### Dates to Remember

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### Library

Congratulations to all of the children who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge closes at the end of August so please complete your Reading log.

### Red Gum Book Club

Red Gum Book Club promotes Australian authors, illustrators and publishers. Ordering and payment are online. Orders arrive at the school and 10% cash back returns to the school to top up class Libraries. Order forms are arriving home this week.

Mrs Chris Ilieff
Principal

Types of friends is the focus for Peer Support this week. Children will explore what encourages them to form friendships with different people (common interests, admirable qualities etc.) Through various activities the children will identify that their friends fall into the categories of 'best friends', 'friends' and 'people we know'. Children will also discuss the fact that friendships can change over time for various reasons. Discuss with your child the different friends they have in their lives, how friendships may change and that some friends may be more important at different times in their lives.

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our School Concert Band performed at the NSW Bands Festival on Sunday and were awarded a GOLD medal. Well done everyone involved, especially Rod our conductor. It is pleasing to see our band performing and getting recognised for all their hard work.

BOOK WEEK

Next week is Book Week. This is a good time to look at books with the children and encourage them to read. As part of Book Week we have our annual ‘Book Week Parade’ (Thursday 21st August) on the basketball court. Looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up as their favourite book character and parading around the court.

FLU SEASON IS HERE!!

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.

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

** If children are sick you will be asked to come and collect them.

Robert Cormack
Relieving Principal
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
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 ★ FOR THE BIG NIGHT OUT

BARNYARD BASH

FRI 12 SEPT ★ 7PM-MIDNIGHT
BALMAIN TOWN HALL

TICKETS $65.00
Includes Mexican Food, DJ and drink on arrival.
Kids artwork & silent auctions on the night
and a big mechanical surprise.
Dress: Country & Western - prize for best dressed.

BOOK ONLINE NOW YEE HA!
www.trybooking.com/96168
Planning is well under way for the Birchgrove Barnyard Bash on Friday September 12. The theme for the evening is Country & Western – time to rock your inner Cowboy or Cowgirl!

The Big Night Out is always a lot of fun, a very lively and social evening and this one will be no exception.

Your ticket price of $65 includes your first glass of wine, bubbly or beer (Peroni or Corona), followed by a three course Mexican meal. Entertainment will be both a DJ and live performances. There will be a mechanical bull and quoits games. Some terrific silent auctions, the cellar door auction and mystery balloons with prizes, as well as live auctions of the artworks that each class is producing.

All funds raised on the night go towards improving the school playground.

**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

Book online at: www.trybooking.com/96168

Donations of gift vouchers or similar would be gratefully accepted. If you have any contacts who could be approached for donations, contact Lisa Wagstaffe: lisa.wagstaffe@gmail.com. She can supply you with a formal request letter to use or we will make the approach instead if you prefer.

Thank you to the following businesses who have already donated goods or services:

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**GREAT READY FOR A GREAT NIGHT!**
BIRCHGROVE'S CUTEST PET COMPETITION

To support the Birchgrove Public School Big Night Out Barnyard Bash fundraiser, the Year 6 Parliament will be holding a cutest pet competition. All you need to do to enter your pet is to complete the information below and to leave it at the office with the $3 entry fee.

The competition requires a cute picture of your pet, and you may (or may not) wish to incorporate the Barnyard Bash theme into your pet's look. If you don't have access to a printer, please forward the image to Rose Russell for printing, together with your name and the name of your pet, as follows:

rrussell@rgc.com.au

Please make sure to return the form, money & picture by Friday 22 August 2014. The competition will commence on Monday 25 August @ $1 a vote. Further details will follow by e-mail.

BIRCHGROVE'S CUTEST PET COMPETITION

Student name: ________________________________

Class: ____________

Type of pet: ____________________________

Name of pet: ____________________________

Photo sent to Rose Russell: Yes/No

Attached: $3 entry fee
CONCERT BAND WINS GOLD!
Our Concert Band performed at the NSW Bands Festival on Sunday and were awarded a GOLD medal, which is a fantastic result! They performed two pieces: the theme from Visionquest and a medley of Michael Jackson songs, and they looked and sounded terrific. To quote the adjudicator: “Really very impressive, good job”. (The adjudicator even commented that their “posture was impressive”) Well done Concert Band! Once again, we have demonstrated that our music programme is right up there with any other primary school, public or private.

MUSIC NIGHT
Music Night is the night when every school musical ensemble performs and we would love some music themed artwork to include in the program. Budding Birchgrove artists are invited to submit black and white drawings with a musical theme. These can be handed into the school office by Friday August 22. The entry that is judged to be the best will appear on the cover of the program.

REMINDER: STRINGS AUDITIONS
Auditions for progression into Intermediate and Senior Strings will be held before school on Monday August 25. If your child wishes to audition, please let your Ensemble Co-ordinator (Katy Evans or Louise Thompson) know by next Monday at the latest.

ROCK GUITAR WORKSHOP
The Rock Guitars ensemble have an intensive workshop this coming Sunday from 1.30-4.30pm at the school. If parents have any questions about this, they should contact Alason Gibson: alasongibson@gmail.com

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY
😊 Sunday 17 August – Rock Guitar Workshop 1.30-4.30pm
😊 Monday 18 August – Rock Band Performance at Assembly 12:15pm
😊 Wednesday 3 September – Music Night – all ensembles perform
😊 Saturday 6 September - St John’s Church Fete – Training & Concert Bands, Consort & Advanced Consort recorders, Senior Strings and Rock Guitars to perform
😊 Thursday 16th & Friday 17th October – School Music Camp
CALLING ALL ATHLETES

come and join the

BALMAIN LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

Get your running shoes on and come and register for a fun filled season of friendly competition and personal bests. Tiny Tots (4 years) to under 17 all welcome!

SEASON COMMEMCES
AFTER WINTER SPORT FINISHES!
Saturday 13 September 2014 at 8:30 am and continues till mid March 2015

REGISTRATION
www.balmainlac.org.au register online through our website now!
THEN come down to KING GEORGE OVAL, MANNING STREET, ROZELLE 23rd or 30th August from 1-4pm to pick up your REGISTRATION PACK AND UNIFORM. Please note: proof of age for all NEW athletes has to be sighted for all registrations so bring your child’s passport or birth certificate with you.

COST
$110 or early bird $100 (early bird applies up to 22nd August).