## Selective high schools

## Library News
Redgum Book Club catalogues have been sent home. Ordering is completed on line. Books arrive at the school late November/early December. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Chris Ilieff.

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### Dates to Remember

**Parent**
- 30-10: Preschool Drum Incursion
- 3/11: KS Assembly
- 4/11: Kindergarten Orientation Morning
- 5/11: Music Recruitment Night
- 10/11: 3D Assembly
- 11/11: Kindergarten Orientation Morning
- 12/11: DigiEd 3D, 3/4C 4K 4/6H
- 17/11: 1D Assembly
- 19/11: Preschool Transition

**Music**
- 25/11: Preschool Interviews
- 26/11: Preschool Interviews
- 26/11: P&C Meeting 7pm
- 1/12: Canteen Christmas Stall
- 4/12: Stage 3 Recognition
- 5/12: St John's Christmas Concert
- 5/12: Parents Thank you Morning Tea
- 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
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**Student Parliament**
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Congratulations to Joe 3D, he was chosen as the winner in the **School Magazines -Countdown Perfect Pet Poem Competition.** That's out of all the state in Year 3!

**My Pet Giraffe**

I once had my own pet giraffe
who liked to ride inside a small raft.
He climbed into his boat,
but it did not float.
"Now I'm wet!" he said with a laugh!

Thankyou to the P&C for our beautiful new decks, we are loving them!

**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.
Birchgrove Buzz  Term 4 Week 4  29th October 2014
Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School  Ph.: 02 9810 2469
A NSW Government School  Fx: 02 9555 8653
Birchgrove Road,  E: birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Balmain  NSW  2041  W: www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Birchgrove Public School
Kindergarten 2015
Play, Learn, Grow

IMPORTANT DATES

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

For More Information Contact
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Birchgrove, 2041
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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
What is a homonym? Let's face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity.


Sun safety This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.


Digital citizenship We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.


BACK TO BALMAIN

Last Sunday, the Birchgrove Concert Band did a great job entertaining the crowd at the Back to Balmain Festival in Elkington Park. Thank you to our conductor, Nicole and all the parents and children who were involved in this performance as well as those who came along to listen and support the band.

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

😊 Wednesday, 5th November - Music Recruitment Night
😊 Sunday, 16th November – Senior Soiree
Do you want to learn a musical instrument in 2015?  

**Music Recruitment Night**

**Wednesday November 5**  
School Hall, 6 – 7.30pm

If you would like to start learning strings, a band instrument or the recorder in 2015, come along to register your interest.

The options to learn an instrument are:
- **Anytime from Year 1 on:** Violin, Cello, Recorder
- **Anytime from Year 3 on:** Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Drums, Tuned Percussion
- We also offer private tuition in guitar, bass guitar and piano.

Most of these instruments are available to hire from the Music Committee.
For more information, contact: jackifortune@yahoo.com
THE 2nd HAND UNIFORM STALL
is on again at the Main School Entrance

Tuesday 4th November
8.30 – 10.30 am

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

THINK GREEN & GRAB A BARGAIN!
Items $2 – $10

DONATIONS ACCEPTED!!
Any clean 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 date above. (in the stairwell opposite the uniform shop)

Thank you!
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. 10:
1. Qe3 Kf1 2. Nd2 # or 1 ... Kd1 2. Qd2 #

Upcoming chess events
2 November: Inner West Sunday Fun
23 November: Xmas Swiss Chess Challenge

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

Puzzle nr. 11: White to play and checkmate in 1 move
RAISING KIDS THAT COPE
BUILDING RESILIENCE AND OPTIMISM IN CHILDREN

This evening seminar will be helpful to parents and others who work with or support children.

DATE: Thursday 6th November
TIME: 7.00pm - 8.30pm
LOCATION: Rozelle Public School Library
(enter via Merton St carpark)
Cost: $10 Singles / $15 Couples
Bookings essential:
http://rozelleparentseminars.wordpress.com

Resilience and optimism are essential for helping children to bounce back and keep going during the hard times of life.

Research has found that an optimistic mindset helps to protect children from developing depression or anxiety in the long term.

This seminar will:
• look at some practical ways that we can foster optimism in children
• explain some of the resources and coping skills that help children to deal with difficulties
• equip you with some simple tools for recognising and encouraging the strengths and supports in your own child’s life

About the presenter ...
Cay Camden has an extensive background across a range of health and welfare areas and with Education Offices in the NSW school system. Cay has presented the Resilience Doughnut to staff, education professionals, parents and community members, sharing practical strategies and useful tips.

Find out more about Cay at our website below:

The Resilience Doughnut
“Combining Strengths to Thrive”

Website: www.theresilencedoughnut.com.au