## Dates to Remember

### Term 1

**Parent**: 
- **4/4**: P&C Fete Mufti Day
- **11/4**: Cross Country
- **12/4**: Last Day of Term 1

**Music**: 
- **4/4**: P&C Fete Mufti Day

**Sport**: 
- **11/4**: Cross Country

**Student Parliament**: 
- **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
- **16/7**: Pupils Return to School
- **17/7**: P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
- **30/7**: Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom
- **31/7**: ICAS English Competition
- **1/8**: Friends of Balmain Library Writing Competition Due
### Term 4

- **8/10**: Pupils Return to School  
- **15/10**: Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom  
- **16/10**: P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom  
- **16/10**: State Athletics Carnival  
- **17/10**:  
- **20/11**: P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom AGM  
- **26/11**: Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom AGM  
- **18/12**: Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Clapout  
- **18/12**: Last Day of Term 4  

### April school holidays

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.  

### Parent-teacher interviews

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.  

### School calendar

What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.  
Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hats looked amazing and everyone had a ball (even with the uncoperative electricity that decided not to work on the day). It was a lovely way to start our long weekend celebrations.

Book Fair International Day of Reading (& Hans Christian Anderson’s Birthday)

Thank you to Mrs Ilieff for a beautifully co-ordinated book fair. We all love reading at Brichgrove and it was great to celebrate this special day with a book fair. There were lots of fabulous parent helpers, who made sure the children could all find their books! I enjoyed popping down to the hall while 1D and 2M were there and enjoyed hearing all about the Angry Birds book, that Fergus was buying and why the eagle was so special. I'm sure his parents will enjoy reading it with him many times!

Parent Teacher Interviews are going well, if you haven’t made a time to see your child’s teacher to discuss their progress, please contact them and arrange an appointment, having our interviews early in the year means teachers and parents can talk about any concerns early on as well as all your child’s achievements.

Tracy Gray

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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Term 2      5K TBA     5/6N TBA
Welcome to our first Fete newsletter! Only six weeks until another fantastic and fun-filled Birchgrove School Fete! The committee has been very busy, but there’s still a lot to do and we will need the support and assistance of the entire Birchgrove school community. This is our major annual fundraiser and the money raised from the fete will be used to make our school a better learning environment for all of our children.

The fabulous new 2013 Birchgrove Fete logo at the top of this page has been designed by the very talented Rose Russell from RGC Branding and Design Agency in Balmain – many thanks, Rose!

STALLS
Each class has been allocated a stall to run on the day. This is a big task and it needs everyone to pitch in and help. Your class parents should have already been in contact with you about how you can help. If you can help out in the planning stage and/or on fete day, please let them know.

| Preschool – Second Hand Toys | 3B – Lemonade/Jelly Cups |
| KF, KS and 5/6N – BBQ        | 3D – Cupcake Decorating  |
| K/1C – Gelato & Fruit Skewers| 4K – Garden             |
| 1D – Face Painting/Crazy Hair| 4P – Tombola            |
| 1U – Dunking Ducks           | 5K – Wishing Tree/Devonshire Teas |
| 2H – Second Hand Books       | 5/6C – Tickets/Disco     |

MUFTI DAYS
This Thursday (April 4) is a MUFTI DAY to raise money for fete costs. Children can wear mufti and preschool kids can wear dress-up, in exchange for a gold coin donation, which will be collected at the gates.

SECOND HAND GOODS
If you have unwanted books, toys, children’s clothing or household items, please keep them for the Second Hand Goods, Books and Toys stalls at the fete. Every year we make well over $6,000 from the three second hand stalls! If you can, please hang onto your goods until our Second Hand Drop Off day, which is Saturday May 4 from 2-4pm.

Please note, we will not accept soft toys, TVs, video cassettes, children’s car seats or strollers and anything that is in broken or very dirty condition. If you wouldn’t buy it, we probably can’t sell it!

KEY CONTACTS:

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2nd Hand Saturday!
4th May 2 - 4pm

Donations for the second hand goods, books and toys stalls can be made in the School Hall on Saturday 4th May between 2 & 4pm, and again on Friday 10th May (day before the fete) between 9.30am & 3pm.
Clothing, household goods, jewellery, books, and toys are welcome! Please ensure all items are clean and well presented, with no missing or broken parts. Have a spare day over the holidays for a last minute Spring Clean? What a great way to de-clutter and help the school! But remember, if you wouldn’t buy it others might not either! Thank you.

* Please no stuffed toys, child car seats, strollers, TV sets, Video players / tapes.
KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE
TERM 2 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

BIRCHGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL EVERY
WEDNESDAY 3:15PM TO 5PM

The Kids At The ARThouse presents a Visual Arts Program to inspire your child’s creative spirit. It is designed to develop and enrich skills in a variety of mediums while allowing children to express themselves individually in the art making process. Creative thinking skills learnt in the Visual Arts such as the ability to express, observe, envisage, concentrate and explore ideas can be easily transferable to other areas of learning. Taught by an experienced and qualified Art Educator.

Kids At The ARThouse provides afternoon tea!
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Our students have achieved:
WINNER: Avant Cards “Calling All Artists” Competition 2011
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WINNER: The Sydney Port Authority Poster Competition
WINNER: The Sydney Port Authority Photographic Competition
FINALIST: The Sydney Port Authority Photographic Competition
SECOND PRIZE: The Sydney Port Authority Poster Competition

"Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere." - Albert Einstein