



PIGEON POST

Learn ~ Live ~ Lead

MAY

- Tues 15 ~ NAPLAN ~ Writing
- Wed 16 ~ NAPLAN ~ Reading
- Thurs 17 ~ NAPLAN ~ Language Conventions
- Fri 18 ~ 'Walk Safely to School' Day
- Tues 22 ~ NAPLAN ~ Numeracy
- Wed 23 ~ NAPLAN ~ Catch-up day for missed tests
- Thurs 24 ~ District Cross Country
- Tues 29 ~ ICAS Science ~ 7:30am

JUNE

- Wed 6 - Fri 8 ~ Stage 3 Camp
- Wed 6 ~ P&C meeting ~ 7pm
- Mon 18 ~ FOIM



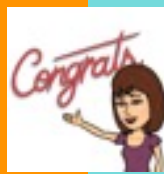
SOLE @ BPS!

Stage One have learnt about SOLE (Self-Organised Learning Environments) this week...these girls worked together to answer the big question, 'Why Are Clouds White?' Find out more about SOLE inside...

Maria Lambos ~ Principal

LEARN LIVE LEAD

Awards



YOU CAN DO IT!

Awards

K Crabs

Niamh F - demonstrating maturity and growth in the classroom

K Dugong

Yasemin H - taking risks with her learning

K Pufferfish

Eva K - an outstanding design brief

1/2 Blue Dragon

Billy B - being a self starter and working sensibly and independently in all tasks

1/2 Galapagos

Lauren B, Emmie B, Rosie F, Remi O'B, Zara R and Arkie E M (1/2M) - tapping into their innate sense of wonder and working collaboratively during SOLE to answer the Big Question: Why are Clouds White?

1/2 Megaladon

Ian Y - working hard in all areas of learning

1/2 Seahorse

Madalene C - a fantastic and positive start to Term 2 - Keep up the great work!

3/4 Flameback

Emily R - your incredible effort in persuasive writing

3/4 Krill

Charlotte F - consistent effort in all learning tasks

3/4 Turtles

Hayley McF - her positive energy in PBL and working well across all KLA's

5/6 Coelacanth

Julian H - persevering through injury and learning to write with his left hand

5/6 Lasseter's

Hayden F - great presentation skills

5/6 Spoggiá

Phoebe M - her cheerfulness and resilience in class

5/6 Wahoo

Eehit S - demonstrating resilience and perseverance in his learning

5/6 Yabby

Aiman C - taking on constructive feedback and writing an engaging narrative introduction

K Crabs

Rosalind C - showing initiative and responsibility during reset

K Dugong

Ted B - making sure he understands the teacher's instructions before he begins his work

K Pufferfish

Rosie H - excellent resetting

1/2 Blue Dragon

Annita Z - being organised for all lessons

1/2 Galapagos

Ben S - always being in the right place at the right time

1/2 Megaladon

Jayden Y - being organised in class

1/2 Seahorse

Oliver D - being organised for his work in class and a positive peer role model

3/4 Flameback

Leonard S - following instructions promptly

3/4 Krill

Logan P - making sure all classroom items are put away properly

3/4 Turtles

Jonah J - having a positive and enthusiastic start to every day! Great work!

5/6 Coelacanth

Yesmina Y - always coming to school prepared and ready to work hard

5/6 Lasseter's

Aiden W - helping friends out

5/6 Spoggiá

Harry B, Maya S, Harry C, Connor C, Dylan J - (Persistence) Completing the level 10 Blockly coding maze. Congratulations!

5/6 Wahoo

Bella T - listening to instructions and for always assisting her peers

5/6 Yabby

Matthew T - his improvement in keeping on task and completing work in a timely manner

OUR KID GIVES BACK



Phoebe M was part of a team of 43 **Kids Giving Back** volunteers who cooked, packaged and delivered over 350 warm, nutritious meals to local shelters and individuals in need on Sunday 15th April, which was also **Good Deeds Day**.

Phoebe took part in a **Community Cook4Good Program** with her family and should be commended for giving up her time to help others. The photos of the day can be found on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/KidsGivingBack>

To find out more information about available programs, please visit the website: www.kidsgivingback.org. **Cook4Good** programs are scheduled throughout the year, for which families may register.



A huge THANK YOU to the amazing Anne, Mark & Tegan, along with her terrific team of happy helpers, for organising a beautiful breakfast, with a variety of tantalising treats for all!



The brilliant Bach & Band delighted us all with their magnificent musicianship! Thanks to Naomi (their band director), the musicians and their parents. A special thanks to the parent volunteers for organising.



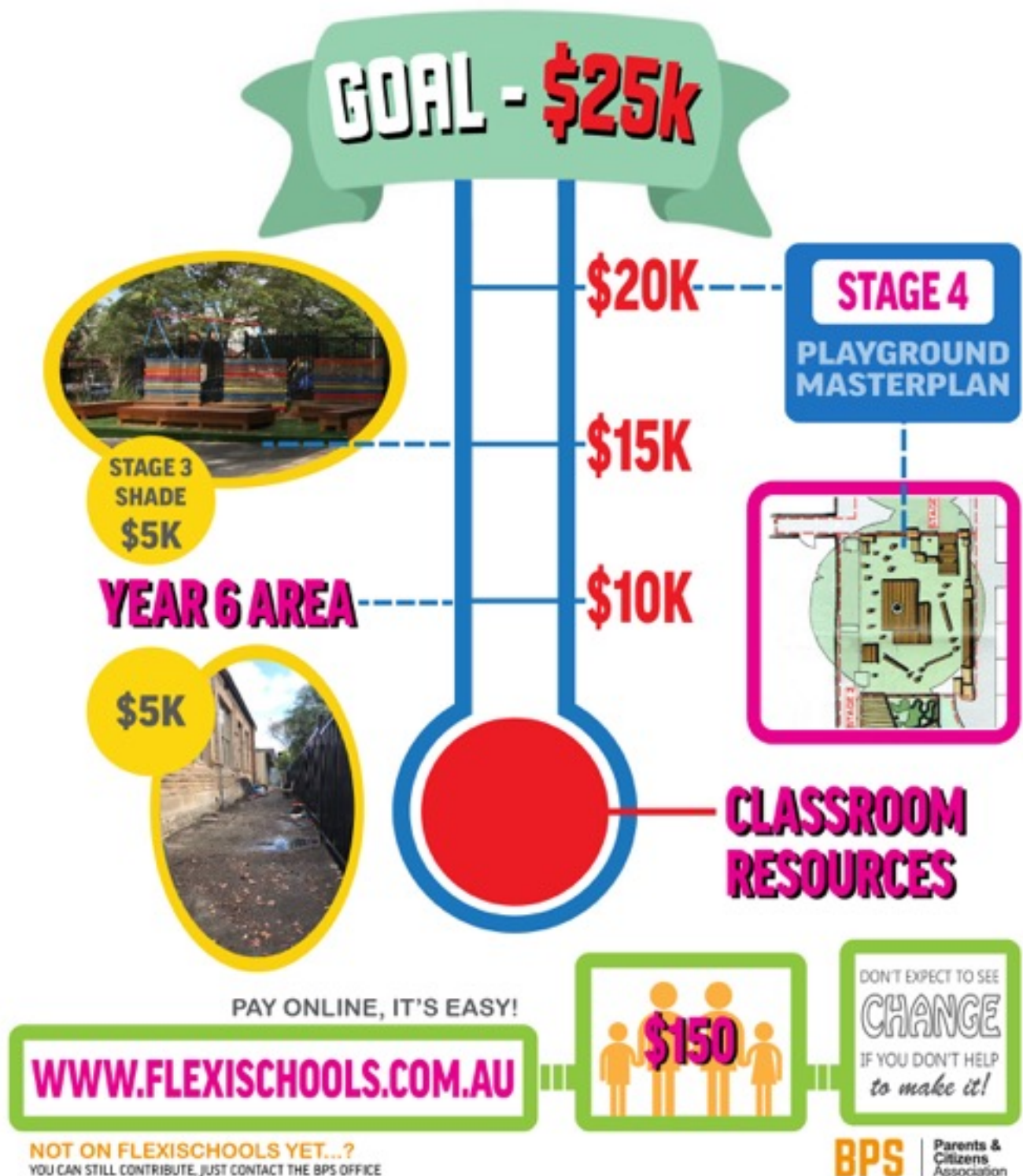
Cliff, Logan and Mark's Dad, didn't fail with the organisation of cheery chocolates by Josephine, our traditional Mother's Day gift, available through Flexischools. Thanks so much!

It was great, as always, to see such a caring community coming together!





2018 BPS P&C CONTRIBUTION



A reminder that contributions should be made via <http://www.flexischools.com.au>, not through the school's online payment system.
Thank you.

THE POSITIVE PETE AWARD GOES TO... CLANCY AARD



Active Kids are Healthy Kids

Friday 18th May

For your diary ~ ICAS Dates

Tuesday, 29 May 2018, 7.30am - Science
Wednesday, 13 June 2018, 7.30am - Spelling
Thursday, 14 June 2018, 8am - Writing
Tuesday, 31 July 2018, 7.30am - English
Tuesday, 14 August 2018, 7.30am - Mathematics



BPS CANTEEN

BPS Parents & Citizens Association



www.flexischools.com.au

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

TERM 2 MENU

May 11 Dumplings



Jun 8 Pork & Rice



May 18 Chicken Napoletana

Cafe Berlin

Jun 15 Penne Napoletana

Cafe Berlin

May 25 Beef & Rice



Jun 22 Butter Chicken

Maharajas

Jun 1 Spaghetti Bolognese

Cafe Berlin

Jun 29 Dumplings



THE KINDERGARTEN POST!



Kindergarten have made a fabulous start to Term Two. We love spending time all together in our beautiful open classroom. Every morning we learn our sounds and numbers through singing together.



'W' for wind...



'Z' in buzz (these are our bee wings!!)



Making pizza using some 2D shapes



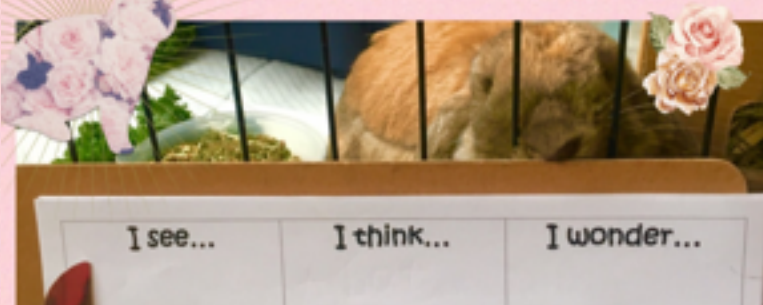
Sport with our amazing buddies!



This semester in science, Kindergarten have been learning about living things...



And we LOVED having real Easter Bunnies in our classroom!



In Maths we have been making and writing numbers to ten...



...and learning about length through measurement





We love writing our sight words and reading during literacy groups!



Investigations



Kindergarten is excited to find out what the rest of the term holds!



THE BALMAIN WAY ...

SAFE

- Listen and follow instructions
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Keep hands and feet to yourself

RESPECTFUL

- Show pride in your school
- Allow others and yourself to learn
- Use your best manners at all times

RESPONSIBLE

- Accept opportunities and challenges
- Be accountable for your actions and choices
- Be punctual and prepared

We are a community of:

SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE learners.





Investigation

SOLE
Self-Organised
Learning
Environment

Student Driven
Curious
Collaborative
Open-minded
Transformative
Encouraging
Patient

Review



**1. BIG
QUESTION**



2. Investigation

3. Review



**This term, Stage
1 is studying
Light and Sound.**

Why does the rainbow have only
seven colours?



**WHY DOES THE RAINBOW
HAVE ONLY SEVEN COLOURS?**



**BIG
QUESTION**



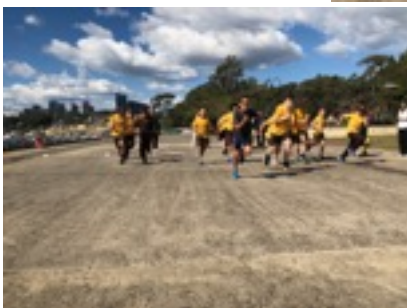
CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday of Week 2, Balmain Public School Walked to Mott Bay Park to compete in the Cross Country Carnival. Each and every student gave their absolute best and Were so fantastic at cheering each other on.

Congratulations to those students who placed in their race. Students who came 1st - 4th will receive a ribbon at Lines on Tuesday morning. Students who placed 1st - 6th will move onto the District Cross Country Carnival and will receive a note for this event next week. The District Cross Country carnival will take place on Thursday, 24 May.

A huge thank you to the team of teachers who played a huge role on the day. Another big thank you goes out to the parents who transported equipment in their cars, walked with us, cheered us on and supported us in so many wonderful ways. Thank you to the canteen for putting out meals onto wheels and delivering out hot dumplings to the park!

Miss Sarah Weston~Sports Coordinator



Project Based Learning



What is Project Based Learning?

Referred to as PBL for short, students are engaged in **solving complex, real-world problems or questions.**

Here at BPS, we design PBL units that are **explicitly linked to syllabus outcomes**, and often we can address learning outcomes across a few different Key Learning Areas (KLAs) in the one project!

Projects span over an extended period of time (often up to a term), to allow for high quality student-directed research, designing, creating and implementing of a practical solution to their initial driving problem or question.

Through this process, students are facilitated by their teachers to demonstrate the four C's of 21st Century Learning - **Critical thinking, Communication, Collaboration and Creativity.**



On Friday, whilst the Cross Country was on, I was invited to attend the Annual Presentation Ceremony on Stewart House Day. I was representing our Primary Principal Council of Port Jackson, as the treasurer.

As a group of over 30 local school principals, we donated \$8,000 in 2017, to the Department of Education's official charity!

Every year 1,800 public school children attend our safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment.

Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being.

This experience provides children with a much needed break from their current circumstance. Our children are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school.

All others costs associated with the children's stay are met from charitable donations.

Apart from companies, businesses and corporations, over 180 public schools from NSW donate to Stewart House and have achieved either Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze awards.

For schools, the award is based on a formula, which earns a per capita amount: Diamond-\$25, Platinum-\$20, Gold-\$15, Silver-\$10 and Bronze-\$7.50. Russell Lea Infants is a Diamond supporter, whilst Rozelle PS is a Silver!

Perhaps Balmain PS can be a supporter in 2018, by fundraising for this worthy cause!



ANOTHER GRADUATION...

Congratulations to Ms T, who, on Thursday evening, attained her Graduate Certificate in Religious Education from ACU (Australian Catholic University)!

Food and Toiletries Collection



Supporting people in need

Anglicare provides material assistance to people in crisis. To support this work we're collecting basic household necessities including:

- pasta, pasta sauce
- chunky soup, tinned meals
- tuna, salmon
- cereal, long-life milk
- toothpaste, toothbrushes
- soap, deodorant.

We'll be collecting at:

1 – 31 May 2018
8.00am – 2.30pm
(deliver to the church porch)

St John the Evangelist
Anglican Church Balmain
Corner of Spring St and
Birchgrove Rd, Balmain
0422 762 395



St John
the Evangelist, Balmain
Anglican Church
of Australia



Anglicare



Macquarie
ADHD
Parent Support Group Inc.

Supporting parents and carers of children & teens with ADHD, learning difficulties, and co-existing conditions

ADHD Transitions - Moving up to High School

Dr Caroline Stevenson

Clinical Psychologist

ADHD children usually have difficulty with transitions. One of the most significant transitions is moving up to high school. Parents struggle deciding which high school to send their ADHD child and worry about how they will manage in this new environment. In this talk Dr Stevenson will help parents consider what is important in secondary school selection and also offer strategies to make the transition as easy as possible. Caroline will also touch on the transition to tertiary study.

Dr Stevenson specialises in ADHD across the lifespan in her private practise in Frenchs Forest and is also a board member of ADHD Australia.

WHEN	Thu 31 May, 2018
TIME	7.00pm - 9.00pm (including question time and supper)
VENUE	Dunmore Lang College (adjacent Macquarie Uni) 130-134 Herring Road, NORTH RYDE, NSW 2113 <i>Transport: Macquarie Uni train station or Limited off-road and street parking.</i>
RSVP	www.trybooking.com/UTJZ
COST	\$5.00 online (or at the door if places available)

ALL WELCOME
Stay for supper to meet the speaker

ADHD Centre Helpline
Ph: 02 9889 5977 / 0416 111 036
Email: info@macquarieadhd.org.au

YRS 6 & 5 Auditioning for NHSPA?

DSP Inc. (non profit) runs a workshop to PRACTISE & PREPARE TO AUDITION
Meet current NHSPA Drama Students who did our audition prep workshop!

Sunday 24 June, 10.00am - 1:30pm

AS WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING THESE WORKSHOPS SUCCESSFULLY FOR 14 YEARS, WE KNOW
THE DRAMA EXERCISES STUDENTS MAY ENCOUNTER. PRACTISE COUNTERACTS NERVES!

Experience group warmup activities, scripts, improvisation games and scenes.
Perform scenes and scripts in pairs and teams in a group workshop environment,
just like the audition. Participate in a mock interview. Ask NSHPA questions.

(This is hungry work - bring your lunch snacks with you.)

Successful participants from our previous workshops who are now Newtown Drama students
will act with you and be there to answer your questions about the school and the auditions.

LOCATION: PETERHSAM - Taverners Hill Infants School, Queen St

Cost: \$93.00 **Booking:** Contact STEPHANIE WAITES **Mobile:** 0407 235 914

www.dramascene.com.au (ENROLMENT PAGE)



BALMAIN'S CAMPBELL STREET CONCERTS - 2018



Presbyterian Church, 7 Campbell Street, Balmain, 3.30pm Sundays

20 May: Autumn - Bernard Walz, pianist - this world-travelled virtuoso
performs *West Side Story*, *Clair de Lune*, popular Classics, 'stage & screen'

22 July: Winter - Dreams Following their concerts in France the
ARCH trio (voice, viola & piano) performs Vivaldi, Schubert, Debussy, Bernstein & more

30 September: Spring - Pictures International pianist Tonya Lemoh,
returned from concerts in Scandinavia, performs Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*

Details & bookings: trybooking.com (search Campbell Street)

3-concert Series: \$75, \$60, \$30; Single concerts \$30, \$25, \$10. FREE to 12 & under

Cash sales only at the door on the day Enquiries to Robert Harris, 0428 248 348

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