## Dates to Remember

### Parent Meetings
- **20/3**: P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
- **21/3**: Harmony Day
- **27/3**: Interrelate Years 5&6
- **28/3**: Easter Hat Parade

### Sport
- **29/3-1/4**: Easter Weekend
- **2/4**: Book Fair - International Day of Children’s Reading
- **2/4-3/4**: State Swimming Carnival
- **4/4**: P&C Fete Mufti Day
- **11/4**: Cross Country
- **12/4**: Last Day of Term 1

### Term 2
- **29/4**: Pupil Free Day – English Curriculum
- **30/4**: Pupil Free Day – Science Curriculum
- **1/5**: Pupils Return to School
- **7/5**: Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom
- **9/5**: P&C Fete Mufti Day
- **10/5**: Dentistry By Design-Kindy Visit 11:40am
- **11/5**: FETE
- **14/5-16/5**: NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- **19/5**: Combined Bands Workshop
- **22/5**: P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
- **21/5**: ICAS Computer Competition
- **26/5**: Ryde East Music Festival (Concert Band)
- **2/6**: Strings Workshop
- **5/6**: ICAS Science Competition
- **6/6**: Italian Day
- **11/6**: Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom
- **14/6**: Regional Cross Country
- **10/6**: Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- **17/6**: ICAS Writing Competition
- **18/6**: P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
- **19/6**: State Cross Country
- **19/6**: ICAS Spelling Competition
- **20/6**: Birchgrove Athletics Carnival
- **25/6 -28/6**: Camp Stage 3 Canberra & Snow
- **28/6**: Last Day of Term 2

### Term 3
- **15/7**: Pupil Free Day
## Birchgrove Buzz

**Term 1** Week 8 21st March 2013

**Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School**

**A NSW Government School**

**Birchgrove Road,**

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**Balmain NSW 2041**

**W:** www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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“In late-breaking news, four Birchgrove students, Nic Bulley (5/6N), Charlie Clay, Liam Maloney and Will Sheppard are set to play an important role in the Socceroos campaign to qualify for the 2014 Soccer World Cup in Brazil.

These four students are among 32 children selected to play in the mini-soccer game to take place during the half-time break in next Tuesday night’s qualifying game between the Socceroos and Oman at ANZ Stadium. If you are heading out to the game (or just watching it on television) don’t forget to cheer the four boys playing from Birchgrove as well as the Socceroos.

*Go the Socceroos!*
Principal’s Report

My trip away was a lovely relaxing time with my grandmother and Sally thank you for all the well wishes--- this time I stayed healthy! The time in the water was the highlight for all of us, but I think Sally enjoyed being a house dog for a week more! (normally she’s relegated to the back yard. A special thank you goes to Mr Cormack who looked after the school in my absence.

Thankyou to Vicki McKenzie, Senior Education Director RLV & Craig Cleaver Student Services for attending a meeting with the P&C Executive and then the P&C Meeting. I really appreciate you sharing your expertise and knowledge with our parent body.

Congratulations to Mrs Hewitt (1/2H 2012) on the birth of her beautiful new baby girl Talula Sophie Hewitt born 19/3/2013 and weighed 3.7 kg. We are all sad she is too far away for cuddles

Today is Harmony Day was celebrated with the sign out the front and our orange clothes helped spread the word that everyone belongs. It was lovely of Cheryl to share her beautiful colour co-ordinated hair with us at the front of the banner- Birchgrove parents can always be relied on to be all in a celebration!

Facts about fractions
If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.

Amazing art
Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.
Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/
Sounding out aloud
Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews are being held at the end of the term. Notes with days and times available will come home early next week.

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On Monday we hosted one of the regional training days for the Premiers Debating Challenge. The day was a huge success with lots of learning for the debating teams and the teachers who coach them. Thank you to Ms Copping and Mr Dodds for the great job setting up the logistics and making sure everything ran smoothly and everyone was looked after. You are both stars!

The Easter Hat Parade is on again this year. I’m looking forward to seeing all the wonderful creations. Thursday 28th March, 9:30am on the basketball court.

Staff Development Days Term 2 are rapidly approaching and I know many of you are interested to hear what the staff are working on:
Day 1 Hosting local schools for a day on the new English curriculum (Nicholson St, Balmain, Rozelle, Orange Grove, Keg worth, Russel Lea Infants & Fort Street) and will spend the day with Julie Solomon our regional English Consultant.
Day 2 Science Curriculum – using new resources supplied by P&C that support the new Australian Curriculum in Science.

Tracy Gray
Canteen News

The Easter raffle tickets were sent home with the students on Monday 18th March so please check your child’s bag to see if they brought them home. They cost $1.00 each and we have lots of great prizes to win.

1st Prize is a Wilson Tennis racquet and Wilson Tennis Balls, kindly donated by the Tennis Ranch Gladesville store. (Thank you to Meredith Davis for organising this donation)

We also have other prizes including Smiggle Packs, Sydney FC Soccer Ball & stainless steeled drink bottle, Haigs chocolates and Easter Egg packs.

I would like to thank the following people for donating raffle prizes as it would not be possible for the canteen to have a fundraiser like this without your support, Amanda Maglis, Isabella Van Der Weide (preschool), Lachlan Moore K/1C, Will Douglas 3D, Charlotte Douglas KS, Mitchell Wagstaffe 4K, Taye Davis 4K, Luke Di Guglielmo 4K, Lachlan Satterley 2K, Sophia Satterley KF & Jake Hill 2K.

Please return your raffle tickets & money to the canteen by 9.30am Thursday 28th March. The prize winners will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

Thank you for supporting the canteen by purchasing the raffle tickets, the canteen relies on fundraisers like the raffle to keep us viable and to stay open for the Birchgrove School families.

Thank You
Karen

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2013 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2014 in Dance, Drama or Music at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops.

Year 7 Audition Dates: Friday 21st June – Thursday 27th June 2013
Year 11 Audition Dates: Wednesday 19th June – Friday 21st June 2013

Please Note: To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

Initial registration for an audition is required online via our website www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for registration is 1st May 2013

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts provides specialist education at the highest level to students having outstanding potential and/or achievement in, and commitment to, Dance, Drama or Music.
FOCUS ON: The Flute

The flute is a member of the woodwind family of instruments.

Alice (5K) has been learning the flute at Birchgrove since the beginning of last year and performs in the Concert Band.

What do you like about playing the flute?
I originally wanted to learn the clarinet, but I thought that the flute might be an easier instrument to start on and now I love it. It makes such a nice sound - the music that the flute gets sounds awesome. It took me 5 or 6 weeks to get good at making a sound on it. Sometimes it’s still difficult especially when I’ve been playing a lot and my cheeks get sore.

What do you like about being in the band?
It’s awesome! When we play we get to go places like competitions. And it’s easier playing with others. I also really liked music camp. This year Mr Cormack says we’ll get to do freefall at Music Camp.

How much practice do you do?
I practice four times a week for twenty minutes a time.

What would you say to someone thinking of learning the flute?
Have a go – it’s exciting!

Did you know that flutes are considered to be the oldest musical instruments? They have been around since prehistoric times! However the first “real” flute was made about 5,000 years ago. It was carved from bone and looked more like a recorder. About 2,000 years ago China made the first flute that had to be held sideways. The metal flutes that we know today were invented less than 200 years ago.

The flute makes the highest sound in an orchestra. To play it, you blow across the top, just like blowing across a bottle to make a tone. A musician who plays the flute can be referred to as a flute player, a flautist or a flutist.

At Birchgrove, we offer after school tuition on the flute from Year 3 up. If you’d like to know more, contact the Tutor Co-ordinator: jackifortune@yahoo.com
THE 2nd HAND UNIFORM STALL

is on again at the Main School Entrance

**Tuesday April 9th at pick-up:** 2.45 - 3.45 pm
& **Wednesday April 10th at drop-off:** 8.00 - 9.45 am

There will be loads of good quality recycled summer and winter uniform items so...

**THINK GREEN & GRAB A BARGAIN!**

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED!!**

Any items you wish to donate to the stall would be greatly appreciated. Just leave them on top of the 2nd Hand Uniform cupboard prior to the dates above. Thank you!

(in the stairwell opposite the uniform shop)
Dear Birchgrove Public School Parents - the Sponsorship team needs YOU!

Throughout the Balmain / Birchgrove community are businesses which support our school by donating money. These funds are then used to support your children in their learning in our school.

At the last P & C Meeting the P & C decided that over $30,000 was approved to be used in the following ways:

- Approx. $24,800 for laptops for each classroom
- Approx. $8,700 for Primary Connections Science Modules
- $836 for four electric pencil sharpeners

The funds that were used to purchase these resources were generated by families paying their P & C fees, the sponsorship of the school by local businesses, the keyring program merchants and by a lot of hard work at cake stalls / BBQ’s the Mothers Day Fete and such.

To continue to assist to support our kids throughout their education at Birchgrove Public School, the local businesses which sponsor our school need your acknowledgment and support.

This can be done in a variety of ways:

* By taking up any of the keyring merchant offers.

* By thanking the merchants and sponsors if you come across them in your daily pursuits.

* By shopping locally and supporting those businesses which support Birchgrove Public School.

Thanks for your continued help in making the sponsorship of our school both meaningful and effective for local businesses!

Prue Jeffery and Eric Moore
Sponsorship Co-ordinators.
Birchgrove Public School
Community Keyring Deals!!

Simply flash your BPS 2013 keyring to take up these specials on offer through participating businesses....

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<td>2 x 1 hour personal training sessions for $45. Normally priced at $70!! (Sessions to be held between 9am – noon Monday – Thursday.)</td>
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<td>127 Rowntree Street Birchgrove Ph: 98101119</td>
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<td>10% Off all Football Accessories. Includes boots, Shin guards, balls etc. Ph: 98185909</td>
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<td>Receive a FREE True Solutions travel size SPF 30+ tinted all day moisturiser when you book any treatment at Canvas – your urban beauty retreat. Offer valid till April 30th, limited to one per person. <a href="http://www.canvastherapies.com.au">www.canvastherapies.com.au</a> 9818 7273</td>
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Sydney CBD Health Oasis
Located at 88 Pitt Street (just north of the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street)
Specialist back and pain management. Receive 20% off initial visit.
Private health insurance rebate applies.
Contact: Tran Ong on 0413 126 826 or email tran@acusense.com.au

Located in the Balmain Village Arcade (across the road from Woolworths)
Limited promotion offer available while stocks last.

Buy a pair of Boots and receive a Dryskin Jacket FREE*

Contact: Andrew on 9810 0148

FREE Apple TV when you spend $1500 in store.
Offer valid for BPS Keyring Holders only. Keyring must be presented.
Limit of one per keyring holder. Conditions apply – subject to change.
New Fidelity – 9818 2333 – 211 Darling Street Balmain. (opp London Hotel)

All offers are subject to availability and are at the discretion of the merchant. No rainchecks.
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Leichhardt Council & Sydney College of the Arts present

Classics at CALLAN PARK

Sydney College of the Arts, Callan Park Rozelle

Sunday 24 March 4PM – 7PM

Featuring The Metropolitan Orchestra (TMO) performing Vivaldi’s Four Seasons

FREE EVENT

4pm–4:40pm Sydney Secondary College Jazz Orchestra
5pm–5:30pm Leichhardt Espresso Chorus – Ristretto performing excerpts from Messiah
5:45pm–7pm The Metropolitan Orchestra (TMO) performing Vivaldi’s Four Seasons

Please walk, ride or bus to the event

Fundraising organisation:
The University of Sydney

For all event details, times and transport information visit:
www.sunsetseries.com.au
Term 1 Week 8 21st March 2013

THE MUPPETS
FRIDAY APRIL 5TH / ORANGE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL
GATES OPEN 5.30PM / MOVIE STARTS SUNSET (APPROX 7.15)
TICKETS: $5 CHILD / $10 ADULT / $25 FAMILY
CHARCOAL BBQ / GELATO / CAKES / COFFEE / POPCORN
AN ALCOHOL FREE FAMILY EVENT
orangegrovemovienight.com
Term 1 Week 8 21st March 2013

PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS

TIME:
9.30am Drop off
3.00pm Pick Up
78 Pyrmont Bridge Road
Camperdown
2050

APRIL 22nd - 26th 2013
DAY 1 - DRAMA
DAY 2 - SINGING
DAY 3 - HIP HOP STYLES
DAY 4 - TRADITIONAL STYLES
DAY 5 - PERFORMANCE DAY (COMPULSORY)

PRICE: 3DAYS:$375
4DAYS:$450
5DAYS:$500

AGE: 6-12
LEVELS:
Beginner & Intermediate/Advanced

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