You are invited to morning tea
on the terrace
@ Birchgrove Public School

On Wednesday 21\textsuperscript{st} May
11am until 11:30am
(parents are welcome to linger over tea,
although teachers will need to return to children!)

Dress Code: Some pink if possible!

For
Birchgrove’s Biggest Morning Tea

Tea/ Coffee and Miss Gray’s famous fruit punch supplied
Please bring a plate to share.

Cost: Please bring a donation for the Cancer Council.
(We are happy to accept donations if you are unable to attend!)

Please send any donations to the office in an envelope marked
Biggest Morning Tea

RSVP email to class parents by 19/5
Principals Report

We have a number of staff who are cancer survivors as well as staff coping with cancer now and we are aware many school families have or are being affected by cancer and we really felt we should contribute as a school.

As a part of the Biggest Morning Tea we are asking each child to wear something pink next Wednesday 21/5 and bring a gold coin donation for the cancer council. The adults are having a special morning tea and it would be great for the children to have their own special morning tea. Please send your child with one nut free treat to share with a friend at morning tea time!
Yet again the weather was perfect and the fete was amazing! Thank you to Kim and every incredible parent who helped out. The stalls all looked sensational and every one put in so much time and effort to make the day so special. The children were fabulous helpers and beautiful ambassadors for our school. I was an incredibly proud principal!

This week Years 3 & 5 participated in the **Naplan assessments**. There is a catch up day tomorrow for any students who missed tests.

Our stage 3 **Debating** teams began our local competition Wednesday afternoon. They competed against Annandale PS. One team played here (Negative) and one (Affirmative) at Annandale. The topic for both debates was “Australia Needs a New Flag.” Both debates went well and were a great start to the debating season. Our away team won their first debate and Annandale won the debate hosted here. Well done debaters!

**Tracy Gray**

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**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

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**Latest news**

**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. 1:
1. Rg6 #

**Upcoming chess event**
1 June: Inner West Sunday Fun Tournament

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

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**Chess puzzle**

**Puzzle nr. 2:** White to play and checkmate in 1 move
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
Saturday’s Fete was an outstanding success. BPS seems to have a special pact with the weather gods as we were blessed with another fine day for the many visitors of all ages. They enjoyed a fabulous day of: eating (and decorating) treats; sipping coffee and lemonade; listening to live music; fun rides; face-painting; book-shopping and bidding on the silent auctions, to name just a little of what was on offer. The figures haven’t been finalised yet, but the Fete looks to have made at least $30,000 to benefit the School.

There isn’t room in this newsletter to thank everyone by name who pitched in before, during and after the event to make it so successful. There are many of you and the P&C Executive are really grateful to all of you for your time, energy and hard work.

Particular thanks must go to Kim Hall, for the fantastic job she did in organising the Fete in her first year at the school. It is a massive task and Kim carried it out wonderfully.

Many thanks also to: Rebecca Cortiula and Damon Thomson who sorted the logistics; Nicky Bennett, who organized the hampers; Cheli Wadsworth - last year's Fete co-ordinator - who helped yet again; Justine Thomson our Fundraising Co-ordinator who helped to recruit the organising team and assign classes to stalls; and, Jacki Fortune, our tireless class parent coordinator, and all the class parents and others who organised and ran stalls.

Special thanks also go to: Kate Snow for organizing the publicity; Kate Green for her outstanding decorative efforts in the bookstall and making the highly sought after bears for silent auction; Cheryl Douglas for organizing the guessing competition and helping with the wishing tree; Tony Board for collecting, counting and securing the money raised; Andrew Davies and Lisa Healy for co-ordinating the live music on the day; Brenton Dehn for organizing the sound stage; Jim Short for acting as MC; and our baristas, Paul Angus and Simon Frost who kept the coffee flowing throughout the day.

Chris O'Donnell
P&C President

FETE PERFORMANCES

Congratulations to all our ensemble members who played at the Birchgrove School fete on Saturday. You did a great job entertaining the crowd and made your supporters very proud! For many of our students, the fete is their first opportunity to perform on an instrument in public, making it a particularly special event in the Birchgrove Music calendar. Thank you to all the conductors and contact parents for their great work in preparing and leading the ensembles. Thanks also to Lisa Healy and Andrew Davies, our trusty stage managers/roadies on the day.
BAND WORKSHOP
The Combined Band Workshop for Training Band and the Concert Band members will be held this Sunday, 18th May from 10.30am – 4.30pm in the school hall. Wednesday, 14th May is the last day to return permission notes and payment. Please note that the start and finish times have moved back half an hour. Volunteers are still needed to help on the day.

SOLO SOIERE
Each year Birchgrove Music proudly hosts the Solo Soiree, a relaxed afternoon concert where students have the chance to perform individually or in duets in front of family and friends. This year the Solo Soiree will be held on Sunday, 15th June. Please put this date in your diary. It is a great opportunity for your child to perform a piece that he/she has been practising with their tutor. We only ask that students don’t perform pieces they are learning with their ensemble/s. The aim of the concert is to provide a supportive environment for students to build their confidence and performance skills. There will be afternoon tea at the conclusion of the concert. If you would like to register your child to participate or would like further information, please contact Lisa (rich@rdhincliff.com)

MUSIC FEES
Birchgrove Music invoices for Terms 1 & 2 were emailed last term. Thank you to those who paid promptly. If you are experiencing any problems with payment, alternative arrangements can be made. Please contact our Principal, Tracy Gray to discuss. The Music Committee advises that if a student’s music fees have not paid by the end of Term 2 or alternative arrangements have not been made with the Principal the student will not be permitted to continue with Birchgrove Music ensemble/s in Term 3.

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY
😊 Sunday, 18th May – Combined Band Workshop, 10am – 4pm
😊 Sunday, 15th June – Solo Soiree, School Hall
Thanks you to all our wonderful parents and friends that helped to make the 2014 Fete a huge success. The sun was shining, the kids had a great time and our numerous volunteers survived the day.

We couldn’t have done it without all the parents help or our donors and sponsors support and donations.

Please don’t forget to acknowledge our school sponsors and donors through supporting their businesses and letting them know you are from Birchgrove Public School.

Huge thanks to all our generous sponsors

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Sport Broadway

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2014
LEARN TO PLAY!!!

A fun and exciting way to introduce children age 6-12 to the world of basketball! Children will learn the rules and skills in a safe, fun location with our fantastic development coaches.

Sounds Great! When does it start? What do I need?

Start:
Monday 5th May
Friday 9th May
Location: Glebe PCYC
Age 6 to 12: 4.00PM

What to Bring:
• Basketball (optional)
• Water Bottle
• Ready to learn attitude
• Big Smile!

Fantastic! Where can I find this?

Contact Details:
Glebe Spirit PCYC
Cost: On Request
Address: 2-4 Minogue Crescent, Glebe, 2037
Phone: (02) 9660 2557
Email: Glebespirit@pcycnsw.org.au