Naplan Results are available for collection by parents on Thursday and Friday from the front office. We are asking parents to sign for them. If you want your child to sign for them, please send them with an authorising letter.

Thankyou to Mr Cormack, Mr Dodds and Ms Shanahan for all their time making camp such a memorable experience for Stage 3. Your time and effort are really appreciated.

6C and 5/6K are glazing their part of our new ceramic mural this week and it will be going up in the holidays. The pieces look incredible and I can't wait to see them altogether in our playground! Our talented artists K-6 have worked together to create something very special.

Looking forward to Music Night (tonight!),

Tracy Gray
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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Birchgrove Road Balmain NSW 2041
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Monday 22 September 2014 $53.88
Lunar Escape
“Huston….. We have lift off!” Escape the world and head for outer space with lunar escape! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program....

Monday 29 September 2014 $68.88
Explosion Of Fun!
Prepare yourself for an EXPLOSION of fun today with the Camp Australia Team! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program....

Tuesday 23 September 2014 $66.88
Dance Jam!
Ready to groove and bust a move or two? Today we’ll be the hottest hip-hoppers around! Click on the heading to find out more.

Tuesday 30 September 2014 $66.88
Train Your Brain
Today is a day to ‘Train Your Brain’! Quizzes, questions and activities to make you think... Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program....

Wednesday 24 September 2014 $78.88
Boxrolls
Box up your belongings and join us today for thrills and excitement! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program.... Please arrive by 8:45AM

Wednesday 1 October 2014 $81.38
Animals of Australia
Join us to get totally WILD on the ultimate wildlife adventure. Click on the heading to find out more.... Please arrive by 8:45AM

Thursday 25 September 2014 $63.88
Tail It & Sail It
Reach for the sky – we’re creating something to fly way up high! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program....

Thursday 2 October 2014 $53.88
Spring-time!
It’s that time of the year again… the birds are tweeting and the flowers are blooming! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program....

Friday 26 September 2014 $66.88
Splash of Colour!
Get ready for a day full of ‘splashes’ of colour and fun! With all of the colours of the rainbow... and more! Click on the heading to find out more....

Friday 3 October 2014 $53.88
When I Grow Up
Come along dressed up and show us! Today we are supporting The Smith Family “Back 2 School” initiative. Don’t forget to bring along a gold coin donation.

* Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please) wet weather gear; art smock and suitable clothing for an active and summer day.
* An afternoon fruit snack will be provided.

BIG NIGHT OUT UPDATE

The Birchgrove Barnyard Bash is only 9 sleeps away... have you got your tickets???

Remember your $65 ticket price includes:
- First drink (wine, bubbles or beer)
- Three course Mexican style meal
- Games, Entertainment, Silent Auctions, Artwork Auctions

It’s guaranteed to be a fun night – don’t miss out! www.trybooking.com/96168

The fabulous class artworks will be on display out the front of the school (ewtaher permitting) next week at pick up and drop off. Remember if you want to get one of these, your best chance is by being there to bid on the night!

There will also be some hand crafted teddy bears made by the extraordinarily talented Kate Green up for silent auction. Two have been made from the kindergarten teatowels featuring the kindy self-portraits. The other three have been made from mural tea towels. The quality of the construction is fantastic and these are also beautiful, heirloom quality souvenirs (or great cuddly companions).
We are getting more and more 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:

Absolute Board Company
Affordable Fitness
Alfonso’s Hair
Art of Bloom
Australian Chamber Orchestra
Australian Museum
ANZ Stadium
Balmain Automotive
Balmain Village Sports
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Canvas Essential Therapy
Captain Cook Cruises
Central X Hair
Clear Complexions
Coca Cola
Darling Street Fish Shop
Delissimo
Featherdale Wildlife Park
Harris Partners Real Estate
Herbie’s Spices
Hull Family
Il Casale Nobili

Jane Johansson Photography
Leona Edmiston
LuMu Interiors
Maeve Thompson babysitting
Malila Thai Spa
Mary and Marie
Maple
Northstar Martial Arts
Planet Beauty
Powerhouse Museum
Rebel Fit
Rodney Clarke Hair
Ryde Aquatic Centre
Shady Designs
Sony
Stem
Sushi Man
Sydney Community College
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust
Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym
Sydney Jewish Museum
Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Ctr
TJ’s Meats
Whispering Brook Vineyard
Bringing NAPLAN home: The results and your child

As parents and carers, we all take great interest in our children and their paths in life. We know it is really important that they develop key skills such as literacy and numeracy to help them through school, work and life.

NAPLAN (the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a national test undertaken by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students, designed to provide information on your child’s literacy and numeracy achievements. This year NAPLAN was taken on 13, 14 and 15 May.

NAPLAN results provide additional information, which can be used along with school assessment and testing. It allows you to compare your child’s achievement with other children across Australia. By itself, NAPLAN does not improve the quality of education, but it gives us a national snapshot of how our children are doing in those important skills of literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN is important to your child as it provides information for school authorities and schools to review the effectiveness of their programs and to address any areas requiring improvement. It is important that you know as early as possible about your child’s strengths or if your child needs assistance. NAPLAN helps with this.

Sometime in August and September you will receive your son or daughter’s NAPLAN report. I encourage you to read the report in the context of what you already know about your child’s academic performance and in conjunction with other assessment information and reports you may already have received from your child’s school. Further information on how to read the report is found on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports.html

Your son or daughter’s results will be reported against six levels of achievement. Your child’s results will be indicated by a black dot. The black triangle shows the national average for children in that year level.
This means you can compare your child’s performance to children in the same year level. As with all tests, small differences between students’ NAPLAN scores do not reflect real achievement differences.

Using this information, you can then take the time to celebrate the success that you see and/or identify areas for improvement. You should talk to your child’s teacher about what you should do next if you see areas that need improvement.

If your child is concerned with their results, remind them that NAPLAN isn’t a pass or fail test and there are no rewards or penalties for the result your child achieves. Rather, the NAPLAN student report is a point in time snapshot of your child’s achievements in the important areas of literacy and numeracy. This snapshot gives an indication of how your child compares with students across Australia.

ACARA is committed to improving learning for all young Australians through world-class curriculum, assessment and reporting. This year, we are aiming for NAPLAN results to be returned to you more quickly than in previous years.

As teachers and parents continue on with the rest of 2014, I urge you to keep NAPLAN student reports in context. Don’t stop any activities your child enjoys; don’t focus your child only on literacy and numeracy. Evidence shows that a well-rounded education, including the pursuit of other activities such as sport and art, contributes to the development of literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills. All activities are crucial to the school program and contribute to developing informed, happy children who are confident in their own abilities.

Robert Randall
Chief Executive Officer, ACARA
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What’s On at Cockatoo Island

Less than 10 minutes by ferry from Birchgrove Wharf, spend the day exploring Sydney’s only World-Heritage-listed island.

September School Holidays

- Shipyard Stories exhibition
- Maritime Museum family cruise and twilight tour
- NIDA filmmaking: Steampunk Style
- Etcetera Duo, live performance: Island Antics

For bookings and more information, go to: cockatooisland.gov.au/events
Hello everyone! We are over half way through the term & we here at Camp Australia - Birchgrove OSHC are getting excited about Holiday Club Activities! We will be dancing, creating, hanging out with Koalas & going to the movies! For more information please go to www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs or come & talk to us.

Last week here at the centre we went puppet crazy! We made all kinds of little finger puppet friends with kids making some cool creations. This week we are celebrating Dad's everywhere in preparation for Father's Day. Our Homework Club is up & running! If you would like us to remind your child to do their homework please let us know.

As always if your child is unable to attend please give Camp Australia Head Office on 1300 105 343. A big shout out to all the Dad's from us here at OSHC.

Thanks, Birchgrove Team - 0405 413 528
Mindfulness for Families  Mindfulness from the inside - out

*Monday September 15th from 7pm*
Rozelle Public School Library  Presented by Chrissie Burke.

**Bookings Essential!**
In this seminar, local psychologist and Mindfulness teacher Chrissie Burke offers an introduction to mindfulness for parents and carers.

Mindfulness is a hot topic at the moment and there's a huge amount of interest in the general public, media, and in the fields of health, psychology, well-being, education and social care. At a glance, you could get the idea that mindfulness is a panacea for all of modern society's busy-ness, stress and related challenges.

But, what is mindfulness - how does it work? How do we develop mindfulness? How, and for whom, can it be of benefit?

In this parent seminar, learn about the theoretical foundations of mindfulness, the current research evidence, and an understanding of pathways to develop and integrate mindfulness into your everyday life. The seminar will also consider how mindfulness can be most effectively developed with children, and within families.

As mindfulness needs to be experienced to be understood, this seminar will include opportunities to practice mindfulness, guided by an experienced mindfulness teacher, so you can get a taste for it.

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