PIGEON POST

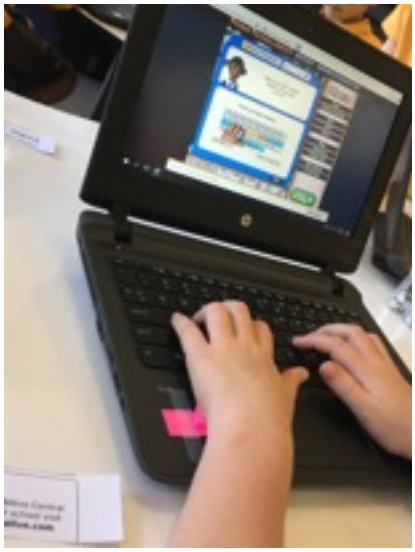
Learn ~ Live ~ Lead

APRIL

- 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



Typing tournament...

Touch typing is a skill that will benefit all. This week saw the EdAlive 'Typing Tournament' software's logins and passwords for each student K-6 touchdown into Balmain PS!
Every child should have brought home their unique login, (password BALMAIN), so this program can also be accessed at home.
Thank you to the P&C for endorsing the purchase of a school site licence.

Maria Lambos ~ **Principal**

LEARN LIVE LEAD

Awards

K Crabs
Kai M - his bright and positive attitude
K Dugong
Harvey T - working peacefully with his peers
K Pufferfish
Yousef B - making many new friends
1/2 Clams
Fiona R -being a kind and considerate classmate of 1/2 Clams
1/2 Galapagos
Ashton B - great team work during investigations
1/2 Megaladon
Henry S - being a kind and supportive friend
Eve O'C - working well with others
1/2 Seahorse
Eliza R - always trying to be a caring friend toward others
3/4 Flameback
Lachlan W - your never-ending kindness, respect and acceptance towards all your peers and teachers
3/4 Krill
Lola L - being a great and positive class citizen
3/4 Turtles
Josie S - her positive energy in group work and confidence in her work and presentations
5/6 Coelacanth
Marli P - being a considerate classmate and helping others with a smile
5/6 Lasseter's
Liam H - always showing his peers respect by listening and raising his hand to contribute in class
5/6 Spoggiá
Milly E - her thoughtfulness to others and the positive energy she brings to the classroom
5/6 Wahoo
Mya H - taking initiative in a group setting by offering great ideas
5/6 Yabby
Chloe C - being proactive to resolve conflicts with peers

YOU CAN DO IT!

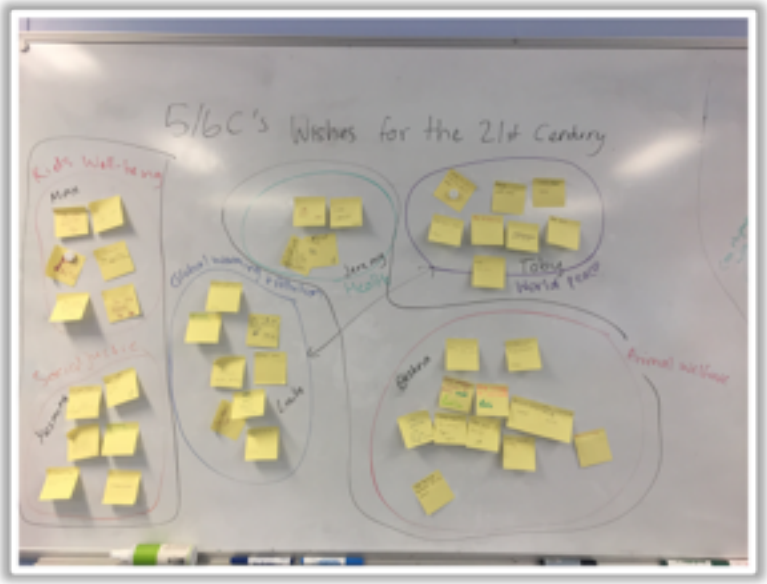
Awards

K Crabs
Rosalind C - being respectful and kind to all who encounter her
K Dugong
Sophia A - impressive enthusiasm and hard work towards achieving your literacy goal
K Pufferfish
Nina B - excellent writing and working hard to show the 5'Ls
1/2 Clams
Jake L - taking initiative and working on his personal goal during his break time
1/2 Galapagos
Marco M - reading with great expression and fluency when performing a readers' theatre
1/2 Megaladon
Hannah O - her wonderful use of conjunctions
Elle Z - working hard on her spelling
1/2 Seahorse
Emma C - her enthusiastic approach towards public speaking and writing
3/4 Flameback
Freddie B - your commitment to improving your literacy and numeracy skills!
3/4 Krill
Dillon P - awesome focus and effort during learning tasks
3/4 Turtles
Waima-Lee A - her efforts in her narrative writing and gaining more confidence in her reading. Great work!
Greta R - being actively involved in all her learning experiences and consistently trying her best
5/6 Coelacanth
Toby C - a well-structured and convincing art proposal for our Class Book
5/6 Lasseter's
Kylie L - being a diligent student and always applying herself in mathematics
5/6 Spoggiá
Charlie B - being a solid gold friend and brave in hospital
5/6 Wahoo
Auli C-Y - being an encouraging peer and leading by example at the Easter Hat Parade
5/6 Yabby
Ethan M - for his focus and contributions during maths lessons

5/6C's Wishes for the 21st Century

Poetry in 5/6 Coelacanth

In 5/6C, we have been looking at John Marsden's illustrated poem *Prayer for the 21st Century*. We analysed the poem's structure, message and language before turning to our own hopes for the future. We brainstormed, collated, wrote and re-wrote, to collaboratively create our own poem. Now we are working on illustrating our poem and turning it into a picture book – *5/6C's Wishes for the 21st Century*.



Brainstorming wishes and grouping them by themes

A sneak peek into our work in progress…

Here is the fantastic final stanza of our powerful poem:

May every reef live a long life,
May the brilliant colours stay ever-bright;
May electric cars take over fuel,
May the boiling sun power the lights.
May all countries be put to puzzle,
May all the world have peace by night;
May all people stand as good friends,
May all nations live not to fight.

Working in groups to write couplets on Social Justice

Why can't I un-bake a cake?

Reversible and Irreversible Changes

In Stage 3, we have been learning about chemical and physical changes. We have also been learning to follow the scientific method to answer questions.

What happens if?

We experimented to find out what will happen if we added vinegar to a mixture of bi-carb soda and dishwashing liquid.

Safety First

We hypothesised that our bi-carb apples would "fizz and maybe even explode". We went out to the park, put on our gloves and got to work measuring and mixing.

Erupting Apples

Our apples definitely fizzed! But we didn't expect that the fluffy foam would feel cold to the touch. Charlotte described the feeling as "cold butter icing left out of the fridge" which deflated as the gas escaped until our mixture looked and felt like "microwaved marshmallow".

BPS CANTEEN

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BPS | Parents & Citizens Association

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.

Women in Science...

Last week, Lasseter's and Wahoo were fortunate to have as their guest speaker, Professor Frances Separovic, who as a female in science, has been a trailblazer and has achieved much recognition in this area.

Frances Separovic is Professor of Chemistry, Deputy Director of the Bio21 Institute and former Head of School at the University of Melbourne. She was a Visiting Professor at Harvard Medical School, Honorary Fellow of Birkbeck College UCL, and a Senior Member of St Hugh's College, Oxford. Her speciality is biophysical chemistry and NMR spectroscopy.

In 2017, Frances was named an IUPAC Distinguished Woman of Chemistry/ Chemical Engineering and inducted in the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2018. It was from this perspective that Frances was particularly inspirational.

It is high calibre speakers, such as Frances, that help students understand there is a whole lot more to learn out there, which helps focus their interests and provides challenge. Jacob gave an articulate and confident thank you speech. The students asked intelligent questions and were very absorbed, as you can see from the photos.

2nd Chance Uniform Stall

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

KEGWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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SUNDAY 8th APRIL

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ages 7-12

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Afternoon workshop $50 each - 1.30pm - 4.00pm

Or ALL DAY options available: 10am-4.00pm or 9am - 5pm

NEXT TERM:

'ART CLUB!

Years 3-6

Tuesdays: 3-5pm

$34 per class from 01/5/18

This class is for kids in years 3-6,who especially LOVE to draw!

'ART NINJAS!'

years K-6

Thursdays: 3-4.30pm

$30 per class from 3/5/18

A place for kids in all years, to hang out and gain creative confidence.

MATERIALS & SNACKS

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Like to try a class out? No worries!!...
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AT BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Little Nicholson Street Play Centre Parent Seminar

Raising Your Child in a Digital World

Are you concerned about your child's screen-time?

Do you wonder how technology is shaping children today?

Do you want to learn strategies to help kids develop healthy technology habits?

Dr. Kristy Goodwin is here to help!

listen up

When Thursday 19th April 2018 7:30–9pm

Where The Royal Oak Pub. 36 College St, Balmain

Tickets $25 Members, $30 Non-members (plus booking fee)
https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/raising-your-child-in-a-digital-world-tickets-43580575675

A digital parenting educator, author, researcher and mum, Dr. Kristy will translate the latest research and arm us with practical strategies about how to best raise kids in the digital age. Learn how to get the most out of their child's screen-time so you can finally ditch the guilt and the guesswork.

Grab a few friends and enjoy a meal or glass of wine for a fun and informative evening. All proceeds help to maintain Little Nicolson Street Play Centre.

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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

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Games to play ★ Craft to create ★ Friends to make
And much, much more!

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