



PIGEON POST

2019

MARCH

- Wed 6 ~ P&C Meeting ~ ConneXion Hub ~ 7pm
- Thurs 7 ~ Bouncy Balls for Stewart House ~ \$3
- Thurs 21 ~ Harmony Day
- Fri 22 ~ P&C Welcome Evening

APRIL

- Wed 3 ~ P&C Meeting ~ ConneXion Hub ~ 7pm
- Fri 12 ~ LAST DAY OF TERM



Congratulations!

Leadership is fostered and valued throughout Balmain Public School, starting from Kindergarten.

This week saw the Senators, representing each of our 15 classes, being presented with their badges at morning lines. It is a task I truly enjoy.

Thank you to Ms Whelan, who works closely with the Parliament, our student leadership team, ensuring student voice is heard.

I look forward to hearing from our students

Maria Lambos Governor-General

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School Calendar

2019		P&C event	TERM 1		@	BPS	BPS event
WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
6		4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar P&C Meeting ~ ConneXion Hub ~ 7pm	7 Mar Bouncy Balls for Stewart House ~ \$3 each	8 Mar FOOTSTEPS 4	
7		11 Mar	12 Mar	13 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar FOOTSTEPS 5	
8		18 Mar	19 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar HARMONY DAY	22 Mar P&C Welcome Evening FOOTSTEPS 6	
9		25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar	29 Mar FOOTSTEPS 7	
10		1 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr P&C Meeting ~ ConneXion Hub ~ 7pm	4 Apr	5 Apr FOOTSTEPS 8	
11		8 Apr FOOTSTEPS 9	9 Apr FOOTSTEPS 10	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr LAST DAY OF TERM 1	

P & C Meeting

Wednesday 6 March @ 7pm

ConneXion Hub - all welcome!



Bouncy Balls on sale ~ \$3 each



Thursday 7 March @ Break A
All money raised goes to Stewart House



Every year 1,700 public school children attend Stewart House, a 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.

For more information, or to make a donation, go to Stewart House.



This week's Positive Pete winners...



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info@theschoolcanteen.com.au



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⚠ *The playground is under construction at BPS! Thank you to our Parents and Community, who have assisted in the planning and funding of our (soon to be) beautiful space. We can't wait!*



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including winter items, here:

[UNIFORM ORDERING](#)



...and the
AWARD
goes to...



EARLY STAGE ONE & STAGE ONE ~ LEARN LIVE LEAD

K Duruga

Naomi O'B - creating and continuing a three-part pattern

K Potoroo

Aidan B - doing excellent work every day

K/1 Miima

Jordan G- doing her homework, even during her break time

1/2 Banjarah

Summer W - outstanding leadership during literacy rotations

1/2 Collarenebri

no award - Ms Cooper absent

1/2 Gidgijirrigaa

Mason M - doing an excellent job during word work!

1/2 Hielamon

Elizabeth R - working hard to neatly and correctly form her letters

STAGE TWO & STAGE THREE ~ LEARN LIVE LEAD

3/4 Alura

Jude McP - brilliant maths

3/4 Kabi Kabi

Dillon P - using all his effort to make his handwriting neat and legible

3/4 Malya

Zacharie S - settling into Balmain Public School with a 'can do attitude and a smile'

4/5 Ritarngu

Sarah H - her outstanding, and consistent effort in listening to instructions, demonstrating leadership by being an example for her peers

5/6 Lamalama

Alexander T - consistently trying to achieve all his learning goals

5/6 Nakkara

Alexia K - her strong attention to detail during all learning experiences

5/6 Waka Waka

Ned L - his positive approach to his learning and the leadership he displays in group activities

5/6 Yorta Yorta

Zoe V - her creative writing piece inspired by the novel, *Nanberry*

ES1 & S1 ~ POSITIVE PETE & YOU CAN DO IT! (Term 1 ~ Getting Along)

ES1 Positive Pete - Rose W KP

S1 Positive Pete - Amelia H 1/2H

K Duruga

Lily O - bringing a bright smile and a positive attitude to our class!

K Potoroo

Rose W- helping others to do their work

K/1 Miima

Harry S - making and playing with new friends

1/2 Banjarah

Harvey T - organising and keeping his team on track during literacy

1/2 Collarenebri

no award - Ms Cooper absent

1/2 Gidgijirrigaa

Keira R - Being a kind friend and helping others

1/2 Hielamon

Demi G - being a positive role model for her peers

STAGE TWO & STAGE THREE ~ POSITIVE PETE & YOU CAN DO IT! (Getting Along)

S2 Positive Pete - Zac S 3/4M

S3 Positive Pete - Ned L 5/6W

3/4 Alura

Nia S - focus and a positive attitude

3/4 Kabi Kabi

Sofie T - being an inclusive member of 3/4 Kabi Kabi

3/4 Malya

Eli S - getting along with others at all times - leading by example!

4/5 Ritarngu

Santi L-S - being a kind helper, and sharing his excellent skills in technology with his classmates

5/6 Lamalama

Cassia D - being an excellent friend and role model to others

5/6 Nakkara

James T - being respectful and friendly towards all of his classmates

5/6 Waka Waka

Anna C - her friendly manner to her classmates and demonstrated application to her school work

5/6 Yorta Yorta

Thomas A - actively fostering friendships across the Year 5/6 'treehouse' cohort

Special Thanks



THANKS SO MUCH to the following businesses, who have donated to our P&C Welcome Drinks Silent Auction, as well as to Sue Taubman, who has done an amazing job as always in liaising with them!

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BPS Parents Welcome Drinks

Friday, March 22nd
7 - 10.45pm
@BPS School Hall

\$45 including two
drinks and food

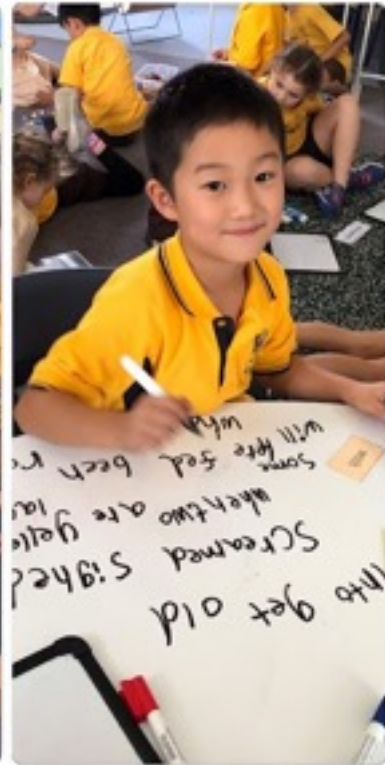
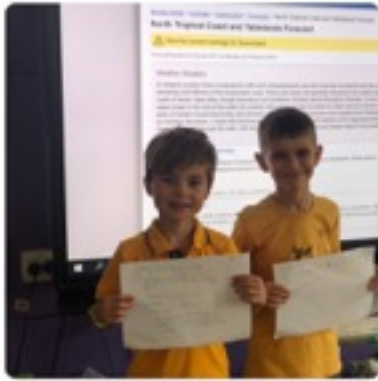
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**FUNDRAISING IS FOR INSULATION
AND COOLING AT THE SCHOOL**

DRESS THEME: smart casual colour

1/2 Gidgerigaa off to a great start



Jack and Oscar presenting a weather forecast.

Ollie and Oscar are celebrating a win in summer soccer.

Elysia: "We had fun making animal masks in investigations."

Tristan: "I love making tall marble runs with Leo."

Mason is hard at work!



Arabella and Eve buddy-reading a book!

Literacy block in 1 / 2 Gidgerigaa



Learning about Geography using Google Maps and Google Earth...



Emma, Eve and Arabella. "We are sketching the fish. The fish are called Treasure and Rockstar."



Jack, Elliot and Oscar. "We are building a marble track with three ways that meet together."



Keira. "I was making a fairy-tale castle with Elysia and Zoe."

Eva. "Annabel and I are giving a weather report."



Patrick and Mason are learning to spell during word-work.



Gabriela, Cleo and Alex rocking out in 'Footsteps'.



Eliza and Sienna learnt about a birds eye view and made a model of the equipment in Gladstone Park.



Jack, Elliot and Oscar. "We are building a marble track with three ways that meet together."

we've been published

Investigative learning – our journey at Balmain Public School

Ariana Davis (Assistant Principal) and Sophie Parsons (teacher) explain the many benefits of investigative learning in Early Stage 1 and beyond at Balmain Public School, and offer advice for creating investigative learning environments.

Every teacher knows that student engagement is inextricably linked to student learning, and that engagement is most powerful when linked to student interests. With the department's Future focused learning and teaching initiative in mind, staff at Balmain Public School have been working to embed individualised, interest-based learning at the core of our programs.

[Read the article in its entirety...](#)



**Investigative learning at BPS
featured in the latest issue of the
Department of Education's
professional learning magazine SCAN!**

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Andrei L gives back...

Andrei was part of a team of 48 Kids Giving Back volunteers who cooked, packaged and delivered over 400 warm, nutritious meals to local shelters and individuals in need last Sunday.

Andrei took part in a Community **Cook4Good** Program with his family and should be commended for giving up his time to help others. The photos of the day will be on their Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/KidsGivingBack>.

KIDS GIVING BACK

The next generation of generosity

If you would like to learn more about **Kids Giving Back** programs, please visit their website: www.kidsgivingback.org.

Cook4Good programs scheduled throughout the year for which families may register.

You can also read about their school **Service Learning** programs here: <http://kidsgivingback.org/service-learning/>



Swimming Carnival Updates

Congratulations to...

BLUE GUM

for winning the 2019 Annual
BPS Swimming Carnival!

Also a BIG congratulations to all participating students,
for your superb efforts on the day!

24 superstar swimmers from BPS
will be competing at the...

**Balmain Zone Swimming Carnival
on Tuesday 5 March.**

Stay tuned for updates in next week's newsletter!



OPEN NIGHT



**Sydney
Secondary
College**
Balmain

Monday 4 March
5:00-7:30pm
Formal Presentation 6:00pm

25-33 Terry St, Rozelle
www.balmain-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

The background of the flyer is decorated with various musical symbols and abstract shapes. In the top left, there's a yellow circle with a black dot and a black line. In the top right, a large treble clef is drawn with thick black lines, set against a light blue circle with a yellow border. Below it, a large black eighth note with a yellow stem and a pink circle at its base is shown. In the bottom left, there's a yellow circle with a black dot and a black line. In the bottom right, a pink circle is partially visible, and a yellow circle with a black dot and a black line is also present. Small black asterisks are scattered throughout the design.

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PUNCH PARK TENNIS CENTRE



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TENNIS HOT SHOTS

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots programmes provide kids with a fun way to play tennis, using modified nets, racquets and balls. With reduced court sizes younger players have the chance to serve, rally and score from the first time they step onto a court. Kids are actively engaged having **FUN**. Kids build **SOCIAL** skills such as working co-operatively and building friendships. Kids learn to **PLAY** and develop tennis **SKILLS**.

DAYS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

RED BALL: 3.30-4.15pm (3-5 YEAR OLD'S \$150)

ORANGE BALL: 4.15-5.15pm (6-8 YEAR OLD'S \$200)

GREEN BALL: 5.15 -- 6.15pm (9+YEAR OLD'S \$200)

TEENS 6.15-7.15(\$200)

ADULTS 7.15-8.15 (\$200)

PRIVATE LESSONS ALSO AVAILABLE

For your information

- Hot Shots programmes are specifically aimed at boys and girls of primary school age.
- Children cannot be accepted without a completed enrolment form.
- For the most enjoyment it is preferable that everyone has their own tennis racquet.
- Each term runs for 9 weeks

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Early March 2019

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