2019

APRIL

• Wed 3 ~ X-Country Carnival
• Wed 3 ~ P&C AGM & Meeting ~ ConneXion Hub ~ 7pm
• Fri 12 ~ LAST DAY OF TERM
• Thurs 25 ~ ANZAC Day Service ~ Liberty Square ~ 5:45am
• Mon 29 ~ Staff Development Day ~ NO STUDENTS
• Tues 30 ~ STUDENTS return

MAY

• Mon 6 & Tues 7 ~ SCHOOL PHOTOS

NOVEMBER

• Sun 10 ~ Belle Property BALMAIN FUN RUN

Kia kaha

(stay strong)...

Staying strong happens much more easily when we, as humans, collectively stand and work together, supporting each other. This past week certainly reflects this…the sadness and support that has emanated across the globe has been incredible.

Closer to home, our Balmain community has been supportive in a variety of ways: Charlie B has raised an incredible amount of money for the Leukaemia Foundation - this has happened with the support of so many linked to our school!

Friday night’s P&C Welcome Drinks, as well as the Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall, wouldn’t have been possible without the support of so many of you - in turn, your amazing support helps our Balmain Public School kids - a huge THANKS goes out to you all! We are such a strong community...

Maria Lambos Principal

Order your school uniform items here...

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### School Calendar 2019

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*All underlined entries on this page are linked to upcoming events calendar, website and/or our Instagram page.*
HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW...

Charlie has been so brave, having his lovely locks chopped off for such a worthy cause! We are so proud of you! What an incredible result, Charlie! The gold coin donation drive on Monday added another $164.70 to the amount.


This week’s Positive Pete winners...

To visit The School Canteen website, click on logo

To order lunch, click: Flexischools

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INSTAGRAM
**EARLY STAGE ONE & STAGE ONE ~ LEARN LIVE LEAD**

*K Duruga*
Evie R - describing the position of objects in the classroom

*K Potoroo*
Hugh C - outstanding design briefs in investigations

*K/1 Miima*
Elena B - settling into her new school

1/2 Banjorah
George B - an outstanding improvement in classroom behaviour and leadership

1/2 Collarenebri
Farran W - maintaining his focus and spectacular moves during Footsteps

1/2 Gidgiirrigaa
David T - perfect results in spelling

1/2 Hielamon
Ethan W - consistently being a responsible and independent learner

**STAGE TWO & STAGE THREE ~ LEARN LIVE LEAD**

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ON FLEXI - SCHOOLS FOR THE PARENTS EVENING & PURCHASE OF KID'S INDIVIDUAL ARTWORKS**

www.flexischools.com.au

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**Pigeon Post**

**DATE**

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**Spotlight on**

Ken Done has very generously donated the limited edition print (pictured), December Reef that will be available in the silent auction.

Ken's first solo exhibition was held in Sydney in 1980.

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

ES1 Positive Pete - Harry S K/1M
S1 Positive Pete - Joshua McG 1/2B

**K Duruga**
Hamish O - the kindness he shows his peers

**K Potoroo**
Anya B - working hard to make friends with everyone

**K/1 Miima**
Kolohe P - being inclusive and working and playing with everybody

1/2 Banjorah
Evangeline S-W - being a supportive, caring and inclusive friend to all

1/2 Collarenebri
Zara R - bringing her kind and cheerful nature to school every day

1/2 Gidgiirrigaa
Oscar L - treating others with care, respect and kindness always

1/2 Hielamon
Rosalind C - the love, respect and kindness she shows her peers

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

S2 Positive Pete - Ruby T 3/4M
S3 Positive Pete - Genevieve S 5/6N

**3/4 Alura**
Theo R - harmony, collaboration and kindness

**3/4 Kabi Kabi**
Julia B - being a great friend and always including others

**3/4 Malya**
Elise G - sportsmanship and being inclusive of others

**4/5 Ritanggu**
Laura B S - inclusion, caring and thoughtfulness!

**5/6 Lamalama**
Lachlan W - always interacting with peers in a friendly and inclusive manner

**5/6 Nakkara**
Laila C - her passion towards inclusion in our school community

**5/6 Waka Waka**
Keira T - her friendly and inclusive manner to her classmates

**5/6 Yorta Yorta**
Mahalia B - her mature, patient and inclusive attitude towards peers

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**STAGE TWO & STAGE THREE ~ LEARN LIVE LEAD**

3/4 Alura
Rosie A - trying hard to listen to instructions and to complete her work quickly

3/4 Kabi Kabi
Maxim P - his positive attitude towards all areas of school life

3/4 Malya
Logan P - a mature approach to her learning

4/5 Ritanggu
Luca G-W – her outstanding contributions in literature

5/6 Lamalama
Sam M - his excellent persuasion skills during debating

5/6 Nakkara
Charlie H - his diligence towards the improvement of his persuasive essay

5/6 Waka Waka
Maya B - her work ethic and focus in the classroom, her imaginative and creative writing and her kind and friendly manner to her classmates

5/6 Yorta Yorta
Leo S - taking initiative to keep our flexible learning space a safe and tidy place

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Special Thanks

the unwavering support we have from our P&C and broader community is astounding!

Our current P&C President, Rob Taubman, with the tireless assistance from his wonderful wife Sue, has just executed his final P&C fundraising event, the Welcome Drinks Evening, to a capital ‘T’! Another highly successful evening was organised and had, with volunteers to assist in preparations, as well as on the evening and at pack-up time, before we all turned into pumpkins! A MASSIVE THANKS TO YOU, Rob & Sue!!!!

Sue, a HUGE THANKS for all the liaising and legwork you have inevitably done, in order to have such an amazing array of donations for the P&C Welcome Drinks Silent Auction on the evening. Incredible effort!!

Also, THANKS SOOOOOO MUCH to the following businesses, some of whom belong to our school community, as well as broader community, who have generously donated to our Silent Auction after liaising with Sue: AcuEnergetics, Aesop, Balmain Clear Skincare Clinic, Balmain Community Pharmacy, Balmain Spa and Natural Beauty, Balmain Wine Shop, Belle Fleur, Bertoni, Body Ethos, Brays Books, Burgerhood, Cafe Berlin, Cappello Ristorante Pizzeria, Charlotte Cafe, Darlingreen, Dogue Balmain, East Village Hotel, Fundamental, Hill of Content, Hungry Bull Co. Balmain, Kafeine, Kazbah Balmain, KX Pilates Balmain, Le Cafédier, Locks Hair Salon, Nature’s Energy, Northbridge Golf Club, Not Just Curries, One Ford Street, Orangetheory Fitness, Our Place, Pace Athletic, QE Foodstores, Quirky Birds, RellecoK Co., Royal Oak Hotel, Salon Tallow, Scenic World, Stars at Gigi, Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb, Taronga Zoo, The Balmain, The Corner Store, The London Hotel, The Riverview Hotel, The Sackville, The Village Sport, Vintage Cellars, Wilhemina’s, Woolworths.

AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU for an awesome effort from Doug Talbot and our Belle Property BALMAIN FUN RUN Crew (and volunteers) - the proceeds of the day (20/11/18) is traditionally announced and handed across at the Welcome Drinks Evening. Wow!!!

Rob, THANKS SO MUCH for steering the good ship - the involvement you've had in the P&C over the past few years, both as VP and President, was highlighted in your mention of financial support and resourcing the P&C has supplied, which has directly benefitted our classroom with robotics and coding technologies, blinds in hall/classrooms, curtains in the hall, playground upgrades, signage, flexible furniture, portable PA system, a Lockdown & Evacuation PA system, Year 6 area, busy bees for painting and tidying, planting, playground games, musical instruments, shelving and the list goes on!

A big THANK YOU to Cliff for organising the Election Day BBQ and to Jen H for the Cake Stall, as well as all the helpers and people who baked all the goodies! THANKS also goes to those involved in the kids’ activities, helping to make the process of voting an enjoyable one for all!

...to Raise a Child... THANKS SO MUCH TO OUR VILLAGE!
Easter Hat Parade 2019

We would love for you to join and watch the Easter Hat Parade.

When: Thursday, 11th April
Where: Gladstone Park 9:15am.
How long: It should run for approximately 45 minutes.

Please prepare your exciting Easter Hat at home and please send the Easter Hat to school prior to or on the day. Your hat can be a large or small festively decorated hat - let your imagination run wild!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!
Well done to Elise G, Maxi F & Olivia S for competing in the Sydney East PSSA Swimming Carnival. Thank you for representing Balmain PS - we are all so proud of your efforts!

~ Ms Yau & Ms Ferguson, Sport Coordinators

Four swimmers from the Sydney East PSSA Carnival qualified for the NSW Swimming Carnival and...

Elise Green was one of them!
Elise came 3rd in her 50m freestyle race - CONGRATULATIONS!
Location

The Yorta Yorta tribe is located on both sides of the Murray River in all compass directions, approximately from Cohuna to Albury/Wodonga.

Yorta Yorta land includes towns like Echuca, Shepparton, Benalla, Cowara and Wangrurata, as well up northwards to the south of Deniliquin and the lower Goulburn River. Yorta Yorta land also extends to New South Wales.

Food Sources

The Yorta Yorta peoples are mainly water-based clans.

They source most of their food from rivers, lakes and other bodies of water.

That said, they still sometimes eat meat.

Population

The Yorta Yorta population before contact with the British was estimated to have been approximately 2400, but within the first generation following the British invasion, the Yorta Yorta population went down by approximately a MASSIVE 85%.

After European settlement, the population was reduced to a mere 300 people.

The Yorta Yorta population is made up of 8 clans all speaking the Yorta Yorta language. The clan names are: Kailtheban, Wollithiga, Moira, Ulupna, Bangerang, Kwat Kwat, Yalaba Yalaba and Ngurai-illiam-wurr.
The totem animal of the Yorta Yorta peoples is a long-necked turtle.

The Yorta Yorta peoples are working with researchers to manage the health and population of existing long-necked turtles.

Hop Bush Medicine

The smoke from the hop bush was used by Aboriginal peoples for pain relief. The plant grows Australia-wide. The juice of the root was applied for toothaches and cuts. The chewed leaf and juice were put on stonefish and stingray stings, and bound up for four to five days.

Wattle Poem

Sweet, sappy flower smells fill the air,
And the small fluffy flowers tickle my hair,
The bees and the butterflies flutter around,
While I lay asleep, safe and sound.

The Yorta Yorta Peoples used this plant,
To go to sleep while the elders chant,
They used it to cure the worst of the colds,
And to them, wattle was just like golds.

As I lie with wattle on my head,
It feels so delicate, like a piece of thread,
The small yellow flower is really quite fun,
It cures colds and arthritis, and now we are done!

Weather Conditions

In winter, the Yorta Yorta peoples would hunt animals such as possums and kangaroos for meat and fur.

They would use the fur to make blankets and rugs to keep them warm, and they would eat the meat.
FREEDOM TO LEARN (F2L)

By Rory G, Liam H, Arjuna T, Will S, Thomas A & Madeleine M

What is F2L?

F2L is an interactive, self-organised, project-based task which all students in the ‘Treehouse’ are participating in.

Every semester, a new selection of F2L tasks are introduced. This semester, all our topics were related to language.

The reason for this is that 2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages.

Examples of our F2L tasks included: learning a new language, creating a new day of celebration for Australia, or thinking about what Australia would be like if the British had never colonised it.

Most Popular F2L Task

We went around the class and found that ‘Learn A Language’ was the most popular task, with 9 groups working on it. ‘Learn a Language’ is pretty self-explanatory: you have to learn a new language and present to the whole class how you have learned it, in any way you choose.

We can see why this task was popular, because you can learn a language to communicate with friends whilst also accomplishing a F2L task and gaining academic value from it. This task might also be popular because many people would like to go overseas and speak that language fluently.
**HACK DAY**

By Aria P, Avery L, Yvonne S, Henry W, Oliver H, Mahalia B & Emily T

### What is Hack Day?

Hack Day is a 24 hour long challenge. Teams focus on a main question and come up with a creative solution. A school day only equates to 6 hours, so that is how long we ACTUALLY had to complete our challenge.

### Our Task

Our task was to think of a way for Stage 3 to integrate, which means, to mix with each other.

However, the activity of choice had to also link to the theme of language.

### Examples

There were several different ideas that groups came up with for Hack Day. Some ideas included excursions and code/language scavenger hunts. There were so many different ideas and creative solutions to the task!

### Why Hack Day?

We all enjoyed Hack Day because it gave us the chance to be creative and to make something we like. It’s especially fun because we get to see what other people think of and because it encourages teamwork. We should do Hack Day more often.
Our Soccer Program with Sydney FC

Our coaches were Simon and Peter. We learned many different skills and we had mini-matches; which trained our strength, stamina, speed, control and eye-coordination (the main skills that are essential for soccer).

This enabled us to improve our soccer abilities. Therefore, we enjoyed this experience with Sydney FC!

About Sydney FC

This year is the 42nd season of national level soccer/football in Australia, although only the 14th year since the establishment of the A-leagues.

Compared to other leagues, this is quite a short season, however there are only ten teams that compete.
Harmony Day

Elise Green 3/4Malya

What Harmony day means to me? It makes me happy and feel connected. It helps me learn about diversity and being friendly to all. It reminds me of people and giving. It makes me value relationships, love and happiness.

Orange is for meaningful conversations and community. I think the day also means lots of cultural food and peace.

Harmony Day

Mirabelle Futcher 3/4Malya

Harmony day everyone
Happiness together peace and love
Family together lots of fun
Celebrating diversity
We’re all Australian
Everyone coming together
Australians friendly and kind
Peace love together forever
We’re all Australian
Acceptance to our land
Always lend a helping hand
Celebrating diversity
That’s what harmony day means to me

Harmony Week Poem

Logan Philipiah 3/4Malya

Harmony Day brings us together
Acceptance from different cultures
Interesting conversations.
We make new friends
and meet new families.
As beautiful as we are
We are all different and unique.

Harmony Day

Josie Allen – 3/4Malya

From a tiny fishing boat that was crowded with people to pirates stealing their gold.
Finally they found land to drink from a well.
The successful journey complete and now at Balmain.

Harmony Day

Nicholas Collins 3/4M

From the green jungle to the red plains.
From the golden sands and beyond... Harmony Day, uniting together.

Harmony Day

Marco Ma 3/4Malya

Act with peace and love
Community uniting together like glue
Peace runs swiftly, like a swan in the Pacific Ocean.
12 girls and 9 boys from Balmain Public School came together as a team and played in this year's AFL competition. The boys team won two games, despite not having a full team, and the girls won a game despite having an injured player. They trained hard and played hard and represented the school with great sportsmanship. Well done everyone! Also, a big thank you to our parent volunteers for making the day possible.
SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
TUESDAY 23rd April 2019
Choice of activities on offer: e.g. ROBOT LAB, FASHION DESIGN, UNICORNS

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!
Years 2-6
3-5pm
This class is for kids in years 3-6, to hang out and gain creative confidence, through exploring different subjects, mediums and techniques in a relaxed & nurturing but fun environment.

$34 per class

MATERIALS & SNACKS
are provided at all classes.

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

AT BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

CREATIVE KIDS
REGISTERED PROVIDER
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YOUNG AT ART
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To make a booking or for more details: please email Sally at youngatartsydney@outlook.com
**PUNCH PARK TENNIS CENTRE**

**CONTACT:** Phone: Neil Armstrong 0404 845 925  Email: leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com

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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.**

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**PRIVATE LESSONS ALSO AVAILABLE**

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**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

**SPECIAL**

Add $30 to buy a Junior BABOLAT tennis racquet.
Add $10 to buy 3 starter tennis balls, great for at home.
All equipment is specially modified for children

**Enrolment Slip / ABN:** 90792084644

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