Birchgrove Buzz
Term 3 Week 9  10th September 2014

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School Photo Day Our main school photo day is next Tuesday, 16/9/14. Please make sure
- your child is in full summer school uniform, including black school shoes.
- any ribbons or hair ties are discreet and in school colours.(rainbow and sparkly hair ties will be removed).
- your child has no jewellery other than a watch.
- your child is at school on time to avoid disappointment.
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.

Looking forward to catching up with many of you at the Big Night Out on Friday,

September homework planner Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The September 2014 homework and study calendar includes key dates, school holidays and the number of each week in the term. You can print it out this month’s calendar here: http://bit.ly/1pkC3fK

Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently. Find out more: http://bit.ly/xHLLDH

How much screen time? ‘Screen time’ used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex. Find out more: http://bit.ly/QFlqyz

When lunch comes home ... again Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it. Find out more: http://bit.ly/K7IoJD

Hi everyone!
We hope you had a lovely Fathers Day - we were very impressed with some of the cards that were leaving the centre! This week we are making scarecrows & already we have some creative characters on the wall. We have begun trialling a new afternoon tea system this week. From now on classes 4-6 will go out at 3.30pm while K-3 will have afternoon tea & then they’ll swap around 3.45pm on this way we can give everyone a quite, relax & more space for afternoon tea time. Please let us know of what you think!
If you would like your child to attend OSHC please call the Customer Service on 1300 105 343. & also if your child is not able to attend OSHC please call Customer Service. Our Holiday Club is up if you want to booked your child for vacation care please go to www.campaaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs. If you have any questions or messages regarding Birchgrove OSHC you can contact us here on 0405 413 528 or you can email us on nswbirchgrove@oshccampaustralia.com.au

Thanks, Birchgrove Team
MUSIC NIGHT ROCKS ON

_Concert band performs Music Night finale_

Congratulations to all our fine young musicians who shone at Music Night last Wednesday and a big thanks to all the conductors, helpers and supporters who made the night happen!

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

😊 **Thursday, 16 – Friday, 17th October** – School Music Camp, Pennant Hills
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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 Enroll 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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Pre school Green

We started to read some fire fighting related stories. After reading Oliver, The owl who wanted to be a fire fighter, the children thought about what they wanted to be when they grow up.

- Sajan - chef
- William - astronaut
- Sam - Firefighter
- Zoe - ballerina
- Sophie - waitress
- Charlie - footy player
- Jocelyn - vet
- Una - police horse
- Emily - nurse
- Lola - vet
- Rohan - firefighter
- Abigail - nurse
- Cohen - football player

Huff the Pigeon

Preschool Yellow

Our very own Author

Charlies Dad
BIG NIGHT OUT UPDATE

Only two sleeps now until The Big Night Out. The donations are flooding in and there are going to be some truly amazing prizes up for grabs at bargain prices on the night. Beauty treatments, meals out, a weekend away, fun activities with the kids, sports memorabilia, shopping vouchers, commemorative bears...you name it, we’ve got it!

Remember your $65 ticket price includes:
- First drink (wine, bubbles or beer)
- Three course Mexican style meal (vegetarians and GF catered for)
- Games, Entertainment, Silent Auctions, Artwork Auctions
- Guest appearances by major international music stars (yes, really!)

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

If you’re not sure whether you’ll know anyone, don’t fret – there are teachers and parents coming from right across the school (over 150 tickets sold now) and it’s a very friendly environment.

Dressing up country & western style is optional – although there will be a prize for the best dressed.

Artwork Auctions

The class artworks will be on display outside the front of the school at pick up today and again on Thursday. Also, the amazing Birchgrove teddy bears, dog and horse made by the extremely talented Kate Green. Remember there will not be any class artworks next year – this is a biannual school event.

If you cannot attend the Big Night Out and want to place an absentee bid, see the next pages for instructions. However your best chance of securing one is always to be there on the night.
THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

Aesop
Absolute Board Company
Affordable Fitness
Alfonso’s Hair
Art of Bloom
Australian Chamber Orchestra
Australian Museum
ANZ Stadium
Balmain Automotive
Balmain Village Sports
Big 4 Holiday Parks
Blokes
Calmesley Hill Farm
Canvas Essential Therapy
Captain Cook Cruises
Castrol
Charlotte Cafe
Clear Complexions
Ctrl X Hair
Darling Street Fish Shop
Darling Gelato
Darling Parlour Tattoos
Featherdale Wildlife Park
Gelatissimo
Good Reading Magazine
Graham Kelso
Harris Partners Real Estate
Herbie’s Spices
Hull Family
Il Casale Nobili
Jane Johansson Photography
Karen Peters & Christine Johnston
Leona Edmiston
Little Darling Diner
Lululemon
LuMu Interiors
Maeve Thompson babysitting
Malila Thai Spa
Maple
Mary & Mare
Merton Hotel
Audrey McGibbon & family
Nature’s Energy
Nest
Northstar Martial Arts
Our Place on Darling
Planet Beauty
Powerhouse Museum
Rebel Fit
Red Balloon Days
Rodney Clark
Ryde Aquatic Centre
Crispy 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 Cottage
The Essential Ingredient
The Exchange Hotel
TJ’s Meats
Clair Weaver and family
Whispering Brook Vineyard
Wild Orange
## CLASS ARTWORKS 2014 – ABSENTEE BID

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Each class across the school has created an artwork to be auctioned off at the Big Night Out. If you would like to place an absentee bid, complete the form below and hand it into the school office by midday Friday, September 12 (in a sealed envelope).

Please note: **All artworks have a reserve of $200** to cover the costs of framing and materials.

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Bidder's Name: ________________________________

Email: ___________________________ Phone: ____________

I have indicated my maximum bid above. If I win the auction(s), I agree to pay by no later than Friday September 19.

Signature: ________________________________
Birchgrove’s Big Night Out

2014 Preschool Class Artwork Sealed Bid Form

How does a sealed bid work?

If you would like to make a bid on one of the Preschool class artworks shown below, complete the form below and return it to the Preschool staff or to the school office by midday on Friday 12th September. All bids will remain confidential.

The artwork will be sold to the highest bid. (The artwork may be auctioned at the Big Night Out. If so, we will bid on your behalf up to the amount indicated below).

If your bid is successful, we will contact you to arrange payment, which is required by later than Friday, September 19.

Please indicate which item you would like to bid on and the amount that you would like to bid. (Note: all items have a reserve price of $200 to cover the costs of framing and materials)

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Bidder’s Name: ___________________________ Child’s Name: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________
**Camp Australia (NSW Birchgrove Public School OSHC) Holiday Club**

Birchgrove Road Balmain NSW 2041
0405 413 528 (07:00-18:15)

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<td><strong>Explosion Of Fun!</strong></td>
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<td>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......</td>
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<td><strong>Dance Jam!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Train Your Brain</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Boxtrolls</strong></td>
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<td>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......</td>
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<td><strong>Animals of Australia</strong></td>
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<td>Join us to get totally WILD on the ultimate wildlife adventure! Click on the heading to find out more......</td>
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<td><strong>Tail It &amp; Sail It</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Spring-time!</strong></td>
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<td>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......</td>
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<td><strong>Splash of Colour!</strong></td>
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<td>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......</td>
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<td><strong>When I Grow Up</strong></td>
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<td>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.</td>
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* Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please) not weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for an active and summertime day.
* An afternoon fruit snack will be provided.

UNIQUE GIRLS FOOTBALL CLINIC
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9am-1pm (8.30am Registration)
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Cost $120. Bring a friend or sibling and receive 25% off cost of clinic!*  
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Enquiries: info@stellar_skills.com.au
or call Michelle on 0417 316 725
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
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!
Swim Club is great fun, and a great preparation for school swimming competitions.

The 2014-15 season for Leichhardt Swim Club starts Saturday, 11 October 2014 at the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre, and continues until March 2015.

Races are held on Saturday mornings at Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre, from 7:30am.

LSC provides for all swimming levels from four years and over, with races ranging from 15 to 800 metres. Swimmers race to improve their own personal best times, and parents are encouraged to swim too.

Become a member by following the prompts on our website, or come along for a trial swim first.

LSC membership – Individual swimmer: $73

www.lscswimclub.org ~ lscswimclub@gmail.com
School Holidays

The 26-STOREY TREEHOUSE
LIVE ON STAGE

Join Arty and Tony on their latest adventure – full of fun, food and ice-cream-dispensing robots, infesting underpants and princesses. 20 Sep – 5 Oct For ages 6+ Tickets from $20

Fluff
A STORY OF LOST TOYS

An ubues, creepy production about the adventures of lost toys and their journey to an ancient river Bottom. 20 – 30 Sep For ages 3+ Tickets from $30

The Junior Lunch
Kids get a free meal. So it’s good to know there’s plenty for them. Now serving at Opera Bar, opera Kitchen & The Issue Eatery by George. 20 Sep – 5 Oct 11am to 3pm No bookings required Price $15 and under

The Junior Tour
Take the kids on a fun, interactive tour of the Opera House. Explore the stages, meet the hidden elements that make up a show and create your own masterpiecibe. 20 Sep – 5 Oct For ages 5+ Daily, every hour Tickets from $30

Book now or for more information visit sydneyoperahouse.com/kids