



# PIGEON POST

Learn ~ Live ~ Lead

## AUGUST

- Mon 6 - Fri 10 ~ EDUCATION & SCIENCE WEEK @ BPS
- Wed 8 ~ Open Morning ~ 9am
- Mon 13 ~ Bachs Band Music Workshop Day ~ SSC Balmain Campus
- Tues 14 ~ ICAS Mathematics ~ 7:30am
- Fri 31 ~ Fathers' Day breakfast ~ 8am

## SEPTEMBER

- Wed 5 ~ Open Morning
- Fri 14 ~ 'Blue Planet' Art Show
- Sat 15 ~ Family Day

## SAVE THE DATE

- Fri 26 Oct ~ Halloween Disco
- Sun 18 Nov ~ Belle Property BALMAIN FUN RUN
- Mon 17 Dec ~ Yr 6 Graduation
- Tues 18 Dec ~ Celebration of Learning
- Wed 19 ~ Last day of school

## LOVIN' OUR YEAR 6 SHIRTS...



<div> <div>BPS event</div> <div>P&amp;C event</div> <div>TERM 3 @ BPS</div> </div>							
WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
3	EDUCATION WEEK  Parent-Teacher meetings	6 Aug Miss Tamplin returns	7 Aug Bouncy Ball fundraiser for Stewart House	8 Aug Education/ Science Week OPEN MORNING	9 Aug	10 Aug	
4	WEEK OF TASTES  SCIENCE WEEK	13 Aug Band Workshop Day - Bachs	14 Aug ICAS Mathematics	15 Aug	16 Aug District Athletics	17 Aug	
5	BOOK WEEK - Find Your Treasure	20 Aug	21 Aug	22 Aug	23 Aug Book Character Parade ~ 9am	24 Aug	Sun 26 Aug NSW Band Festival - Bachs
6		27 Aug	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug 8am Fathers' Day breakfast	Sun 2 Sep Fathers' Day
7		3 Sep	4 Sep	5 Sep 6pm - Kindy Info evening 7pm - P&C meeting	6 Sep	7 Sep	
8		10 Sep	11 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep 'Blue Planet' Art Show	Sat 15 Sep 'Blue Planet' Family Day
9		17 Sep	18 Sep Regional Athletics	19 Sep	20 Sep	21 Sep PSSA ends	
10		24 Sep	25 Sep	26 Sep Jump Off - 9am	27 Sep	28 Sep Last day of Term 3	
<div> <div>BPS event</div> <div>P&amp;C event</div> <div>TERM 4 @ BPS</div> </div>							
1		15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct Sculpture by the Sea - S2	19 Oct	2

# LEARN LIVE LEAD

## Awards



# YOU CAN DO IT!

## Awards

### K Crabs

Gabriela B S - incredible spelling, use of finger spaces  
AND full stops!

### K Dugong

Clancy A - working out \$1 is the same as 50c + 50c

### K Pufferfish

Jordan G - working hard in every KLA

### 1/2 Blue Dragon

Elizabeth R - working hard and becoming an  
independent reader

### 1/2 Galapagos

Julia B - working hard on tightening the tension in her  
creative writing

### 1/2 Megalodon

Olivia P - her outstanding efforts in learning

### 1/2 Seahorse

Micah C - being a positive peer role model by listening  
at all times and a willingness to help others

### 3/4 Flameback

Sofie T - her passion to learn and self-improve

### 3/4 Krill

Sarah H - an enthusiastic and focused approach to  
informative writing

### 3/4 Turtles

Jonah P - his positive start to the Term, demonstrated in  
his writing and math assessment

### 5/6 Coelacanth

Yesmina Y - working diligently during reading groups  
and extending herself using our Choice Board

### 5/6 Lasseater's

Josiah H - his commitment to learning across all KLAs  
and his collaborative skills in F2L sessions

### 5/6 Spoggiá

Hannah B - always working hard and doing her best in  
class

### 5/6 Wahoo

Ingrid L - the creation of a phenomenal picture book,  
based on microplastics

### 5/6 Yabby

Alexandra T-F - her enthusiasm and commitment to  
learning across all KLAs - particularly science!

### K Crabs

Callan H-J - confident discussion of the Great Barrier  
Reef in front of peers

### K Dugong

Harvey T - not being afraid to make mistakes and try  
something new!

### K Pufferfish

Rosie H - a confident start to the new term

### 1/2 Blue Dragon

Ryan R - making new friends and fitting into the Balmain  
family

### 1/2 Galapagos

Jessica R - not being afraid to have a go during class  
discussions

### 1/2 Megalodon

Elle Z - taking risks in her learning

### 1/2 Seahorse

Alexander B - being confident in his questions and  
answers in class discussions. Taking initiative and helping  
with the 'computer monitor' job

### 3/4 Flameback

Lachlan W - embracing challenging tasks with  
confidence

### 3/4 Krill

Lexie B - always going above and beyond in all learning  
tasks

### 3/4 Turtles

Nia S - her positive self confidence demonstrated in class  
presentations and in her work across all KLAs

### 5/6 Coelacanth

Hiva Q - seeking out new and challenging tasks to gain  
more knowledge and skills

### 5/6 Lasseater's

Katrina C - her empathetic and kind manner to her  
classmates

### 5/6 Spoggiá

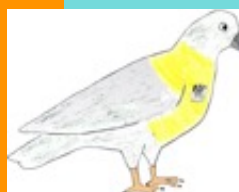
Lara O'C - being a hardworking and delightful student

### 5/6 Wahoo

Savannah H - her valuable contributions to class and  
maintaining positivity

### 5/6 Yabby

Keira C - demonstrating confidence and leadership when  
working with different peers during science



# POSITIVE PETE

# AWARD GOES TO:

# ANDRE L 3/4F



**Ed.  
week**  
Aug 6 - '18  
Aug 10

**Today's  
schools –  
creating  
tomorrow's  
world**

**Wednesday 8 August**

**You're invited  
to attend our  
Education  
Week Open  
Morning**

**9.00-9.15**

**Morning Assembly &  
Bachs Band**

**9.15-10.15**

**Open Classrooms**

**10.15**

**Fruit Break picnic in  
playground**

The way that public schools are future-proofing their students to succeed in the 21st century will be the focus of Education Week 2018.

In a video address to all staff, Mr Mark Scott (Secretary of the Department of Education) said a young child who started Kindergarten this year would leave the school system in 2030. "He or she is going to spend the vast amount of their working life in the second half of the 21st century," he said.

"Our schools are very future-focused, preparing and equipping young people with the skills, the knowledge and the capabilities they need to lead and flourish in tomorrow's world."

He said Education Week would be a great opportunity for public schools and teachers to showcase great teaching and learning practice.

NSW Education Week is an annual event held in the first week of August to celebrate public education across the state.

It highlights the achievements of public education and local schools, putting the spotlight on students, educators and school communities.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/news/announcements/start-planning-for-education-week-2018>

# \*\*\*ANAPHYLAXIS\*\*\*

We have a number of students at Balmain Public School that have **severe allergies/anaphylactic reactions** to different foods; in particular, **nuts**.

**Anaphylaxis** is a **potentially life threatening, severe allergic reaction** and should always be **treated as a medical emergency**. Anaphylaxis occurs after exposure to an allergen (usually to foods, insects or medicines), to which a person is allergic. Not all people with allergies are at risk of anaphylaxis.

We ask, on behalf of our students who are at risk, that you **please refrain from supplying your child/ren with nuts or nut products in their lunch boxes, or for school activities, such as birthday cakes, end-of-term/year parties or cupcakes for fundraising**.

All parents/carers can encourage their child to avoid sharing or trading food and eating utensils. Encouraging children to wash their hands after eating may also be helpful to avoid mild allergy symptoms such as a skin rash. It is also helpful to tell children to get help from a teacher or other adult if another child looks unwell, even if they do not know what is wrong with them. Older children can be taught about food allergies and anaphylaxis at appropriate times and of ways they can support their peers to avoid risk foods and to be safe. Our staff will reiterate this.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and assistance in supporting these children at risk of anaphylactic reactions.

*What's the buzz? Tell me what's a-happening*

On **Tuesday 7** August, there will be a **handball stall** to raise money for **Stewart House**.

Each handball will cost **\$3**.

We will be selling really fun, bouncy balls at Break A, outside the canteen.

Please come and buy our fun, exciting balls to raise money for a very important cause.

**Ingrid, Jade, Elora and Bella - Fundraising Ministry**



We thank  
Ms Glenda Louie,  
who has taught 5/6S for  
the past 4 weeks.

Welcome back to Miss Kate  
Tamplin, who will be  
teaching 5/6T (5/6S)  
from Monday 6  
August.

Please ensure you book in for a  
**Parent-Teacher meeting** by  
clicking on the following link:

[https://  
www.schoolinterviews.com.  
au/code?code=2hejj](https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=2hejj)

From the Office:

Just a reminder that when paying  
online, to type in the description  
what you are paying for e.g. PCYC  
- YOGA, not just PCYC, as this  
delays the banking.

Please ensure permission slips are  
brought in to the Office at the  
same time as payment.



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

# Save The Date

A detailed illustration of a whale, likely a humpback whale, is shown in profile, swimming towards the left. The whale is rendered in a light blue-grey color with visible texture on its skin and a small blowhole on its back. It is positioned behind the large, white, cursive text 'Save The Date'.

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ON FLEXI-SCHOOLS**

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

# KINDERGARTEN NEWS!



Athletics  
Carnival



We were  
exhausted!



Thank you to our  
parent helpers!!!

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Art show  
preparation

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## GETTING CREATIVE...

## LITERACY GROUPS



Literacy groups with  
Ms Whelan... we are  
sooo lucky to have  
her.

PIC•COLLAGE



# LITERACY GROUPS



## LET'S PARTY...



## 'WEATHER IN MY WORLD' UNIT...





# PSSA

## NETBALL

### JUNIORS

This week our junior team played Orange Grove. Our team worked hard to communicate and pass the ball, but unfortunately lost 8-1. As always, the team is excited to play again next week!

### SENIORS

Our Senior A team were in great form this week and the ball kept whizzing through the air, down to our goal shooters and right into the goal. We played Fort Street and won 13-2.

Our Senior B and C teams played each other in a friendly match this week. Both teams worked hard, but the B team won the game 11-1. More importantly, both teams had a great time playing each other, with the support of our Junior and Senior A teams.

## SOCCER

### SENIOR DIV A

The Balmain A's had a spectacular game today against old friends and foes, the Orange Grove A Team. Taking a 1-0 lead in the first half, Balmain displayed great skill and sportsmanship, finishing in a 3-0 win for our team. Goal scorers today were Nick Z and Charlie H.

- *Paul B*

### SENIOR DIV B

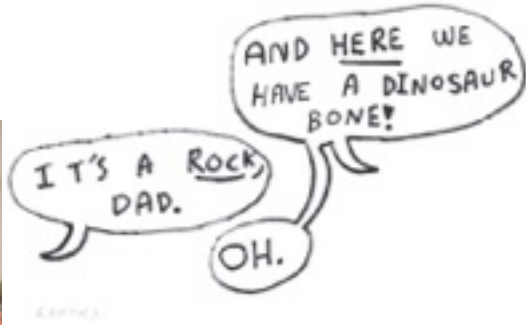
The Balmain B's had a great game against Fort St PS. Although the end result was 0-0, both teams had a wonderful time and showed great sportsmanship, control and teamwork. The captain of our team today was Aiden P.

- *Paul B*

### JUNIORS

It was another successful match today we versed Orange Grove B and won 6-0. Maxi scored two the following players scored one Drew, Will and Santi.

- *Lachie W*



## Hearing from an expert...

This term, Stage 3 are studying 'Diversity Across Asia' in Geography.

On Thursday, Connor C's dad, Stephen, spoke to 5/6S and 5/6Y, about his recent trip to Mongolia.

Thank you so much for sharing your knowledge and expertise with us...it's much appreciated!

Outcome: GE 3-2 explains interactions and connections between people, places and environments.

## GOING FOR GOLD!

LEXIE B AND GRETA R COMPETED IN A GYMNASTICS COMPETITION ON THE WEEKEND AT FIVE DOCK LEISURE CENTRE.

IT WAS GYMNASTICS NSW'S LEVEL 4 REGIONAL QUALIFIER, WHERE THEY COMPETED AGAINST OTHER SYDNEY CLUBS ON FOUR APPARATUS - BARS, FLOOR, BEAM AND VAULT.

THE GIRLS DID REALLY WELL, RECEIVING AN OVERALL GOLD MEDAL AFTER THEIR STRONG EFFORTS ON THE DAY.

LEXIE AND GRETA TRAIN TOGETHER AT THE GLADESVILLE CLUB FOR 9 HOURS A WEEK AND GIVE EACH OTHER STRONG SUPPORT IN EVERYTHING THEY DO. IT WAS THRILLING TO SEE THEM IN THEIR ELEMENT AND BE SO CONFIDENT IN A TOUGH COMPETITION.

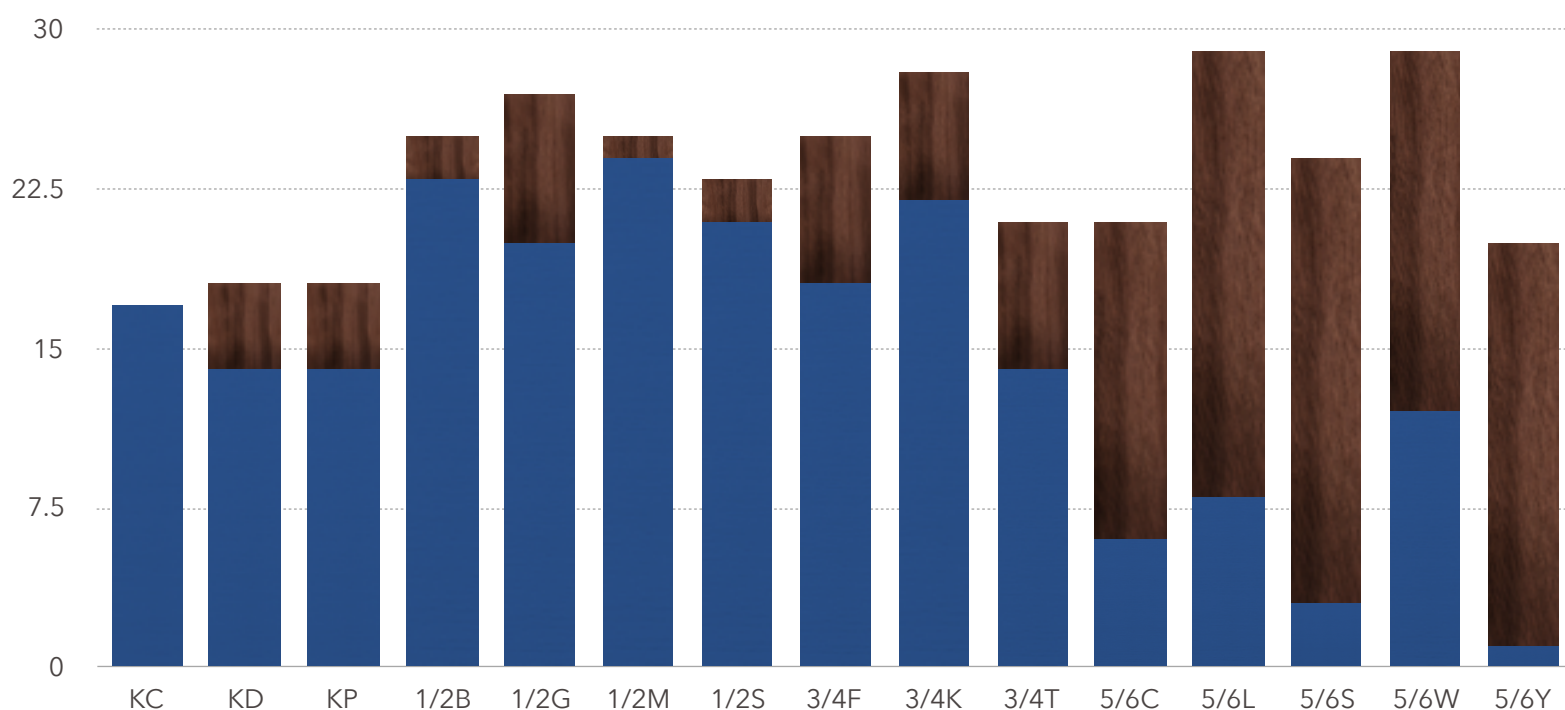
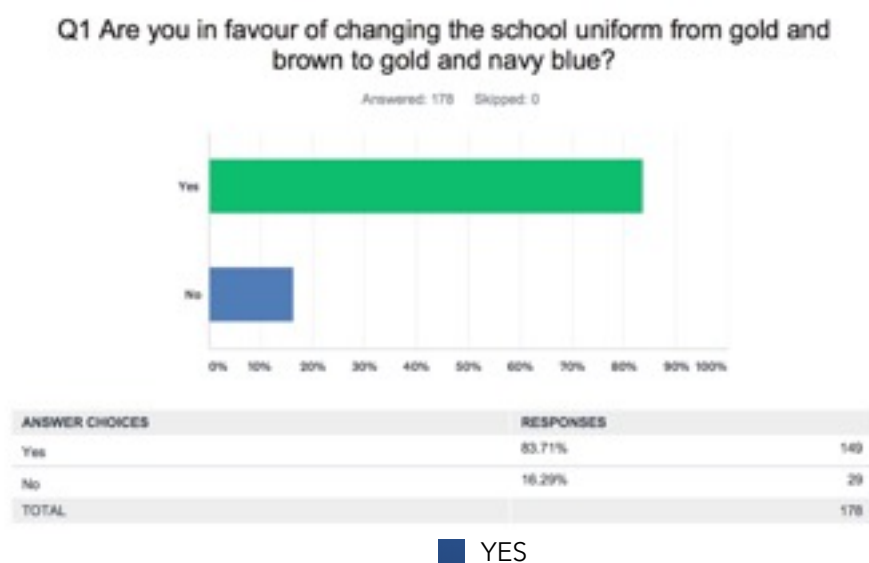
THE NEXT STEP IS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, THEN JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS!

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR AND ALL THE BEST OF LUCK FOR THE NEXT ROUND!



# PROPOSED UNIFORM COLOUR CHANGE...

The entire Balmain Public School community - students, parents/carers and staff - have had the opportunity to vote on whether they think we should keep the **brown and gold**, or change to **navy blue and gold**. The results are as follows:



	YES	NO
STUDENTS	217	133
COMMUNITY	149	29
TOTAL:	366	162

## WHERE TO NEXT?

Stage 3 student, **Alexandra S** in 5/6W, is currently investigating the possibility of sustainable school wear.

She is liaising with **Sustainable Schoolwear** <https://www.sustainableschoolwear.com>, as well as with Second Chance Uniform Stall's **Melissa W**, Ethan's mum, looking at a **cheaper and more sustainable uniform possibility** for Balmain Public School, moving into the future.

We will keep you updated...



# *Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term*

**Jump Rope for Heart** is a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program that has been run by the Heart Foundation for 35 years. It's a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills, but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs.

Since **Jump Rope for Heart** started in 1983, schools like ours have raised more than \$75 million for the Heart Foundation's lifesaving work.

It's important you **register your child online**, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started.

[https://jumprope.heartfoundation.org.au/2018/Balmain\\_Public\\_School\\_-\\_BALMAIN\\_NSW\\_-\\_137305?utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_source=ExactTarget&utm\\_campaign=](https://jumprope.heartfoundation.org.au/2018/Balmain_Public_School_-_BALMAIN_NSW_-_137305?utm_medium=Email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=)

or <https://jumprope.heartfoundation.org.au/register>

Students will be skipping throughout the term in PE lessons/break; during this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

We will hold our school **Jump Off Day** on **Wednesday 26 September, 2018**. This will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills.

Thank you for supporting the **Jump Rope for Heart** program!

Miss Morris



Heart Foundation  
*Jump Rope for Heart*



**BPS CANTEEN**

**BPS** Parents & Community Support



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

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

**TERM 3 MENU**

Aug 3	Dumplings		Aug 31	Pork & Rice	
Aug 10	Chicken Napoletana		Sept 7	Penne Napoletana	
Aug 17	Beef & Rice		Sept 14	Butter Chicken	
Aug 24	Spaghetti Bolognese		Sept 21	Dumplings	



The conductor started with a tap-tap-tap and the strings began to sing la-la-la. Then the flutes joined in with a tootle-toot-too and the sound of the drums shook the room with a boom-boom-boom!

Ignite interest in music and instruments with hands-on demonstrations of how each instrument creates sound.

Peter Seymour Orchestra  
Sunday 19 August  
9.30, 10.30 & 11.30am  
Leichhardt Town Hall

**tickets**  
Adult \$25 | Concession \$15  
Children \$15 (under 2 free)

**book your tickets**  
[syo.com.au](http://syo.com.au) | 02 9251 2422

**'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/youngartsydney](https://www.facebook.com/youngartsydney)

**YOUNG AT ART**

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

[youngartsydney@outlook.com](mailto:youngartsydney@outlook.com)

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BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

**KIDS  
AT THE  
ART HOUSE**

**MONDAY 3 - 5 PM**



Join the Kids At The  
ARHouse this term  
for lots of **CREATIVE  
FUN** and **ART** making!  
**ALL Students K - 6**

Contact Sabina  
m: 0403768282

[sabina@kidsatthearthouse.com](mailto:sabina@kidsatthearthouse.com)



## Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

**MyCareSpace** is presenting a free webinar to help parents who have children that have been diagnosed with ADHD and are struggling to understand how to deal with it and what their options are.

**Topic:** ADHD - Navigating your way through the Maze

**When:** Thursday 16 August 12:30pm

**Cost:** FREE

Please find information here:

<https://mycarespace.com.au/adhd-navigating-your-way-through-the-maze>

**MyCareSpace** also had a wonderful school therapist write this article to help parents who have just received a diagnosis and feel completely shell shocked and don't know where to start:

<https://mycarespace.com.au/resources/my-child-has-been-diagnosed-with-adhd-now-what>

