



PIGEON POST

2019

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 1 ~ FATHER'S DAY
- Tues 3 ~ Jump Rope for Heart
~ Jump Off
- 4-6 ~ BOOK FAIR
- Wed 4 ~ Yr 6 parents meeting
@ 6pm ~ Treehouse
- Wed 4 ~ P&C meeting
@ 7pm ~ ConneXion Hub
- Sun 8 ~ ASBOF School Band
Festival
- Thurs 12 ~ Big Band Bash
- Thurs 26 ~ Year 6 Balmain
Bazaar
- Fri 27 ~ LAST DAY OF TERM 3

OCTOBER

- Mon 14 ~ Back to school
today for all students and
staff!

NOVEMBER

- Sun 10 ~ Belle Property
BALMAIN FUN RUN

Happy Fathers' Day!



...from all of us at
Balmain Public School!

We would like to take this opportunity
to acknowledge and thank all the
wonderful mentors, role models and
support figures, who help us to be our
best possible self!


ONLINE UNIFORM ORDERING



School Calendar

P&C
event

BPS
event

2019		TERM 3 @ BPS					
WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
➔ 7	BOOK FAIR	2 September	3 September Jump Rope for Heart - Jump Off	4 September BOOK FAIR P&C meeting	5 September BOOK FAIR	6 September BOOK FAIR	8 Sept ASBOF Band Fest.
8		9 September	10 September	11 September	12 September BIG BAND BASH	13 September	
9		16 September	17 September	18 September	19 September	20 September 	
10		23 September	24 September	25 September	26 September Year 6 Balmain Bazaar	27 September LAST DAY OF TERM 3	
2019		TERM 4 @ BPS					
1		14 October BACK TO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF	15 October	16 October	17 October	18 October	
2		21 October	22 October	23 October	24 October	25 October	
3		28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October	1 November	
4		4 November	5 November	6 November	7 November	8 November 	

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR, WEBSITE AND/OR OUR
INSTAGRAM PAGE

BOOK FAIR @ BPS!

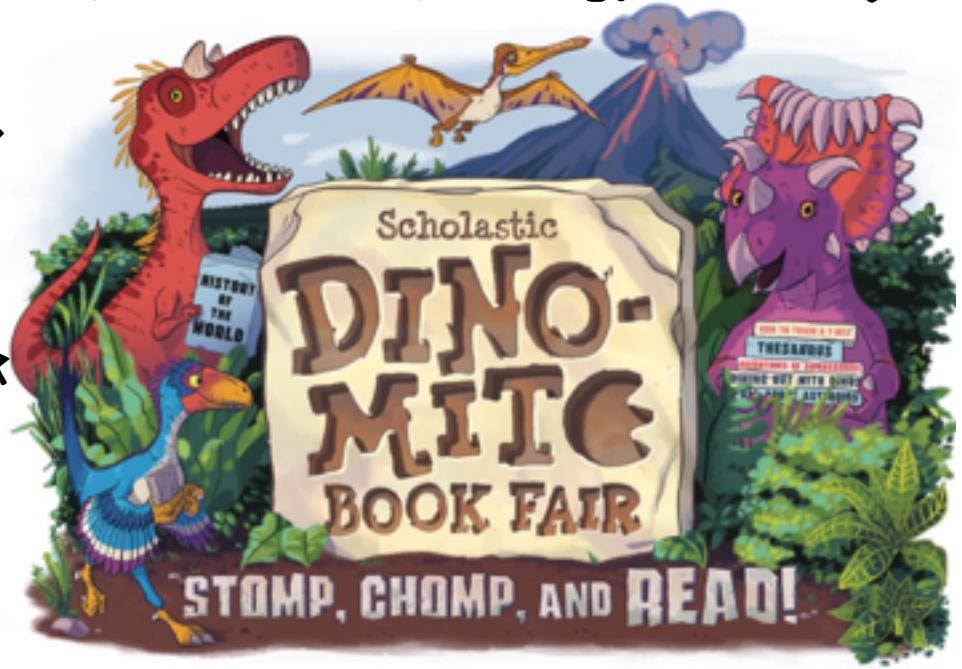
BUY A BOOK TO DONATE TO
OUR LIBRARY!

WED 4 - FRI 6 SEPT

IN LIBRARY BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL

CASH FREE ~ CARD ONLY

P&C Meeting



Wednesday 4 September

ConneXion Hub

7pm

ALL WELCOME!



**No awards this
week due to
inclement
weather**



This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent and carer survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent and carer survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>. To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/balmain>

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

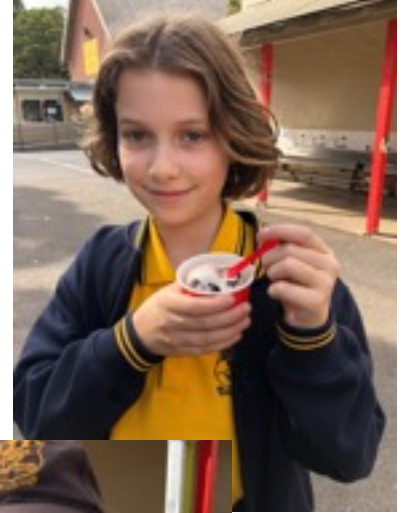
Inclement weather was not going to hold us back...a huge thanks to the P&C, for putting on a fabulous BBQ breakfast!

It was lovely to see so many of our families brave the elements, to enjoy the feast - if anything, the cold was a great excuse for hugs from our loved ones!



Positive Pete winners...

Last week's, and recent, Positive Pete winners...



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P&C Contribution

Help Build a Brighter Future for BPS



We need parent contributions for essential items that boost your child's education.

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VIDEO
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SINCE FEB 2019
WE HAVE GIVEN
TO BALMAIN
PUBLIC SCHOOL:

Home readers for Stage 1:
\$5,800

STEAM resource:
\$9,000

New library books:
\$2,500

New reading material
for Stage 2 and 3
\$2,600



**CLICK ANYWHERE ON THIS PAGE
TO VISIT THE P&C WEBSITE**



Happy SASS Recognition Week



Balmain Public School has an integral team of people, who are the 'heart and soul' of our school, each contributing to supporting our fabulous school, students and teachers; they are known as SASS - School Administrative and Support Staff.

This week saw an acknowledgement and celebration of all our SAS staff - Jenni (School Admin Manager - pictured), Michelle (School Admin Officer - pictured), Stella (SAO), Lynne (SAO), Miss Ally (School Learning Support Officer), Miss Erykah (SLSO), Miss Helen (SLSO - pictured) and Richard (General Assistant).

THANK YOU, TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT!
It's so much appreciated!



We're helping make a difference...

Thank you so much for the donations of gently-loved books that were brought in to school during Book Week. Ms Whelan has packed the collection and they will now make their way to PNG.

Buk bilong Pikinini

Buk bilong Pikinini is an independent charity based in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea which aims to foster a life-long love of reading and learning, increase literary rates and empower vulnerable children.

Buk bilong Pikinini aims to do this via the establishment of children's libraries in target communities across PNG and by providing books and literacy materials to communities and schools in need.

<http://www.bukbilongpikinini.org>



**NEW WEBSITE FOR ORDERING SCHOOL
UNIFORM ITEMS**

[HTTPS://BPS-UNIFORM-STALL-SQUARE.SITE](https://bps-uniform-stall-square.site)





Day 10 Kindness Challenge in 5/6 Nakkara

WHY DO YOU ENJOY AND VALUE SCHOOL LIFE?

I ENJOY MY SCHOOL LIFE BECAUSE IT WILL HELP ME WITH MY FUTURE EDUCATION, BUT MOST OF ALL I LOVE MY PEERS AND MY TEACHERS, AS THEY ARE KIND AND HELPFUL.
- JAMES

THE FIRST THING THAT I LIKE ABOUT SCHOOL LIFE IS THE TEACHERS, BECAUSE THEY ARE ALWAYS SO KIND. THE SECOND THING THAT I LIKE ABOUT SCHOOL LIFE IS MY FRIENDS, BECAUSE I REALLY LIKE SPENDING TIME WITH MY FRIENDS. THE LAST THING THAT I LIKE ABOUT SCHOOL LIFE IS THE LEARNING, THE TEACHERS ALWAYS MAKE LEARNING FUN
- LARA

I ENJOY AND VALUE SCHOOL LIFE BECAUSE YOU CAN MAKE LOTS OF FRIENDS, PLAY WITH THEM AND BECOME EDUCATED. LEARNING IS A GOOD THING. YOU CAN LEARN A LOT DURING SCHOOL. IN MY OPINION, MATHEMATICS IS THE BEST SUBJECT BECAUSE YOU CAN LEARN A LOT FROM NUMBERS TO ASSIST YOU IN ALL KINDS OF WAYS. - ZAFARY

I LOVE MY SCHOOL LIFE BECAUSE I LOVE ALL MY FRIENDS AND I LOVE LEARNING WITH MS FERGUSON. I CAN TRUST MY FRIENDS AND WE ALL HAVE EACH OTHERS BACKS. I LOVE DOING LITERACY ROTATIONS WITH MY GROUP AND DOING CARS+STARS, SPELLING, TYPING AND MORE. BREAK TIME IS AWESOME BECAUSE WE RUN AROUND AND PLAY, WE GO TO THE PARK AND HANG OUT!
- RACHAEL

I ENJOY SCHOOL LIFE BECAUSE ALL OF THE TEACHERS THAT HAVE TAUGHT ME HAVE BEEN VERY NICE. ALSO, I ENJOY SCHOOL LIFE BECAUSE THE TEACHERS MAKE LEARNING FUN. I VALUE SCHOOL LIFE BECAUSE IF CHILDREN NEVER LEARNT, WE WOULD NEVER BE SMART, WHICH LEADS TO NOT GETTING A WORTHWHILE JOB. THIS WOULD LEAD TO POOR COUNTRIES AND THE WORLD WOULD BE DISASTROUS AND NOBODY WOULD WANT TO LIVE ON EARTH.
- FREYA

Facilitating growth in literacy outcomes

Catch the second article from Balmain Public School in the September issue of the NSW DoE Professional Learning Journal.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/professional-learning/scan/latest-issue>



Ariana Davis (Assistant Principal) and **Sophie Parsons** (Teacher) at Balmain Public School explain how they use play-based learning stations and writing to engage students in literacy development.

Topics in this issue:

What does our data show?

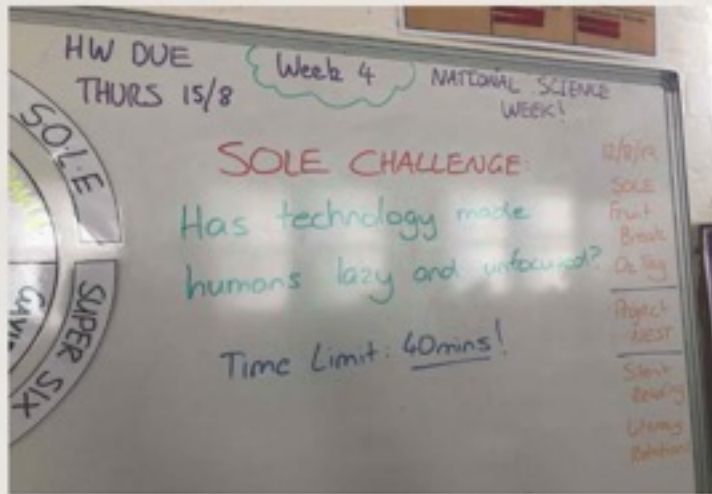
How are literacy outcomes present in play-based learning stations?

How do I know literacy is successfully embedded in my play-based program – what does consistent growth look like in the classroom?

Although the second SCAN article is not specifically about learning at Balmain Public School, the journey of a rural school implementing project-based learning and flexible learning spaces, is certainly an interesting read, as many schools across NSW, including ours, are experiencing their own journey.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/professional-learning/scan/media/documents/vol-38/Scan_2019_issue8.pdf

5/6 LAMALAMA



In 5/6L we enjoy participating in literacy rotations, but in particular we LOVE completing S.O.L.E presentations. What is S.O.L.E you ask? It stands for Self Organised Learning Environments. Mr LaMacchia gives our groups an ungoogleable (yes we made this word up) question which we must answer in any way we want, how cool is that?

We can create a powerpoint, make posters, make brochures, pretend to be the teacher for our presentation, organise a play or drama act. Our class always put on Oscar winning drama performances to help us demonstrate scenarios, our understandings and viewpoints in order to answer the question we are given.



During Education Week on Monday the 12th of August, Mr LaMacchia gave us a S.O.L.E challenge. He gave us only 40 minutes to answer the question 'Has technology made humans lazy and unfocused?'

We had LOADS of fun and our presentations as usual were nothing short of exciting and engaging. While most groups agreed that technology has made humans lazy and unfocused, there were couple of groups that thought otherwise demonstrating just how productive technology has made society.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 1st & Friday 11th October 2019

TUES AM. Design Your Own Pillowcase or Tote Bag

PM. Jewellery making for Boys & Girls

FRI AM. Board Game Making & PM. Let's Make Paper Toys!

Ages
6-12

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

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

Or ALL DAY options available: 10am-4.00pm or 9am - 5pm

next term:

'ART CLUB!

Tuesdays: 3-5pm



This class is for kids in years 2-6, to hang out and gain creative confidence, through exploring different subjects, mediums and techniques in a relaxed, nurturing & fun environment.

\$34 per class

MATERIALS & SNACKS
are provided at all classes.

Please note: there are only a
very limited amount of spots left!



years
2-6

AT BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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PRIMARYLY FUN

BAND WORKSHOP: THU 5 SEPT @ SSC LEICHHARDT, 9:00-2:30PM

STRINGS: TUE 3 SEPT @ SSC BALMAIN, 9:00-2:30PM

Collaborate with Sydney Secondary College musicians and Stage 3 students from other local primary schools for a fun and intensive day of music making, and perform at:

MUSIC IN THE PARK

**SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER @ PIONEERS PARK LEICHHARDT,
11:00-3:00PM**

PRIMARY STUDENTS TO ARRIVE BY 1:00PM AND PERFORM FROM 2:00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://www.sscimp.com/about.html>



Tomanelli Inc & The Sydney Fringe Festival present....

THE WATER BABIES

a folk opera for children and adults

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Fri. 20 Sept.- 8.30pm & Sat. 21 Sept.- 7.30pm

the **ACA THEATRE**

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Family-\$65; Child under 5- free



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