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ULTIMO PUBLIC SCHOOL



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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Written by Peter Lavander



Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break, and that our students are ready for a fantastic final term of the school year. This term promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities, events, and achievements as we work together to finish the year strong.

Please remember to stay up-to-date with all school events and important dates by regularly checking our school calendar on School Bytes. Keeping informed ensures you don't miss out on any special activities or announcements.

As the weather warms up, I would also like to remind all families about the importance of wearing the appropriate school uniform each day, which includes wearing their hats during outdoor play and activities. Even if your child often plays in shaded areas, a hat provides essential sun protection and helps keep everyone safe during our sunny days.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Let's make Term 4 an enjoyable and successful conclusion to the year!

From The Library

Ms Barbagallo

Welcome back, families and students. I hope you all enjoyed a restful break.

A friendly reminder that your child's library day may have changed this term. Please refer to your child's parent newsletter for Term 4 to check your library day. I am also noticing students have not been remembering their Library bags. They are welcome to borrow any day if they forget their Library bag. Students can bring an Ultimo Library bag or any fabric bag to transport their books to and from school. We're looking forward to an exciting Term 4 filled with great learning and reading opportunities.

Covering of books- Thank you

Thank you to our wonderful parents and families who generously donated their time to help cover new books for the library. Your support is greatly appreciated and our students are thrilled with the wonderful new additions.

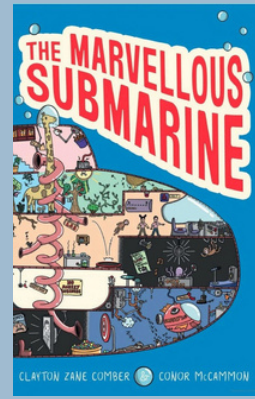
Library Lunchtimes

Students from Years 1 to 6 have been enjoying the library during lunchtimes, where they can read, play board games, do Lego activities, and draw. This space has also encouraged them to interact and make new friends across different year groups.

We're excited to soon welcome our Kindergarten students to enjoy the library lunchtime space as well, helping to prepare them for the transition to Year 1. Stay tuned for more updates.



BOOK REVIEW



TITLE: THE MARVELLOUS SUBMARINE
AUTHOR: CLAYTON ZANE COMBER AND CONOR MCCAMMON



RATING



STUDENT: JOANNE Y

YEAR: 3 / 4 TITANIUM

AGE RECOMMENDATION: 8+

What is this book about?

This book is about the adventures set on Monkey Island and a super smart gorilla and two kids named Poppy and Billy that live with the best inventor which happens to be their SUPER MUM! The story is full of fun, adventure, and amazing inventions that make you want to keep reading.

What was your favourite part of the story?

My favourite part is when the submarine and different sea animals get swallowed by a whale and work together using clever ideas to escape from the whale's gigantic belly.

Who would you recommend this book to and why?

I recommend this book to anyone who loves stories about bad guys or the Treehouse series, especially children in Years 3. It's funny, imaginative, and full of exciting adventures, perfect for readers who love a fun and thrilling story!

PBL Focus: Kindy Garden

Respect

Responsible

Learner

This week for PBL, we are focusing on being respectful, responsible learners in the Kindy Garden.

General Expectations

Respect	Responsible	Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care for yourself and othersTreat others fairly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Keep hands, feet and objects to yourselfTake care of belongings and equipmentWear a hat outdoors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Listen and follow all staff instructionsRight place, right time

Kindy Playground Expectations

Respect	Responsible	Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Share the equipmentMusic plays, pack awayBubblers are for drinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wait for the teacher before playingStay in a supervised area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Help others



Grow Your Mind



This fortnight we are focusing on **kindness**.

Kindness is showing you care about anyone and anything. Kindness is doing good things for others even if we do not know them well. If we are growing kindness we might make it our mission every day to do one kind thing for someone else. When you are kind you can be generous. You can do small things that brighten people's lives.



What does it look like in our classroom?

- We notice when someone is sad and look after them
- We do things for others without expecting anything in return. E.g. we offer to help our teacher carry something without expecting a reward. Or we wait for our classmates to finish their work without distracting them

What does it look like on our playground?

- We include someone in our game who looks lonely
 - We think of ways to make others happy e.g. we play a game they love, we compliment each other
 - Before speaking we let our words pass through three gates: "Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?"



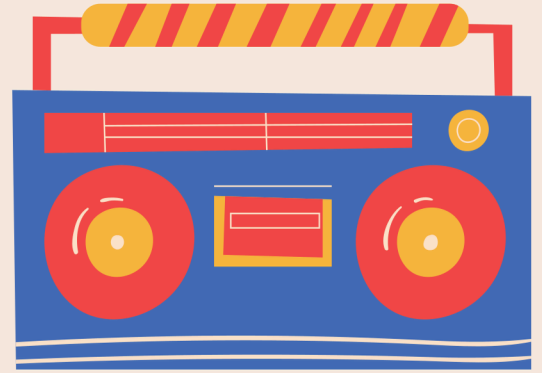


SCHOOL LEADER UPDATE

Written by Bener, Myka, Tom, Kiah

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had a great holiday. But now it's back to school! For all the Year 6s, enjoy your last term of primary school!

Next week is a pretty busy week, first debating is on, and Stage 3 is hosting the public speaking finals. So good luck to the people going onto the finals. Finally, next Tuesday Stage 1 has their mobile zoo incursion. We hope you enjoy your learning! That's it from us, we hope you have an amazing last term of school!



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

K-2 Dance Showcase

Wednesday 10th December

9.30-11am

Ultimo Public School Hall

**More Information to
come on School Enews**



INTERNATIONAL **TEACHERS' DAY**

Friday, 31 October

Let's celebrate our amazing teachers and show our appreciation for all they do!



We're organising a Teachers' Lunch to say a big **THANK YOU** 



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We're collecting donations to make this lunch special.



Please donate via the **Flexi Schools App.**

Thank you for helping us celebrate our wonderful teachers!



P&C

ULTIMO TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Hello Team Kids families and friends!

Welcome to Term 4!

We've had a ball over the school holidays with an action-packed Vacation Care program full of fun excursions and incursions. Highlights included our trips to [Taronga Zoo](#) and [Ninja Parc](#), as well as the [Robotics](#) incursion, which had everyone exploring their creative and technical sides. The children also made the most of the warmer weather, spending plenty of time outdoors enjoying games, sports, and free play in the sunshine!

As we settle back into the school term, the children will be [voting for the clubs](#) they'd like us to run in Term 4. We can't wait to see which activities are most popular this time around!

Families will receive our [Vacation Care feedback survey](#) via email this week - we'd love to hear your thoughts to help us keep improving our programs.

With Term 4 now underway, we're diving straight into the **silly season fun!** We'll be starting our [Halloween activity series](#) next week, so stay tuned for some spooky crafts, themed games, and plenty of festive excitement ahead.

If you have any questions, please reach out using the contact info below or ask the staff onsite.

Our Director Xanthe (0401 482 094) is always available to help.

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: 1, Term 4

MONDAY

MINDFUL MONDAYS



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

EPIC GAMES



THURSDAY

FRIDAY

COOKING CLUB



Service Mobile: 0401 482 094

Office Phone: 1300 035 000

Service Email: ultimops@teamkids.com.au

Office Email: info@teamkids.com.au

Important Update: School Uniform Purchasing

We are pleased to announce a new option for purchasing school uniforms:
School Bytes.

You now have two easy options for ordering uniforms:



What You Need to Know

We are currently piloting School Bytes for uniform purchases. To streamline our processes, we will gradually transition all uniform sales to the School Bytes platform by the start of the 2026 school year. We appreciate your help and cooperation as we make this smooth transition.

How to Purchase Uniforms via School Bytes

Follow these simple steps to place your order:

1. Log in and navigate to the **Payments Tab on School Bytes.**
2. Select **Add other item.**
3. Choose the relevant **Student.**
4. Under 'Select category,' choose **New School Uniform.**
5. Select either **Uniform Items** or **Accessories.**
6. **Select the size** and the desired quantity from the dropdown menu.
Be sure to click the **Add** button for each item before proceeding to checkout.

We appreciate your cooperation during this transition phase. Please reach out or come see us in the office if you have any questions.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NOT AFFILIATED WITH UPS, CONTACT PROVIDERS FOR MORE INFORMATION

KEYBOARD LESSONS

VIP MUSIC



Leda Koh: 9411 3122

TUE: 3:15-4:15PM

FRI: 3:15-4:15PM

www.learnmusicatschool.com.au

READY STEADY GO KIDS

Joe: 0455 494 409

SUN: 9:00am-11:00AM

Age: Preschool

joe@readysteadygokids.com.au

MATHS TUTORING POLYMATHTUTORING



(02) 9072 1368

MON: 3:15-5:20 PM

WED: 7:45-8:15 AM

FRI: 3:15-5:20 PM

www.polymathtutoring.com.au

elly@polymathtutoring.com.au

BASKETBALL EASTS BASKETBALL LEAUGE



8283 5161

TUE: 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

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<https://aus.iclasspro.com/portal/eastsbasketball/class-details/340?filters=%7B%7D>

TENNIS LEICHHARDT TENNIS ACADEMY



Neil Armstrong: 0413085925

FRI: YEARS 3-6 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

FRI: YEARS K-2 8:30 AM - 9:00AM

www.Leichhardttennisacademy.com.au

CODE CAMP 8 WEEK STEM COURSE



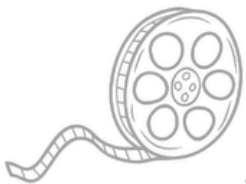
1300 26 33 22

THU: 3:15-4:30

schools@codecamp.com.au

www.codecamp.com.au

STAR TIME FILM MAKING



MON: 3:15-4:30

WED: 3:15-4:30

info@startime.com.au

HIP HOP DANCE ZONE PRODUCTIONS



Kate Barnes: 1300 908 804

MON: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

TUE: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

dzp.com.au

classes@dpz.com.au

CHESS COACHING SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS



9745 1170

FRI: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com

MARTIAL ARTS TAE KWON DO



Marion: 0437 735 156 MON:

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM TUE: 3:00

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or REGISTER FOR 2026

LEARN MUSIC AT SCHOOL

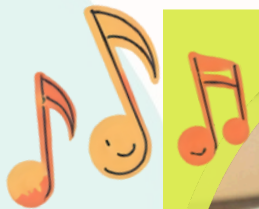
**MUSIC KEYBOARD CLASSES AT ULTIMO PS
LESSON ON TUE OR FRI 3.05-3.50PM**

Limited vacancy!

- *45-minute weekly sessions in small groups.*
- *Instrument not required initially.*
- *\$33 per session – follows the school term. New students are welcome to join mid-term.*
- *Ideal for beginners!*



**Music helps build confidence, focus,
creativity and it is a lot of fun too!**



**To enrol, call 9411 3122 or visit:
www.learnmusicatschool.com.au**





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MATHS GROUP TUTORING

Ultimo Public School Years K – 6

MON

3:10 – 4:40 PM (Book Online)

WED

7:45 – 8:45 AM (Book Online)

FRI

3:10 – 4:40 PM (Email Interest)

- Maths Curriculum
- Weekly Homework
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DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

PENINSULA ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

A high school transition program for
Balmain Campus partner primary schools

**OCTOBER 28 & 29, 2025
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
SYDNEY SECONDARY COLLEGE
BALMAIN CAMPUS**

Further details found within pamphlet.

CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO HIGH SCHOOL?

JOIN OUR 2025 PENINSULA ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Peninsula Engagement Program (PEP) is an enrichment, extension and transition program for high potential and gifted primary students in the Balmain peninsula. PEP has been designed and implemented in response to demand for programs which cater for the many high ability students in our local area.

Year 4, 5 and 6 students from Balmain Campus partner primary schools are invited to apply for a position in the Peninsula Engagement Program.

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE:

**GIRLS STEM CLUB
DOWN BY THE WATER - KAYAKING CHALLENGE
PIXEL TO PLASTIC
AMAZING SCIENCE - SCIENCE IS FUN
HSIE TASTER
TECHNOLOGY TASTER**

COST: \$40

REGISTER HERE:

<https://forms.gle/EgWbGNdtR2t2jWr2A>



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DESIGNED TO CHALLENGE

DOWN BY THE WATER - KAYAKING CHALLENGE (MAX 16 STUDENTS)

With the SSC Balmain's close proximity to the Parramatta River and Balmain Cove (The Bay) we aim to provide opportunities for students to engage in a range of activities in class and during school sport and make the most of this fantastic natural resource. One popular activity we run at SSC Balmain is kayaking. Students will get to learn the basic paddle strokes for kayaking, water safety and the benefits of outdoor physical activity. Spaces are limited to a maximum of 16 students on the water. Students should have a strong swimming ability.

HSIE TASTER (MAX 16 STUDENTS)

In Human Society and its Environment students explore the world around them. As part of the Peninsula Engagement Program they will be engaged in an enquiry regarding the unique environmental features of Balmain, and a hands-on historic mummification process.

TECHNOLOGY TASTER (MAX 20 STUDENTS)

Students will get a taster of studying Technology in high school by undertaking small projects using the equipment and tools available such as engineering, timber, textiles and food technology.

PROGRAMS THIS YEAR

AMAZING SCIENCE - SCIENCE IS FUN (MAX 24 STUDENTS)

Amazing Science - Science is Fun will involve research in an area of Science the students are interested in and fun interactive science demonstrations, challenges and activities. Students will be placed in groups and present their research to their peers at the end of the second day. Each group will be supplied with a laptop loan device and will join a Google Classroom where they will be able to create their presentations.

GIRLS STEM (MAX 16 STUDENTS)

The SSC PEP Girls STEM Club will involve taking part in a variety of self-directed projects in STEM areas. PEP students will work together with Balmain Campus Girls STEM Club participants in undertaking activities which may include 3D printing, robotics, Engineering STEM challenges, Rockets, Makey Makeys and Adafruit Playground Express activities.

PIXEL TO PLASTIC (MAX 12 STUDENTS)

Focusing on introductions to 3D design and giving students hands-on experience in being able to 3D print using filament printers.

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The School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school on approved metro, train, bus, ferry and light rail services during term.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K–2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

Years 3–6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7–12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



Students who live too close to be eligible for free travel may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass. This pass offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole of the school term. For more information about who can apply, visit transportnsw.info/school-students

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, their Opal card will need to be updated for the new school year before mid-December at transportnsw.info/ssts-update

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed the student's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school endorses the application.

Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over can apply for themselves.



Which card to use

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network.
- 30% fare discount on metro/train, bus and light rail services when travelling on Fridays, weekends, public holidays and outside of the peak times.
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (metro/train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off.
- Set auto top up and link it to a credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more at transportnsw.info/opal or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit transportnsw.info/opal-retailers



Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a Transport Concession Entitlement Card. To apply contact your school or institution.

More information

For more information about school travel assistance, including details about travel restrictions and unsuccessful applications, visit transportnsw.info/school-students

Privacy

For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at transportnsw.info/opal-privacy-policy and the School Pass Terms at transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms

