



PIGEON POST

Learn ~ Live ~ Lead

JUNE

- 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

So long,
Miss
Stanley!



Today we bid a sad farewell to our very own Miss Stanley, 5/6 Spoggiá's teacher.

Miss Stanley has been at Balmain PS since 2015 - as an intern on 6L, on Year 2 in 2016, and on Stage 3 since last year.

She has instilled a love of learning within her classrooms and beyond, especially in mathematics!

Miss Stanley, we all wish you the very best for the future! Farewell! Balmain will really miss you!

Maria Lambos ~ Principal



LEARN LIVE LEAD

Awards



YOU CAN DO IT!

Awards

K Crabs

Thomas M - demonstrating reliability and helpfulness

K Dugong

Sophia A - reading and using the ordinal names to 'eighteenth'!

K Pufferfish

Aitan M - working hard on his letter formation

1/2 Blue Dragon

Dante S - speaking clearly and confidently to the class, using eye contact and voice projection

1/2 Galapagos

Yena K - being a kind and caring friend and helping her new classmates settle into their new school

1/2 Megalodon

Quin S - his wonderful efforts in literacy

1/2 Seahorse

Samuel F - his willingness to contribute to class discussions and eagerness to help others

3/4 Flameback

Maximiliaan R - having a great attitude and a positive start at Balmain!

3/4 Krill

Luella P - showing great focus and effort every week in spelling

3/4 Turtles

Chloe T, Greta R - her courage and pride in representing 3/4T in the Multicultural Public Speaking finals. Well done!

5/6 Coelacanth

Jeremy P - working hard and learning all he can about plastic pollution during our Science PBL

5/6 Lasseter's

Jacob B - being respectful of his peers and offering insightful examples during group discussion

5/6 Spoggiá

Connor C - sharing his good humour with me and my class for the past 18 months

5/6 Wahoo

Jonathan T - contributing to all classroom discussions, using creativity and critical thinking skills

5/6 Yabby

Chloe C - her pleasing progress in achieving her literacy goals

K Crabs

Oscar L - working hard in all learning areas

K Dugong

Jack S - For showing initiative and responsibility during 'reset'

K Pufferfish

Caelan A - using word banks with his writing

1/2 Blue Dragon

Jack L, Oliver B - always listening, sitting up and being ready for each and every lesson

1/2 Galapagos

Tom H - helping his classmates stay organised by being a dedicated classroom organiser

1/2 Megalodon

Joe S - being organised for reading groups

1/2 Seahorse

Tristan Y - always listening, being organised and ready to learn

3/4 Flameback

Matthew A - being more proactive in your learning time!

3/4 Krill

Laura B-S - always being prepared, organised and ready for learning

3/4 Turtles

Tristan T-E - his enthusiasm and creative flair with our Art Show sculpture

5/6 Coelacanth

Samuel M - being proactive in keeping the 5/6C classroom organised and ready for learning

5/6 Lasseter's

Kylie L - always applying herself and demonstrating resilience even when she has a busy schedule

5/6 Spoggiá

Hannah B, Alexia K - their well organised and well researched History projects

5/6 Wahoo

Luca G - demonstrating outstanding organisation amongst his many commitments

5/6 Yabby

Genevieve S - her organisation and focus during our fractions and decimals maths lessons



**POSITIVE PETE
AWARD GOES TO:**

LUCA L 1/2M



KIDS' DISCO

FRIDAY 29TH JUNE, 2018

Disco Entry & 'Meal Deal' of Pizza & Cordial: \$10 per Child
via Flexischools.com.au

Accompanying Adult: FREE or \$5 for Pizza

PLEASE PRINT OUT OR SAVE A COPY
OF YOUR TICKETS ON YOUR PHONE

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.

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



BPS CANTEEN



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





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.



Cost per child for their Stewart House stay:

Supervision and care = \$70 per child per day

Accommodation, food & transport = \$40 per child per day

Wellbeing & additional health care = \$20 per child per day

Total cost per day = \$130 per child

Total cost for 12 day visit = \$1560 per child

<https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/donate/>

A huge THANK YOU goes to Ms Whelan and the Ministry for their outstanding effort in raising \$552.95 from Tuesday's Cupcake & Cake Stall!

All proceeds go to Stewart House, the official charity of the Department of Education.

THANKS to each and every one of you for supporting Stewart House!

REAL-LIFE MATHS

Our **RETURN and EARN** (a scheme to encourage recycling by the NSW Government) Bin, containing drink containers, had finally reached capacity. Instead of taking it to the shop to collect 10 cents per container, Miss Pauline decided to turn the counting of the containers into a Maths lesson.

We separated the bottles, cans and poppers and counted them, putting them into rows of 10. We had 53 bottles, 35 poppers and 11 Cans. We wrote down each number 1, 2, 3... until we reached these numbers. We then made sure there were 10 in each row. We performed the repeated addition of 10 (in each row) $10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10$ and rediscovered the same number of bottles, poppers and cans, noting our left overs. This was followed by the process of multiplication and division.

The four Stage 1 students who performed these real life mathematical calculations made such comments-as, "Can we do this all day?", "This is so much fun!" and "I am so clever!"

The containers were then taken to a local shop where we collected \$9.50 (4 containers were rejected because they had contained milk). This money is going towards our garden.

The quicker we fill our **RETURN and EARN** Bin, the more often I can perform these Real Life Maths activities with a growing number of students and the more we earn for our garden, of course the better off is our environment. This is a WIN, WIN, WIN situation!

Please help us fill the **RETURN and EARN** Bin more often by bringing your **EMPTY, CLEAN DRINK CONTAINERS** to school and encouraging your children to deposit their containers in this bin, which is located either at the bottom of the steps near the office, or just inside the double doors leading up to the classrooms.

Kind regards
Miss Pauline

<https://returnandearn.org.au>

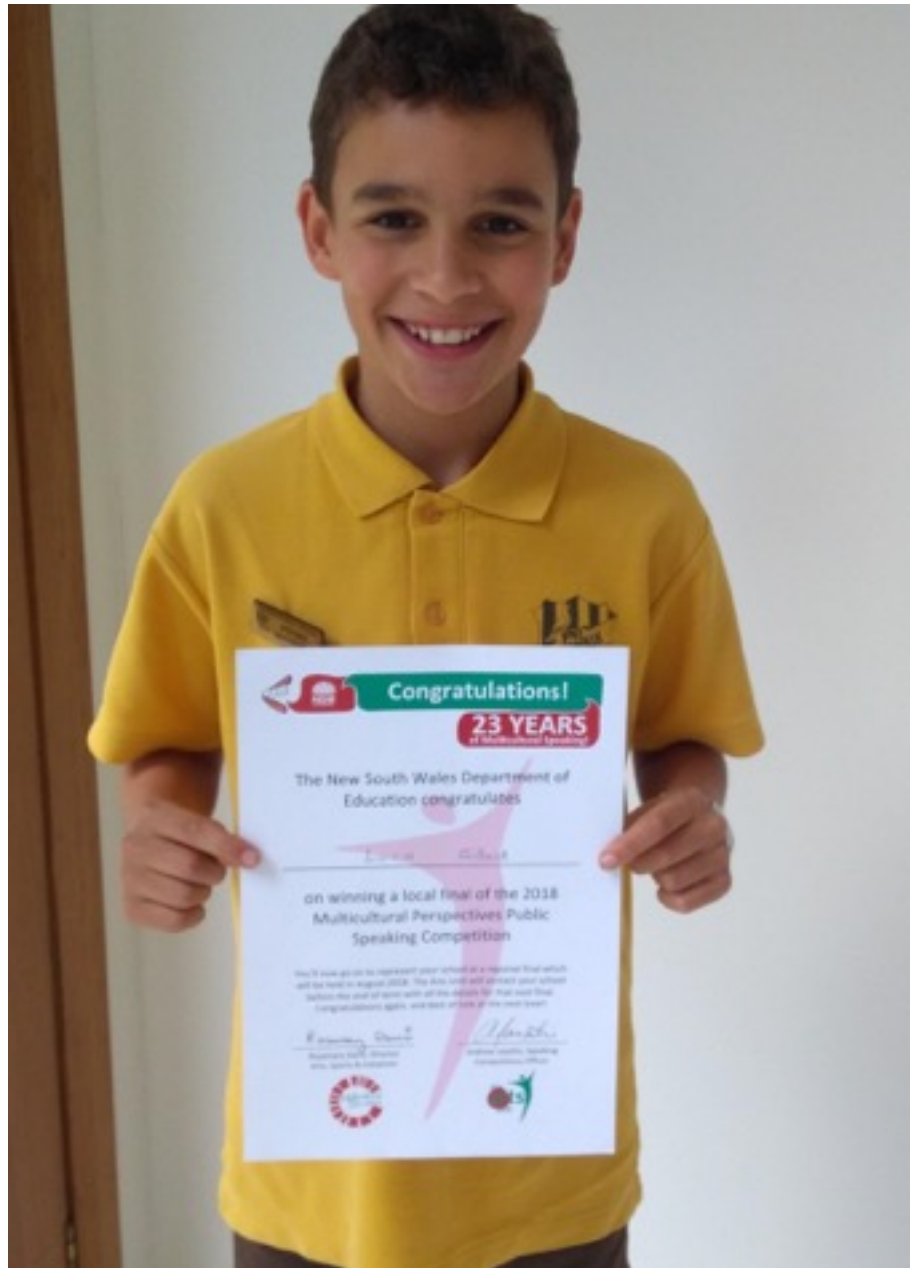


MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Monday, four of our Stage 2 and 3 students competed at the local final of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

Luca G won the local final and will go on to compete in the regional final later in the year. He delivered a passionate prepared speech on 'Colour Blindness', as well as an impromptu speech on the topic 'Beyond the Horizon'.

Congratulations Luca!



School Archibald Competition



Entries are open now and close on Tuesday 3rd July in Week 10

Prize will be displaying the artworks around the school

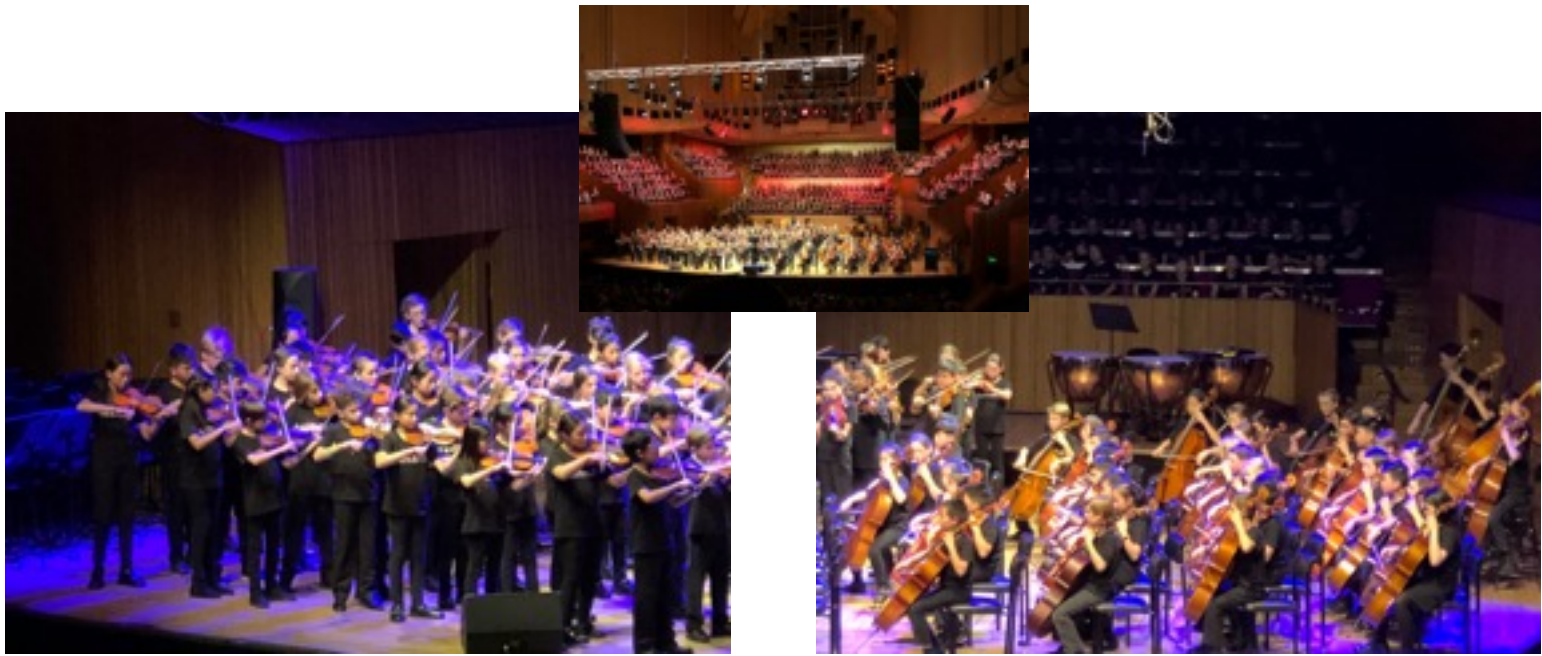
There will be one winner from each Stage

The art ministers will be judging the competition

The winners will be announced Thursday 5th July in week 10

Can use any media (paint, pencil, watercolour, oil pastels etc.) but the portrait must be of a human person)

**Thanks,
Toby and Charlie**



Festival of Instrumental Music (aka FOIM)

One of the highlights for me this week, was attending the Festival of Instrumental Music, Mimosa Concert, at the **Sydney Opera House**, on Monday evening at 7pm.

Five of our talented students - **Sebastian S**, **Kylie L**, **Arjuna T**, **Chloe T** and **Charlotte W** - were accompanied by **Ms Biggins** and **Janet**, Charlotte's mum, for a fabulous day out, of rehearsing with over 600 other public primary school students from all over NSW. Ms Biggins had stepped in as the Strings Director from Term One, diligently rehearsing with students on a weekly basis.

What a wonderful **experience of a lifetime** for our students, **performing** on the stage of the **Concert Hall**. What an **amazing evening**! What **talent** exists amongst the students of public primary schools!

Thank you so much for your **dedication** and time, working with our students, Ms Biggins! It is much **appreciated** by all. Thanks must also go to Janet, for your assistance! A **huge thanks** to our strings students and families!



HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN A COMMUNITY GARDEN!



Our school is competing in the
Colgate Community Garden Challenge!

The schools that collect the most
oral care waste and online votes can
win a recycled community garden set!

Vote for us online and track our
school's ranking at :

Terracycle.com.au/colgategardenvoting

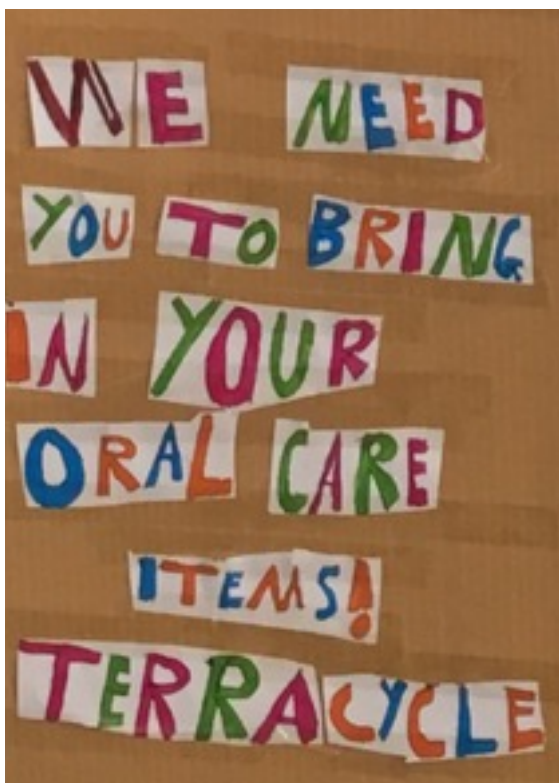
We collect any brand of used:



To find out more about the Colgate Community Garden Challenge and for full terms and conditions, visit www.terracycle.com.au/colgategarden. If you have any further questions, call TerraCycle on 1800 983 324

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PROUD TO SAY I AM THE FIRST
PERSON TO BRING IN AN ORAL
CARE ITEM! LET'S WIN THIS,
BALMAIN!





POINT OF VIEW

BY JON GLASS

IN THIS SHORT STORY BOOK, JON TACKLES THE ISSUE OF DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW.

THE BOOK CENTRES ON A FATHER TRYING TO PUT HIS YOUNG DAUGHTER TO BED. MUM HAS GONE OUT AND HE IS ON HIS OWN.

THE GIRL HAS THE OPINION THAT SHE CAN AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAY UP. SHE USES MANY ARGUMENTS.

THE FATHER KEEPS RETURNING TO THE RULES. WHEN THE BOOK WAS READ TO 3/4T, THE STUDENTS COULD SEE THAT BED TIME AND SLEEP WERE RULES THAT NEEDED TO BE OBEYED.

THE GREAT THING ABOUT THIS SIMPLE BOOK IS THAT IT SHOWS BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY AND GIVES A CLEAR RESOLUTION.

Kindergarten's First Excursion



Before



After



Literacy Rotations



We can write sentences!



Editing our writing!



Putting together exciting new
dramatic play centers!



Investigations



Kindergarten sport





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



Register Now!

Glebe Greyhounds JAFc

The Glebe Greyhounds invite all girls aged 5 to 10 to join in the fun of NAB AFL Auskick! In weekly sessions girls explore the world of AFL, building football skills and playing in a safe and super fun setting!

Where: Jubilee Oval, Glebe
When: Thursday July 26th – Thursday August 30th
Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Cost: \$50

Enquiries: Mike Schofield auskick@glebegirls.org.au m. 0418 976 577

To register head to www.aflauskick.com.au and search Glebe Greyhounds Auskick Centre

play.afl/auskick   



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Join our school's BayRun'18 team!

Sunday August 5, 2018

Every child receives a medal for taking part!

Run the 2km Primary OSHCare School Challenge with your friends and family.

To register go to bayrun.com.au

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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



Are you looking for a fun & educational before-school activity for your children?
The **'French Club'** will continue at Balmain PS in term 3.

Held on **Wednesday mornings from 7:55am-8:50am.**

Taught by a fully qualified French teacher.
Make 2018 the year to expose your children to a second language. You will not regret it!
The theme for term 3 is all about body parts, clothing, colours and seasons.

Register interest at
info@bonjourbabies.com.au

Or book online at
www.bonjourbabies.com.au

Merci beaucoup!



NAIDOC WEEK AT OUR HOUSE

Tuesday July 10, 2018
10 am – 2 pm
Parliament of NSW

FREE FUN ACTIVITIES
ALL WELCOME!

Join us for a fun day filled with activities for the whole family including: **Didge & Dance**, **Aboriginal Art & Crafts**, **Wiradjuri Language Workshops** and **Storytelling**. Join us for the whole event or just drop in for a little while.

Sausage sizzle on the day!
(\$3 per sausage sandwich)



This event is organised by the NSW AECG Inc.
in association with Parliamentary Education

Bookings not essential

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