**Birchgrove Buzz**

**Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School**

**A NSW Government School**

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**Term 1 Week 7 12th March 2014**

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**2014 Dates to Remember**

**Parent**

- **Music**
- **Sport**

**Student Parliament**

**Coming Events**

- **13/3** Interrelate 5/6
- **17/3** Terry O’Connell Real Justice Children’s Workshops, Teachers Workshops & Parent Workshops
- **19/3** Sydney East Swimming
- **19/3** P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
- **20/3** Interrelate 5/6
- **21/3** Gala Day Years 5/6
- **27/3** Interrelate 5/6
- **28/3** Gala Day Years 5/6
- **31/3** Young Leaders Day Year 6
- **31/3** Stage 2 Rocks Excursion
- **3/4** School Cross Country Carnival K-6
- **7/4** Stage 2 Botany Bay Excursion
- **7/4-8/4** Stage 3 Gold Camp (overnight)
- **9/4-10/4** State Swimming
- **10/4** State Swimming
- **11/4** Easter Hat Parade
- **11/4** Last day of Term 1

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**Term 2**

- **29/4** School Resumes
- **10/5** **FETE**
- **13/5** Naplan Years 3 & 5
- **14/5** Naplan Years 3 & 5
- **15/5** Naplan Years 3 & 5
- **22/5** **Zone Cross Country**
- **21/5** P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
- **27/5** Zoo Snooze Y4
- **28/5** Zoo Snooze Y3
- **5/6** Italian Day
- **9/6** Queens Birthday
- **12/6** Regional Cross Country
- **18/6** P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
- **19/6** School Athletics K-6
- **20/6** P&C Disco
- **27/6** Last Day of Term 2

**Term 3**

- **15/7** School Resumes
- **19/9** Last Day of Term 3

**Term 4**

- **7/10** School Resumes
- **17/12** Last Day of Term 4
Principal

Monday 17/3 Parent Information Session - Terry O'Connell Real Justice Parent Workshop this is the approach that underpins our student welfare program/policy. It would be great to see you at the meeting! Look out for the letter about it from Ms Ford.

Thank you to Mr Cormack for his excellent work as relieving principal last week.

Stewart House Envelopes are coming home today. Rather than asking for a large amount of money they are asking for all families who can to donate $2. They need to be returned to school by Friday (21/3). Stewart House is a long running charity that supports children for more information on their fabulous work go to: http://www.stewarthouse.org.au

Moving into Year 7 booklet is coming home with Year 6 students today. Please fill it in and return it to your child’s class teacher ASAP. It needs to be filled in for all students. The booklet is a nice bright orange colour so it will be hard to miss. There is a section for students not enrolling in a NSW government school.

Kristyn Taylor our Artist in Residence for 2014 spent some time with year 6 today getting their ideas for a whole school mural along the white wall opposite the pencil sculptures in the playground. The children have come up with a range of ideas and settled on an idea for the project. The year 6 Student Parliamentarians will keep you updated with reports as the project develops.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS (including preschool) When requested to make a payment, fill in excursion notes and place the note and any money owed in a clearly marked envelope with your child’s name, class, what the payment is for and the correct amount of money enclosed. This envelope should then be given to your child’s class teacher who will then give it to Toni or Melanie our finance people in the office.
Preschool Green have been busy this week:

Becky and James (Sam’s parents) played some musical instruments and sang some songs with preschool.

Birchgrove Public School Rules
Care for your school:

- ask to use school equipment
- put away school equipment in the right place
- respect hall displays
- replace my things in my bag
- place rubbish in bins provide

LIBRARY NEWS
Welcome to the Birchgrove Library, we have lots of exciting things happening in 2014.

- We are continuing our participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. K-2 complete the challenge in Library time and class time. Years 3-6 encourages the children to log on and complete the challenge individually. You can visit the Premier's Reading Challenge site for book lists. There is also an app to download. I can help with any log on problems.
- Red Gum, a new book club will be available to you in April. Catalogues will be sent home, offering you discounted quality books.
- The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting on the 26th May.

Thank You -Mrs Chris Ilieff
2014 homework planner
The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner

Maths A to Z
Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/math/a-to-z

Great books for tweens to read
Favourite books from the Premier's Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read! Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/helping-tweens-to-love-reading/ideal-books-for-tweens-to-read

Science assignment starters
Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-project-starters

P&C SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE
Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, our P&C raises funds to give our school resources and facilities that it would not otherwise have. In recent years, the P&C has funded playground improvements, teaching resources, interactive whiteboards, computers and iPads for classroom use, wifi within the school and mathletics licences for all children.

One of our major sources of funding is sponsorship. In recent years we have been fortunate enough to have long-standing and close relationships with our major sponsors: Harris Partners, the Riverview Hotel, Prestige Auto Traders and Sydney Ports. Last year our sponsors contributed an amazing $25,000 towards our school.

We are offer three levels of partnership, with associated benefits in terms of building brand awareness in our school community:

Principal Sponsor ($5000), Major Sponsor ($2500), Contributing Sponsor ($1250)

Unfortunately this year, due to changes in their structure, Sydney Ports are unable to support us and we have therefore lost $5,000 of our projected income. Therefore we are asking all parents & carers to help us identify potential new sponsorship opportunities.

It might be that you yourself own a business and/or provide a service and would be willing to support our school’s fundraising efforts. Or perhaps you know of or have connections with a business that you think might be interested.

If you have any good ideas, potential contacts or would like to know more, please email our sponsorship co-ordinator Mark Jones: mark.jones@suttonenergy.com.au.
Bushfire Relief Charity
Cricket Match

11 AM
Wednesday, 12th March
2014
Birchgrove Oval
Balmain

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade Cricket Club are taking on the Fire and Rescue New South Wales Cricket Club in an effort to raise money for the Salvation Army’s Bushfire Relief Appeal.

With both states experiencing a harsh fire season this spring and summer we are hoping for those who can donate, to help those in need.

Any amount no matter how small will help, and all donations over $2 are tax deductible.

Funds raised will help the Salvos help where it is needed most.

Scan this QR code with your mobile device to go to the easy, secure donation web page.

All donations will be issued with a receipt.

Or visit the below website.