spaghetti Meatballs		Apr 6	Dumplings	

2nd Chance Uniform Stall



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



Creative Writing and Storytelling

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

OUR INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS :

- Will get imaginations firing
 - Create crazy characters, fantastical worlds and heart-pounding plots
 - Include games, craft & more – all in the name of bringing your story to life.
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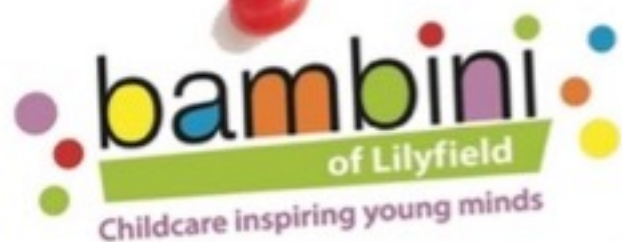


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Bambini presents:

The Conscious Parent Educational Series

Delivered by: Semann and Slattery
Topic: Nurturing Resilience in Children
Sponsored by: Bambini of Lilyfield



Outcomes:

- Informing families about how to build the resilience levels in children
- Outlining parenting strategies to support children to deal with challenges
- Opportunity to Network

Date: 22 March 2018
Time: 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Address: Bambini of Lilyfield, 284 Balmain Road, Lilyfield, NSW 2040

Phone: 02 9810 7780

RSVP: info@bambinioflilyfield.com.au

Light Snacks provided | Free admission





Emmerick Street Community Preschool



Enrolments available for 2018

Emmerick Street Preschool has a limited number of enrolment places available
in our 3-4 and 4-5 year old group for 2018.

About our preschool:

- Operating for 30 years as a not-for-profit, community based preschool in Lilyfield
- Highly qualified experienced teaching staff
- Beautiful home-like learning environment and well developed teaching programmes
- 3-day per week programme for 4+ year olds; 2-day per week programme for 3-4 year olds
- Open 9am-3pm Monday to Friday during school terms.

If you are interested in knowing more about these available places or would like to know more about our Pre-school please contact our Teaching/Director.

Leigh Coutman

Teaching/Director

Phone: 02 9810 4845

Email: director@emmerickstreet.com.au

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KIDS IN COMMON

Autumn Vacation Care

16-27 APRIL 2018

Unique Experiences for Primary School Kids!

DRAMARAMA - LITTLE FARMERS - COOKING STARS - SLIME & SCIENCE - CARTOONING - KIDS YOGA
TENNIS & SOCCER - WATER & GAMES - GYMNASTICS - MARTIAL ARTS - AFL & OZ TAG - DANCING STARS

CAMPERDOWN COMMONS

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BOOK 2 SESSIONS FOR A FULL DAY OF CARE

	MONDAY 16 APRIL	TUESDAY 17 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL	THURSDAY 19 APRIL	FRIDAY 20 APRIL
AM	Slime & Science	Kids Yoga	Little Farmers	Water & Games	Dramarama
PM	Cartooning	Dancing Stars	Cooking Stars	Slime & Science	Gymnastics
	MONDAY 23 APRIL	TUESDAY 24 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL	THURSDAY 26 APRIL	FRIDAY 27 APRIL
AM	Tennis & Soccer	Water & Games	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Martial Arts	Dramarama
PM	AFL & Oz Tag	Cooking Stars		Kids Yoga	Little Farmers

CAMPERDOWN COMMONS

ACTIVITY
LOCATION

CAMPERDOWN TENNIS

FULL DAY \$80ea 8am - 12.30pm and 12.30pm - 3pm[^]

FULL DAY \$60 (Government concession card holders)*

HALF DAY \$50ea 8am - 12.30pm or 12.30pm - 3pm

FREE AFTERCARE 3pm - 5.45pm** **+FOOD \$15[#]**

[^] Full day rate of \$80 available when booking the same child into 2 sessions on the same day in one transaction.

*please refer to the website for further information and terms and conditions. ** Free aftercare is only available with full day bookings.

[#]Food is optional, kids may bring their own food for the day.

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