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Library

Congratulations to the 189 children who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Only one day left to complete the Challenge as it closes on August 22. Don’t forget to enter all your books online to update 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 have been sent home with students.

Mrs Chris Ilieff, Librarian

PRINCIPAL

During Bounce Back! lessons over the next four weeks students will be talking about No Bullying. When subjects are talked about in class it always gives parents an opening to touch base with how their child is going. In next week’s newsletter there will be more information about how you can support your child if need be, with strategies to cope with bullying. For children who are bullied it can be a very distressing and isolating experience and the more strategies they know the safer they are from this very insidious societal behaviour.

CONGRATULATIONS

Birchgrove Premier’s Debating team have progressed to the semi-finals. Well done. The students work very hard preparing for debates and it is always rewarding when they are successful. Thank you to Ms Keating, Ms Copping and Mr Dodds who give up their lunchtimes to teach the students during the debating season. Your time and support is greatly appreciated by the debating teams and the school community.

BOOK WEEK

This week is Book Week. The slogan this year is Connect to Read. In a family that reads, books, in whatever form they take, connect family members by shared conversations and experiences. I don’t need to explain to you how important it is for your child to connect to different texts and how valuable these conversations are educationally.

BOOK PARADE

As part of Book Week, the annual Book Week Parade is on (Thursday 21st August). The children really enjoy dressing up as their favourite book character and I’m sure, after being involved in the preparations, the parents love seeing their child’s parade! This is usually a great community event and will go ahead regardless of the weather conditions but if it is raining the parade will take place in the assembly hall. Fingers crossed.

If it is raining at the beginning of the day, parents will need to go directly to the assembly hall. This will be a very “close” event so if parents can either sit on the stairs or stand on the stage or against the walls that would be great. The students will already be in their classrooms because of wet weather and the K to 2 students will come to the hall.

Please be patient as this will be a one off, no practise event.

BALMAIN DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Due to the inclement weather this week the carnival was postponed until Wednesday August 27 and Friday 29. Unfortunately this means that Birchgrove Stage 3 competitors will miss out on competing as they will be at the Aussie Bush Camp next week. These dates were the only available dates for the sporting venue.
SCHOOL PHOTO NOTES
The information about Birchgrove School Photos has been sent home with your child today.

FLU!!
This information is worth leaving in the newsletter again.
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 one use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth as bacteria spreads this way.

If you or your child develop influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor.

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 your child is sick you will be asked to come and collect them.

Di Ford
Relieving Principal

THE BIRCHGROVE ROCK BAND

The Rock Band had their first intensive workshop last Sunday. The band worked hard together for 3 hours – it was a great opportunity for them to practise their core pieces. It ended in an impromptu concert for the parents who were delighted with the end result and clapped and cheered. It was also great for the band to practice for their first appearance at assembly on Monday – they did a great job.
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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We are getting some fantastic donations for items to be auctioned off at the Big Night Out.

Thank you very much to the following businesses who have kindly donated goods and services:

Affordable Fitness
Alfonso’s Hair
Australian Chamber Orchestra
Australian Museum
ANZ Stadium
Balmain Village Sports
Big 4 Holiday Parks
Calmsley Hill Farm
Canvas Essential Therapy
Captain Cook Cruises
Clear Complexions
Featherdale Wildlife Park
Herbie’s Spices

Powerhouse Museum
Ryde Aquatic Centre
Sushi Man
Sydney Community College
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust
Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym
Sydney Jewish Museum
Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre
TJ’s Meats
Whispering Brook Vineyard
Maeve Thompson
Northstar

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!
Book online at: www.trybooking.com/96168
GET READY FOR A GREAT NIGHT!
WANTED

★ COWBOYS & COWGIRLS ★

FOR THE BIG NIGHT OUT

BARNYARD BASH

FRI 12 SEPT ★ 7PM-MIDNIGHT

BALMAIN TOWN HALL

TICKETS $65.00

BOOK ONLINE NOW YEE HA!

www.trybooking.com/96168
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
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We appreciate all items that are donated from the wish list and it is a great support for the canteen, it helps us keep the prices as low as possible.
We cannot accept open packets on any of these items due to health regulations.
Birchgrove School Canteen Father’s Day Raffle
Tickets $1.00 Each

1st Prize – U-BUTE Traveller Portable BBQ & BBQ Accessories
2nd Prize – Wine & Chocolate Hamper
3rd Prize – Wine Hamper

We will also have at least 10 other minor prizes to give away.

Please write your child’s name, class & your contact number on the tickets below and return them with the money to Karen at the canteen (NOT THE OFFICE OR CLASS TEACHER) by Thursday 4th September.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL CANTEEN.

REMINDER: STRINGS AUDITIONS

Auditions for progression into Intermediate and Senior Strings will be held before school on Monday August 25. Good luck to all the students involved!

MUSIC NIGHT

Music Night is coming up soon on Wednesday, 3rd September. It will be great to hear all the school musical ensembles perform.

This is the last call for artwork to feature in the Music Night Program. Budding Birchgrove artists are invited to submit black and white drawings with a musical theme. These must be handed into the School Office by Friday, 22nd August. The entry that is judged to be the best will appear on the cover of the program.

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

😊😊 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