### Dates to Remember

#### Parent
- 15/10: P&C Meeting 7pm
- 15/10: State Athletics Carnival
- 16/10: Kindergarten Orientation Evening
- 27/10: 4K Assembly
- 28/10: Kindergarten Orientation Morning
- 30/10: Preschool Drum Incursion
- 3/11: KS Assembly
- 4/11: Kindergarten Orientation Morning
- 11/11: Kindergarten Orientation Morning
- 17/11: 1D Assembly
- 19/11: Preschool Transition
- 25/11: Preschool Interviews
- 26/11: Preschool Interviews
- 26/11: P&C Meeting 7pm
- 4/12: Stage 3 Recognition
- 5/12: St John’s Christmas Concert
- 5/12: Preschool Concert
- 9/12: Preschool Party
- 9/12: Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- 10/12: Stage 2 Recognition Ceremony
- 11/12: Kindergarten Recognition Ceremony
- 11/12: Preschool Party
- 12/12: Year 6 Picnic
- 12/12: Stage 1 Recognition Ceremony
- 15/12: School Picnic Day
- 16/12: Preschool Cleaning Day
- 17/12: Farewell Assembly and Year 6 Arch
- 17/12: Last Day of Term 4

#### Music
- 15/10: P&C Meeting 7pm
- 15/10: State Athletics Carnival
- 16/10: Music Camp
- 21/10: Kindergarten Orientation Evening
- 27/10: 4K Assembly
- 28/10: Kindergarten Orientation Morning
- 28/10: Preschool Drum Incursion
- 30/10: Preschool Drum Incursion

#### Sport
- 15/10: P&C Meeting 7pm
- 15/10: State Athletics Carnival
- 16/10: Music Camp
- 21/10: Kindergarten Orientation Evening
- 27/10: 4K Assembly
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- 28/10: Preschool Drum Incursion
- 30/10: Preschool Drum Incursion

#### Student Parliament
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- 16/10: Music Camp
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**Term 4 Week 1  8th October 2014**
Principal

Welcome back for the final term of 2014. I’ve enjoyed hearing many enthusiastic holiday stories, from children, staff and parents. This term is always jam packed with learning, playing, assessments, reporting, public speaking, orientations, swim school, disco, recognition days and more activities than you could ever think of. Get ready for excited and exhausted children and staff!

This term got game are teaching Hip Hop Dance K-6 as a part of our PE program. KN can be seen having a great time dancing (above) and all the children are keen to learn some new moves for the upcoming School Disco and end of year performances!

The form work for our decking around the large tree in the Green Area and P-2 Playground is in and looks very impressive. It’s going to provide a great seating, play and performing space for the children as well as protecting the tree roots. A huge thank you to children for being so sensible and playing so well without access to these areas this week!

Our K-6 ceramics mural being made by the children with our artist in residence Kristyn Taylor has started to go up on the wall opposite the pencils and the basketball court on the side of the green area. I’ll let you know when it is finished and the children can all show you the pieces they made.

Just a gentle reminder our school playground including the terrace at pick up is dog free! Please make sure you keep your much loved four legged family members outside the school grounds and if you are tying them up, please make sure they don’t impede access in and out the gates.

Tracy Gray
KATY PERRY COUNT ME IN COMPETITION

Our talented Concert Band has entered the Telstra 'Count Me In' Competition for Australian schools. The first prize includes a visit to the winning school by the performer, Katy Perry! You can view Birchgrove Public School's video entry at https://vimeo.com/107113134.

Thank you to all those involved in putting the video together, particularly Graham Jepson (who did the terrific filming and editing) Tracy Gray, Rob Cormack, Rod Mason, Alan Mulholland, Rose Russell, Simone Love and of course, the stars of the show, our Birchgrove musicians!

The results of the competition will be announced by this Thursday, 9th October - here's hoping...

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 16th - Friday, 17th October - School Music Camp, Pennant Hills
Tuesday, 21st October - Music Committee meeting, 7pm, School staffroom
Sunday, 26th October - Back to Balmain Day, Elkington Park, Concert Band, 11.30am (arrival time tba)
Wednesday, 5th November - Music Recruitment Night, School Hall

Tricks for encouraging kids to read Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at http://bit.ly/HLPmB9

How much water does your child really need? Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don’t feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child's school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child’s age at http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo


Leaving your child at home alone At some point it will be necessary to leave your child home alone for a short period of time. There is no actual law in Australia that states what age a child can be left alone, but parents are legally responsible for their child's safety and wellbeing. You may be nervous the first few times (although most kids are excited about the independence) so making some clear 'home alone' rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and how to stay safe. Read more here: http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9

Team sports – more than health benefits As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don’t go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits discussed here: http://bit.ly/HlgxVO
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IMPORTANT DATES

Orientation Evening 6:30pm
(For Parents & Carers)
Tuesday 21st October 2014

Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am
(For Parents, Carers and Children)
Tuesday 28th October 2014

Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am
(For Parents, Carers and Children)
Tuesday 4th November 2014

Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am
(For Children & their 2014 Buddies)
Tuesday 11th November 2014

School Tours are available by prior arrangement through the school office.

Applications to Enrol can be found on the school website or collected from the school office: http://www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/enrolment

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1st Balmain Scouts is turning 100!

Come and join us for our birthday celebration on

Saturday 18th October, 12 – 4pm

Mort Bay Park (opposite the Scout Hall)

All welcome! - this is a community event with lots of free activities for children of all ages.

If you can't make it on the day but would like to know more about 1st Balmain Scouts please email balmainscoutscentenary@gmail.com

This event is supported by funding from Leichhardt Council.
Latest news

Chess class
The chess class at Birchgrove Public School runs on Tuesday lunch from 1:10 pm - 1:55 pm.
If you are interested in joining the chess class, please contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au.

Puzzle information
Answer Puzzle nr. 9:
1. Qh3 Kg1 2. Nf3 #

Upcoming chess events
26 October: Schools Chess Championship
2 November: Inner West Sunday Fun

More information can be found on www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Chess puzzle

Puzzle nr. 10: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves