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Principals Report

Anita (Ms Keating) Grove Birch Amy Rob (Mr Cormack)
These 5 wonderful bears made from Birchgrove PS uniforms are on display in my office and if Kim Hall can pry them off me they will be part of the silent auction at the fete. They have been beautifully made by the talented Kate Green and have all been named ready for adoption.

Naplan Dates
Years 3 & 5  NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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What’s Easter all About?
Did you see our amazing children on The Project talking to Lehmo about Easter. They were very funny. If you missed it the link is:


School started smoothly for classes P-6 yesterday. Welcome to all our lovely new students and our fabulous new staff members.

Miss Preece is joining 2H on Mondays and Thursdays.

Ms Weber is the Relieving Assistant Principal looking after preschool and kindergarten.

Ms Patras is teaching preschool Blue this term.

Mrs Weber & 2 new preschool Green class members
To continue to meet the Federal Government’s commitment to providing families with equal access to preschool and find an option that best suits our family’s needs we have surveyed parents as to which options they prefer, for 2015 Preschool attendance. Our survey about Preschool Preferences for 2015 has now closed. The results are below. The preferred option is clearly the 2 day/3 day one semester of each option so this is what we will trial in 2015. The schools I have spoken to who are implementing this option have indicated it’s working well and the details for enrolling for 2015 will be in next week’s newsletter.

Our new signs and fence are all installed and as well as looking great are working beautifully.

On the Staff Development Day this term we focused on creative and critical thinking in the English Curriculum and strengths, challenges and support for syllabus implementation as well as holding committee meetings for Mathematics, English, Science, Student Welfare, ICT, Gifted and Talented, Creative and Practical Arts, Human Society and it’s environment and PE, Personal Development Health. In the committee meetings we focused on what we need to do this year to wrap up our 3 year school plan and start preparing for our next cycle of planning.

I can’t believe it’s only a week and a half to the fete. It’s always one of my favourite Birchgrove events….possibly because it was my first Birchgrove event! As well as being an amazing fundraiser (this year for the playground) and for me a great way to shop and catch up with people, it always brings the community together for a fun filled day.
Choir

In preparation for our performance at the school fete, the choir will be performing in the plaza area in front of Woolworths on Darling St on Tuesday the 6th of May. We will walk down in eating time and aim to start our performance around 1.15pm. We will then walk back to school, returning in time for the end of lunch. If it is raining we will try again Wednesday the 7th. Please come and encourage our budding performers as they sing the 3 songs we have been practicing; 'Hey Brother', 'Claude Monte' and 'These boots are made for walking'.

On Saturday 10th May the choir will be performing at the fete at 11am. Students are asked to bring a pair of boots for the performance. These can be any sort of boots- cowboy boots, Ugg boots, soccer boots, gum boots etc.

Library

To celebrate May, the Family Month of Reading, we are having a Scholastic Book Fair, commencing on Tuesday the 27th May. Books will range in price from five to twenty dollars. Children will have time to browse and purchase a book in Library time. Would love some help selling the books on Thursday morning when all children have the chance to visit.

Thank you for support. Please contact Mrs Ilieff if you can help.

Chess Coaching

Chess coaching for students at Birchgrove Public School is held on Tuesdays from 1:10pm – 1:55pm. Term 2 lessons will commence on 29th April, 2014. Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Birchgrove Public School Rules

I respect my personal belongings by:

- writing my name on my things
- keeping my personal belongings in my bag or in my tote tray
- placing my bag in the bag shelves

Bounce Back

Respect Personal Belongings

With the weather being warm and cool throughout the day this is a perfect opportunity to talk to your child about Respecting Personal Belongings. There are a huge number of jumpers in lost property that have been taken off in the playground and left on the ground. Many have no names on them and end up in lost property.

Bounce Back People Bouncing Back for 5 weeks.
Thinking of applying for opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015?

APPLY ONLINE
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement
Check the website for more details about applying.

Key dates
Monday 28 April 2014
- Online application opens or
- Application information and forms are available in schools

Friday 16 May 2014
- Return paper applications to principal or
- Online application closes

Wednesday 9 July 2014
Test centre advice received by parents or carers

Wednesday 23 July 2014
Opportunity class placement test

October 2014
Outcome advice sent
Dear Parents,

On Thursday 1st May, the Student Parliament’s Environment Ministry will be running a World Food stall at lunchtime. We are trying to raise money to help make our school more environmentally friendly. The Year 6 children have been asked to bring in a plate of snack food to sell on the day which is NUT FREE and suitable for children to eat (not too much chilli). Children should still bring some lunch in case they don’t like what’s on offer.

When: Thursday Lunch Time
Where: The Basketball Court
Cost: from 50c - $2:00

Thank you in advance for your help. The more food we sell, the more money we can raise, the GREENER we can become!

 Regards,

Beatrice Colombis
Environment Minister 2014
TRAINING BAND BABY

Congratulations to Nicole Barrett, our Training Band conductor. She and her husband welcomed a beautiful baby daughter over the school holidays.

Alyria Jai Natividas weighed only 2.6kg and is apparently a very chilled little baby who is probably already showing aptitude on the clarinet.

STRINGS WORKSHOP

The Strings Group will be holding a workshop for the Intermediate and Senior Strings ensembles this Sunday, 4 May from 2pm to 5pm, with 2 hours of learning time for the players. The cost is $35 per child. Parents of Intermediate and Senior String children, please complete and return the permission note that has been sent you along with payment ASAP to the school office.

JUNIOR STRINGS

If your child started learning the violin or cello this year, they may be eligible to move up into Junior Strings this term. Tutors will be assessing whether the children are ready or whether they need more playing time under their belt before they are ready to start playing in an ensemble. If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please contact Jacki Fortune: jackifortune@yahoo.com

BIRCHGROVE FETE

The following groups will be performing at the Fete, Saturday 10th May and they will need Birchgrove Music T-shirts. If they don’t currently have one, these can be bought from the uniform shop, which will be open next Tuesday morning:

- Beginner Recorders – 11.15am
- Consort Recorders – 11.20am
- Advanced Consort Recorders – 11.20am
- Intermediate Strings – 12pm
- Senior Strings – 11.40am
- Training Band – 12.15pm
- Concert Band – 12.30pm

The Choir will also be performing at 11am, but they do not need to wear Birchgrove Music Uniform.

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

- ☺ Tuesday, 6 May – Music Committee Meeting, 7pm in the Staffroom
- ☺ Sunday, 18 May – Training & Concert Band Workshop
It's not long now…less than 2 weeks (11 sleep actually) until our Well Birchgrove Fete

MC
We are looking for an MC for Fete day, so if you fancy “miking up” for the day, contact Rebecca, Damon or Kim as soon as possible.

HELP
Foot lose and fancy free on Friday 9th May – we would LOVE some help setting up (morning noon or night) the tables and as much pre Fete that we can.

Please contact Rebecca or Kim if you can assist

Fete Fliers

If anyone would like to help distribute Fete Fliers in the next week and burn some calories at the same time, please contact Jacki Fortune.

Rides

Please see attached Flier on pre purchasing tickets at discounted price.
Full price Tickets will also be sold on the day.

Sponsors

Please see our list of generous sponsors and donors and support their businesses when you can

Canteen CLOSED Friday 9th May.

The canteen will be closed the Friday (9th May) before the fete due to fete preparations.

NO recess or lunch orders will be available on that day
Cake Stall News
We will be sending home the cake boxes with the children on Monday 5th May and we need you to return them back to the canteen full of your favourite baked goods so we can have a fabulous cake stall again this year.

ALL Birchgrove families support and bake for the cake stall not just one class and we absolutely need your support as the money raised from the cake stall keeps your school canteen open and viable.

Please deliver all baked goods-

- Biscuits, Brownies, Coconut Ice, Fudge, Toffees, Anzacs or any other delicious treats you like to bake directly to the canteen on Friday 9th May as we spend all day re-packaging all the yummy treats so they are ready for sale on fete day.

- We also accept cakes on the Friday 9th May or you can deliver the cakes directly to the cake stall on the Saturday morning, please not in the afternoon as they are harder to sell if the come in to late.

- So start thinking about what yummy treats you are going to bake for this years cake stall and don't forget to list all the ingredients used in your baked goods so we know if they contain Nuts, Gluten, Dairy etc.

If you need any more information about the cake stall please come and speak to Karen in the canteen.

Thank You for your support.

The Second hand toy drop off is this Saturday 3rd May: 2pm-4pm.
We would love toys that are still useable and fun but

Please ensure that toys are:
- not broken
- clean
- intact
- safe
- please, no stuffed animals

Second hand book drop off is also this Saturday 3rd May: 2pm-4pm

Any spare plastic bags would also be appreciated, please bring along to second hand toy drop off.
Please check out our Fete Facebook page for updates on this year’s Fete:

www.facebook.com/birchgroveprimaryschoolfete
Pre-purchase wristbands for your children, friends or other family members at a discounted price ($25)!

This will entitle the holder to unlimited rides all day (10am – 4pm). Simply fill in the form below.

Wristbands can also be purchased on the day of the fete for $30 or $5 per ride. There will be a free jumping castle for under 5s in the preschool grounds.

Pre-paid wristbands will be available for collection on the day of the fete.

Fill out form if you would like to pre-purchase wristbands. This note and payment need to be placed in the box located at the front office. (Cash / Cheque payable to Birchgrove P&C)

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________

Rides $25 Qty: __________

Please include exact amount (cash/cheque) in envelope Amount: $__________
Huge thanks to all our generous sponsors

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Tilly’s Art & Office Supplies
Tails R wagging
Mum’s the Word Fitness
Nike Broadway
Rebel Sport Broadway
Wild Greens
Fabulous stalls at the 2014 Fete:

**School stalls:**

- Apple slinkys
- Badge & Bracelet making
- BBQ
- Cakes
- Coffee
- Cupcake decorating
- Dunking ducks
- Face painting & Crazy Hair
- Garden/flowers
- Gelato & Fairy Floss
- Lemonade
- Loads of Hampers
- Produce and Sonoma breads
- Second hand books
- Second hand toys
- Tombola
- Wishing tree

**External stalls:**

- Amazing Rides – Planet Entertainment
- Annie B - gifts for mums and kids
- Balmain Secondary School
- Bristol & Brooks – gifts
- Eloise Clarke - Photographer
- Balmain Fire Brigade – 1 hour between 10-12
- Health Space - chiropractor
- Kids at the Art house – craft
- Linkin Imp - clothing
- St John's ambulance
- Moya Barnett - women's accessories & children's items
- Rellek Co - vintage T-shirts
- Sewing Spot – teaching kids 7+ to sew
- Tracy’s Toys & Things – novelty toys
- Warman Fuzzy – home wares, stationery and toys
Guessing Competition

Guess how many lollies are in the jar for your chance to win

50c a guess or $1 for 3 guesses

You will find the lolly jar at the canteen coming up to the fete and at the wishing tree on fete day.

GOOD LUCK
4K FETE PRODUCE STALL
ORDER NOW & SAVE $’S

4K will be selling fantastic Fruit & Veg boxes, Supported by Wild Greens Produce
http://www.wildgreens.com.au

Pre-Order your $55 box and pick up on Friday the 9th (day before the Fete)
Wild Greens guarantees the quality and the boxes value for money.
You can expect seasonal fruit, vegies and herbs along the lines of:

Pink Lady Apples  Bananas  Eggplant
Onions  Navel Oranges  Carrots
Shallots  Capsicum  Lebanese Cucumbers
Ginger  Avocado  Rockmelon
Mushrooms  Celery  Truss Tomatoes
Cherry tomatoes  Broccoli  Sweet Potato/Potato
Mixed Lettuce leaves  Snow peas  1/2 Butternut Pumpkin

Order & Payment Options:

• Cheque (made out to the P&C) – drop at Admin Office (labeled envelope)
• Direct Transfer; Account Name Birchgrove P & C, BSB: 062110, Acct: 00900746 (Please include parents full name + “fruit” in the reference section)

When you order please email michelle_stellini@hotmail.com
or call Michelle 0417316725, with quantity and contact details
BIRCHGROVE FETE
MARKETS • FOOD • RIDES • COMMUNITY

SATURDAY 10 MAY 2014 10AM-4PM
BIRCHGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

• Games & Rides
• Artisan Market
• Secondhand Toys & Books
• Coffee
• Flower & Plant Stall

• BBQ
• Fresh Sonoma Bread
• Entertainment
• Art with Artspark
• Cupcake Decorating
• Homemade Cakes
KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

An after school Visual Arts program

2014 TERM 2 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!
CLASSES HELD AT BIRCHGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL.
WEDNESDAY’S 3:15PM - 5PM
We have an exciting new Art Program for 2014
INCLUDING SUBMISSIONS TO ART COMPETITIONS!
CREATIVE AND STIMULATING CLASSES OPEN TO K - 6 STUDENTS.
VISUAL ARTS TEACHER WITH 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE!
$30 PER CLASS. AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED.
+ $30 ART MATERIALS FEE PER TERM.

CONTACT Sabina: e: sabina@kidsatthearthouse.com
m: 0403768282

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
STUDENTS CHINESE NEW EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP
(DARLING HABOUR) “DREAM” EXHIBITION - 2014
FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2014
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2013
FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2010
COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY
AND LITERACY FOUNDATION 2013
COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH THE TAFE ULTIMO
SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011