



PIGEON POST

Learn ~ Live ~ Lead

MARCH

- 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 AGM & General Meeting
- Fri 13 ~ Last day of Term One
- Wed 25 ~ ANZAC Day Dawn Service ~ Loyalty Square 5:45am
- Mon 30 ~ Staff Development Day ~ staff return only

MAY

- Tues 1 May ~ STUDENTS RETURN



What shape am I?

Joining in 5/6 Spoggiá's game of 'Celebrity Shapes'...

Mrs L: Do I have an apex?

5/6S: Yes!

Mrs L: Do I have more than 6 sides?

5/6S: Yes!

Mrs L: Am I a hexagonal prism?

5/6S: Yes!

Maths is sooooo much fun! Thanks, 5/6S, for letting me have a go!

Maria Lambos ~ Principal

LEARN LIVE LEAD

YOU CAN DO IT!

Awards



Awards

K Crabs

Callan H-J - putting exceptional effort into being safe and respectful at all times

K Dugong

Mila F - describing the position of objects in the classroom

K Pufferfish

Annabel L - excellence in reading

1/2 Clams

Charlotte H - writing an exciting Sizzling start during 'Daily 5'

1/2 Galapagos

Elizaveta S - being an outstanding student, who always does the right thing!

1/2 Megaladon

Luca L - being a great class citizen

1/2 Seahorse

Connor T - having impeccable manners and his hard work in mathematics; enthusiastically contributing to class discussions

3/4 Flameback

Matthew A - impressive enthusiasm and hard work towards achieving your goals in maths!

3/4 Krill

Laura B S - showing great persistence when learning to write in English

3/4 Turtles

Will M - being a consistent, reliable and hardworking class member of 3/4 Turtles (even with a broken arm). Great effort!

5/6 Coelacanth

Harriet L - her scintillating sizzling starts and rich descriptive language in English

5/6 Lasseter's

Sora S - being on task, dedicated and always ready to learn!

5/6 Spoggiá

Danielle K - being respectful in class towards others and towards her teachers

5/6 Wahoo

Luca G - persevering in all aspects of learning, particularly problem solving

5/6 Yabby

Joshua W - his enthusiasm and contributions to our science lessons in chemical changes

K Crabs

Elisya L - being a kind and reliable friend to everyone

K Dugong

Jack S - being a kind and helpful friend

K Pufferfish

Imogen J - displaying leadership skills

1/2 Clams

Oliver B - showing a deep understanding of the Catastrophe Scale and how to use it

1/2 Galapagos

Yena K - being a wonderful friend by always showing kindness to others

1/2 Megaladon

Hannah O - working peacefully with peers

1/2 Seahorse

Micah C - working collaboratively with others

3/4 Flameback

Sofie T - showing patience for others and wonderful team work skills

3/4 Krill

Sarah H - always including others and being an awesome supportive friend

3/4 Turtles

Ruby T - her positive YCDI! attitude towards her learning in math with the split strategy and confidence in her turtle presentation! Great work!

5/6 Coelacanth

Ava R - being a kind and patient friend

5/6 Lasseter's

Mahalia B - demonstrating kind and inclusive behaviours

5/6 Spoggiá

Maya S - her considerate behaviour and balanced viewpoints in class

5/6 Wahoo

Dominic W - being a positive role model for his peers

5/6 Yabby

Keira C - her positive and cheery attitude towards her peers and teachers

Easter Hat Parade..

This year, the annual and exciting Easter Hat Parade, will be held directly after assembly on

Thursday 29th 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





Everyone
belongs...



THE WEEK THAT WAS...

- MON ~ PROFESSIONAL LEARNING: AGILE SCHOOLS SUMMIT ~ EXEC ~ [HTTP://WWW.AGILESCHOOLS.COM](http://www.agileschools.com)
- WED ~ HARMONY DAY ~ WHOLE SCHOOL
- WED ~ 'MEET THE INSTRUMENTS' ~ YEARS 1-4
- WED ~ PL: CPR & ANAPHYLAXIS TRAINING ~ ALL STAFF
- THURS ~ 'LEADERSHIP FOR TEACHER LEARNING' ~ DYLAN WILLIAM ~ [WWW.DYLANWILLIAM.ORG](http://www.dylanwilliam.org) ~ L. LOVETT & M. LAMBOS

COMING UP...

- TUES & WED ~ SCHOOL PHOTOS
- WED ~ 'CONSTRUCTING LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS WHICH PRODUCE AGILE & CREATIVE THINKERS' ~ STEPHEN HEPPPELL [HTTP://WWW.HEPPELL.NET](http://www.hepppell.net) ~ ALL TEACHING STAFF ~ ABBOTSFORD PS ~ 4-7PM
- TUES-THURS ~ PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE: DAN HAESLER [HTTPS://DANHAESLER.COM](https://danhaesler.com) & STEPHEN HEPPPELL [HTTP://WWW.EDUTECH.NET.AU/SPEAKER-STEPHEN-HEPPELL.STM](http://www.edutech.net.au/speaker-stephen-hepppell.stm) ~ M. LAMBOS
- 9-10 APRIL - 'ROCK & WATER' TRAINING ~ 2-DAY COURSE ~ [HTTP://WWW.ROCKANDWATERPROGRAM.COM.AU](http://www.rockandwaterprogram.com.au) ~ S. BAUMANN

CONGRATS

...to Ms Cara-lee Weaver (left) and Ms Amelia Cooper (right), who graduated from the University of Sydney on Wednesday (and so did their friend).

They completed their Masters of Education (Primary).



Earth Hour

Australia - Saturday **24 March**

8:30-9:30pm

<https://www.earthhour.org.au>



3/4 Flameback



Monopoly
Inspired
Comprehension!



Sensory
Learning:
Playdough
Spelling



Flexible Learning!



Uno style grammar



Peer work to focus on spelling
and sentence construction



Pasta Punctuation: We used wagon wheels
to fill in the missing full stops and elbows
for the commas and apostrophes!

Comprehension work using mini-whiteboards
to demonstrate understanding



Bananagram: Creating as many
interconnecting words with the
week's spelling rule and sounds



STEM

SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATH



With nothing but raw spaghetti and marshmallows, how high could you build a tower? If you were given only a roll of aluminium foil how would you go about building the tallest structure? We have been working through the engineering process to plan for our Friday STEM challenges!



Let's not make Math boring!
Relays and hands-on activities to explore different strategies for multiplication and division.

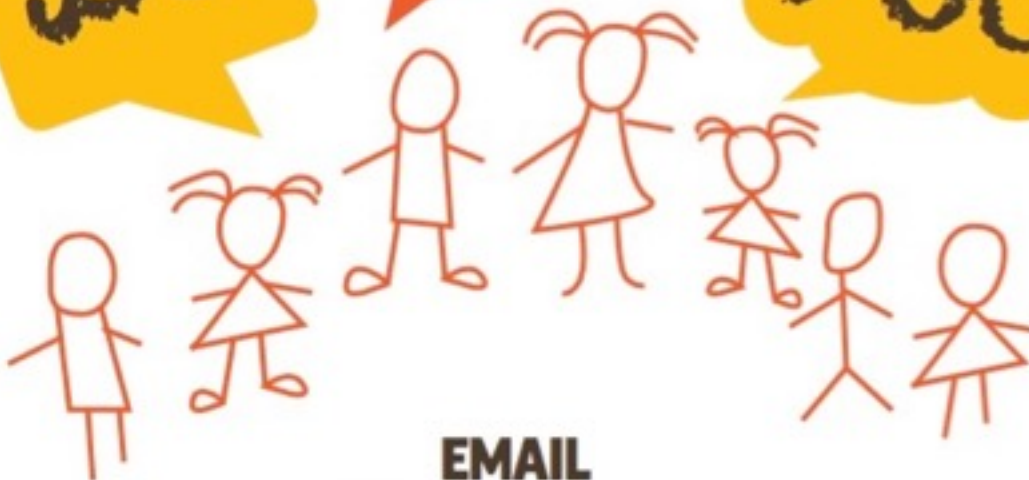


An engaging visit from an Environmental Scientist to introduce our Science Unit "Beneath Our Feet!"

BPS CANTEEN



VOLUNTEER COORDINATING TEAM!



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for more details

Canteen Coordinating Team Needed!

FACT 1: Did you know BPS's canteen **earns \$16,000** (sometimes more!) every year?

FACT 2: All of the canteen's profit goes **straight back into resourcing** our teachers and their classrooms, to improve the learning experience for our children.

FACT 3: The canteen is 100% volunteer based and at the end of 2018, **we're losing our CANTEEN CHAMPION, Van Allen**, who has cultivated a brilliant business and vibrant connection to the school over the past 4.5 years.

FACT 4: We're looking for a **team of 2-3 parents/carers/grandparents**, who are willing to volunteer an hour or so of their time each week to manage the canteen.

What will the canteen do for you? Let's ask Van Allen, our current Canteen Coordinator, who runs the entire process on her own: *"Coordinating the canteen has been one of the most rewarding roles of my life. The joy and excitement you see on the faces of your children, and the other students at the school, are priceless. You get to know all the children and the staff, and being involved serves to strengthen our community and inter-generational bonds."*

What's involved? To spread the time-commitment load across more people, Van's current role will be split into three roles in 2019:

1. **Orders & inventory** – printing out the order labels, preparing the bags for each class, ordering the specials and other ingredients, and managing the inventory. This can be done at home, primarily the day before canteen, but the inventory can be done at your convenience.
2. **Pick-up & delivery** – this involves picking up and delivering the bread and specials on the day of canteen, and prepping the class boxes before the volunteers start. This must be done on the day of canteen. The timing is 8.30-9am and 10.30-11.10am on canteen day.
3. **Communications & Flexischools** – this involves writing a short email at the start of each week confirming the special and parent volunteer roster, which the school sends out via Skoolbag. Before the start of the term, the weekly specials need to be scheduled and updated on the Flexischools site. The suppliers are given a text reminder the week of their turn. This can be done at home at your convenience.

For an indication of the time commitment required, Van spends an average of 4 hours a week doing all three areas. She often does the canteen shop together with her usual grocery run for home.

The canteen has been run on Fridays to date, but that day is by no means locked in. Your time is valuable and if the volunteers would prefer to volunteer their time on a different day, we will change the day.

The P&C's Annual General Meeting is coming up soon, Wednesday 4 April, so we would like the three new roles for 2019 filled that night. Van will stay on until this year is out, preferably transitioning over to the new team in Term 4, 2018.

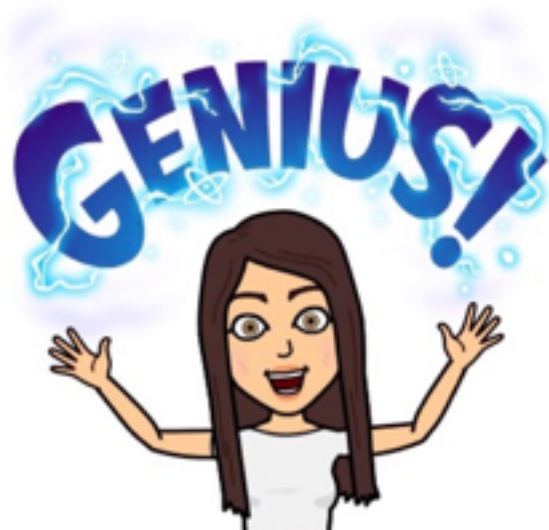
If you've ever wanted to become a minor celebrity (among children between the ages of 5 and 13), this is the perfect role for you!

Please email Van for further details or to express your interest before Wednesday 4 April –

van.hl.allen@gmail.com.

5/6 Wahoo and 5/6 Lassetter's Reef Hack Day 2K18

On Friday 16 March, 5/6W and 5/6L learnt about Hack Day events within the tech community and the huge impact they can have on society. We adjusted the concept to best meet our capabilities as creative thinkers and problem solvers. The day commenced with a brainstorming session, in which we specifically identified existing problems within our classroom, school and local community. We then formed groups and worked cohesively to navigate real world solutions to the problems identified. For example, recycling plastic for use in future STEM projects, creating a buddy bench for students to have a friend during break time, and organising a weekly breakfast club to raise money for charity.



We worked effectively in our groups to ensure we could present each of our ideas to the class before Break B. Our presentations were impressive and included Scratch, Piktochart, Powerpoint, role play, and detailed diagrams and budgets. With so many great ideas, we are yet to choose a winning solution...but the executive team should expect a few proposals in the near future!

Here is the process we went through and some photos from the day.

Step 1: Brainstorm

Step 2: Form groups

Step 3: Identify a problem and achievable solution

Step 4: Collate data and create a presentation

Step 5: Present to the class

Step 6: Vote on a proposal



VISUAL METAPHORS

Within literature, 5/6W evaluated comics featuring hidden environmental issues and key messages intended for the general public.

Within these comics, we identified elements of juxtaposition, satire, sustainability and humour.

These concepts aided in the understanding of given comics and the development of deeper meaning, when considering what our world could look like in years to come.

We discussed our priorities on a personal level and how they may impact others on a global scale. From this, we aligned our knowledge of visual literacy with the task of creating a visual metaphor, to express awareness and concern surrounding relatable aspects of sustainable practices.



2ND CHANCE UNIFORM STALL

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOR GETTING BEHIND THE SECOND CHANCE UNIFORM STALL. WE HAVE HAD SO MANY DONATIONS THIS YEAR AND AS SUCH WE HAVE MADE \$1,000 SO FAR THIS TERM FOR THE P&C THROUGH RECYCLING! I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK JOSIE SIMPSON, WHO HAS TAKEN OVER THE ROLE FROM JANE. THANK YOU.

OVER THE EASTER BREAK COULD YOU PLEASE GO THROUGH YOUR CHILDREN'S WINTER UNIFORMS AND CHECK IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU COULD DONATE. I JUST DISCOVERED THAT I HAD A WHOLE BUNCH OF SIZE 4S THAT OUR FAMILY WILL NO LONGER NEED..... WITH A LITTLE TEAR IN MY EYE.

WE DO HAVE QUITE A FEW BAND SHIRTS, SO IF YOU ARE JOINING THIS YEAR PLEASE COME AND GET A SHIRT FOR JUST \$2.

WE ALSO HAVE QUITE A FEW SCHOOL BAGS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO FIND A HOME FOR. DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE STARTING BALMAIN NEXT YEAR? THIS COULD BE A NICE THING TO COME AND GRAB FOR THEM.

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

MELISSA WILKINSON



BPS CANTEEN

BPS Parents & Citizens Association



www.flexischools.com.au

**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	

**Mar 30 - GOOD FRIDAY - Public
Holiday - NO CANTEEN**

2nd Chance Uniform Stall



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

We are amazing writers in Lasseter's & Wahoo



Snow crumbled down the rocky cliffs. Looking up, we could see the peak, pointy as a lion's tooth, sharp as a dagger. Adrenalin pulsed through our veins. The feeling of hard spiky rocks was no stranger to us. We had conquered many obstacles...

Eleanor

Its jagged slopes loomed above me from ground to heaven. I pressed my face to the black tower. Its surface was like an ice pack on my flesh.

Finn



I gazed up. The monstrous peak loomed like a stairway to heaven. Rocks crumbled as I grasped my hand around a jagged rock. This was it. There was no turning back. Then without warning I heard the cliff roar. I looked up to see a boulder hurtling at me.

Auli

Big sharp cliffs towered above us, blocking the pinkish glaze coming from the sun.

Zoe



The incredible bush, swaying like a gun nut expressing hello, was surrounding me. I was ascending the crowded bush track when I heard a branch snap in half, as if it were a pencil being stepped on by a little kid.

Sooyeon

Trees, like skyscrapers, loomed over him. The river flowed like blood through veins. Monkeys swung from tree to tree as if the vines were part of them. The sticks were scattered across the ground like hundreds and thousands on a cake.

Leo



THE BALMAIN BALL *afloat*

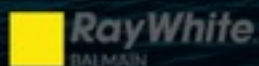
FRIDAY 4TH MAY, 2018

7.15PM SHARP FOR 7.30PM BOAT DEPARTURE:
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THE ORIGINAL

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April 16 - 20
MARRICKVILLE
9am - 3pm

Inner City

April 16 & 18
CAMPERDOWN
9am - 3pm

Northern Beaches

April 16 - 20
HARBORD
9am - 3pm

HOLIDAY CAMPS

Canterbury

April 23 - 27
BANKSTOWN
9am - 3pm

Eastern Suburbs

April 23 - 27
HEFFRON PARK
9am - 3pm

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April 23 - 27
HARBORD
9am - 3pm

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