

PIGEON POST

Learn ~ Live ~ Lead

AUGUST

- Thurs 23 ~ Book Character Parade ~ 9am
- Fri 31 ~ Fathers' Day breakfast ~ 8am

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 5 ~ Kindy 2019 Info Evening ~ 6pm
- Wed 5 ~ P&C Meeting ~ 6pm
- Wed 12 & Thurs 13 ~ PEP (Peninsula Engagement Program - SSC Balmain)
- 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

Beware the Robots...

A huge thanks to the P&C for the purchase of Lego Mindstorms, a hardware software platform for the development of programmable robots, based on Lego building blocks.

A group of Year 5 students began discovering how to build their robots on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Edwards, in preparation for their participation in PEP (Peninsula Engagement Program) next month, along with other Year 5 students from schools on the peninsula, held at Sydney Secondary College - Balmain Campus.

We can't wait until next Wednesday!



Maria Lambos ~ Principal

Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that the following newsletter contains an image of, and written reference to, a person who has died.



BPS eventP&C eventTERM 3 @ BPS							
WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
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	
BPS eventP&C eventTERM 4 @ BPS							
1		15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct Sculpture by the Sea - S2	19 Oct	
2	KINDY TRANSITION	22 Oct	23 Oct	24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct HALLOWEEN DISCO	
3	KINDY TRANSITION	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct State Athletics - Homebush	1 Nov State Athletics - Homebush	2 Nov	

LEARN LIVE LEAD

Awards



YOU CAN DO IT!

Awards

K Crabs

Niamh F - outstanding dedication to her literacy

K Dugong

Annie P - applying place value, informally, to count, read and represent two-digit numbers

K Pufferfish

Caelan A - excellent work sounding out sounds

1/2 Blue Dragon

Saxon F - improving and pushing himself with his approach to reading

1/2 Galapagos

Remi O'B - her outstanding effort and perseverance in Maths to learn how to do addition using the split strategy

1/2 Megalodon

Jacob A - working hard on his writing

1/2 Seahorse

Oliver D - applying feedback to his work and always striving to do his best - well done!

3/4 Flameback

Vilja J - being a positive, brave and hard working member of 3/4 Flameback!

3/4 Krill

Talon B - embracing Week of Tastes and not being afraid to try new foods!

3/4 Turtles

Chloe T - her consistent hard work and positive attitude, towards new challenges. Well done!

5/6 Coelacanth

Julian H - choosing to maintain a quiet focus on tasks and avoiding distractions

5/6 Lasseater's

Leo C - trying REALLY hard to improve

5/6 Tethya

Oscar J - using his inquisitive mind and asking deep, critical questions of our guest speaker teaching us about DNA

5/6 Wahoo

Nelson L - demonstrating a consistently positive attitude to learning

5/6 Yabby

Zafary M - demonstrating an improvement in his organisation and time management skills

K Crabs

Vivan N - building his confidence around his peers and teachers

K Dugong

Gerhard S - building confidence in literacy

K Pufferfish

Mason M - confidently reading aloud

1/2 Blue Dragon

Elliot S - taking on any construction challenge that is given to him

1/2 Galapagos

Elliot F - beginning to develop his confidence to work outside of his comfort zone

1/2 Megalodon

Felisha K - confidence in all areas of learning

1/2 Seahorse

Harriet J - confidence in her reading and writing.

Actively contributing to class discussions and 'having a go' - Keep it up!

3/4 Flameback

Corey M - his willingness to have a go!

3/4 Krill

Alesha S-D - trying new fruits and vegetables during 'Week of Tastes'

3/4 Turtles

Waima-Lee A - her confidence in her writing and achieving her personal goal. Great work!

5/6 Coelacanth

Sam N - his confidence and willingness to take risks in his learning

5/6 Lasseater's

Alistair G - demonstrating confidence and maturity in his approach to his learning

5/6 Tethya

Danielle K - demonstrating maturity and confidence in difficult situations

5/6 Wahoo

Caitlin Y - being a confident and friendly member of 5/6W

5/6 Yabby

Coco McP - confidently working with her group during our Science Week activities



POSITIVE PETE

AWARD GOES TO: LAURA B S 3/4K

Aunty Fay



Aunty Fay was a proud Wiradjuri woman, born and raised on Gadigal Land in Sydney. She grew up in Redfern and spent many years in Woolloomooloo, raising her two sons, Darrin and Luke. She was a doting Nanny to her three grandsons, Diesel, Marley and Enzo.

Aunty Fay worked as an Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer for the Department of Education's Aboriginal and Wellbeing Team, working with the Department for 26 years.

Aunty Fay visited the 520 schools within the Ultimo Operational Directorate in Sydney, including Balmain Public School, spending time with the kids and telling her stories. Aunty Fay cared very deeply for all these students across Sydney.

Aunty Fay facilitated hundreds of Welcomes to Country over the years, as well as cultural awareness sessions. Jenni, from our office, was privileged to listen to Aunty Fay at one of these sessions earlier this year.



I invited Aunty Fay to help celebrate my previous school's Centenary; Aunty Fay attended and Welcomed us all to Country and celebrated with our community.

Aunty Fay was instrumental in the creation of, and heavily involved in, the 'Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards', as well as 'Koori Art Expressions', with both annual events celebrating Aboriginal students from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Aunty Fay was a very special visitor to Balmain Public School over the years. She thoroughly enjoyed spending time 'yarning' with our students, especially Kindergarten.

Aunty Fay was always a special guest at our 'Celebration of Learning', usually presenting awards to the youngest members of the school.

The widespread deep respect, love and admiration for Aunty Fay was evident on Fiday, with St Mary's Cathedral being at capacity for Aunty Fay's funeral. Many tears were shed, combined with some laughter, as stories were shared about this incredible lady's life - her passion and determination for making a difference and ensuring that education was at the forefront, as well as Aboriginal health.

Aunty Fay is greatly missed and her legacy is so extensive - she will forever be in our hearts and thoughts. Because of her, we will continue to 'fight the good fight'. Vale Aunty Fay...rest in peace.

<https://www.sbs.com.au/nitv/feature/because-her-we-can-local-women-leaving-legacies>

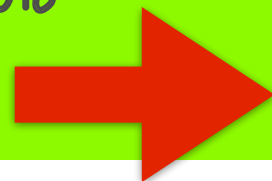
ENROLLING NOW... KINDY 2019



IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5
ON, OR BEFORE, 31ST JULY 2019,
IT'S TIME TO ENROL NOW
FOR KINDERGARTEN 2019
ENROLMENT GUIDELINES

Kindergarten 2019 Information Evening

Wednesday 5 September 2018
@ 6:00pm in Library

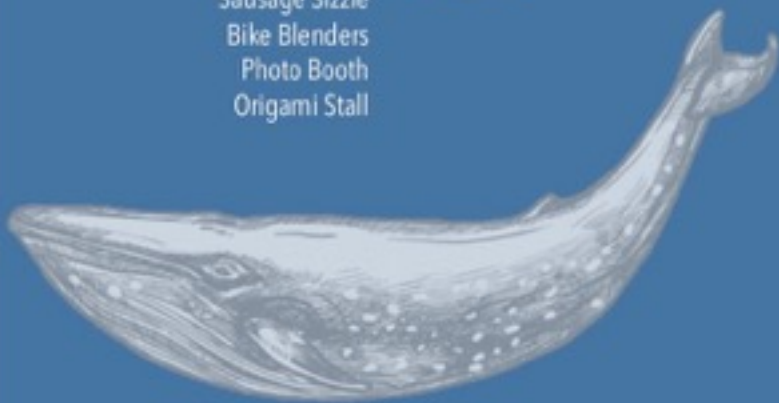


BPS P&C FUNDRAISER
ART SHOW
BLUE PLANET

FRIDAY 14th SEPT 7PM
 PARENT'S SOCIAL EVENING
 Kids Individual Artworks
 Live Auction of Class Artworks
 Silent Auction of External Artworks
 Tickets \$40pp inc. canapes & 2 drinks

SATURDAY 15th SEPT 9AM-1PM
 FAMILY DAY
 Sausage Sizzle
 Bike Blenders
 Photo Booth
 Origami Stall

Save The Date



TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ON FLEXI-SCHOOLS FOR THE PARENTS EVENING &
 PURCHASE OF KID'S INDIVIDUAL ARTWORKS - www.flexishools.com.au



BPS P&C FUNDRAISER
ART SHOW
BLUE PLANET

SILENT AUCTION OF
 EXTERNAL ARTWORKS

Spotlight on an Artist



Based in Sydney, George held his first solo show when he was still in his third year of university at only 20 years of age. He has been exhibiting ever since in Australia and internationally in New York, Hong Kong and Paris.

George has a relentless energy and rebellious attitude, which comes through in his art. George mines the Greek myths and psyche of his heritage and his experience growing up Greek in a small Australian country town.

He was recently a Finalist of the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes.

George has very generously donated two stunning artworks. Top artwork is 'She Can Do Magic' and left is a study for the work 'Offereto'.

Both works offer an allegory of personal myth and story telling. George replaces the traditional notion of the Greek icons, with these as a 21st Century version. Oil on linen.

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A large, open treasure chest filled with gold coins and several large, colorful gemstones (purple, blue, green, and pink). The chest is made of wood with metal bands and a large metal latch on the front. The background is a light, textured surface.

Book Week 2018

‘Find Your Treasure’

Book Character

Parade

Thursday 23 August

9am

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

8AM - 9AM, FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST



COME & ENJOY A BBQ BREAKFAST, COFFEE, JUICE & CROISSANTS
JUST A GOLD COIN DONATION [PER ITEM]: MUMS, KIDS & EXTENDED FAMILY ARE WELCOME, TOO !!



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**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

Cafe Berlin

Sept 7

Penne Napoletana

Cafe Berlin

Aug 17

Beef & Rice



Sept 14

Butter Chicken

maharajas

→ Aug 24

Spaghetti Bolognese

Cafe Berlin

Sept 21

Dumplings



STAFF NEWS

We say farewell to Mrs Angela Amoruso, who has been relieving as a School Admin Officer, 3 days per week, for the past couple of years.

The position has been permanently filled by a priority transfer, via the Department of Education (DoE).

Thank you for your contributions to Balmain Public School's office during your time here. We wish you the very best of luck for the future!



Congratulations to Ms Cara-lee Weaver, 5/6 Coelacanth's teacher. As of 29 January 2019, she will be a permanent staff member at Balmain Public School.

A vacancy was created when Ms May Ellwood recently received a service transfer to Five Dock PS. Cara-lee was the very next person on the graduate recruitment program list and was appointed to Balmain by the DoE!

We wish May all the very best at Five Dock, where she has been working since the start of this year. Thank you for all your dedication to educating Balmain students over the years.



As Balmain Public School will continue with 15 classes into 2019, we are now looking at filling the vacancy via open merit. Staffing procedures with the DoE dictate that positions will be filled alternately between a central appointment (ie the DoE chooses), and open merit (where the school advertises and a panel interviews the most suitable applicants).

The position has been declared vacant, although there will not be any changes in current staffing; we are currently waiting for clearance from the Aboriginal Education Unit prior to advertising. It is envisaged that we will hopefully finalise the process by the end of this term, if not early Term 4, with the successful applicant commencing at the start of 2019.

District Athletics Carnival

On Thursday, 16 August, 27 students attended the District Athletics Carnival at E.S. Marks Athletics Field. These students are to be congratulated on their wonderful sportsmanship and outstanding representation of Balmain PS. It was an absolute joy attending the carnival with these students, who took on every event with enthusiasm and a smile.

Well done to all students on their achievements and efforts on the day!

A special mention to the following students who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their age group:

Luca G (5/6W)

1st - 12 yrs boys 200m

1st - 12 yrs boys 800m (new record)

Matisse L (5/6W)

2nd - 12 yrs girls 800m

Asha S (3/4K)

3rd - 10 yrs girls Long Jump

Dominic W (5/6W)

3rd - 11 yrs boys Shot Put

Luca G didn't only just break a record in the 12 yrs boys 800m, he walked away with the 12 years boys Age Champion. This achievement is reflective of Luca's sportsmanship, commitment to sport and outstanding athletic abilities! Balmain PS is very proud of your dedication and performance. Congratulations!



Thank you to the parents and community, who came along, to support Balmain PS. A special thank you to Miss Ferguson, who came to the event as an Athletics Official. A wonderful day was had!

We look forward to hearing about Luca and Matisse's success at the Regional Athletics Carnival. Well done to you both!

**Regards,
Sarah Weston - Sports Coordinator**

Rock & Water

When I lose my centre, I have lost my balance
When I lose my balance, I lose self-control
When I lose self-control, I risk losing everything



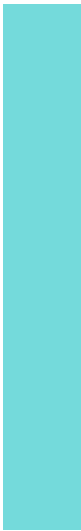
This Week's Focus

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!

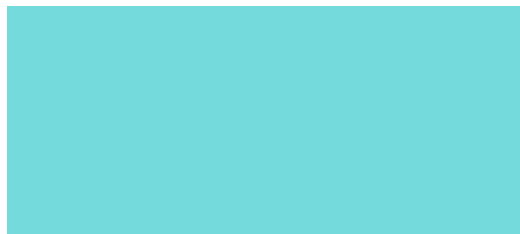
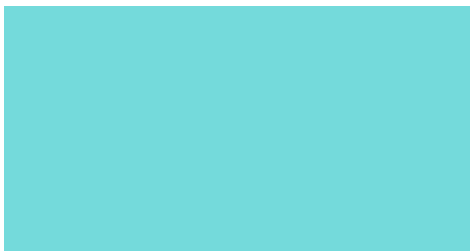
"I respect you, and I will not hurt you"

See you all next week!

Mr Baumann



CREATING IN THE CONNEXION HUB



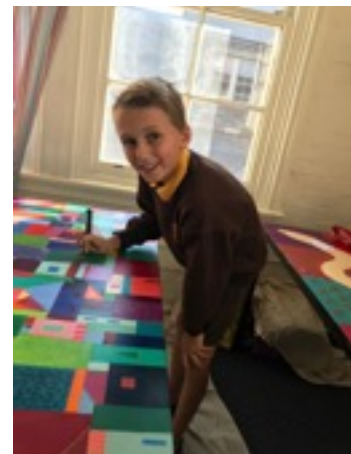
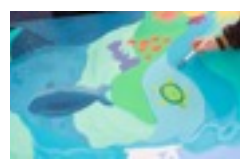
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE ~ SALLY COOPER

WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE SALLY, TOBY'S (IN 5/6C) MUM, WORKING WITH STAGE 3 CLASSES, TO TURN TIRED OLD 'STAFFROOM' TABLES INTO FUNKY TABLES FOR THEIR CLASSES.

THIS ALIGNS WITH THE STAGE 3 PROJECT, ALONG WITH THE RECENT SUPPORT OF FUNDING FROM THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO CREATE FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

SALLY HAS CREATED A WHIMSICAL 'BALMAIN' DESIGN FOR THE CONNEXION HUB, AN INDIGENOUS-INSPIRED TREE FOR 5/6L, A GEOMETRIC CITY FOR 5/6Y AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON AN UNDERWATER HARBOUR SCENE FOR 5/6C.

I WONDER WHAT THE INSPIRATION FOR 5/6W AND 5/6T WILL BE?





NETBALL

JUNIORS

At first the junior team was a bit worried, because Fort St scored one goal and we hadn't scored. So, we picked it up and played like a team. We then scored seven goals with our speed and focus. At half time, we switched players and played like we never played before and won 10-2!

- by Emily and Hayley

SENIORS

The A team had a very action packed game. We sadly lost 26-5 against Annandale PS. We pushed another through and still had fun. We hope for another fun game next week.

- by Hannah & Caitlin

The Senior Bs won 27-4 against Orange Grove PS because of good passing and shooting. They scored one goal in first half and three in the second half. Gemma scored 24 goals! The whole team did great at keeping the ball forward. Our team would like to thank Ms Weaver and Ms T for being awesome coaches.

We were tied with more than half the game. The C team was team totally smashing it, we were playing Kegworth PS. We caught the ball; we threw it towards our goal keeper, but the opposing team got a hold of the ball. Two goals in a row now and five minutes left. We lost 5-3, but overall we had so much fun! Great job C team!

- by Mya and Zoe

SOCCER

SENIOR DIV A

The Balmain A's had a good game today, against Kegworth. We played well, making sure we used the wing, even though we were on a small field. We came out on top with a 5-0 win. We are hoping to play this well again.

- by Luca G

SENIOR DIV B

The Balmain B's had a great, but unlucky, game today, playing against their new-found foes, Annandale North B. With Annandale North taking an unfortunate early lead, our team pressed on, but Annandale North was the better team today, culminating in a 3-0 loss for our fantastic team. The opposing team was lucky enough to beat us today, but we've learnt from our mistakes!

- by Paul B, on behalf of Senior Division B

JUNIORS

We are excited to get another win. The score was 4-0. It was a good game even though we had an accidental subbing mistake. The goal scorers were: James T - 1 Santi - 3. Even though we were winning, we still had fun and tried our best. They were a good and fair team.