



# PIGEON POST

Learn ~ Live ~ Lead

## JUNE

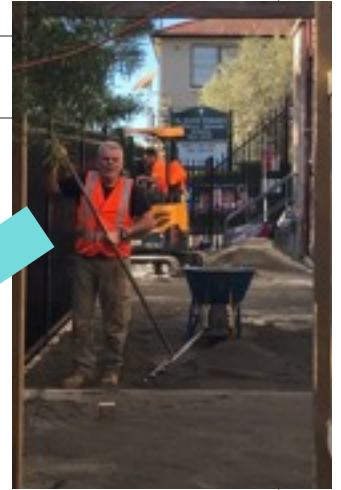
- Mon 18 ~ FOIM ~ Opera House
- Mon 25 ~ Stage SPELLING BEE Finals
- Mon 25 ~ Music evening
- Thurs 28 ~ K-6 Athletics Carnival
- Fri 29 ~ DISCO

## JULY

- Wed 4 ~ P&C meeting ~ 7pm
- Fri 6 ~ LAST DAY OF TERM 2
- Mon 23 ~ Staff Development Day ~ NO students
- Tues 24 ~STUDENTS RETURN
- Tues 31 ~ ICAS English ~ 7:30am

## AUGUST

- Tues 14 ~ ICAS Mathematics ~ 7:30am



## Hidden treasure found...

One of Balmain PS's treasures has been found - Scott Feeney, Alex's dad - he is a gentleman who doesn't like to be made a fuss of!

Scott has been quietly and diligently working away in the tiny barren area between the hall and the fence line along Gladstone Park. It is being gradually being transformed into a Year 6 Area, following the designs of our students.

We can't THANK YOU enough, Scott! Your handiwork is very much appreciated!

*Maria Lambos ~ Principal*

# LEARN LIVE LEAD

## Awards



# YOU CAN DO IT!

## Awards

### K Crabs

Kai McB - demonstrating a persistent positive attitude towards all learning

### K Dugong

Zoe B - increased confidence and persistent hard work in tackling new challenges

### K Pufferfish

Millie O - doing her best work every day

### 1/2 Blue Dragon

Amelia W - persistent hard work tackling new challenges

### 1/2 Galapagos

Luca M - actively participating in maths groups and always trying his best

### 1/2 Megalodon

Demi G - learning all you can

### 1/2 Seahorse

Ashton W - his willingness to contribute his interesting ideas to classroom discussions enhancing the learning of both himself and others

### 3/4 Flameback

Rose H - your discipline and dedication to the 'Balmain Way'

### 3/4 Krill

James T - showing great dedication and effort in all learning areas

### 3/4 Turtles

Henry C - his consistent 'Balmain Way' leadership and enthusiasm to his learning. Great work!

### 5/6 Coelacanth

Ava R - persevering and trying new and challenging things - like spelling 'phosphorescence'

### 5/6 Lasseater's

Maya G - always maintaining a positive attitude and demonstrating an enthusiasm to learn

### 5/6 Spoggiá

Ava C - being brave and independent at camp

### 5/6 Wahoo

Alexandra S - demonstrating a dedicated and committed approach to her learning

### 5/6 Yabby

Joshua W - representing 5/6Y at the Commbank visit and bringing back flexible learning space ideas suited for our classroom



**POSITIVE PETE  
AWARDS GO TO:**

### K Crabs

Shalina H - showing diligence and patience when helping her peers

### K Dugong

Finley T - consistent effort in improving her organisation during investigations

### K Pufferfish

Annabel L - excellent re-setting every day

### 1/2 Blue Dragon

Isabelle S - consistent effort in improving her organisation

### 1/2 Galapagos

Vivienne T - consistent effort in improving her organisation

### 1/2 Megalodon

Quin S - being well-prepared for learning

### 1/2 Seahorse

Luka H - his enthusiastic effort fulfilling his role as 'technology monitor', setting a positive peer example through his organisational skills

### 3/4 Flameback

Sebastien G - making an effort to improve your time management skills

### 3/4 Krill

Monika McB - always keeping the classroom a clean and happy environment

### 3/4 Turtles

Will M - always trying his best across all KLA's with a positive attitude to his learning

### 5/6 Coelacanth

Freya P - being a hard worker and helpful teacher's assistant during her time with K Crabs

### 5/6 Lasseater's

Josiah H - taking initiative and being ready to learn every lesson

### 5/6 Spoggiá

Terry D (Miss S' camp group) - Resilience: for completing the challenging high ropes course at camp, despite difficulties

### 5/6 Wahoo

Liam Y - getting involved in camp and demonstrating resilience

### 5/6 Yabby

Jade W - consistently completing homework tasks on time, and to a high standard



**OLLIE B 1/2B & MAX I-F 1/2M**

TUESDAY For  
Stewart  
House



CAKE  
STALL



19<sup>th</sup>  
June



Prices range:  
50¢ - 3\$

*Important Messages from our Ministers:*

**Cake and cookie stall** - raising money for Stewart House

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Break A

Prices range from 50c to \$3

Don't forget to bring your money!!



## School Archibald Competition

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June a portrait competition will open.

The winning artworks will be hung up around the school!

If you have any questions please ask Toby C or Charlie H.

## Soccer tournament

The tournament will start on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to sign up on Monday and Tuesday at break A and B by telling anyone in the sports ministry (Ava C, Darcy F, Dominic W and Kylie L). Teams will be announced at morning lines. This tournament is open to all ages, but they will be in separate tournaments (Kindy and Stage 1, Stage 2, and Stage 3).





# Flashback

This week saw the culmination of the Stage 3 Semester One PBL (Project-Based Learning) Science unit around 'Built Environments'.

And what a successful culmination it was, with the P&C fully funding the students' designs for a Year 6 area! That's \$10,000!

By running the Stage 3 Built Environments Science topic as a PBL unit, Stage 3 students were able to work on a real world project, with learning embedded in the process.

Students were given a design brief: they started out by working in research teams, which investigated the environmental impact of materials, logistical requirements of the site, appropriate plants, landscape design impacts on wellbeing, the physical safety of materials and examples of modern playground design.

After this research was presented and shared across the stage, students formed design groups and began to develop their designs for the space. Each class nominated one or two designs from their class, which were presented to the whole stage.

From there, a selected group of students combined elements of all the class' chosen designs and prepared a pitch for the P&C, with the guidance of Mr Nuto.

It's been a big process for Stage 3 to go through and we are so proud of their work on this project!

Stage 3 teachers -  
Mr Nuto, Miss Stanley, Mrs Edwards, Ms Lovett and Ms Ellwood

Congratulations to Paul B (5L), Darcy F (5E), Luca G (5L) and Isaac Y (5/6S), for an outstanding presentation of their proposal to the P&C on Wednesday evening!

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR EVER-SUPPORTIVE P&C!!!!**



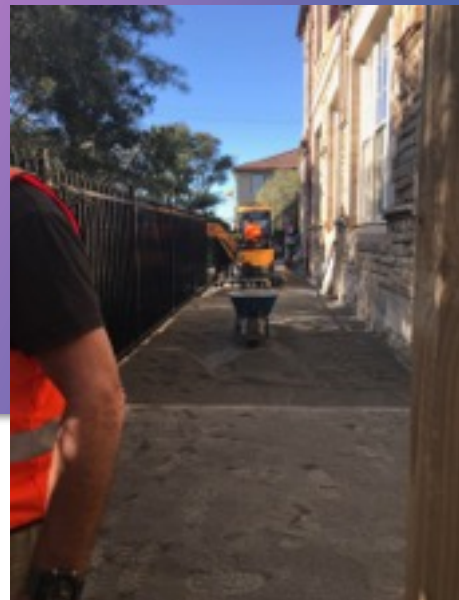
# Watch this space...

The Pigeon Post article from 4 November 2017 on the left (title links to the actual published newsletter) gives new families to Balmain PS in 2018, a little insight on the humble beginnings of this very exciting project.

As reported, the P&C is financially supporting the project. Henry D's mum, Mel, is the coordinator, with Scott taking on the physical transformation.

We are very thankful to all involved and are looking forward to the end result ~ a functional, enjoyable Year 6 area!

Watch this space...





# KIDS' DISCO

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

Disco Entry & 'Meal Deal' of Pizza & Cordial: \$10 per Child  
via [Flexischools.com.au](http://Flexischools.com.au)

Accompanying Adult: FREE or \$5 for Pizza

# SAVE THE DATE

TICKETS Available from mid-next week!

K – Yr2 Dance: 6:00-6:45PM

Pizza is Served: 6:45-7:00PM

K – Yr2 & Yr3 – Yr6 Dance Competitions with Prizes: 7:00-7:15PM

Yr3 – Yr6 Dance: 7:15-8:00PM

**This is a P&C Event. All Children MUST be Accompanied by a Parent or Carer at All Times.**



### BPS CANTEEN



[www.flexischools.com.au](http://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



Jun 1 Spaghetti Bolognese

*Cafe Berlin*

Jun 29 Dumplings



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



# REGIONAL GROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday, 14 June, **Luca G** (5/6W), **Thea G** (5/6S) and **Matisse L** (5/6W) attended the **Regional Cross Country**, as a result of their wonderful performance at the District Cross Country Carnival in Week 4.

This week, students not only represented Balmain Public School, but also represented the Balmain district. BPS are so proud of Luca, Thea and Matisse, as making it to this level of competition is a wonderful accomplishment.

## Regional Cross Country Results

Boys 12/13 Years – **Luca** - **1<sup>st</sup>** Place

Girls 12/13 Years – **Thea** - **38<sup>th</sup>** Place

Girls 12/13 Years – **Matisse** - **4<sup>th</sup>** Place

**Congratulations to Luca and Matisse**, who will compete at the **All Schools Cross Country** on **Friday, 27 July**. We wish you all the best and look forward to hearing about your fantastic efforts.

*Sarah Weston ~Sports Coordinator*



## **Balmain Band + Strings News**

**Congratulations** on a fabulous start to Term 2! We've had our brand new Beethoven Band get started with our new conductor Ms Michelle Wang, our new Strings Ensembles Senior and Junior start with Ms Rosy Timms and our Bach Band started off the term with Mother's Day breakfast, as well as preparing for some big performances with big pieces coming up! We've also had a number of students sit AMEB exams already this year - congratulations to all of our successful students on their great instrumental exam results!

**Get excited** for our Week 9 Performance - Monday, June 25th, 6.40pm in the School Hall - All Balmain Students and Parents welcome to attend and enjoy a night of great music making!

**If you are a new student and need a red music T-Shirt please go to the school office to collect one before the concert night.**

### Songs at our Concert

Bach Band: Dervish Dance, Journey Through the Void, Sesame Street

Beethoven Band: Songs from 'Tradition of Excellence' Featuring Hot Cross Buns

Junior Strings: Jumping Jacks - Bow, Count Carefully - Pizzacato, Mozart Melody (43) Pizzacato

Senior Strings: Can Can, Crossing Pirates Cove

**Friendly reminder to keep up the great practise and remember to come to all rehearsals. Well done everyone!**

*If you would like to join the school band or strings - don't worry, it's not too late!*

*Please contact [naomi@directionsinmusic.com.au](mailto:naomi@directionsinmusic.com.au)*



**JOIN THE BAND**  
**MUSICIANS WANTED**

**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.

**ENROL NOW**  
(02) 9662 2211

**DIRECTIONS IN music**  
[www.directionsinmusic.com.au](http://www.directionsinmusic.com.au)



**DIRECTIONS IN music**

**Intermediate Band Workshop (1-4 yrs of playing)**

Thursday 19th July  
Flute: 10-11am  
Clarinet: 11-12pm  
Saxophone: 12-1pm  
Brass: 1.30-2.30pm  
Percussion: 2.30-3.30pm

Learning an instrument is tricky - our team of teachers are the experts, let them help!

**Free enrolment for all DIM members!**

**Winter Holidays at DIM**

**Beginner Strings Boot Camp (0-1 yr of playing)**

Friday 20th July  
Violins, Violas, Cellos  
10.30-12.00pm

DIM Music MUB Level 2, 16-4 Balmore Rd Randwick 9662 2211



# Rock & Water



This week at **Rock & Water** we looked at strong effective ways to defuse a fight before it happens. We learnt how to remove ourselves from this situation and to be comfortable with the uncomfortable.

In large amounts of physical confrontation, there are always early signs before anything violent happens. Pushing is the main escalation point. Typically, children will push each other back and forth before it is escalated to a point of losing our balance, losing our self-control, losing everything (fighting). Today we learnt *five* strong and effective ways to stop this situation from happening, gaining control and maintaining our balance:

**Step one:** After you have been pushed, become *Water* and take six large steps backwards whilst breathing out (breathing out minimises tension in our bodies).

**Step two:** Take our *Rock* defence pose, hands up, palms facing the persons. Look strong.

**Step three:** Glaring eyes! Not angry, or relaxed eyes. Glaring eyes! Show the person through your eyes that you are serious.

**Step four:** Speak from our gut. Be commanding, not shouting. "Stop (their name). I will not fight you!"

**Step five:** walk away, sideways from the person, maintain glaring eyes for three steps. Walk with purpose.

This simple act removes any tension and power from the other person. The other person is left feeling powerless and in no position to continue the confrontation. Choose the *Rock & Water* way and keep your Centre. Keep your balance. And keep yourself in control.

## This Week's Focus

**Glaring eyes** - Get comfortable with the uncomfortable

Practise your glaring eyes with someone at home. Think of it a little like a staring contest, except you're allowed to blink. The aim is to show no expression on your face, or with your eyes, except to glare. That you mean business. Try to do it without smiling, without laughing, without pulling any faces. It's harder that you think.

Some people might think it is disrespectful, or not allowed to stare directly into someone's eyes. If that's the case, stare in-between their eyes instead. It will still have the same effect.



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

See you all next week!  
Mr Baumann





# THE CAMP Adventure

## 5/6S



*This newsletter includes all fun that 5/6 S has had in the past few weeks – especially at camp! Best of all, this newsletter was entirely written, drawn, edited and produced by 5/6S students!*

### The 5/6S Gazette



*Working hard on our newsletter!*



*Camp memories*



*Ms Tamplin was in class this week, getting ready to take over from Miss Stanley.*





## Question of the term:

## Should we eat animals?

First of all, if you don't eat meat, then you are called a vegetarian. So, should we all become vegetarians? Well, that's what we are going to investigate.

Secondly, what happens to you if you eat animal meat? Well, most animal meats have proteins in them, which is good for you. But if you eat it too much, it can be threatening to your health. Now that we have that out of the way, it's time to get into the pros and cons!

So first, the pros: Well, as we said before, there is a lot of protein in meat, so when you eat meat you get stronger. Another pro is that is that the meat industry gives more job options for people. Also, you can eat animals that are overpopulating to reduce the numbers.

Now for the cons: The animals need to be killed to be eaten, which means a short life for most animals. Also, if you eat too much meat, it can be bad for your health, as we said before. Another con is that when some animals get killed, they can't be used for other useful things. The last con is that when we eat animals, the farmers get more animals from other countries and the ships they stay in has basically no air and are crowded, which makes their lives even worse than they already are.

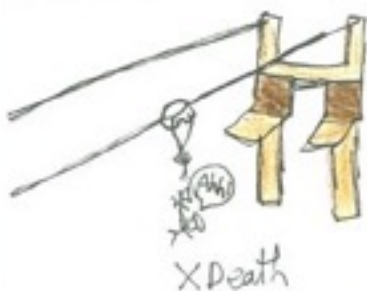
Finally, opinion: clearly the pros and cons point to the obvious answer, there are more cons than pros, so does that mean we should all become vegetarians? Well, we think we should eat animals less. But we should still eat them a bit to get protein, but animals should be in better conditions.

Remember to look out for 'Question of the term' in term 3!

From Dylan & Cameron

1<sup>st</sup> time on dual flying fox

In my head



In reality



At the bottom



by Anahita



Phoebe

## Sport News

By Alexia K.

Drawings by Phoebe M.

The state of origin teams for game 2 of the 2018 series are sure to see quite a few changes from the game 1 line ups after the **NSW Blues** side defeated **Queensland** 22-12 at the MCG.

The series starter saw 14 debutants named across the 2 sides and the **Maroons** appointing a new captain, but the **Blues** are almost certain to persevere with the same 17 players for game 2 despite their inexperience.

After being hit real hard by injury in game 1 **Queensland** are sure to ring the changes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> match of the series. **Kevin Walters** the **Queensland** coach will be sweating on the fitness of fullback Billy Slater who was sorely missed after being ruled out of the MCG match due to a hamstring injury.

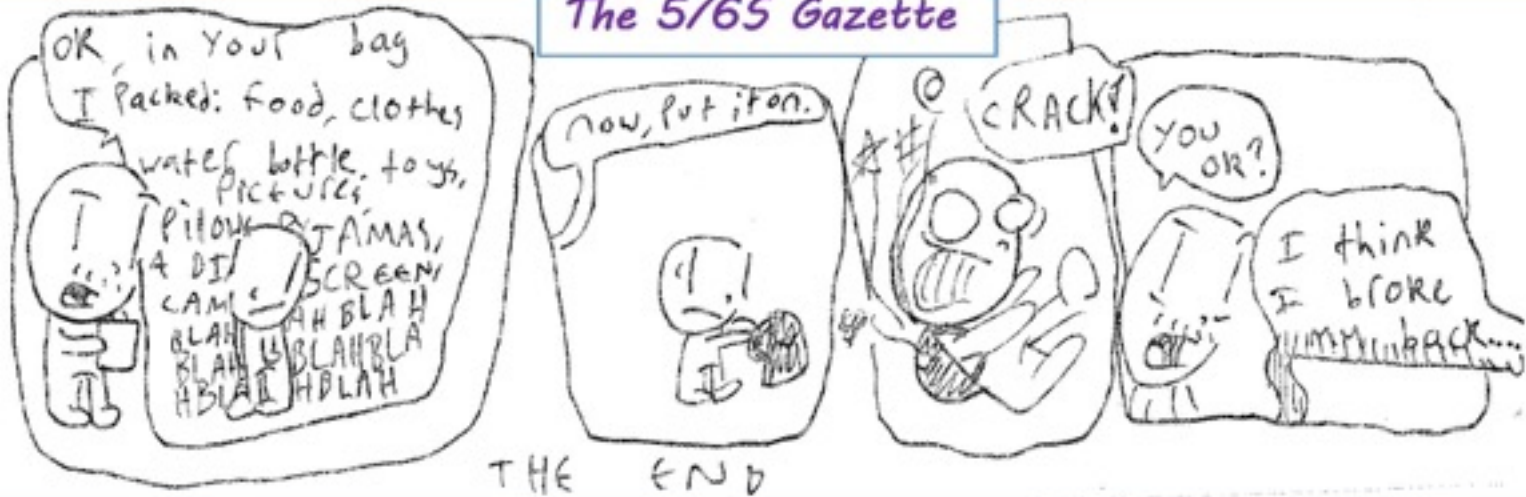
If fit Slater will slot straight back into the side at fullback, likely pushing **Michael Morgan** to the bench. There have also been calls from youngster Kalyn Ponga to come to the side and add some much needed shazam, while **Dylan Napa** will be hard pressed to keep his spot in the side after an uninspiring performance. Matt Scott and Tim Glasby are the men likely to be put in the front row.

**GO THE BLUES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



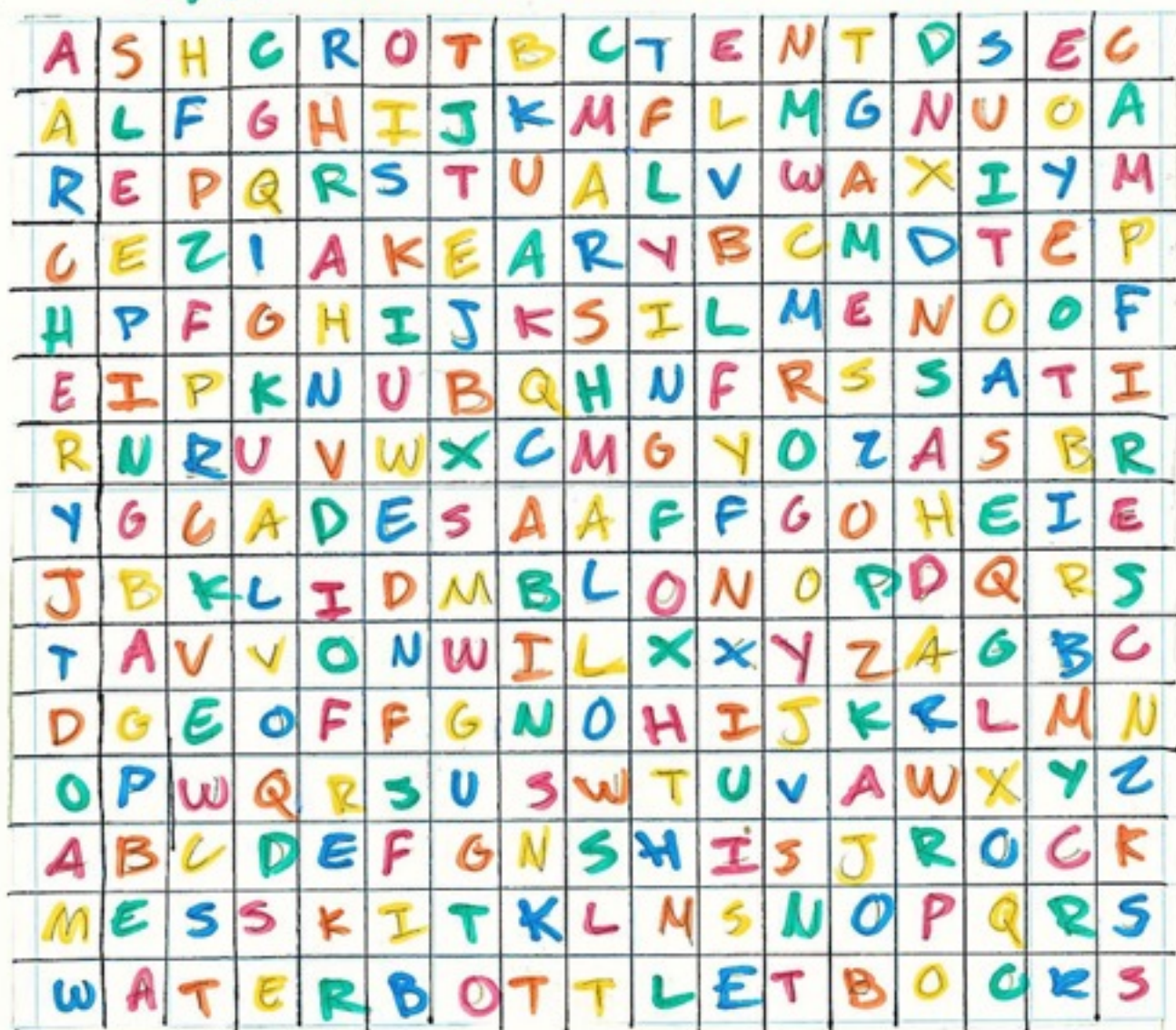
Whilst at camp a person dressed as Iron Man ran by! (yes this really happened!)







## 5/6S WORD SEARCH BY:AVA.C



Words:

- lake
- woods
- cabins
- tent
- campfire
- rock
- torch
- messkit
- fun
- flying fox
- Rain
- Archery
- games
- books

- food
- marshmallows
- sleeping bag
- bunk
- suitcase
- grass
- waterbottle



Tense moments from the 5/6S Spelling Bee. Danielle and Connor will go on to represent our class at the school finals!





## NETBALL

### **Seniors Div 1 Team A**

Our division one team had a slow start, but picked themselves up to be drawn at half-time with Kegworth. The whistle sounded for the second half, but conceded with a final score of 11 – 6. Great game was had by all!

### **Seniors Div 2 Team B**

Our team were excited and ready to go! The ball seemed to be going back and forth at one stage, like we were watching a tennis match. At halftime we were equal, however, we conceded to Annandale 3 with a score of 6 – 3. Great team effort!

### **Seniors Div 2 Team C**

Our team had a bit of a slow start, however, they had the ball flowing down the court like professionals. They showed great spirit and determination, however, we conceded to Annandale 2 with a score of 9 – 2. Fantastic Team effort girls!

### **Juniors**

It was a sunny afternoon at Haberfield netball courts and our junior team played two games. The first game was against Birchgrove; it ended 9 - 2 their way. Our second game was against Nicholson Street; it was a little rough though an exciting game and we won that game 5 – 3. Yay! We are over the moon with our results and great game to all the girls.

*by Chloe, Greta and Lexie*

## SOCCER

### **Senior Div A**

The Senior A team had another very tough match this week. The game was against Kegworth Public School. We communicated well and played as a team. We came out on top with a 2-1 win. Everyone participated well and we enjoyed it. We are very excited for our next match.

*by Luca G, Joe F*

### **Senior Div B**

The Senior B Team came up against Annandale this week. It was a tough, scrappy game that ended in a 2-2 draw. All players played well and participated well, but most importantly, we had heaps of fun! We can't wait for our next challenge.

*by Henry D*

### **Juniors**

We all did well and tried our best and even cheered the other team. Everyone was happy with our performance and we had lots of fun. We won 4-3 but overall it doesn't matter about that because we had fun!

*by James 3/4K*



# LAST CHANCE to Join the BPS Ski Team

Entries for this year's Interschool ski competition are closing soon.

To enter or for more information email Natasha Foster  
[nfoster@balrec.com.au](mailto:nfoster@balrec.com.au)



## When is Interschools?

During the mid-year school holidays: **July 17-21 @ Perisher**

## What is the Interschool Snowsports Championships?

The ***Interschools Snowsports Championship*** is a fabulous, well organised DoE sanctioned event that attracts over 6000 students from 349 schools to compete across 9 alpine events. Competitors of **all abilities** and ***all school ages*** are encouraged and welcome to enter. The emphasis is on **fun** and **participation**.

## Events you can enter:

**Alpine, Skier-cross, Freestyle  
Moguls, Snowboard Giant  
Slalom, Snowboard Cross, Ski  
Slopestyle &  
Snowboard Slopestyle.**

## Who Participates?

**ANYONE** who attends Balmain PS  
who loves skiing or snowboarding!

This year will be the second year ever  
Balmain PS has participated!  
**We need YOU!**



How do I find out more information? Go to the Interschool Snowsport Championship website:

<http://www.nswinterschools.com.au/>



# THE 3/4 KRILL BULLETIN

Issue 1

Week 7

17th June 2017

## Aquarium Excursion

**S**tage 2 went on excursion to the Sea Life Aquarium in Darling Harbour.

We got split into class groups and started exploring the different tanks, seeing rays, sharks and coral.

We also saw a HUGE Dugong. It had a really big head and an even bigger body.

After lunch, we waited in a big line to get to go on a small boat through the penguin enclosure. It was only 6 degrees, that's really cold. It was all worth it though, the penguins were really cute!

We then all met at the rock pools to touch sea stars and sea cucumbers etc. We had wash our hands before and after for the safety of the creatures and us. It was really fun!

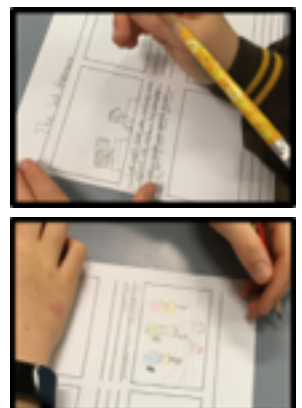
Sophie, Sarah and Matilda



## Literacy Focus

**T**his week in writing we have been creating picture books. We started by planning using story boards. It is like a comic book! We started with a sizzling starts. Sizzling starts draw a reader into a story with an exciting start.

Luca, Lucas, Dillon and Maxim

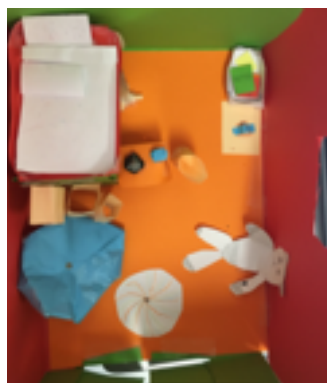


# Dream Bedroom Project

**D**uring these past weeks we have been looking at designing our dream bedrooms. We had a budget of 2000 dollars to spend on furniture, we even had to buy paint to paint the walls. We had to work individually to design and plan. We also had to make them with paper and cardboard. "It was a bit easier with cardboard!"

We had two days to research, design and buy the furniture to put together for our bedrooms. Quite a lot of people had lots of money left over but some had no money left! So that was our dream bedroom project! It was really fun but sometimes a bit challenging.

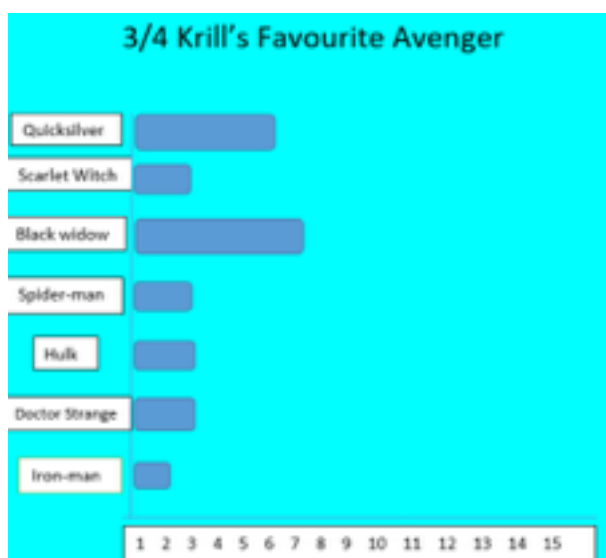
**Lexie, Logan, Lola and Charlotte**



## Numeracy Focus

**I**n Mathematics we have been being looking at DATA. Here we collected data on 3/4 Krill's favourite hero from The Avengers. The graph to the below shows our favourite superheroes.

**Finn, Kenzi, Talon and Joseph**



## Visual Arts Update: Boats

**S**ailing across the sea crammed inside a small space. You can probably see that we're talking about boats. Over the past few weeks 3/4 Krill, for the art show have been drawing boats. We are been doing boats because this year the Art Show is themed Blue Planet. We've been doing the outlines with coloured texta and filling in the interiors with watercolours. After we have done 3+ very good ones it's up to the teachers to cut them out and paste the boats onto the canvas. Next step is to paint the backgrounds of the canvas.

**James, Mac, Alex L and Alex T**

### How we made The 3/4 Krill Bulletin

**T**he students of 3/4 Krill got split into groups and selected a topic about things we have recently done in class. Then the groups made the topics into a really great articles. It was a huge team effort.

**Zoe, Ellie and Luca**



# KIDS IN COMMON

## Winter Vacation Care

9-20 JULY 2018

Unique Experiences for Primary School Kids!

LITTLE FARMERS - COOKING STARS - SLIME & SCIENCE - CARTOONING - DRAMARAMA - DANCING STARS  
KIDS YOGA - WATER & GAMES - MARTIAL ARTS - TENNIS HOT SHOTS - SOCCER STARS - BASKETBALL SLAM

CAMPERDOWN COMMONS

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## BOOK 2 SESSIONS FOR A FULL DAY OF CARE

	MONDAY 9 JULY	TUESDAY 10 JULY	WEDNESDAY 11 JULY	THURSDAY 12 JULY	FRIDAY 13 JULY
AM	Slime & Science	Little Farmers	Dramarama	Martial Arts	Tennis Hot Shots
PM	Water & Games	Cooking Stars	Dancing Stars	Kids Yoga	Cartooning
	MONDAY 16 JULY	TUESDAY 17 JULY	WEDNESDAY 18 JULY	THURSDAY 19 JULY	FRIDAY 20 JULY
AM	Basketball Slam	Kids Yoga	Cooking Stars	Dramarama	Water & Games
PM	Soccer Stars	Slime & Science	Slime & Science	Little Farmers	Dancing Stars
	CAMPERDOWN COMMONS		ACTIVITY LOCATION	CAMPERDOWN TENNIS	

**FULL DAY \$80** 8am - 3pm<sup>^</sup> **FULL DAY \$60** (Government concession card holders)\*

**HALF DAY \$50** 8am - 12pm or 12pm - 3pm **FREE AFTERCARE** 3pm - 5.45pm\*\* **+FOOD \$15\***

<sup>^</sup> 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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