Term 3 Week 10  17th September 2014

Reminder P&C Meeting 7pm tonight in the staffroom

Dates to Remember

Parent
Music
Sport
Student Parliament

Term 3
18/9  School Photos
19/9  Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

7/10  School Resumes
15/10  P&C Meeting 7pm
15/10  State Athletics Carnival
16/10  Music Camp
16/10-  Kindergarten Orientation Evening
17/10  3D Assembly
21/10  Kindergarten Orientation Morning
27/10  Kindergarten Orientation Morning
28/10  Preschool Drum Incursion
30-10  Preschool Drum Incursion
3/11  KS Assembly
4/11  Kindergarten Orientation Morning
11/11  Kindergarten Orientation Morning
17/11  1D Assembly
19/11  Preschool Transition
25/11  Preschool Interviews
26/11  Preschool Interviews
26/11  P&C Meeting 7pm
4/12  Stage 3 Recognition
5/12  St John’s Christmas Concert
5/12  Preschool Concert
5/12  Preschool Concert
9/12  Preschool Party
9/12  Year 6 Farewell Dinner
10/12  Stage 2 Recognition Ceremony
11/12  Kindergarten Recognition Ceremony
11/12  Preschool Party
12/12  Year 6 Picnic
12/12  Stage 1 Recognition Ceremony
15/12  School Picnic Day
16/12  Preschool Cleaning Day
17/12  Farewell Assembly and Year 6 Arch
17/12  Last Day of Term 4
Thank you to all the mums, dads and grandparents who made it to our early performance outside Woolworths this morning. The choir and musicians were magical! I’d like to congratulate Woolworths Balmain on their reopening and beautifully renovated store. I know they’ve been missed over the last five weeks! Woolworths Balmain is a big supporter of our school, with their employees including a number of our parents, grandparents and ex-students. I’d like to thank store manager Chris Leonard for the generous donation to our music program. The teachers are already making a list of items they need for their class music programs.

Congratulations to Lisa and her team of amazing parent helpers. The Barnyard Bash was a fabulous night out. It was enjoyed by both staff and parents, as you can see by the smile on Mr Dodd’s face! While the fabulous things we are able to do with the funds from the parents fundraising is always appreciated the social and community aspect of these events is always a priority and never disappoints. The staff and I were thrilled to catch up with so many of our parents in a relaxed social setting. It will be great to see the playground upgrades that your children will love, happening as soon as possible!

School Photo Day Our second photo day is Thursday 18/9/14- If your children are in a music group they will need their music t-shirt for their group photos. Sporting groups need their black and yellow sport polo shirts. All other groups need their summer uniform for photos. Preschool wear their usual comfortable clothing, suitable for a day’s play! The school appreciates you efforts with full school uniform every day, but especially on photo day. Thank you to all the parents who made sure we all looked beautifully presented for our photos on Tuesday.
Just a gentle reminder our school playground including the terrace at pick up is dog free! Please make sure you keep your much loved four legged family members outside the school grounds and if you are tying them up, please make sure they don’t impede access in and out the gates.

There is a flyer later in the newsletter, but I am including a few more details here as it is such an important local event. Not only has it affected our Rozelle Neighbours, but one of our school families has lost their business completely (the building is no longer there).

**Sunday 21 September 2014  King George Park, Rozelle 12pm – 3pm FREE EVENT**

Rock legend Diesel headlines! Plus performances by local musicians (See our fantastic program below!), Children’s entertainment, Face painting, Jumping castle, Gold coin donation sausage sizzle, Bucket collection for fundraising

12.00pm - 12.15pm: **The Songbirds** (Rozelle Public School Mothers Choir)
12.30pm - 1.00pm: **Play Along with Sam** (Sam Moran Former Yellow Wiggle and Rozelle Resident)
1.15pm - 1.45pm: **The Pigs** (Local Balmain residents and Australia’s favourite bluegrass funsters The Pigs are known worldwide for their combination of super-catchy original tunes and foot-stomping ‘Piggified’ cover versions in bluegrass style)
1.45pm - 2.15pm: Raffle drawn (great prizes including sporting memorabilia)
2.15pm - 3:00pm: **Diesel**

Since 2013 the Peninsula GAT network has run the Peninsula Engagement Program (PEP) for gifted Year 5 students in peninsula primary schools. Last week students from Year 5 attended Sydney Secondary College, Balmain Campus and participated in programs in English, Mathematics, Technology, Visual arts and Science. The children all enjoyed the activities and presented their work to parents and school executives as a finale. These Poems were produced as a part of the English activities:

**Homelessness**

The grey bearded man looked up at me smiling with his toothless grin I looked down at him and I wondered why, why did this happen to him

Its horrific the conditions that they live through me not knowing exactly how hard

Imagine sleeping on the ground uncomfortably

Every single night

His stomach rumbled and grumbled like a different thunder clap. I cant imagine that constant feeling of hunger, I cant Imagine that feeling because in my world we waste carelessly not thinking of the homeless.

I sit down and up ahead I see my friends playing, laughing, jumping about and then I have an image the grey bearded man looking up at me person after person walking by not taking one second to look at him not even.  

**Animal Lover**

I love my pet dog
And sometimes I wonder
What life would be like for a dog like him

Prancing around
Happy in his own skin
Unlike dogs
We all want to fit in
But we need to begin
To understand
That we can keep our chin high
Without being the bad guy
We should be more like pets
Who do not regret
Being themselves
Instead they go with the flow
And are not afraid to show who they really are
My pet dog is the star in my sky

Gemma Gardiner

The Orchestra of Seasons
The seasons are an orchestra, playing beautiful music,
Never stopping once, an ever going tune,
Spring is the violin, playing a joyous song,
Filling the air with happiness, without a sad soul in sight
Autumn is the piano, with a song of leaving something behind,
The audience with tears in their eyes,
Winter is the drum, a necessity to keep things together,
Although not the most beautiful of the instruments,
Things would fall apart without it,
Spring is the harp, playing a song of new growth,
The audience feeling fresh and ready for the beginning again

Jean Hinchliffe

Reduce, reuse, recycle
Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country's food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

Mobile Maths Games
Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You'll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREYV

Selective schools
Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You'll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: http://bit.ly/selectiveHS
Hello everyone, Yay! Last week of school! We are very excited it’s the school holidays as we have lots of activities planned. They range from going to the movies, hanging with koala’s to learning about the solar system we are doing it all. It’s not too late to enrol, for more information go to www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

If you have an question please call our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 & also if your child is unable to attend After Care please call this number You can contact us here in Birchgrove OSHC on this number 0405 413 528. We hope you have a good holiday & we hope to see you at the centre!

Thanks, Birchgrove Team

MUSIC PHOTOS
A reminder that photos of all the Music ensembles will be taken at school this Thursday, 18th September. Music students should bring their instruments to school and either wear or change into their music uniform. The only exception is Kodaly Music students who should just wear their school uniform.

MUSIC CAMP
Music Camp is coming up in Week 2 of Term 4. Music Camp permission forms must be returned to the school by this Thursday morning (19th September). It is very important that we have final numbers of who will be attending. Payment is not due until the first week of Term 4.

What a busy but successful term it’s been for Birchgrove musicians! Wishing you a safe and happy time over the school holidays.

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY
😊 Thursday, 16th – Friday, 17th October – School Music Camp, Pennant Hills
😊 Tuesday, 21st October – Music Committee Meeting, 7pm, school staffroom
Latest news Chess class
The chess class at Birchgrove Public School runs on Tuesday lunch from 1:10 pm - 1:55 pm. In term 4 the classes will start on 7 October. 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. 8:
1. Qf5 #

Upcoming chess events
22 September - 2 October: Holiday coaching
23 September: Inner West Chess Challenge
5 October: Inner West Sunday Fun
More information can be found on www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Canteen
Fathers Day Raffle

I would like to thank the following people for donating prizes for the canteen raffle. Jo Copping & Family for the portable BBQ, Alfonso for Hair - $50 voucher, Amanda Maglis - $30 voucher, Paul Angus & Family - $30 voucher, Angela & Sofia Young - BBQ Accessories pack, Elaine Trodden - NRL footy cap, Isabella Van Der Weide & Luke DG for all of the wine, beer packs, chocolates, mugs and gift boxes. The following people were the lucky winners - Joel Ditcham, Scarlett Garvey, Ethan Proctor, Jake Mulcahy, Rachel Wei, Adele Roche, Emily Preschool, Rainier Love, Myles Family, Hawa KN, Arjuna 1D, Isabella KN, Huxley K/1C, Milly 3D and Luke 4/5H.

The biggest Thank You to all of the families who purchased the raffle tickets it was a fantastic support for your school canteen.

Karen

Chess puzzle
Puzzle nr. 9: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves
P&C News

What a fabulous night was had by all who attended the Barnyard Bash BNO at Balmain Town Hall last Friday! The large turnout of parents and teachers was treated to the authentic delights of the Wild West, from Mexican food to line dancing, hay bales, a genuine mechanical bull, wanted Dead or Alive posters, both types of music – country and western – and much, much more. The event’s main organizer – Lisa Wagstaffe – deserves hollered out praise for all she did to make the night such a success. She made the hall look amazing, secured tons of prizes and worked tirelessly to bring the night alive. Lisa's deputy - Simone Love - also did a ton – driving all over Sydney, selling tickets, and a host of other things. The night was a great financial success with the anticipated profit of at least $17,000 way above expectations.

The BPS P&C is also very grateful to Lisa's family who drove from Newcastle to help on the night, especially behind the bar, and to Lisa's friends Kristen and Andrej, for their invaluable help.

Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers can now happily retire in the knowledge that their legacy lives on in the guises of Catherine Atriano and Peter Thompson, whose stage performances of classics like Joene and Islands in the Stream were sensational.

Special thanks also go to: the amazing Craft Committee Paul Angus, Kim Wagstaffe, and Hamish Pearcy, who decorated the venue; our MC Jim Short; Kate & Ian Myles, who managed the cellar door auction, amongst other things; Jacki Fortune, who handled the artwork; Rose Russell, who did all the design work; Cheryl Douglas, who helped with preparing the silent auctions; and Angela Davis and Jim Short (again) who raised donations to great effect.

Other members of the organizing committee who helped in many significant ways were Cristy Savory, Audrey McGibbon, Lisa Healy, Jenny Dennis, and Carolyn Tate - this really was a team effort. The fabulous set up and pack down team included many of the above plus Richard Hinchliffe, Chris McKay and Rob Love.

The P&C’s sincere thanks also go to the many Birchgrove families who donated items for auctions or to use on the night - Cristy Savory, Clair Weaver, Karen Peters, Christine Johnston, Jane Johansson, Maaike Mintjes, Audrey McGibbon, Graham Kelso, Simon Frost - plus the Birchgrove families associated with LuMu Interiors, Lion's Den Antiques, Darling Gelato, Efendy and Whispering Brook Wines. Heartfelt thanks also go to the teachers for the wonderful artwork.

On behalf of the Birchgrove P&C I would like to thank our key sponsors, Harris Partners Real Estate Agents and the Port Authority of NSW, for their incredible generosity and support of our School. Particular thanks go to Charlie Powell for auctioning the artwork with very successful results.

And congratulations to Hamish Pearcy our Mechanical Bull Champion! Yee Ha!

Chris O'Donnell
P&C President
THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

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Absolute Board Company
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Art Gallery of NSW
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Maev Thompson babysitting
Malila Thai Spa
Maple
Mary & Marie
Merton Hotel
Audrey McGibbon & family
Nature’s Energy
Nest
Northstar Martial Arts
Our Place on Darling
Pepsi Cola
Planet Beauty
Powerhouse Museum
Rebel Fit
Red Balloon Days
Rodney Clark
Royal Oak Hotel
Ryde Aquatic Centre
Cristy Savory & family
Shady Designs
Sony
Stem
Sushi Man
Sweatbox Gym
Sydney Community College
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust
Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym
Sydney Jewish Museum
Sydney Living Museums
Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Ctr
Sydney Opera House
Sydney Symphony Orchestra
Taronga Zoo
Teriyaki Boy
The Bean Cafe
The Cottage
The Essential Ingredient
TJ’s Meats
Clair Weaver and family
Whispering Brook Vineyard
Wild Orange
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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You can make a big difference

By shopping in Darling St, Rozelle as much as you can over the coming weeks and months, you can really help our local businesses get back on their feet. And in the process, we can all start to rebuild our vibrant community.

Rally to rebuild Rozelle... and Rally today!
Rozelle Fire Appeal Community Concert

Sunday 21 September 2014 12pm - 3pm
King George Park, Rozelle

Free Event. Bring a picnic!

Very limited parking at this event. Please walk, cycle or catch public transport!

Come along to Council’s Fundraising Concert to help raise money for those affected by this tragedy.

- Performances by local musicians
- Children’s entertainment
- Face painting
- Jumping castle
- Gold coin donation sausage sizzle
- Bucket collection for fundraising
CALLING ALL STUDENTS

BE A PART OF THE EXCITING
CHINESE NEW YEAR STUDENT ART EXHIBITION AT
THE CHINESE GARDENS OF FRIENDSHIP
DARLING HARBOUR.
AN ASSOCIATED EVENT OF THE CITY OF SYDNEY’S
CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS 2015.

Enrol with the Kids At The ARThouse art program in term 4 and you can exhibit at the Chinese Gardens of Friendship in February 2015. After a highly successful student art exhibition this year they have invited us back to do it again!
Open to all students from K - year 6.
Kids At The ARThouse at Birchgrove Public School
every Wednesday 3:15pm - 5pm.
For more information please call Sabina M: 0403768282
E: sabina@kidsatthearthouse.com
To reserve your booking now!
THIS FESTIVAL IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CELEBRATIONS OF THE LUNA NEW YEAR IN THE WORLD!