



# PIGEON POST

## 2019

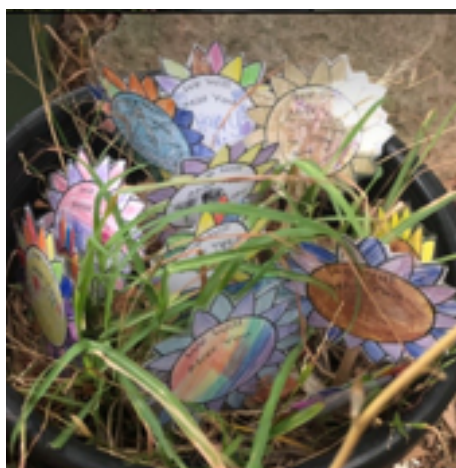
### DECEMBER

- Fri 6 ~ Thank You Morning Tea
- Mon 9 ~ Music evening ~ 6:30pm ~ Hall
- Tues 10 ~ Balmain PS Elections
- Wed 11 ~ Salvation Army Giving Assembly ~ 9am
- Thurs 12 ~ Talent Show
- Mon 16 ~ Year 6 Graduation
- Tues 17 ~ Celebration of Learning
- Wed 18 ~ LAST DAY

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***"The road to freedom is  
bordered with sunflowers!"***

~ Martin Firrell



Our students have added a splash of colour into Miss Pauline's garden! She simply adored sunflowers!

# School Calendar

BPS  
event

P&C  
event

| 2019 |  | TERM 4 @ BPS  |   |  |                            |  |
|------|--|---|---|--|----------------------------|--|
| WEEK |  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                   | FRIDAY                                 |
| 7    |  | 25 November   | 26 November   | 27 November  | 28 November                | 29 November                            |
| 8    |  | 2 December  | 3 December  | 4 December   | 5 December                 | 6 December<br>Thank You<br>Morning Tea |
| 9    |  | 9 December<br>Music evening<br>~ 6:30pm ~<br>Hall             | 10 December<br>Elections  | 11 December<br>Salvation Army<br>Giving Assembly<br>~ 9am      | 12 December<br>Talent Show | 13 December                            |
| 10   |  | 16 December<br>Year 6<br>Graduation @<br>Balmain Town<br>Hall | 17 December<br>Celebration of<br>Learning @<br>Balmain Town<br>Hall | 18 December<br>Last day of school<br>for students and<br>staff |                            |  |

**ALL UNDERLINED ENTRIES ON THIS PAGE ARE LINKED TO UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR, WEBSITE AND/OR OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE**



Don't let these disguises fool you... these scary looking guys are Mr Carlton, Mr Baumann, Mr LaMacchia and Mr Atkinson - growing their mo this month, for men's health and support!



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# ♡Vale, ♡Miss ♡Pauline

Dr Pauline Jensen, who died on Tuesday 12 November, will be much missed among her colleagues, our school community and those who knew her beyond our gates. She died peacefully at home, surrounded by friends, in the straw bail house she had built in Goulburn.

Pauline had worked at Balmain Public School for almost ten years; during that time, she was tireless in her efforts to teach and help students. Pauline had a PHD in Boys Education. She was a highly-trained specialist in teaching children with various learning needs. Pauline set up and ran 'Reading Buddies' to help children become fluent readers. She was also trained in the area of intervention for children who were experiencing behaviour difficulties. Pauline set up groups to explicitly teach social skills.

Pauline was very politically active outside school. She was extremely passionate about the environment. To that end, Pauline set up 'Environmental Warriors'. Pauline knew how to give children agency within this large problem, giving them things they could do to help make a difference. In that same vein, Pauline set up the garden at the end of the main building closest to the park.

We look forward to continuing to nurture the legacy of this wonderful teacher. We will miss you.





...and the  
**AWARD**  
goes to...



## EARLY STAGE ONE & STAGE ONE ~ LEARN LIVE LEAD

### K Duruga

Halle N-W - demonstrating many ways you can share 12 into equal groups

### K Potoroo

Elizabeth W - listening carefully and producing excellent work in Mathematics

### K/1 Miima

Oliver P - always giving things a go and not being afraid of a challenge

### 1/2 Banjorah

Elizaveta S - clever and intriguing questions during class discussions

### 1/2 Collarenebri

Panya S - her love of learning

### 1/2 Gidgijirrigaa

Oliver D - clever thinking and working hard in literacy groups!

### 1/2 Hielamon

Inés L - always producing high quality work

## STAGE TWO & STAGE THREE ~ LEARN LIVE LEAD

### 3/4 Alura

Sophie H - always producing quality work and increasing her involvement in classroom discussions

### 3/4 Kabi Kabi

Dillon P - improved effort and focus in all learning tasks. Well done!

### 3/4 Malya

Lina S - always being kind and supportive to her peers

### 4/5 Manbara

Joseph M - striving for success across all key learning areas. Well done!

### 5/6 Lamalama

Harrison B - his incredible enthusiasm and willingness to be challenged in all areas of his learning

### 5/6 Nakkara

Danielle K - her active listening skills and respect

### 5/6 Waka Waka

Terry D - using his wealth of knowledge to enrich the 5/6W ProjectNEST play

### 5/6 Yorta Yorta

Josiah H - actively helping all groups during ProjectNEST planning

## ES1 & S1 ~ POSITIVE PETE & YOU CAN DO IT! (Term 4 ~ Persistence)

ES1 Positive Pete - Ned T (KP) ~ S1 Positive Pete - Oscar L (1/2G)

### K Duruga

Ivy W - continuing to work hard with her writing

### K Potoroo

Hamish D - working consistently on his writing

### K/1 Miima

Jordy G - not giving up when things get hard

### 1/2 Banjorah

George B - continuing to work hard when writing sizzling starts

### 1/2 Collarenebri

Nina B - persisting with her good behaviour and trying her best to focus and follow all class rules

### 1/2 Gidgijirrigaa

Patrick F - never giving up and finishing tricky tasks!

### 1/2 Hielamon

Edward B - his persistence in his narrative writing

## S2 & S3 ~ POSITIVE PETE & YOU CAN DO IT! (Term 4 ~ Persistence)

S2 Positive Pete - Lester W (3/4K) ~ S3 Positive Pete - Talon B (4/5M)

### 3/4 Alura

Quin S - consistently completing all classroom tasks

### 3/4 Kabi Kabi

Corey M - being persistent during challenging tasks

### 3/4 Malya

Remus C-H - persistence towards neat handwriting

### 4/5 Manbara

Dylan S - his dedication and persistence shown in his learning

### 5/6 Lamalama

Johnny H - his persistence to show kindness and work in collaboration with peers

### 5/6 Nakkara

Lachlan R - his dedication as a costume designer and actor in our class play

### 5/6 Waka Waka

Maya B - being adaptive and overcoming obstacles in ProjectNEST

### 5/6 Yorta Yorta

Thomas A - always engaging and participating in lessons this week



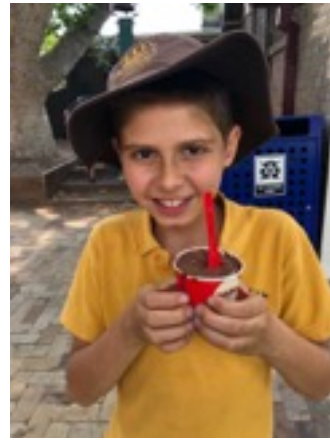
*Dear Volunteers*

*All the staff at Balmain Public School would like to say a huge  
THANK YOU to all those who have contributed their time and efforts  
throughout the year.*

*Your help and support is endless: in class, reading groups, excursions,  
special days, fundraisers, working bees, sporting events, and to those who  
teach Scripture and ethics.*

*As an expression of our appreciation, we invite you to a special **Thank  
You Morning Tea**, on **Friday 6 December @ 10:40am** in the  
**library**.*

# Positive Pete winners...



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**GIVE A GIFT & LIGHT UP A LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS**  
**TO CHILDREN WHO MAY NOT RECEIVE A PRESENT**



**SALVATION ARMY GIVING ASSEMBLY**  
**9AM, WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 2019**

**PLEASE DONATE ONLY NEW & UNWRAPPED**  
**TOYS, GIFTS & WRAPPING PAPER**

FOR A CHILD AGED 0-16 YEARS OLD IN THE MARKED BOXES IN YOUR  
CHILD[REN]'S CLASSROOM BY TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER SO THAT THEY  
CAN BE GIVEN THE FOLLOWING MORNING IN A VERY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY.

**THIS IS A BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C INITIATIVE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCHOOL STAFF**

**WE ARE 5/6  
YORTA YORTA**

## Australia Post Pen Pals

Written by Mahalia, Zoe,  
Sofia, Veronica and Avery

Our school is participating, for the first time, in the Australia Post Pen Pal Club. We are paired with other schools from all over Australia, to exchange letters with other students. 5/6Y have been lucky enough to be paired with 5/6C from South Coogee PS.

### Completing Our Letters

We were assigned our pen pal from South Coogee PS. Some of us had to buddy up, as our class was too big to have one pen pal each. We had the privilege to send the first letter to our pen pals. We drafted our letters in our scrapbooks and after we had it approved, we were able to write out a final copy. We decorated the letter with drawings, personalised the envelope, created a stamp and addressed it to our pen pal. The letters have now been posted to South Coogee PS and we are eagerly awaiting their replies!



We considered the language we could use and what we could decorate the letters with. Pencils and markers were a popular option, but some letters were decorated with watercolour paint!

We introduced ourselves in the letter and asked questions about them and their hobbies. We told them our hobbies and achievements, as well as asking them a mixture of questions. We were sensitive to not giving out any personal information also.

The Australia Post Pen Pal Program will help our class improve our letter writing skills as well as create a new friend, to see how schools are different from all over Australia. We are sure this is going to be a fun and educational experience for our class and we cannot wait to hear back from South Coogee PS soon.

WE ARE 5/6  
YORTA YORTA

## Gymnastics Program with Sportspro

Written by Thomas, Josiah  
and Alistair

Throughout Term 4, Stage 2 and Stage 3 have been participating in Gymnastics lessons, every Friday, with Sportspro.

We are developing skills such as flexibility, bone strength, endurance, stamina and agility. We encounter many different challenges while participating in different activities like swinging, jumping, rolling, crawling, balancing and spinning. Specific skills we have practised are pull ups, balancing on a beam, forward and backward rolls and cartwheels.



In every session of gymnastics, we are divided into groups of six, which helps with the two team building stations. And at the end of our lesson, we have two volunteers to have a battle to see who can perform a skill the best or to see who can hold a skill for the longest. We have really enjoyed gymnastics this term!



# WE ARE 5/6 YORTA YORTA

## Stage 3 ProjectNEST

By Jemma, Chloe and  
Clementine

One of our ProjectNEST mini-outcomes was to develop a travel segment performance.

We created plays that included facts on China, using our handmade travel guides as a reference. The plays were fun and engaging but our challenge was the four minute time limit. Most of the groups did not end up making the limit, but they were all great and enjoyable to watch.

Some of the roles within the groups were:

- Prop makers
- Script writers
- Time keepers
- Actors
- Researchers

Everyone had equal amounts of work and lines. Some of the storylines were:

- Tour groups
- BTN / news segment
- Travel shows





# BUY THE BOARDS, SAVE THE KOALAS!



20 Stage 2 students are raising money to support the injured Koalas at the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie.

We want to Save the lives of our beautiful Koalas as their environment is getting ruined by the bush fires and deforestation.

We have been working super hard making surfboards out of bamboo and wood. We want to sell our boards to raise money for the Koala Hospital.

We will be hosting a market stall on Thursday 12th December at BREAK B, under the COLA.

More information to follow.

By Henry, Eli & Nico

# P&C Contribution

## Help Build a Brighter Future for BPS



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

WATCH  
**VIDEO**  
HERE

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**



# RAISE FOUNDATION

Raise Foundation, a not-for-profit mentoring organisation, is urgently recruiting 60 volunteers from the local community to mentor young people in its 2020 best practice mentoring programs at Sydney Secondary College (Balmain, Leichhardt and Blackwattle Bay Campuses). The programs run from March through September on Tuesdays or Thursdays and programs run on alternative days in surrounding suburbs. See <https://raise.org.au/2020-programs/> for more information.

Raise measures the impact of its mentoring programs and statistically significant outcomes include increased confidence and resilience, ability to set goals, coping skills, hope for the future and asking trusted adults for help. Raise mentors also benefit by contributing to the community, gaining improved listening / parenting skills and connecting with the younger generation.

Could you, or someone you know volunteer your time to mentor at Sydney Secondary College in 2020?

Head to [www.letterstomymmentor.com.au](http://www.letterstomymmentor.com.au) to experience the difference a mentor makes.





**To the Riverside Community and Friends - You're Invited  
to  
The "Young Creators Showcase" Market and Fashion Parade  
at  
Riverside Girls High School Assembly Hall  
from  
3.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.  
on  
Wednesday November 27th, 2019**

This showcase presented by the TAS department will feature exhibits of students' design work in conjunction with the Year 7 Young Entrepreneurs \$20 BOSS Challenge.

Products from the Year 7 Entrepreneurs will be available to purchase.

A fashion parade of student's garments will take place in 45minute intervals from 3.15 - 6.00 p.m.

Year 10 Food Technology students will be serving refreshments during the afternoon.

All Welcome



# Sing • Act • Dance

Perform in a Show!

**EARLY  
BIRD**

rate expires  
9th December

## ALICE IN Wonderland

### Summer Holiday Camps

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Monday 13 to Friday 17 January

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# CAROLS ON NORTON

*Join the Children's Chorus for the 2019 Concert !*



Like to join the Carols on Norton Children's Chorus this Christmas in Pioneers Memorial Park, Norton Street, Leichhardt?

**It's FREE and all music is supplied**

You'll be singing with leading professional musicians - award-winning choral conductor Michelle Leonard OAM and a chamber orchestra of Sydney's finest players. All welcome – from year 2 up!

## Rehearsals and registration

**Friday November 29 at Leichhardt Public School music room 4pm-5pm**

**Rehearsals continue each Friday from 4pm-5pm until concert day.**

The Carols on Norton concert is on Sunday 22 DECEMBER. No audition, just bring energy!

**Register now: [www.espressochorus.com.au](http://www.espressochorus.com.au)**

**Sponsored by the Inner West Council.**



# SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

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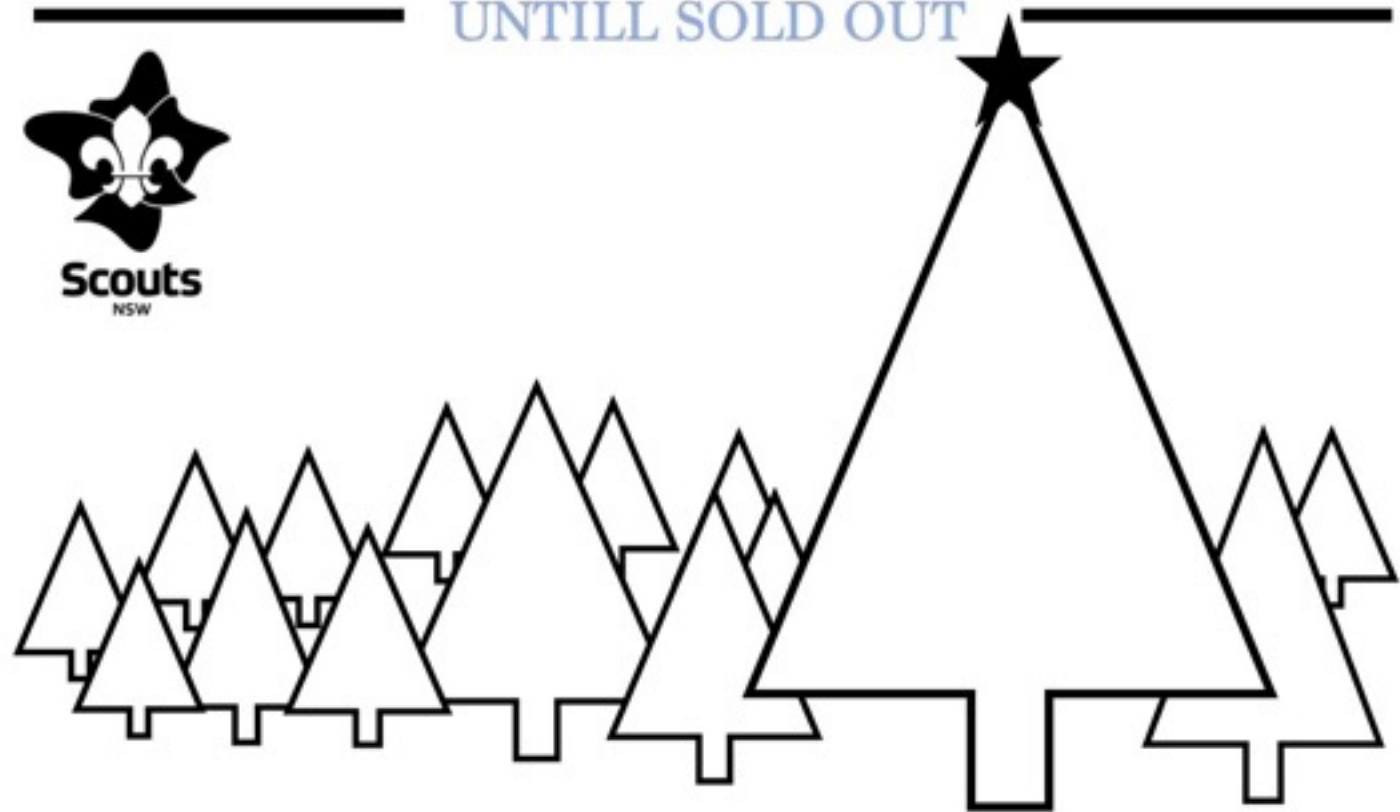
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DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>

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