



# PIGEON POST

Learn ~ Live ~ Lead

## JUNE

- Wed 6 - Fri 8 ~ Stage 3 Camp
- Wed 6 ~ P&C meeting ~ 7pm
- Mon 11 ~ QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ~ PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Wed 13 ~ ICAS Spelling ~ 7:30am
- Thurs 14 ~ ICAS Writing ~ 8am
- Mon 18 ~ FOIM
- Wed 20 ~ 8 yrs + Field Athletics Carnival (shot put, discus, long jump)
- Mon 25 ~ Stage SPELLING BEE Finals
- Mon 25 ~ Music evening
- Thurs 28 ~ 8 yrs + Track Athletics Carnival
- Fri 29 ~ DISCO

## JULY

- Wed 4 ~ P&C meeting ~ 7pm



## A very special lady...

Suellen, Ethan W's grandmother, is one very special lady! She is such a well-known face along the Kindy corridor, sitting with our kids on a daily basis and reading with them, even though Ethan is no longer in Kindy!

We are all so grateful, especially our Kindy staff, for the generosity of time Suellen gives to Balmain Public School.

THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH!

*Maria Lambos ~ Principal*

# LEARN LIVE LEAD

## Awards



# YOU CAN DO IT!

## Awards

### K Crabs

Tristan L - utilising multiple strategies when reading unknown words

### K Dugong

Oscar F - an outstanding effort in reading most of a more challenging book

### K Pufferfish

Yousef B - outstanding efforts in every KLA and great results

### 1/2 Blue Dragon

Rosemary A - amazing improvement in all classroom activities

### 1/2 Galapagos

Nico S - working hard on his choices to show the 'Balmain Way'

### 1/2 Megalodon

Felisha K - being a responsible and caring classroom citizen

### 1/2 Seahorse

Ky D - his positive attitude toward his learning and always contributing his valued ideas

### 3/4 Flameback

Oliver M-M - reading with outstanding enthusiasm and great expression!

### 3/4 Krill

Alex P - awesome focus and enthusiasm when completing the Dream Bedroom Design Project

### 3/4 Turtles

Jude McP - being ready to learn and working on his organisation skills. Keep it up Jude

### 5/6 Coelacanth

Winnie M - her respectful active listening skills and curious questions

### 5/6 Lasseter's

Yvonne S - always being on task and able to work independently

### 5/6 Spoggiá

Sam B - a sensational improvement in mathematics this week! Well done Sam!

### 5/6 Wahoo

Savannah H - demonstrating leadership skills in her Freedom 2 Learn tasks

### 5/6 Yabby

Coco McP - her excitement and creativity while making our Art Show artworks

### K Crabs

Vivan N - enthusiasm and motivation in learning

### K Dugong

Annie P - following instructions carefully

### K Pufferfish

Keira R - leadership skills

### 1/2 Blue Dragon

Jessica R - continually improving her organisation for each lesson

### 1/2 Galapagos

Elise G - always being organised and ready to start her work straight away

### 1/2 Megalodon

Zarek M - being prepared and ready to learn during investigations

### 1/2 Seahorse

Josie A - being an 'Organisational' role model and superstar extraordinaire

### 3/4 Flameback

Caleb G - always being alert and ready to learn

### 3/4 Krill

Matilda R - being a self-motivated worker

### 3/4 Turtles

Josephine A - always being organised and assisting others

### 5/6 Coelacanth

Antoine F - always being responsible for his own belongings helping to keep 5/6C neat and tidy

### 5/6 Lasseter's

Elvira G - being an organised and self motivated learner

### 5/6 Spoggiá

Leah S-D, Lara O'C - always remembering their environmental warrior duties

### 5/6 Wahoo

Grace S - being well-organised when working to develop an informative poster

### 5/6 Yabby

Nicholas G - organising his independent learning time effectively, and as a result, completing all tasks in a timely manner



**THIS WEEK'S POSITIVE  
PETE AWARD GOES  
TO... GENEVIEVE S  
5/6 YABBY**

**WELCOME BACK,  
MS MG!**

*'Cause we're happy...*



AS PROMISED, 'HAPPY' DANCE SNAPS ON A FRIDAY AFTERNOON...EVEN THE CHILLY 1ST DAY OF WINTER WASN'T GOING TO STOP US!

CHARLIE B, WHO IS CURRENTLY USING CRUTCHES, COULD BE SEEN DANCING AROUND TO 'HAPPY', TOO! CAN YOU SPOT HIM?



# *Premier's Spelling Bee Update*

We hope you are all getting excited and having fun practising your spelling! Less than a month to go until the '**Balmain Public School - Spelling Bee Stage Final**'. Keep practising your spelling strategies and the word lists - We're sure you are learning lots of new words in the process!

Students are invited to practise the 2018 list available – please see the below link the wordlists;

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2018-premiers-spelling-bee>

The above lists are password protected. Due to copyright the password will be distributed at school via the classroom teacher. Students will be quizzed in an in class 'Spelling Bee' throughout Week 8 this term with words relevant to their stage from above link. Please note the Junior Wordlists Years 3 & 4 are levels 1-5 and Senior Wordlists Years 5 & 6 are levels 2-6. from each class (four from each grade from stage 2 and 3) will progress to the 'Stage Spelling Bee Finals'

**The Balmain 'Stage Spelling Bee Finals' will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June.**

Good luck and happy practising!

Sarah Weston & Megan Sweeney~Organising Teachers



# Reconciliation Week



27 May–3 June 2018...Don't Keep History a Mystery: Learn. Share. Grow.

This week is **National Reconciliation Week (NRW)** across Australia – our students spent the week learning about the different ways that we could celebrate and acknowledge the event. The theme this year is: “Don't Keep History A Mystery: Learn. Share. Grow”.

In response to Reconciliation Week, students did various activities within class, including reflecting on our history, what reconciliation means and how we can learn and grow by hearing stories of our past. Students in 3/4T wrote some very moving pieces on National Sorry Day (which commenced Reconciliation Week on 26 May) and the significance of the apology to Indigenous Australians. In Visual Arts, Stage One students decorated hands with words and pictures that represent reconciliation. The hands were also done in other stages within class. These hands were then put together to create class artworks. Other classes read Aboriginal Dreamtime stories, discussed the stories and their importance in Aboriginal culture.



On Thursday morning at lines, 3/4T all came to the stage to discuss the importance of Reconciliation Week. Nia and Waima-Lee did a wonderful Welcome to Country, whilst Eleanor, Mirabelle and Johnny all did a beautiful job reading out what they had written in class.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians, as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

# THE PERSON EDUCATING YOUR CHILD

**Professor Donna O'Connor** ~ Bachelor of Education Graduation Keynote ~ Sydney University ~ April 2018

**"...be that educator...the one who goes the extra mile...the one whose class all students want to be in...the one that students will talk about, years after they leave school...the one that made a difference..."**

**..What are we here for?...not here to teach, but rather to help students learn...not here to pass judgement and pick favourites, but rather to treat everyone as individuals and fairly. We are not here to intimidate and punish, rather to connect with our students and know them...we're not here just to get by, but to inspire them to grow...above all, we're here to help them succeed...**

**ENVIRONMENT** - create a safe space which encourages your students to give it a go...challenge them to get out of their comfort zone and realise that making mistakes is part of learning...engage your students, encourage their questions, fostering autonomy supportive environment...

**DEDICATION** - when you spend your free time planning, marking assessments, reflecting, developing professionally...for the lost sleep you have when you care about somebody else's child, for the opportunities and experiences you create that will make the next generation better than the last...

**UNDERSTANDING** - understanding your students and their uniqueness...spend time and find a way to get to know all your students, learn their names as quickly as you can, be inclusive and embrace their differences...

**CHAMPION** - everyone needs a champion; every student needs a teacher that believes in them, and will never give up on them; the one who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can be...

**ATTENTIVELY LISTENING** to your students - there's a reason why you have two ears and only one mouth...when we listen to our students, we learn...

**THINKING** - teach your students how to think, not what to think...encourage them to think critically to solve problems...

**ORIGINALITY** - develop tasks where all your students can shine, foster student curiosity and creativity...give your students problems to solve, rather than answers to remember...

**RELATIONSHIPS** - As Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." Build your relationships with your students on respect and on honesty. You need to give your students respect first, and then you'll receive their respect. Be honest...no hidden messages. When you praise and criticise, make it about behaviour, rather than the person. Admit when we don't know the answer, but we'll go and find out..."

# P&C MEETING

WED 6TH JUNE

7:00PM

STAFFROOM

EGG  
CARTONS  
NEEDED FOR  
THE ART SHOW.  
PLEASE BRING  
TO THE  
STAFFROOM.  
THANKS



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**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		Jun 15	Penne Napoletana	
May 25	Beef & Rice		Jun 22	Butter Chicken	
Jun 1	Spaghetti Bolognese		Jun 29	Dumplings	

2ND CHANCE UNIFORM STALL  
FRIDAY MORNINGS  
8:30-9:00AM  
OUTSIDE CANTEEN

# 2018 BPS P&C CONTRIBUTION

**GOAL - \$25k**



STAGE 3  
SHADE  
\$5K

**YEAR 6 AREA**

**\$5K**



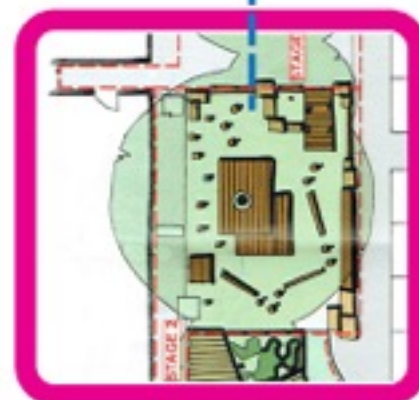
**\$20K**

**STAGE 4**

**PLAYGROUND  
MASTERPLAN**

**\$15K**

**\$10K**



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to make it!

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# Rock & Water



This week at **Rock & Water** we looked at implementing water into our 'Rock Stance'.

Being too much 'Rock' without water, leaves us feeling a little like a bull in a bullfighting arena. Angry, not being able to think straight, tunnel focused, and unable to communicate effectively what is going on.



**'Water' is just as important as 'Rock'.**

We learnt that where my eyes go, my head goes, my shoulders go, and my body goes. To stay strong we need to block out other distraction and focus on where I want to go, not where my opponent wants me to go.

We looked at adapting to water by playing *Chinese boxing*. **Chinese boxing** is a fun and easy-to-learn game that forces you to react off your opponent in order to win. If they present too much rock, become water to win. If they play too much water, become rock.

**WHEN I LOSE MY CENTRE, I HAVE LOST MY BALANCE.**

**WHEN I LOSE MY BALANCE, I LOSE SELF CONTROL.**

**WHEN I LOSE MY SELF CONTROL, I RISK LOSING EVERYTHING.**

## This Week's Focus

**Chinese Boxing** – Remember your 'rock' stance. Whilst we want to win, we need to remember to stay balanced. If we're balance and have our centre, we are in control!

**"I respect you, and I will not hurt you"**

See you all next week!  
Mr Baumann



BPS P&C FUNDRAISER  
**ART SHOW**  
**BLUE PLANET**

FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPT 7PM  
PARENT'S EVENING

SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPT 9AM-1PM  
FAMILY DAY



**I NEED**



**AN ADULT**



**...or two...or three...**

1/2M, 5/6L and 5/6W are still in need of a helper for the collaborative class artwork...are you able to spare some time to work with these classes? If so, please email contact details to [balmainps@gmail.com](mailto:balmainps@gmail.com) with the class you are able to assist..., thanks so much in advance!



## BALMAIN PS JUNIOR BAND WANTS YOU!

We need more musicians for our 2018 Junior Band! A specific call out for clarinets but all instruments are welcome. Learn an instrument and have fun playing with your friends! Call our friendly DIM TEAM for more information.

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