**Birchgrove Buzz**  
Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School  
A NSW Government School  
Birchgrove Road, Balmain NSW 2041

**Term 4 Week 3  23rd October 2014**

**Selective high schools**  
Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 is now open. Find out more:  

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### Dates to Remember

**Parent**

**Music**

**Sport**

**Student Parliament**

#### Term 4

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Monday morning **1U took part in a RAW Art workshop** called Beautiful Bugs to complement our science unit called schoolyard Safari. First they drew a head, then the thorax, the abdomen followed by some fine detail. They painted the bugs using watercolour paints and metallic paints. Thank you to Jessa for a great morning!

Summer Hill Public School Infants Chess Tournament – Monday 13th October. The chess tournament was great fun we didn't win but we had a good go. Alex won a silver medal out of the 8. There were about 60 K-2 kids from about 6 primary schools.

Harry
Classes for 2015

It is the time of year where we are starting to look at classes for 2015. If you are not returning please in 2015 (and not in Y6) please let the school know now by completing and returning the note below.

Students NOT RETURNING to Birchgrove in 2015

Please inform the office by completing this form if your child will NOT be returning to Birchgrove in 2015. (Please do not reply if your child is in Year 6 this year 2014).

My child: ______________________ of class __________ will not be returning to Birchgrove Public School in 2015.

Signed: ______________________ Date: ______________

My child will be attending: __________________________ in 2015

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this form. We are starting to work out classes for next year and this information helps make decisions on how the classes will be set up and what enrolments we can accept. We are still operating at capacity and need to be able to advise parents if there are spots available in 2015.

Library News

I am sending home the Redgum Book Club. All purchases are completed online, the books arrive at school and are distributed. The orders take about three weeks to arrive. A great idea for Christmas! Another great idea is to use the old catalogue to cover books.

Thank you to all in the School Community for the book donations, a special thanks to Wiki and Loxen Lauer for their kind donation of over 30 pre loved books. Deb Thompson has also donated some beautiful books from her travels around Australia.  

Mrs Chris Ilieff

Creative reading

If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar’s 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3

Choosing the right school shoes

Can those school shoes last...one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child's feet?


Hi All,

Welcome back everyone! Birchgrove OSHC had a great first two weeks. Hearing stories from their short holiday with families & catching up with friends. For the last two weeks we get the ball rolling with our old time favourite Hama Beads & also we made 3D Fruit Basket. With our sport children are competing on handball & soccer. Also our little ones are mastering their skipping! CAMP AUSTRALIA are supporting The Smith Family Back 2 School Appeal.

Our centre Birchgrove OSHC are participating a fund raising by simply making craft activities & sell handmade items back to your children. Please, kindly support our OSHC to raised fund to help disadvantage children to get the most out of their education. A friendly reminder to please call Camp Australia - Customer Service/Head Office on 1300 105 343 if your child are not able to attend After Care Or if you have any query regarding our centre please give us a call here at Birchgrove OSHC on 0405 413 528.

Thanks, Birchgrove Team
Preschool

Henry ... How do you put out a fire?
Zoe... Why do you put fires out?
Sophie...How do you turn the siren on?
Una.... There a fire station near a restaurant.
Cohen... How do you know there is a fire?
Lola... Matches make fire.
Abigayle...Do you have to do jobs and rescue people?
Charlie... Why do you have a siren?
William... On fireman sam there was a fire engine with blue and red lights too.
Roenin... I learned how to roll and crawl. Fire man Sam showed me.
Birchgrove Public School
Kindergarten 2015
Play, Learn, Grow

IMPORTANT DATES

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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MUSIC CAMP

Congratulations to all the students, conductors, tutors and teachers who participated in last week’s very successful Music Camp. The Camp was attended by the Senior Strings, Concert Band, Training Band and also, for the very first time, the Rock Guitars! The fantastic concert at the end of the camp blew the audience away and demonstrated the depth and talent in the Birchgrove Music program.

A very special thanks to Audrey McGibbon, the camp organiser, who did a fantastic job in pulling it all together. Thanks also to Jacki Fortune (for assisting Audrey), Robbie (for driving the truck with the instruments), Mr Cormack, Miss Carroll and Mrs Karnaros (for supervising the children and activities) and many parent helpers who pitched in over the two days.

I thought it was great, not only the activities but the music was awesome too. I hope it continues next year.

Rory O 4K
STUDENT REPORT - MUSIC CAMP

Last week we went to Music Camp. As soon as we hopped off the bus it was just putting our bags away into our cabins and then straight into the music! If you were in the Concert Band, we had two rehearsals as a group and two rehearsals in small groups and then we had an activity.

For activities we were split into two groups so one group did one activity and one did the other. My group did the Leap of Faith. In the Leap of Faith you must climb 11 metres up a tree (you are tied to a harness) and then you jump to a trapeze. Almost everyone in my group made it!

After all that fun at Leap of Faith we had some free time, and then we had some delicious lasagna, some very rich chocolate mousse and then we went to the campfire where we sang songs. It was also a competition and whoever won got to make their damper first. Damper is basically bush bread. After the campfire we went to bed and straight to sleep.

The next day breakfast of course, but before that we had to clean our cabins. After breakfast we had some free time and the back to rehearsals and then after one rehearsal the Concert Band did whatever activity they hadn’t done the day before. For me it was Rogaining. With Rogaining you get a bunch of clues and you have to find the codes of the letters. You get to run round all the bush place. They give you clues like “it’s near a green shed”. If you’re really struggling your instructor helps you but you still have to find it for yourselves. Also Mr Dodds was walking round giving us some clues.

After all that we had we had a joint rehearsal with the Training Band and then we got some free time, we ate some pizza, we ate some cake and then the parents arrived and we had the concert! At the concert the Senior/Intermediate Strings performed and then the Rock Guitars and then the Training Band and then the Concert Band. It was really a lot of fun!!!

Nicolas M 5/6K

BACK TO BALMAIN

Don’t forget that the Back to Balmain Festival is on this Sunday. The Birchgrove Concert Band will be performing in the middle of the day. Please come along and enjoy!

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

😄 Sunday, 26th October - Back to Balmain Festival, Concert Band

😄 Wednesday, 5th November - Music Recruitment Night

😄 Sunday, 16th November – Senior Soiree
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