## Dates to Remember

### Parent
- 7/8: Bandana Day - Big Night Out
- 10/8: NSW School Band Festival, UNSW
- 11/8: KN Assembly
- 12/8: ICAS Mathematics Competition
- 18/8-22/8: Book Week
- 21/8: Book Week Parade
- 20/8: Friendly Debate
- 21/8: Pet Show - Big Night Out
- 25/8-31/8: National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2014

### Sport
- 25/8: K/1C Assembly
- 26/8-29/8: Stage 3 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp
- 1/9: 3D Assembly
- 3/9: Music Night
- 5/9: Stage 1 Excursion – Seymour Centre ‘The Tree House’
- 8/9: KM Assembly
- 9/9: Stage 2 Excursion – Seymour Centre ‘The Tree House’
- 10/9: Friendly Debate
- 12/9: Big Night Out
- 19/9: Last Day of Term 3

### Student Parliament
- 7/10: School Resumes
- 16/10-17/10: Music Camp
- 21/10: Kindergarten Orientation Evening
- 28/10: Kindergarten Orientation Morning
- 3/11: KS Assembly
- 4/11: Kindergarten Orientation Morning
- 11/11: Kindergarten Orientation Morning
- 17/11: 1D Assembly
- 17/12: Year 6 Arch
- 17/12: Last Day of Term 4
Last week the Student Parliament Treasury Ministry ran a Jeans for Genes Day to raise money for the Children’s Medical Research Institute’s. They research birth defects and diseases such as cancer, epilepsy and a wide range of genetic disorders. Our students P-6 wore their jeans and raised $212.40.

Preschool Working Bee on Sunday was extremely productive and a big thank you goes to: Becky, Bell, Chris, Kate, Emma, Peter, Jeffrey, Thopmas, Mrs Weber and her husband Alfred.

The Election Day Cake Stall raised $772.50 which will go into P&C funds and contribute to the planned playground improvements. A huge thank you to the Year 1 parents who worked on the stall and all the parents who made cakes.

During Peer Support this week the children will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills of friendship, specifically those of cooperating and listening. During the week encourage your child to show they are interested in the person they are talking to by being an active listener.

Keeping Us All Well - Thank you to the parents who are keeping their children at home if they have flu-like symptoms or any other illness August is the worst time for influenza. The only way we can decrease the chances of children getting the flu is to keep children at home until all symptoms have abated. If sick you will be asked to come and collect your child. My main goal is to keep ALL our community safe and healthy.

“Over the Hill and Far Away”, one of our local residents kindly donated a reader she found when cleaning out her uncles house. The book was owned by Birchgrove Public School and was loaned to Wallace Castle, of Turner St Balmain, on the 11/7/1904. The book has also been borrowed by Isobel Olsen. Thank you Judith it is a fascinating addition to our school memorabilia.

Kindergarten Orientation Dates for 2015 Kindergarten have been set. See the attached flyer for dates.

Welcome back Ms Ford, It’s good to have you back. Next Tuesday I am going on leave for a week and Mr Cormack will be relieving in the Principal role. Ms Karnaros will be relieving Assistant Principal for the week and will look after Stage 3.

Tracy Gray
Birchgrove Buzz
Term 3 Week 4 6th August 2014
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Birchgrove Public School
Kindergarten 2015
Play, Learn, Grow

IMPORTANT DATES
Orientation Evening 6:30pm
(For Parents & Carers)
Tuesday 21st October 2014

Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am
(For Parents, Carers and Children)
Tuesday 28th October 2014

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

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

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1U & 1C students investigating the properties of cooked and uncooked spaghetti. They collaborated to make spaghetti pictures and towers as a part of their science unit.
CONCERT BAND
The Concert Band will be performing at the NSW Bands Festival this Sunday, August 10 at 3.45pm – we wish them the very best of luck! As this is a formal event, all performers must honour the dress code of long black pants, Birchgrove Music t-shirt, black socks and black shoes.

STRINGS UPDATE Auditions for progression into Intermediate and Senior Strings will be held before school on Monday August 25. The audition pieces have been distributed - if you haven't received them please contact Louise Thompson (for Senior Strings auditions) or Katy Evans (for Intermediate Strings auditions). If your child wishes to audition, please let your ensemble co-ordinator know by no later than Monday August 18.

MUSIC NIGHT
Once a year, Birchgrove School hosts a Music Night to showcase the performance of all its talented ensembles and choirs. This year, Music Night will be held on Wednesday, 3rd September in the School Hall. Please put this date in your diary. It's always a great night and all Birchgrove ensemble members are expected to attend.

We are now calling for art submissions to feature in the Music Night Programme. Budding Birchgrove artists are invited to submit black and white sketches and drawings with a musical theme to the School Office by Friday, 22nd August. Entries should be marked to the attention of the Birchgrove Music Committee. The entry that is judged to be the best will appear on the cover of the programme.

MUSIC CAMP
Our annual Music Camp is scheduled for October 16 & 17 (a Thursday/Friday). It is hoped that all members of the Training Band, Concert Band, Intermediate Strings, Senior Strings and Rock Guitar ensembles will attend. The Music Camp is held offsite at the Baden Powell Scout Centre in Pennant Hills and is always an annual highlight. If you're planning holidays, make sure you'll be around for those dates!

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY
😊 Sunday, 10th August – NSW School Band Festival, UNSW, Concert Band
😊 Wednesday, 3rd September - Music Night, all ensembles
😊 Saturday, 6th September – St John’s Church Fete, Birchgrove, various ensembles
😊 Thursday, 16 – Friday, 17th October – School Music Camp, Pennant Hills
Preschool Science Incursion

Preschool Hospital Corner
Howdy Partners, it’s:

BANDANNA DAY

This Thursday, August 7

Wear a cowboy bandanna on Thursday for a gold coin donation
THE 2nd HAND UNIFORM STALL

is on again at the Main School Entrance

Wednesday 13th August
2.30 – 4.00 pm

Thursday 14th August
8.30 – 9.30 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!
WANTED

COWBOYS & COWGIRLS

BIG NIGHT OUT

BARNYARD BASH

7PM-MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 12 SEPT

BALMAIN TOWN HALL

TICKETS $65.00
Includes Mexican Food & Entertainment
Kids Artwork & Silent Auctions
BOOK ONLINE NOW YEE HA!
www.trybooking.com/96168
23 June 2014

Dear Parents

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation (First Confession) this year will be held on Saturday, September 13 at 3:00 pm.

If you would like your child to receive this Sacrament in 2014 you are required to attend the Reflection (Enrolment) Night for parents/guardians only, scheduled for Thursday, August 7 at 7:30pm in St Augustine’s Church.

An enrolment form will be given out on the night for you to fill in. Please bring along a photocopy and the original of your child’s Baptismal Certificate, if your child was not Baptised at St Augustine’s.

Your child is required to attend preparation lessons which will run for approximately 30 minutes and will be conducted in the Church or hall.

Once your child has received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they will then be eligible to make their First Communion in November 2014.

Looking forward to meeting with you on August 7.

With every best wish
God bless

Father Joe Camilleri
Parish Priest

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**PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY**

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Childhood Anxiety Seminar
Presented by Balmain Kids & Co.

*Thursday August 7th from 7pm.*
In this presentation, a panel of established child psychologists will speak on various aspects of Childhood Anxiety and answer your questions.
The evening will cover:
What childhood anxiety is
How to recognise it
Identify what is a normal level of anxiety, and what is not
How child anxiety can negatively impact learning
Strategies for parents for dealing with anxiety in their children
There will also be ample opportunity for parents to ask questions of the presenting team.
This presentation is for parents, grandparents, child health professionals, early childhood teachers and carers.
The event is hosted by the Rozelle Public School, and presented by the team at [Balmain Kids & Co.](http://rozelleparentseminars.wordpress.com).

**Date:** Thursday, 7th August  
**Time:** 7pm to 9pm.  
**Place:** Rozelle Public School Library  
**Cost:** $10 Single / $15 Couple (All proceeds go to the Rozelle Public School P&C)

[REGISTER NOW](#)