Term 4

**2014 Dates to Remember**

**Parent**

- P&C Meeting 7pm

**Music**

- State Athletics Carnival

**Sport**

- Music Camp

**Student Parliament**

Term 4

- 15/10 - P&C Meeting 7pm
- 15/10 - State Athletics Carnival
- 16/10 - Kindergarten Orientation Evening
- 17/10 - 4K Assembly
- 21/10 - Kindergarten Orientation Morning
- 27/10 - Preschool Drum Incursion
- 28/10 - Preschool Drum Incursion
- 30-10 - Kindergarten Orientation Morning
- 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
- 5/12 - Preschool Concert
- 9/12 - Preschool Party
- 10/12 - Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- 11/12 - 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 - Kindergarten Recognition Ceremony
- 16/12 - School Picnic Day
- 16/12 - Preschool Cleaning Day
- 17/12 - Farewell Assembly and Year 6 Arch
- 17/12 - Last Day of Term 4
On Monday we are hosting the Greater Sydney Public Speaking Competition- Port Jackson area finals. Our bell times will be altered slightly and 64 visiting students, their teachers and families will be joining us. Mrs Copping and Ms Keating will be coordinating the event in the library and hall. Mr Dodds will be going to Kensington Public School to adjudicate their areas finals.

Congratulations to our 2014 PSSA AFL team who were the winning team in this year’s competition.

“We got better as the season went on,” Orlando
“We started playing more as a team,” Ollie
“We were very excited when won,” Sam
“We became better friends,” Fynn
“We liked getting dirty and muddy,” (All)

Monday night the winds bought down part of one of the trees near the P&C container (on the left hand side of the school when viewed from Birchgrove Rd). That side of the school has been roped off with danger tape. Please stay out of the areas that are roped off. As well as the large branch leaning against the school roof, the power pole was also struck and loosened. Temporary repairs took place on the pole this morning, but it will need to be replaced. Therefore this area is out of bounds and all parents and children are asked not to attempt to cross this area as a matter of safety.

Repairs will happen over the next few days, but until they do the area will remain out of bounds.

Our decking is progressing and looking fabulous. I am hoping that it will be finished by next week and the children will be able to use their new play, performance and seating areas!

Stage 2 and 3 musicians will be on Band Camp Thursday and Friday, thank you to the teachers and parents supporting this event. You will get the opportunity to hear the benefits at the end of year music concert.
Preschool

Constable John came to share some stories about police work with us. He wanted to stress the point that the main part of his job was to help keep people safe. He showed us the blue and white chequered pattern on his cap and asked where else we noticed them, this signals the police. He also asked us lots of questions to help us reinforce our knowledge of safe people and safe practices.

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 12pm performance
Wednesday, 5th November - Music Recruitment Night, School Hall

Getting organised for Term 4 Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z’s monthly planners. They’re easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child’s bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Public speaking made easier. Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB

Motivating “laid-back” children Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical?
Find out more: http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z

Lunch box ideas Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. http://bit.ly/qsfDOE
Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 2  15th October 2014

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Birchgrove Public School
Kindergarten 2015
Play, Learn, Grow

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

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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
Balmain Amateur Swimming Club
Dawn Fraser Pool
Elkington Park, Balmain

Come along and join Australia’s oldest swimming club!

The 2014/2015 season commences on Saturday 25th October.

Races are held every Saturday afternoon at 3.45pm and finish by 6pm. All strokes and distances are covered throughout the season.

The races are followed by a social BBQ. Enjoy an early dinner by the harbour at beautiful Dawn Fraser Pool.

All ages and abilities are welcome and we would love to see some new faces.

Please contact Bronwyn Smith on 0433 183 341 if you have any queries or just come along any Saturday and join in the fun.

www.balmainswimclub.org.au
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.
TRICK-OR-TREAT
ON DARLING STREET
FRIDAY, 31ST OCTOBER 2014
5.30 - 6.30 PM

Calling all Pumpkins, Monsters
Fairies and Witches too
We’ve got some Trick-or-Treating
Planned just for you

Visit the Rozelle businesses for some Rozelloween fun!
(and stay for dinner or drinks when you’re done!)

If there’s a balloon out front, there will be lollies and sweets
So much fun to be had on Darling Street!

Parents, stay with your children and be sure to only cross at crosswalks

Visit RozelleFest.com.au or facebook.com/RozelleFest to learn more

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