Please Note: The P&C Meeting has moved to the 25/6 @ 7pm to cater for all our sports fan parents!

Congratulations to our newly appointed Office Manager! Melanie Wales was the successful candidate at interview and has accepted the position. The staff are all thrilled to have Mel join our team as a permanent member of staff. I would also like to welcome Michelle Stellini, to our office staff. She is helping in the office on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Create South This Year we are sending 15 of our gifted and talented students to work with Create South. Nomination forms have been sent home with these students and the parents need to fill in the online application. They will then audition to be involved. All applicants must demonstrate a high level of commitment, skill and cooperative behaviour. Eligible students must be able to work independently, in groups and new environments. The fields covered include: art, band, choir, dance, drama and technology.

While the school is always about the children learning, it is often also about staff and parents learning as well and there has been lots of training happening for staff. This term Ms Ford & Mrs Weber have attended the Primary Executive Network Day. Staff Years 1 to 6 have attended a training day on the Literacy Continuum and new software.
Alex Mckinlay from Speak & Write (speech pathologist) has worked with the staff on identifying speech problems and supporting students with speech issues in the classroom. Avalon Keddie from Qualia Occupational Therapy is speaking to staff next week about identifying fine motor difficulties and supporting students with fine motor difficulties in the classroom. Avalon and Alex have offered to do some assessments at school (@reduced cost) early next term and I will send forms to parents next week about this.

The staff have been holding planning days, programming ready for next term and the office staff are booked into a number of courses for a variety of DEC programs. I have recently attended the Primary Principals Association Conference, which had a creativity theme this year and completed my Growth Coaching Accreditation Program, with Growth Coaching International, whose ambitious catch phrase is "Transforming good intentions into great results". It sounded like an opportunity too good to miss and has turned out to be a very practical and usable approach that I will continue to develop with a group of principal colleagues.

**Road safety**

It's important to remind children, especially younger ones, of the need to be vigilant when out and about. Talk to your child about road safety and model good behaviour yourself. For lots of good safety reminders, Kidsafe NSW has an informative website with a number of free brochures and fact sheets on maintaining a safe environment for your child and teaching them about staying safe. They are also available in several community languages. [www.kidsafensw.org](http://www.kidsafensw.org)

**Fines for Schools Zones**

- Double parking $265 & 2 demerit points
- Stopping on or near a children’s crossing $353 & 2 demerit points
- Approach children’s crossing to quickly to stop safely $441 & 4 demerit points
- Use a hand – held mobile phone while driving $353 & 4 demerit points

Year 4 is hosting a fantastic disco this Friday, 20 June and hopes to see many of you there. The disco is a fun way to connect with other Birchgrove families.

It is also an important fundraising opportunity for the school. Part of that fundraising comes from sales of cakes and jellies. We want to fill a table with lots of delicious treats! **Could you help us do that?** If you can, please drop your cupcakes, cookies or jellies off to us at the disco. If you know you will contribute, please drop Alice (tomandalice@bigpond.com) or Anastasia (apaskuswarden@yahoo.com) a note letting them know what you intend to bring. This will help them know if they need to press more bakers into action.

As always when donating baked goods, please include at least one label with the ingredients used.

PS: Don't forget to buy your tickets at: [www.trybooking.com/88421](http://www.trybooking.com/88421)

There will be no sales at school and no door sales - this is the only way to get tickets.

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**Strengthening the Provision of Public Secondary Education in the Inner Sydney Area Consultation**

The consultation period is from 16 May - 27 June 2014.

Straight Talk has been busy collating, analysing and coding feedback from the Principals, teachers, 'invited' P&C and wider community workshops. This feedback, along with other comments received during the
consultation, will be presented in a series of publicly available issues summaries identifying the matters raised. All of these summaries will be available via the online forum in the coming weeks, accessible through www.dec.nsw.gov.au.

Straight Talk has heard that lots of people are hosting Kitchen Table Discussions but they are yet to receive much of this feedback. Would you please ensure you send your feedback to Straight Talk using the reply paid form provided. Alternatively, your Kitchen Table Discussion feedback can be scanned and emailed to events@straight-talk.com.au. All feedback must be received by Friday 27 June 2014.

The online forum is generating some interesting discussion and ideas. The forum will continue to operate for a further two weeks and can be accessed via the Departments website on www.dec.nsw.edu.au.

For more information about the project, please:
- Go to the website, www.dec.nsw.edu.au and click on the community consultation tab
- Contact events@straight-talk.com.au or
- Phone 9797 8004 and ask to talk to a member of the Straight Talk team.

For the last two weeks of the term we will be running with a Pirate theme that children came up with the idea. So far we have made our own pirates & treasure maps. We have been also playing group games that are suitable for all children. OSHC Staff encourage all children to join group games. Also, our Homework Area is getting busier. Children are into routine now & enjoying doing work with their friends. Lastly, please remember to use gate at the front office when picking up your children at 5:30pm as it’s lit up & for safer. Also if your children will not be attending After Care please call us direct here at 0405 413 528.

Thanks, Birchgrove Team
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. 3:
1. Qb1 Ka5 2. Qb5 # or 1... Ka7 2. Qb7 #

Upcoming chess events
30 June - 14 July: Holiday Events
6 July: Inner West Sunday Fun Tournament
More information can be found on www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Puzzle nr. 4: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves

SOLO SOIREE – AN AMAZING SUCCESS
On Sunday afternoon the School Hall was transformed into a Recital Hall as 28 children ranging from Year 1 to Year 6 performed to a very proud and extremely impressed audience. The line-up included a singer, cellists, violinists, saxophonists, flautists, pianists, trumpeters, guitarists, and if any knows what a euphonium player is called then they have a more extensive vocabulary than I do. The standard was truly outstanding and seeing the enthusiasm and confidence that our children have was quite remarkable. For a school of our size, our music programme punches well above its weight. Many thanks to our brilliant MC Audrey McGibbon, Mr Cormack for his technical support and to the perpetually unfazed Lisa Healy for pulling the schedule together.

MUSIC FEE REMINDER
All Music Ensemble fees for Terms 1 & 2 are now overdue. If this affects you, please be aware that children will not be able to participate in the music programme in Term 3 if they have outstanding fees. Andrew Davies, the Music Committee Treasurer, will be contacting all families who have outstanding fees within the next week. If you are experiencing any problems with payment, please contact our Principal, Miss Gray, to discuss.

OPERA HOUSE
Next week is a big week for our senior Recorder and Senior Strings ensembles as they will be performing in the Jacaranda Concert at the Opera House. How cool is that?! This is one of the annual highlights of our Music Programme and it’s a terrific experience for the children, who have all been practising very hard. They need to know all their pieces by heart, forwards, backwards and back to front – and they do. Thank you in advance to Mr Fitzgerald for coming along to assist on the day.

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY
☺ Wednesday 25 June – Consort Recorders, Advanced Consort Recorders and Senior Strings perform in the Jacaranda Concert at the Opera House.
☺ Sunday 10 August – NSW Bands Festival (Concert Band to perform)
Wednesday 26th June 2014
Canteen Lunch Special
BBQ Sausage on a roll Meal Deal

Name____________________________________

Class_____________________________

____ One BBQ Sausage on a roll + Drink + Icy Twist = $7.50

____ One BBQ Sausage on a roll Only = $4.50

Please tick Tomato Sauce____  BBQ Sauce______ No Sauce_______

100% Fruit Juice___________ OR _________________ Bottled Water____

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If you would also like to order recess, please select below what you would like and add to the total amount.

Name____________________________________                   Class_____________________________

Choc Muffin - $2.00____                  Choc Iced Donut - 2.50____
Blueberry Muffin $2.00____               Pink Iced Donut - $2.50____
Finger Bun $2.00____                    Caramel Iced Donut $2.50____
Apple Raspberry Muffin $2.00____        Pineapple Donut $2.50____
Fruit Juice $1.50________                Water $1.00____

Recess_______
Lunch_______

Total Amount $__________

All orders and Money must be returned to the canteen by Monday 23rd June by 10am.

We cannot accept any late orders on the day.

Any cancellations on the day will not receive a refund but we can give the drink and ice block to your child the next day.
WAVELL STATE HIGH
Brisbane

IN CONCERT

With a 45 piece Showband
Electric Strings and Vocalists
playing Hits from the War Years, memories of the 80’s and 90’s
and a touch of country.

Wednesday 25th June
Birchgrove Public School
FRIDAY 20 JUNE

disco

P-2: 5-6.30pm 3-6: 6.30-8pm

TICKETS: Single $7.50, Family (4 or more) $25
Includes disco, bbq sausage & soft drink.
Cash bar, glow sticks and sweet treats available for sale on the night.
Purchase tickets online:
www.trybooking.com/88421
Order of Events

1. Girls and Boys 800m (Alternating Girls/Boys)
   Senior, 11 Years, Junior

2. Girls and Boys 100m **Heats** 12 Years – 8 Years
   (Alternating eg 12 year old Girls then 12 year old Boys)

3. Girls and Boys 400m (Alternating Girls/Boys)
   7 Years, 6 Years, 5 Years

4. Girls and Boys 200m (Alternating Girls/Boys)
   Senior, 11 Years, Junior

5. Girls and Boys 100m (Alternating Girls/Boys)
   7 Years – 5 Years

6. Girls and Boys 100m **Finals** 12 Years – 6 years
   (Alternating Girls/Boys)

   Long Jump will be held after 10.00 a.m.
   Students will be called over the PA to go to the long jump pit.

   The K to 2 will have novelties in the middle of the oval during the competitive carnival. There will be two classes called at a time.

   **Lunch**

7. Free play

**Field Events**

The Long Jump Events will be held today. To participate in High Jump you have to have a Little Athletics certified jump and bring in proof to show Mr Cormack. The Discus & Shot Put will be run at school and will be done next term.

**Note:**
- **Junior** = 8, 9 & 10 Year Olds
- **Senior** = 12 & 13 Year Olds
- The 200m & 800m races are timed Finals.