



PIGEON POST

Learn ~ Live ~ Lead

JULY

- Mon 9 - Fri 20 ~
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- Mon 23 ~ Staff
Development Day ~ NO
students
- Tues 24 ~STUDENTS
RETURN
- Tues 31 ~ ICAS English ~
7:30am

AUGUST

- Wed 1 ~ P&C meeting ~
7pm
- Mon 6 - Fri 10 ~
EDUCATION & SCIENCE
WEEK @ BPS
- Mon 13 ~ Bachs Band
Music Workshop Day ~
SSC Balmain Campus
- Tues 14 ~ ICAS
Mathematics ~ 7:30am



We can build it...

There were distinct sounds of ripping flat packs open, reading instructions, hammering, screwing, carrying, lifting, dragging, vacuuming, wiping, de-cluttering, creating and laughing, coming from the space we've traditionally known as the Staffroom.

We've been inspired by our recent visit to Commbank, in preparation for our Stage 3 students creating flexible learning spaces. We've also created a beautiful space for our staff, in line with re-designing traditional rooms into flexible spaces - our staffroom will now be known as the 'ConneXion Hub' - we had soooooo much fun transforming and we're so excited to use our new space!

Maria Lambos ~ Principal

LEARN LIVE LEAD

Awards



YOU CAN DO IT!

Awards

K Crabs

Markus A - his wonderful confidence and incredible use of phonics while reading

K Dugong

Lachlan H - working hard to learn his sight words

K Pufferfish

Jordan G - working hard to learn her sight words

1/2 Blue Dragon

Fiona R - amazing confidence and presenting of her World Cup Presentation

1/2 Galapagos

Ashton B - speaking clearly and confidently during his presentation on the Soccerroos

1/2 Megalodon

Nicholas C - his well-presented bookwork

1/2 Seahorse

Harriet J - her enthusiasm in class, consistent reading improvement and always trying to achieve her personal best - Well done Harriet!

3/4 Flameback

Kaito S - honouring the 'Balmain Way' consistently!

3/4 Krill

Joseph M - his pure enjoyment to learn and embrace new challenges!

3/4 Turtles

Keira L - her maturity and growth in resilience

5/6 Coelacanth

Charlotte P - her terrific haiku writing on the four seasons

5/6 Lasseater's

Kalanie P, Matisse L (5/6W) - outstanding Freedom 2

Learn presentation that showcased creative thinking and and collaboration skills

5/6 Spoggiá

Alexia K - her consistent interest in learning and doing her best

5/6 Wahoo

Sophie H - demonstrating improved confidence within the classroom

5/6 Yabby

Daphne M - the positivity she brings to our class each day

K Crabs

Vivienne B-N - fantastic teamwork

K Dugong

Georgie C - always being in the right place at the right time

K Pufferfish

Joshua McG - working well in reading groups

1/2 Blue Dragon

Lina S - wonderful organisation within learning investigations

1/2 Galapagos

Zara R - working hard on her organisation skills

1/2 Megalodon

Cleo McP - being ready to learn

1/2 Seahorse

Arabella S - her dedication to always being organised in class, ready for lessons, helping others and always with a smile!

3/4 Flameback

Jack C - your improved readiness to learn

3/4 Krill

Sophie H - being well-prepared for learning

3/4 Turtles

Will B, Chloe T, Mirabelle F - the consistent great organisational skills that is displayed everyday with a smile and enthusiasm. I say a BIG "THANK YOU"!

5/6 Coelacanth

Laila R - her consistent positive attitude to learning and willingness to lend a hand

5/6 Lasseater's

Hayden F - working consistently and proactively in group work

5/6 Spoggiá

Milly E - her wonderful work writing Poetry

5/6 Wahoo

Paul B - demonstrating perseverance in all areas, including visual arts

5/6 Yabby

Ethan M - making positive choices to avoid distractions, and as a result, utilising his learning time constructively



POSITIVE PETE

AWARD GOES TO:

CAMERON R 5/6S

Staff News...

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Jenni Mackinder, who is officially Balmain Public School's School Administration Manager, or SAM, officially commencing 23 July 2018. She will be able to remove the 'relieving' from her email title signature!

Jenni was the successful candidate at a recent interview, consisting of a panel of Helen B, the SAM from Annandale PS, Cliff P, our parent rep and myself.

The permanent position of SAM finally became available when Pam Ward, our substantive previous SAM, officially retired.

We wish Pam the very best for the next chapter of her life – Happy Retirement, Pam!



We are all so super-excited that Miss Megan Sweeney, 1/2 Seahorse's teacher, will be with us until the end of the year!

Miss Angela Curry sends her love from across the world, as she continues to enjoy her travels.

We will see Miss Curry next term, when she returns to Sydney and does some casual work, including a little block on Kindy!

1/2 SEAHORSE NEWS

Thank you to all the parent helpers that assisted at the Athletics Carnival. Kate Dryden, Rebecca Jouana, Melissa Slavin and Sue Taubman



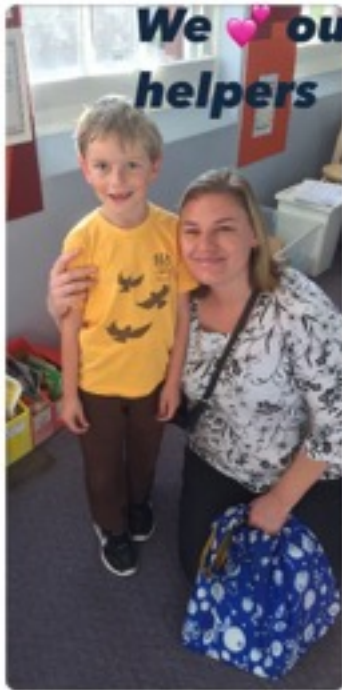
ATHLETICS TIME



BASKETBALL FUN



We ♥ our parent helpers



Vivid coming to life



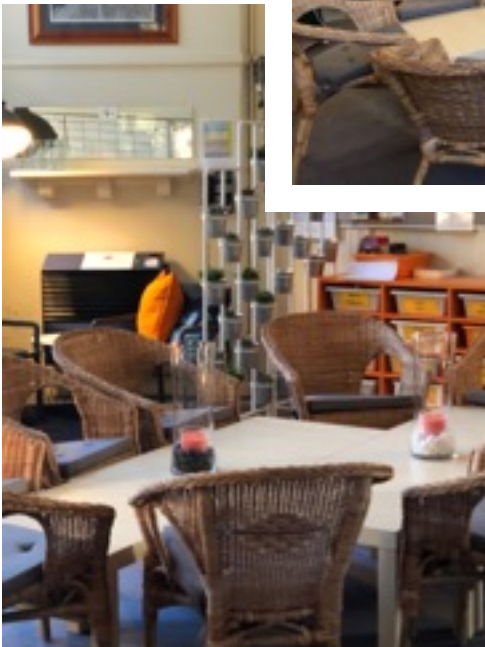
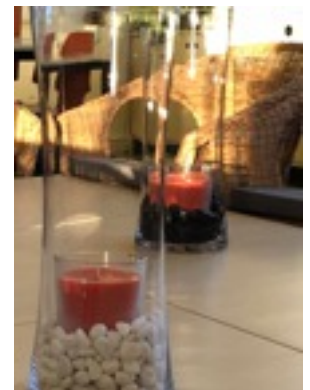
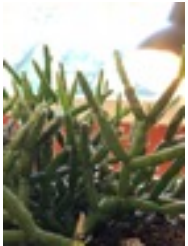
Vivid comes to Balmain! We loved making Vivid come to life in our STEM projects

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Staffroom



A **HUGE THANKS** to Miss Davis, Ms MG, Miss Weston & Mr Baumann for assisting!

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ConneXion Hub

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 11th July & Friday 20th July

Arty: * "Dog Days!" * "Wonderful Whales" *
crafty: * "Clay Critters" * Mini Dream Catchers *

ages
7-12

Morning workshops \$50 each - 10.00am-12.30pm

Afternoon workshops \$50 each - 1.30pm - 4.00pm

Or ALL DAY : 10am-4.00pm \$100

...NEXT TERM:

'ART CLUB'!

Tuesdays: 3-5pm

\$34 per class from 24/7/18

This class is for kids in years 2-6, who especially LOVE
to draw! A safe, fun & nurturing place for kids to hang out
and gain creative confidence.

Like to try a class out? No worries!!...
...casual classes can be arranged at \$35 each



MATERIALS & SNACKS

are provided at all classes and workshops.

Where?

BALMAIN PUBLIC
SCHOOL.



Facebook.com/youngatartsydney

YOUNG AT ART

To make a booking or for more details:
please email Sally at

youngatartsydney@outlook.com

K-6 Athletics Carnival

On **Thursday, 5 July**, Balmain Public School ventured down to Birchgrove Oval for our **K-6 Athletics Carnival**. We had an awesome day, jam-packed with so many wonderful track, field and novelty activities. The weather was delightful and we had a wonderful time. I would like to congratulate all students who gave their absolute best and participated in as many events as they could. It was so fantastic to see so many students dressed up in their house colours, and cheering their team on!

A special mention to our Colour House Captains and Vice-Captains:

WATTLE	Captain	Bella T	Harrison M
WATTLE	Vice-Captain	Hannah B	Henry D
GREVILLEA	Captain	Thea G	Dominic W
GREVILLEA	Vice-Captain	Savannah H	Jack B
LILLY PILLY	Captain	Matisse L	Max K
LILLY PILLY	Vice-Captain	Grace S	Pearce T
BLUE GUM	Captain	Anahita D	Jeremy P
BLUE GUM	Vice-Captain	Alexandra T-F	Aidan W

The above superstar house captains and vice-captains not only prepared their teams for the carnival, by informing them of important information, but also encouraged students on the day, and assisted in the smooth running of the Athletics Carnival. Your leadership skills were noticed and Balmain PS are grateful for your efforts.

Thank you to the parents and community who assisted in the transportation of equipment prior to the carnival, who fulfilled various roles on the day and those who attended to support the school in so many different ways – we are grateful!

Thank you to our talented teachers who took on so many different roles on the day of the carnival. Without you, we wouldn't possibly be able to run the carnival, or have as much fun as we did with students.

A huge shout out to Kafeine Café, located in Balmain, who donated and saved the day with scrumptious lunches. They were so delicious, thank you!

Ribbons will be handed out at morning lines, next term. Please look out for dates and times in the newsletter, within Week 1. Information regarding the Balmain District Carnival will be given at this time.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday!

Sarah Weston – Sports Coordinator



Create East

On Monday 2 July, Tuesday 3 July and Wednesday 4 July, 9 of our wonderful Stage 3 students attended the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA), to showcase their wonderful talents. The three day workshop specifically targeted students, who are gifted and talented within NSW Public Schools. Students from Balmain PS represented our school in areas inclusive of music, art, dance, drama, film and choir.

Miss Weston and Miss Yau attended the culmination of this three day workshop on Wednesday night, at 7:00pm. Students performed and showcased what they had learnt and what they had created over a three day period. We were absolutely blown away by the standard of work, creativity and enthusiasm displayed on the stage. Elements of the arts were strung together, where students creatively told the story of the protagonist, Hugh, and how he saw the world.

Congratulations to the following superstars on their wonderful efforts:

Ingrid L – Art
Alex T – Art
Oscar J – Art
Henry D – Band
Ava R – Choir
Leela B – Choir
Kalanie P – Choir
Luca G – Drama
Jacob B – Film

Sarah Weston – Assistant Principal (rel.)



PSSA

NETBALL

SENIORS DIV TEAM A

Our Senior A team played against Birchgrove PS. Both teams were very evenly matched, but we managed to take the lead and win 11-10. Great game was had by all!

SENIORS DIV TEAM B

Our Senior B team played Annandale North PS. We lost 8-4, but we worked hard to fill the gaps and defend throughout the whole game.

SENIORS DIV TEAM C

Our Senior C team played Annandale PS and though it was close for a while, Annandale managed to win 8-6.

JUNIORS

Our Junior team played against Orange Grove PS and had a fantastic game; we won 5-1 thanks to some great goal shooting.

A big thank you to Miss T for all of her coaching and refereeing this term! Keep up the good work next term, PSSA netballers!

SOCCER

SENIOR DIV A

The a team had a really hard game. The other team had a great defence, which meant it was really hard to score! Fortunately, we broke through in the first half; that made it 1-0. The first half gave us a boost of confidence. We scored two more fabulous goals in the second half. Captain Jacob B led us to another exceptional win! Final score 3-0. GO BALMAIN!

-Joe F

SENIOR DIV B

It was a challenging game for the B's, with Birchgrove having strong players left, right and centre. The opposition made a strong attack and scored in the first half, and then we levelled. At the end of the game it was 2-2, with both teams playing very well. The captain was encouraging too. Let's go, Balmain!!!!

-Aidan W

JUNIORS

In the game, we played Fort Street; we won 7-0. Our goal scorers were Lachlan R, Santi S and Oscar the goal keeper 1 half our captain was Alex T Alex T went on the other team an amazing win from Balmain juniors

-Alex T Captain

5/6 Wahoo and the term that was had..

This term, 5/6 Wahoo participated in the Friends of Balmain Library (FOBL) Writing Competition, an exciting project organised by the Balmain Library. This year, the competition had the theme of the Four Seasons, and the literary form of a poem. We saw a large range of poems, from Spring to Winter, hot to cold, light to dark, happy to sad and many others, as well as many forms of poems, such as haikus, sonnets, limericks, half-rhymes and ballads.

After many poetry lessons, which we had about twice a week, we started planning out the mood of our poems, as well as tones and techniques. Our fabulous poetry teachers showed us many techniques, which were very beneficial to our learning.

As the website says: "The Friends of Balmain Library (FOBL) is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 1998. FOBL aims to support, extend and promote the service of Balmain Library, advocating the cause of the library at all levels of government".

Since 2010, FOBL has run a writing competition, open to students from public schools in the Balmain area, and Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus. The competition offers generous prizes to participants, and the schools are rewarded not only by the success of their pupils, but also by a substantial book voucher for their libraries.

Here's a few extracts from entries from six of our fabulous poets:



A Day in Summer at the Beach by Eleanor L
Warm sand burns my feet,
Cool water swallowing me in its depths.
Small schools of fish quivering together,
Swishing by me, making ripples in the water.

Autumn-The Season of Change by Caitlin Y
The tranquility of reading,
Light reaches through the window panes.
The view of beauty,
Autumn, the season of change.

The Season's Maidens by Sophie H
The Winter reeks of pain,
Of the complaints next door,
Until the wood is slain,
Winter's curse you must bore.

Season Girls by Zoe V
I met Summer when the days turned warm,
She had flowing gold locks and turquoise eyes,
With a spray of frangipanis tucked behind her ear and sunglasses on her head,
She wore an aquamarine dress that stood out, contrasting with her fair skin.

The Four Sisters by Maya G
An ominous crowd of ivy ice lays on top of her white hair,
Styled so majestically nice, no one would know it was a wisp of air,
Bright azure blue eyes stare wide
An innocence that lies beneath her pride.

A Season Odyssey by Finn W
Looking for beautiful coral,
I swam through the aqua blue,
I was amazed by the extent of its floral,
And the feelings of wonder were true,
But 'twas nearing Summer's end,
And my shadows would not be so tall.
And the leaves would be returning to my favourite season, Fall.

We have all thoroughly enjoyed writing poetry these past few weeks, and we'd do it all over again!

Paul B and Arabella S



Footsteps Disco

On Friday, 29 June, Balmain PS had a **Footsteps Disco**, to raise money for our Year 6 Graduation! We would like to thank our wonderful **Parents & Citizens (P&C)** and specifically **Cliff**, Marli's Dad!



Cliff gave Year 6 the idea of volunteering to create a stall, to raise even more money! The stall we put together included **Kylie L**, **Bethan M**, **Maya G**, **Sebastian S**, **Pascale W**, **Savannah H**, **Thea G**, **Jade W**, **Marli P**, **Milly E**, **Matisse L** and **Darcy F**. These wonderful helpers also served pizza, drinks and some even ran a stall!



We were fortunate enough to raise **\$1800**. Whilst doing this, we had an awesome time with our friends and families, moving and grooving the night away.

Here are some reviews from the night:

"It was one of the best discos I've ever had!" said Kylie L

"The pizza was yummy," said Jack B

"It was good; the best thing about it was that you got to request a song and the DJ played the song," said Aiden P.



Thank you to everyone that played a role in making the night happen, we are very grateful and had a lot of fun!



*The highlight of our term was... **CAMP!***

After the 3 hour bus trip to The Great Aussie Bush Camp, we got off the bus to a lovely refreshment of pouring rain! After rushing to save our bags, we met the charismatic instructors. They introduced us to our cabins and split up 124 students into five groups. Then we were told the activities we were going to be doing. They included: The dual flying fox, Rock and Water, Canoeing, Bushcraft, a visit to the sand dunes and Jimmy's Beach, the high ropes and Archery.

*Some of the highlights included the Aboriginal sand dunes, almost burying an instructor at Jimmy's beach, our cray and wild disco and when we were told an amazing story by Jack B. Overall camp was an **AMAZING** experience and hopefully we will be able to go to camp next year as well! - Grace S*

FREEDOM TO LEARN (F2L) – ALEXANDRA'S CATWALK COLLECTION

This semester, 5/6W had a project to complete called Freedom to Learn, or in short, F2L. The F2L focus was on sustainability and the reef, since this year is International Year of the Reef. There were 30 projects to choose from, or students could negotiate a project, as long as it aligned with the NSW Syllabus. Students were given the choice to work in a group or singularly, one project or multiple. You really have freedom!

Originally, I had chosen a robotics project but after thinking about it, I realised the 'Catwalk Collection' was the right project for me. It involved designing and making clothes that are sustainable/recyclable/reusable, preparing and presenting a speech and preparing and presenting a catwalk to combine these things in front of Stage 3 and our principal, Ms Lambos.

After a lot of careful planning, the big day finally came. The catwalk ran smoothly and I was thrilled at the outcome.

Afterwards, I was interviewed by Daphne Mason, one of our school Prime Ministers:

Daphne: What was the main difference between working with the sustainable/recyclable materials and working with normal materials?

Alexandra: It was so much harder hand sewing everything! I pricked my fingers many times, but it was worth it for the environment.

Daphne: What or who sourced your materials?

Alexandra: Some of the materials were given to me from friends and some of them I just found lying around the house. It's amazing how many newspapers a person can go through in a couple of months!

Daphne: Explain your design process.

Alexandra: I took a look at some ocean photography for inspiration and went from there. Compiled materials, drawings and got to work.

Daphne: What advice would you give someone who is having a go at designing and creating garments out of recyclable and sustainable materials?

Alexandra: Just be patient. What you do doesn't have to be big. It's going to be hard, especially when you're hand sewing but just think of what it's going to be at the end.

Thank you to Stage 3 teachers and students who came to support my show.

Alexandra Shearer



SPELLING BEE



This term, Stage 3 took part in the Premier's **Spelling Bee**. Each class determined two star spellers, through a process of elimination. **Aria P, Elvira G, Liam Y and Dominic W** (pictured) represented 5/6W and 5/6L in their stage Spelling Bee. Congratulations to these students for representing your class with confidence and brilliant spelling abilities. **A big congratulations to Aria P and Dominic W**, who will progress to **regionals**! We look forward to hearing about your great success. – Miss Weston

All the finalists in The Spelling Bee put in a lot of effort to get as far as the Stage 3 Spelling Bee. I was so excited to reach the final, but also very nervous when the chairperson asked me to approach the microphone. There were so many words I didn't know, but I got them right by guessing! Every word was difficult, not just the ones I got, but also the words that everyone else received. I think I did pretty well (I got to round 5), but in the end, the winners were Aria P and Dominic W. Overall, The Spelling Bee was really fun, and it was a great experience, because it taught me to spell a quite a range of different words. – Liam Y

Congratulations to all the participants in the Spelling Bee, and good luck to the winners, Aria P and Dominic W, who will move onto regionals. Thank you Matisse for being our awesome chairperson. I enjoyed the experience and learnt to spell new words along the way. Everyone performed excellently and did well. Even though we were all extremely nervous, we tried our best. – Elvira G

Riverside Girls High School
Creative and Performing Arts
Proudly Presents

Junior Soiree

AN EVENING OF
VISUAL ARTS AND MUSIC
PERFORMANCES

Tuesday | July 31st |
4:30PM-7:30PM

School Hall

No1 DRAFT PICK
BASKETBALL ACADEMY

presents

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMPS



boys & girls ages 5 - 17

- **CONCORD**
9-13 July
- **OLYMPIC PARK**
16-20 July

register at - no1draftpick.com

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!

DIM Music HUB Level 2, 164 Belmore Rd Randwick 9662 2211

Winter Holidays at DIM

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

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



When
Thursday 12 July,
10am-12pm

Where
Nicholson Museum

More information
museum.education@sydney.edu.au

Cost:
Free.

To find out more, visit
sydney.edu.au/museums

Recycling History: Art Workshop with Sarah Goffman

Join us at the Nicholson Museum for an art workshop with Sydney artist **Sarah Goffman**. Sarah is an installation artist and forensic garbologist delving into the discarded remnants of our society and refashioning the world in a consumer context. She describes herself as a "trash converter".

She works with discarded materials: dentures, trash, waste, garbage, rubbish. In this workshop, participants will create their own works of art, made from waste and inspired by ancient cultures, which will be displayed in the Nicholson Museum.

Activities for 5-15 year olds. This is free activity but places are strictly limited.

Image Credit: Sarah Guffman, I am 3-D Printer 2017, PET plastic, enamel paint, permanent marker. Image credit: Ramla Saunders

FREE FOOTY TICKETS

West's Tigers v Rabbitohs

Saturday 21 July 2018
ANZ Stadium

Thanks to the Wests Tigers, the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and ANZ Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness these two Sydney giants go head to head!

As your school is participating in this year's NSW Premier's School Sport Challenge, up to **four (4) FREE tickets** are available for each student and staff member to redeem for the match.

Tickets are limited so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great afternoon of rugby league. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should follow the steps below:

1. Simply go to the following website: <http://www.anzstadium.com.au/premiership-sporting-challenge>
2. Register their details via the form
3. Print out the voucher and bring it with them on the day to gain entry through Gate E into general admission seating at ANZ Stadium.

For additional information, please visit the ANZ Stadium website by [clicking here](#).

Please note:

- Students must have parental permission to participate in this offer.
- Each student is entitled to up to four (4) free tickets (limited to one registration per student).
- Match ticket voucher must be printed and presented at Stadium entry gates for entry to this match.
- There is a limit of 8,000 tickets (redemption available to 2,000 individuals).
- Entry may be refused if match ticket vouchers are damaged or defaced in any way or redeemed in an unauthorised manner.
- If a match ticket voucher is resold or redeemed in an unauthorised manner it may be cancelled and the bearer of the ticket refused entry.
- Accessible seating is available within the allocated general admission seating area.

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

ENROL FOR 2018

ENROL NOW and join the Kids At The ARThouse every Monday 3pm - 5pm at Balmain Public School for lots of creative fun and art making. This visual arts program will enrich and inspire every student's creativity through a variety of art practises. Painting, printmaking, sculpture, drawing, mixed media and many more techniques are taught throughout the year. We supply everything including afternoon tea! All students from K-6 and from other schools welcome!

Come along, have lots of fun and unleash your creative spirit!

CONTACT: Sabina Carney

e: sabina@kidsattheearthhouse.com m: 0403768282

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

FIVE STUDENT FINALISTS IN THE "YOUNG ARCHIES" 2017 ART GALLERY OF NSW
STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP
(DARLING HARBOUR) "DREAM" EXHIBITION - 2014, 2015 & 2016

WINNERS: CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA POSTER COMPETITION 2015

FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2014

WINNER: AVANT CARDS "CALLING ALL ARTIST'S" COMPETITION 2013 & 2010

FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013

WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012

WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011

THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY AND LITERACY FOUNDATION COLLABORATIVE PROJECT 2013

THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT COLLABORATIVE PROJECT 2011

