



PIGEON POST

2019

SEPTEMBER

- 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!
- Fri 25 ~ Halloween Disco

NOVEMBER

- Sun 10 ~

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R U OK?



Looking out for one another and lending support is a key life skill for any age group. This week, we have been using the **R U OK?** curriculum aligned K-6 package to introduce and emphasise the value of close connections and strong relationships.

We don't need to be experts to reach out - just a good friend and a great listener. We have learnt the 4 simple steps to start an **R U OK?** conversation:




1. Ask R U OK?
2. Listen
3. Encourage action
4. Check in

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School Calendar

P&C
event

BPS
event

2019		TERM 3 @ BPS					
WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
➔ 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  @ 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 HALLOWEEN DISCO	
3		28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October	1 November	
4		4 November	5 November	6 November <u>P&C Meeting ~ 7pm ~ ConneXion Hub</u>	7 November	8 November	
5	10 November Belle Property BALMAIN FUN RUN	11 November	12 November	13 November	14 November	15 November	
6		18 November	19 November	20 November	21 November	22 November 	

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...and the
AWARD
goes to...



EARLY STAGE ONE & STAGE ONE ~ LEARN LIVE LEAD

K Duruga

Ivy W - enthusiastic inquiry into her family history

K Potoroo

Giselle P - excellent 'sounding out' when reading

K/1 Miima

Emily L - always demonstrating her best creative work

1/2 Banjarah

Evangeline S-W - staying true to her principles in the face of confrontation

1/2 Collarenebri

Rosie F - utilising multiple strategies in her reading to build comprehension

1/2 Gidgijirrigaa

Elliot F - his great information report about his chosen animal

1/2 Hielamon

Ines L - being an organised, positive and hard working student

STAGE TWO & STAGE THREE ~ LEARN LIVE LEAD

3/4 Alura

Alexandra K - setting a great example as a student and as a classmate

3/4 Kabi Kabi

Luka H - an improved effort in all class activities

3/4 Malya

Josie A - amazing work ethic during whole class and independent learning

4/5 Manbara

Matilda R - continuously showing curiosity and engagement during lessons

5/6 Lamalama

Alexander T - using his class time wisely and effectively to complete tasks ahead of time

5/6 Nakkara

Lucius S - displaying good citizenship by assisting other students

5/6 Waka Waka

Arabella S - leading her team in a wonderful Freedom to Learn project

5/6 Yorta Yorta

Wairua S - effectively demonstrating his understanding of visual literacy, through his picture book storyboarding

ES1 & S1 ~ POSITIVE PETE & YOU CAN DO IT! (Term 3 ~ Confidence)

ES1 Positive Pete - Rose W KP ~ S1 Positive Pete - Brodie N-S 1/2H

K Duruga

Evie R - confidently sounding out new words

K Potoroo

Cassius S - working confidently with subtraction

K/1 Miima

Henry R - confidently working with 3D Nets

1/2 Banjarah

Harrison K - confidently identifying 2D and 3D shapes within the classroom

1/2 Collarenebri

Claudia P - confidently editing her work on the cottontail rabbit

1/2 Gidgijirrigaa

Vivienne R - encouraging others to do their best during lessons

1/2 Hielamon

Rose N - confidently photographing and classifying 2D and 3D shapes around the classroom

S2 & S3 ~ POSITIVE PETE & YOU CAN DO IT! (Term 3 ~ Confidence)

S2 Positive Pete - Emily R 3/4K S3 Positive Pete - Brendan E 5/6L

3/4 Alura

Will B - tackling all tasks enthusiastically

3/4 Kabi Kabi

Lester W - approaching all learning tasks with great confidence and pride

3/4 Malya

Freddie B - being an active listener in class and reading confidently in class

4/5 Manbara

Caleb G - sharing insightful ideas during our RUOK Day discussion

5/6 Lamalama

Finn C - confidently making all efforts to improve his handwriting

5/6 Nakkara

Cooper D - stepping outside of his comfort zone and committing to his drama performance

5/6 Waka Waka

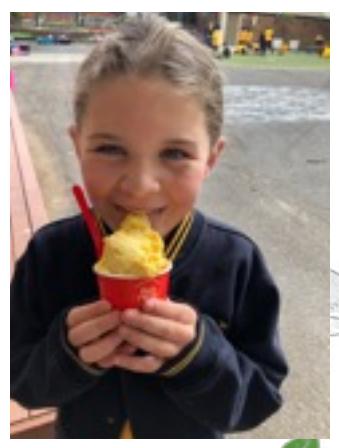
Dennis C - making good choices and standing up for what is right

5/6 Yorta Yorta

William S - confidently leading discussions during class meetings, through his role as senator

Positive Pete winners...

Our recent Positive Pete winners...



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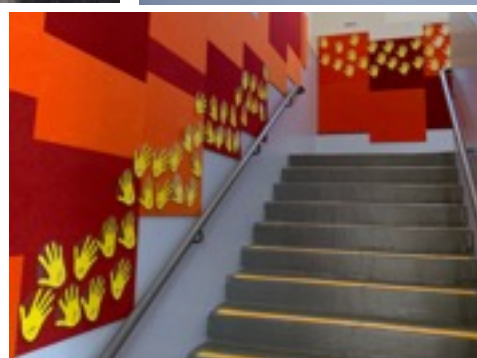
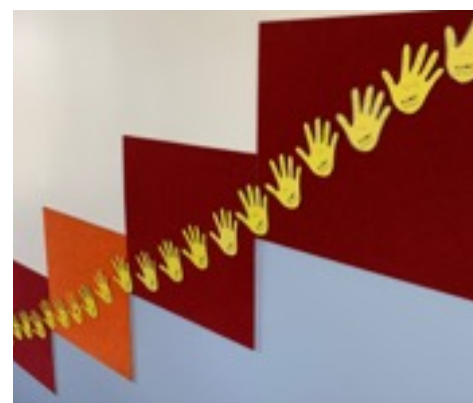
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RU OK? week at Balmain PS...

- staff wear yellow at school to ignite curiosity
- staff gather for early morning coffee in Gladstone Park - huge thanks to Kafeine!
- students learn about ALEC - ASK R U OK? - LISTEN - ENCOURAGE ACTION - CHECK IN
- students identify trusted adults, including teachers, whom they can talk to - hands are posted all around the school
- R U OK? Day - Thursday 12 September
- positive messages are written on the playground
- check in with staff - sunflowers
- R U OK? themed dance <https://www.instagram.com/p/B2WOo1dHx6-/>



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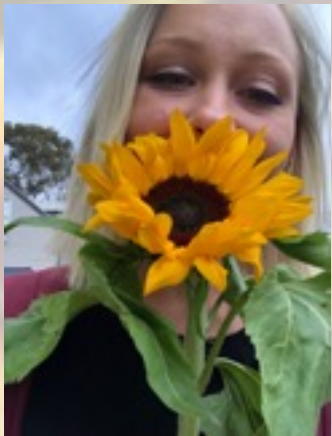
New library books:
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New reading material
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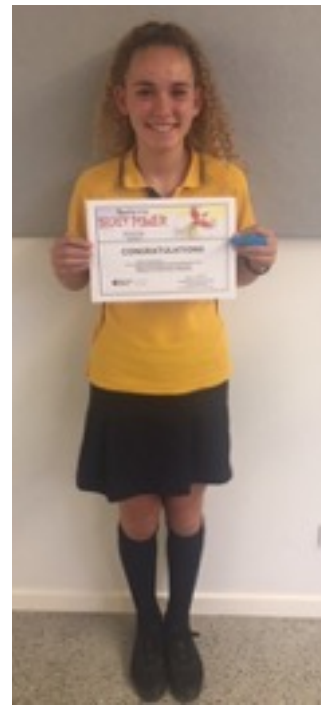


READING (and writing) IS MY SUPER POWER!

This year, 3000 entries were made in the Friends of Balmain Library writing competition.

A huge congratulations to Alexia K, for winning the Book Week Writing Competition - Reading is my super power! This is such a fantastic achievement!

<https://www.instagram.com/p/B2WVVktn6Jq/>



We LOVE Reading!



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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR AMAZING PERFORMANCES AND SILVER AWARD, BALMAIN PS BAND MEMBERS!

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL BAND AND ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL 2019

We are so proud of our Balmain Bach Band, who headed to the Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival last Sunday and was awarded a Silver award for their high level performance! Our school was one of 329 ensembles to take part in the festival this year and had a great experience playing on the stage at the University of New South Wales! A Big shout out to all of the soloists who stood up in front of a big audience this week at either ASBOF, Daceyville Big Band Bash or Lines, and played beautifully in the piece, "Arabian Dances"; well done to: Eleanor L, Hannah B, Mahalia B, Ava R, Gemma B, Caitlin Y and Alexandra S. Also, a big shoutout to our Percussion section: Nick, Theo, Mya, Nelson and Mac, who played on full-sized percussion instruments at UNSW for the first time! Congratulations to everyone in the band - we are all so proud of you!!!



DACEYVILLE BIG BAND BASH 2019

Congratulations to both our Beethoven Band and our Bach Band members who went to Daceyville Public School for the first time this year, to perform in front of many other top Sydney school bands and watch the Royal Australian Navy Band Play. Our students had a great day at the fete and performed with such maturity! A Big Congratulations to our Beethoven Band, who performed 'Power Rock', outside of school, for the very first time! Great job, everyone!

UPCOMING: BPS STRINGS WORKSHOP - Week 9 - Tuesday 17 September

We are so excited to be hosting our very first Strings Workshop Day this year, run by Directions In Music Head of Strings, Ms Hailey Stafford, alongside BPS Conductors Michelle Tran and Naomi Robinson. Our String students will be able to extend their knowledge, learn fun new songs and improve technique on their instruments! Senior Strings Session: 8:30am-10:40am, Junior Strings Session: 11:20am-1:20pm. We can't wait for a great day!

[Want to Join Strings or Band? contact naomi@directionsinmusic.com.au for 2019/2020 enrolments.](mailto:naomi@directionsinmusic.com.au)

1/2Collarenebri



“I came as Hermione Granger. It was fun because I liked the part where I got to walk around with my brother Jonah. I remember sitting down and seeing everyone’s costumes, they were nice and colourful and I was sitting with my friends.” – Arwen J

“The Book Parade was really fun with my friends and we had our photos taken. My friend helped me carry the book and I went as Moonface from the Magic Faraway Tree. My favourite part was when my family came and cheered me on and took videos and pictures.” – Claudia P

“Every class sat down in a line and then you got to walk around the basketball court and after that there was a sibling round. I walked with Lexie and I was Morrigan Crow from Nevermoor and Wundersmith.” – Emmie B



“So, we went out to the park and then we looked at the Harbour Bridge and then we sketched a picture of it and we coloured it in when we got back. We used a lead pencil and then we coloured with oil pastels. We were trying to be like Ken Done, the famous artist. So, I used orange, blue, red, peach, black and white.” – Vivan N

“We went out to the park and we sketched the Harbour Bridge and buildings and roads. We went back into our classrooms and we went over with oil pastels. I used pink, yellow, green, purple and beige. We were making art in the style of Ken Done. His art is colourful.” – Lauren B



“So in chance we learned how likely and how unlikely things are. We did a chance game where we had to hold up a word about chance which was according to the question. We played a dice game where Apple was more likely to win than Banana because Apple had to make +4 every time and Banana just had to double the number on the die.”

– Panya S and Mia M-C

“It’s a submarine. And it can hold one person. It is made of boxes, and the front bit is tinfoil. It’s probably about one meter long. You can go inside and look up the periscope and there’s a mirror in there and you can actually see people doing stuff! There’s like a bomb that you can shoot from the front and a plane landing strip.

Where you come in, it’s like a drawbridge that’s it! I made it with Tom and Saxon.”

– Cormac K



“We made a fold up house for a strawberry kitten. We made it out of a box, sticky tape, a straw for the handle. It has floaty fruits, a bed, a toy mouse, a pool, flowers, yarn, and that’s all!”

– Finley T and Nina B

“It’s a big drawing of an alien war and there’s the big ships and three Emperors. It’s a comic that we made by using lead pencil and Oscar stuck lots of pieces of paper together. It’s about a giant war between the Emperors and the Kings.”

– Oscar D, Luca L and Farran W



PSSA 2019

NETBALL week 7

Balmain A

We played a really good game. The final score was 12-3, with our team winning. Everyone tried really hard!

Captain - Cooper D Most valuable player - Evie S Most improved player - Annie P

Balmain B

This week, Balmain B played Balmain C. After a difficult game, we won!! Everyone did their very best, especially the defence. They did a good job in intercepting the ball.

Captain - Danielle K Most valuable player - Nick G Most improved player - Phoebe M

Balmain C

The C team played really well but, unfortunately, we had to play the Balmain B team. Although we did very well, we lost the game. Everyone should be proud!

Captain - Greta R Most valuable player - Leah S-D Most improved player - Lara O

Juniors

This game was very fair, fun and good. I had lots of fun playing the friendly game, and I think we played well; the other team also was fair and kind. The score was 1 - 1 (friendly).

Captain - Matilda R Most valuable player - Felisha Most improved player - Lexie & Logan

Week 8

Balmain A

The A team did an amazing job today. We stuck to our game plan and spread down the court. We won 21-2.

Captain - Mahalia Most valuable player - Annie Most improved player - Hannah

Balmain B

The Senior Bs had a fun and energetic game! We won 25-1 against Nicholson St. Everyone played very well and were all working together as a team.

Captain - Caitlin Y Most valuable player - Alison H Most improved player - Lara P

Balmain C

We did an amazing job of spreading out and intercepting the ball. We worked together well and won 8-3!

Captains - Harriet & Mya Most valuable player - Zoe Most improved player - Greta

Juniors

We did an excellent job trying to pass the ball down the court. Most of the time, we were able to keep the ball on our side. We won 2-0!

Captain - Felisha K Most valuable player - Charlotte Most improved player - Elena

PSSA 2019

SOCCER

Juniors A's

The weather was balmy. It was an amazing game for the A's, as the ball was at one end then the other; the score was 1-1. Balmain played against Birchgrove, which was a great opponent to verse.

The man of the match was Billy T, for awesome defence for the whole match.

Juniors B's

What a day, what a match! We played Fort Street; the final score was 1-1 and the player of the match was shared by Mac and Lucas.

Seniors A's

Balmain A's played Kegworth A's. After a tough game Balmain came out on top with a 5-1 victory. Kegworth played a fair game and same for Balmain. Congratulations to everyone for such a great game!!

Captain - Joe

Seniors B's

Balmain B's played Birchgrove A's. In what was a nail biting game, unfortunately we lost 5-2. Everyone played fairly and tried their absolute hardest. Well done to our B team!!

Captain - Andrei

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 1st & Friday 11th October 2019

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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

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years
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