

PIGEON POST

SEPTEMBER

- Tues 18 ~ Regional Athletics
- Fri 21 ~ PSSA ends
- Wed 26 ~ Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off' ~ 9am
- Wed 26 ~ Responsible Pet Ownership visit ~ Stage One
- Fri 28 ~ Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

- Mon 15 ~ Term 4 ~ Students and staff return
- Fri 26 ~ Halloween Disco

NOVEMBER

- Wed 7 ~ P&C meeting ~ 7pm
- Sun 18 ~ Belle Property BALMAIN FUN RUN
- Wed 21 ~ Kindy Orientation

DECEMBER

- Wed 5 ~ P&C meeting ~ 7pm
- Mon 17 ~ Yr 6 Graduation
- Tues 18 ~ Celebration of Learning
- Wed 19 ~ Last day of school

What an Event!



A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS to Josie, mum of Amelia H in 1/2M, who coordinated a truly magnificent event, that is the absolute 'talk of the town'!

Millie's dad, Richard, was also the mastermind behind the breathtaking origami whale, gracing our COLA and swimming around!

A huge THANKS goes to Ms Jana Smith, our Visual Arts teacher, as well as Ms Annabel Yau, for the fabulous individual artworks K-6. The teachers throughout the entire school have worked so hard and we are all so proud! Thank you!

Thanks so much to Miss Ally, for the spectacular lighting/effects on Friday evening, as well as the bubble machine on Saturday!

Last, but certainly not least, thanks so much to the P&C for your support, as well as all the parents who chipped in with preparations, 'stall-manning' and packing away... what a team effort! What a community!

Maria Lambos ~ Principal



BPS event		P&C event	TERM 3			@	BPS	
WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN	
9		17 Sep	18 Sep Regional Athletics	19 Sep	20 Sep	21 Sep PSSA ends	ytyu	
10		24 Sep	25 Sep	26 Sep Jump Off - 9am Responsible Pet Ownership visit - S1	27 Sep	28 Sep Last day of Term 3		
BPS event		P&C event	TERM 4			@	BPS	
1		15 Oct First day of Term 4 - students	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct Sculpture by the Sea - S2	19 Oct		
2	KINDY TRANSITION	22 Oct	23 Oct	24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct HALLOWEEN DISCO	27 Oct Nicholson St Halloween Festival	
3	KINDY TRANSITION	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct State Athletics - Homebush	1 Nov State Athletics - Homebush	2 Nov		
4		5 Nov	6 Nov	7 Nov 7pm - P&C meeting	8 Nov	9 Nov		
5		12 Nov	13 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	Sun 18 Nov Belle Property BALMAIN FUN RUN	
6		19 Nov	20 Nov	21 Nov Kindy 2019 Orientation	22 Nov	23 Nov		
7		26 Nov	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov		
8		3 Dec	4 Dec	5 Dec 7pm - P&C meeting	6 Dec	7 Dec		

LEARN LIVE LEAD

Awards



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Awards

K Crabs

Saoirse McC - being an incredible friend and helping a student in need!

K Dugong

Jack S - great answers during history and science discussions

K Pufferfish

Aitan M - trying his best during literacy rotations

1/2 Blue Dragon

Astrid C - successfully recognising three-dimensional shapes

1/2 Galapagos

Emmie B - always having a positive attitude and consistently taking initiative in her learning

1/2 Megalodon

Imogen R - confidently asking for assistance

1/2 Seahorse

Ashton W - his improved, neat handwriting and impressive procedure skills - well done!

3/4 Flameback

Monique G - your ability to work collaboratively with all peers!

3/4 Krill

Logan P - outstanding effort and dedication to her science project

3/4 Turtles

Hayley McF - her consistent effort in her writing and positive attitude to new challenges

5/6 Coelacanth

Harriet L - creating a fantastic interactive population density map of Thailand for Geography

5/6 Lasseater's

Aria P - demonstrating commitment to her learning and completing all work to a high standard

5/6 Tethya

Alexia K - her commitment to completing all set tasks and exceeding expectations with her homework!

5/6 Wahoo

Gemma B - confidence in communicating her ideas in literacy

5/6 Yabby

Genevieve S - her enthusiastic participation during maths rotations

K Crabs

Oscar L - his incredible and precise design ability

K Dugong

Finley T - confidence during literacy groups

K Pufferfish

Mason Z - confidence during mathematics

1/2 Blue Dragon

Dante S - being in control and letting his confidence lead his learning

1/2 Galapagos

Maddie C - working hard to develop her confidence in all areas of her learning

1/2 Megalodon

Natasha G - confidence when writing

1/2 Seahorse

Harriet J - confidence in her PowerPoint presentation, presenting in front of two classes! Amazing, Harriet, well done!

3/4 Flameback

Oliver M-M - your growth confidence in informative writing

3/4 Krill

James T - confidently presenting a well researched science project

3/4 Turtles

Keira L - her growing confidence across all key learning areas and positive involvement in her history presentation

5/6 Coelacanth

Antoine F - his growing confidence and thoughtful contributions during class discussions

5/6 Lasseater's

Elvira G - demonstrating increased confidence in group and presentation work

5/6 Tethya

Asha S (3/4K) - her increasing confidence in SOLE presentations within a new environment

5/6 Wahoo

Eehit S - being a polite and friendly member of 5/6W

5/6 Yabby

Joe F - demonstrating focus and confidence when working on tasks independently



POSITIVE PETE

AWARD GOES TO:

JOSHUA C 3/4K

Regional



Finals

On Tuesday 11 September, the **Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals** took place at Glebe Public School.

Students were selected from the Stage Finals, which took place at the end of Term 2. Each stage competition had close to forty contestants from many different local schools!

First was the 'Stage Two Final' – **Laila C 3/4F** and **Chloe T 3/4T**, represented Balmain Public School with pride, progressing through many rounds of the competition with tricky words, such as 'gentile', 'tactile' and 'truce'. Well done, girls!

After lunch it was time for Stage Three – **Aria P of 5/6L** and **Dominic W of 5/6W**, represented Balmain Public School with a confident, enthusiastic attitude.

Both contestants remained in many rounds, with the words becoming increasingly harder. Words included: 'hibernation', 'miscellaneous' and 'microprocessor', and even some unseen words!

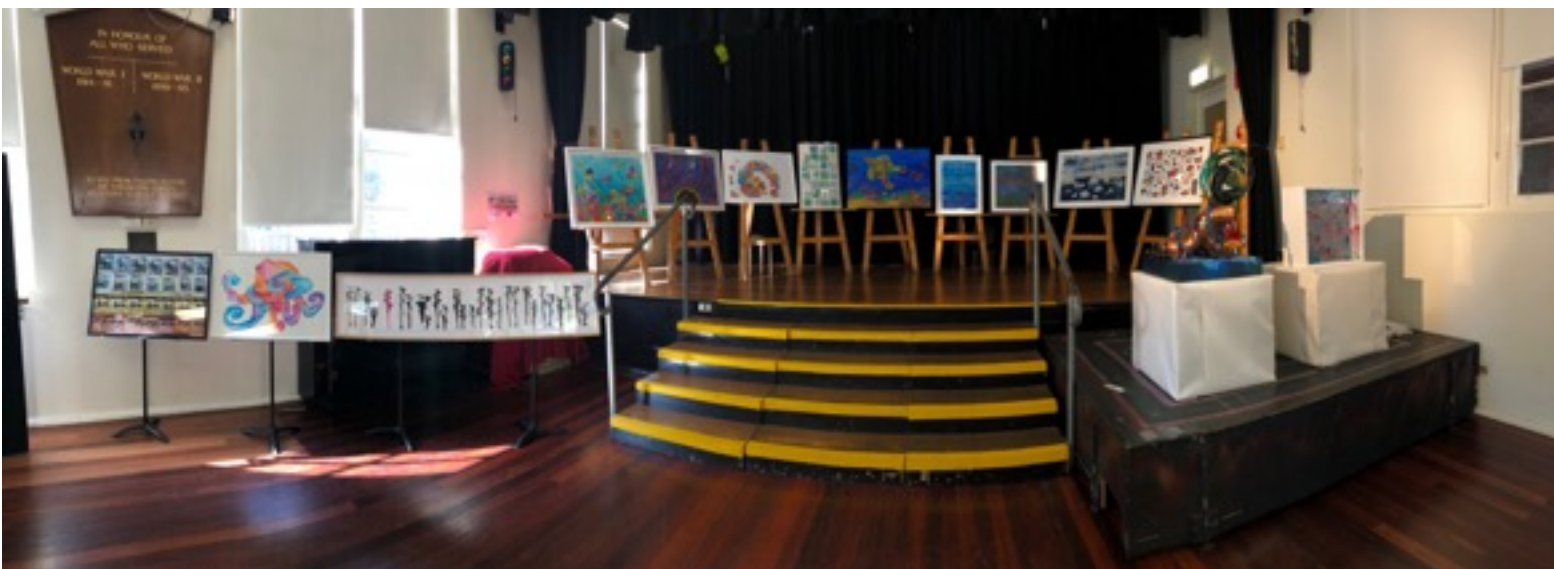
Aria came 2nd in the whole Stage Three competition and was the overall runner up – she won book prizes and a thesaurus!

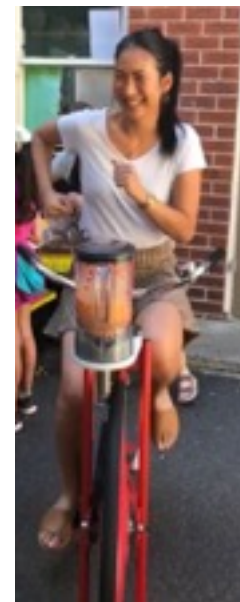
Well done to all participants on the day, for their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm – it was a very enjoyable day and I thank you all for your outstanding spelling – you should all be very proud of your achievements! Also, a reminder that the above mentioned participants, as well as those involved in the 'Balmain Spelling Bee Finals', will be receiving a certificate next Wednesday morning at assembly.

Miss Sweeney – Spelling Bee Coordinator



Blue Planet Art Show





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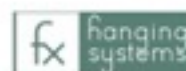
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Thank you to all the staff, students and volunteers in our school community
 that have helped make this event possible

Congratulations



Ms Lovett celebrated 30 years of teaching in NSW last week, although she has actually taught a lot longer than that. Entering tertiary education at 16, Lynda was already in the classroom by the time she was 19. This was in New Zealand, where she remembers teaching in an old wooden demountable stuck on its own in the middle of the playground – (a true island, Ms Weaver!) where the GA would light the pot belly stove every frosty morning. Ms Lovett would often arrive to a smoke –filled classroom due to birds making nests in the chimney.

Five years later, Ms Lovett moved to Papua New Guinea and taught in the International School system, both in Port Moresby and Wewak. After two years, the Lovetts were transferred to Western Australia. Various stints of teaching and related work ensued in different states of Australia, before the family arrived in NSW, where Ms Lovett worked as a casual teacher in the Southern Highlands. She finally settled into a permanent position teaching in Camden during the 1980's, and where in 1993, she was selected to teach the first OC class in south-west Sydney.

That started a life long advocacy for the special needs of these students and led to post-graduate work in this area, followed by a M.Ed (Ed. Psych). Ms Lovett was also selected to teach the first OC class at Balmain PS and this was followed by several secondments in NSW State Office from 2008 until the present.

In her State Office positions, Ms. Lovett facilitated the development of differentiated curriculum, leading professional learning state-wide, assisted in the development and implementation of online training in Gifted Education, before taking up the position as a Senior Curriculum Policy Officer and headed the Gifted and Talented unit. Following this, Ms Lovett worked for a year in south-western Sydney as a teacher-mentor, supporting early career teachers – her other passion. Ms Lovett then returned to Balmain PS as an Assistant Principal and OC teacher.



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**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR ORDERS IN
BY THURSDAY 9AM!**

TERM 3 MENU

Aug 3	Dumplings		Aug 31	Pork & Rice	
Aug 10	Chicken Napoletana	<i>Cafe Berlin</i>	Sept 7	Penne Napoletana	<i>Cafe Berlin</i>
Aug 17	Beef & Rice		Sept 14	Butter Chicken	<i>Maharajas</i>
Aug 24	Spaghetti Bolognese	<i>Cafe Berlin</i>	Sept 21	Dumplings	

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5/6 YABBY NEWSLETTER

'The Blue Planet' BPS Art Show



For the BPS Art Show, 5/6Y created individual artworks inspired by the 'Zentangle' drawing style. In the 'Zentangle' drawing process, which is made up of repeated patterns of lines, dots and curves, there are no mistakes! We drew sea creatures swimming in unique backgrounds made with water-based inks. Our collaborative artwork (which you can see below!) is also influenced by this style, and we titled it 'The Reef of Colour'.



5/6 YABBY NEWSLETTER

Designing our flexible learning space



This term, 5/6Y have been busy redesigning our classroom and transforming it into a flexible learning space! We haven't finished yet, but here's a sneak peek into what we've done so far...



THANK YOU!



Last term we were collecting Coles vouchers for the 'Sports for School' program. This week... all of this brand new sport equipment arrived! Soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, rugby balls and bibs!

On behalf of the ministers, we want to give a BIG thank you to the BPS community for helping us get all this sport equipment that we are so excited to use!

~ Darcy F & Ava C, Sports Ministers



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