2014 Dates to Remember

Term 3

25/8-
31-8
26/8-
29/8
27/8
27/8
3/9
3/8
Sydney East Athletics
5/9
Stage 1 Excursion – Seymour Centre ‘The Tree House’
8/9
KM Assembly
9/9
Stage 2 Excursion – Seymour Centre ‘The Tree House’
10/9
Friendly Debate
12/9
Big Night Out
16/9
School Photos
17/9
P&C Meeting 7pm
18/9
School Photos
19/9
Last Day of Term 3

National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2014

Stage 3 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp

Balmain District Carnival
P&C Meeting 7pm
Music Night

Term 4

7/10
15/10
16/10-
17/10
21/10
27/10
28/10
3/11
4/11
11/11
17/11
26/11
17/12
17/12

School Resumes
P&C Meeting 7pm
Music Camp
Kindergarten Orientation Evening
3D Assembly
Kindergarten Orientation Morning
KS Assembly
Kindergarten Orientation Morning
Kindergarten Orientation Morning
1D Assembly
P&C Meeting 7pm
Year 6 Arch
Last Day of Term 4

REMINDER P&C Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
All Welcome!
Library News
Please look at home for Library books that are overdue, it is surprising where the books hide. Please contact me if the book cannot be found, I want the children to borrow and enjoy all of the beautiful books in the Library. Thank You to all of the families who have donated pre loved books to the Library, the books will be read and treasured.

Thank You Mrs Chris Ilieff

Principal
The annual Book Week Parade was a hit with staff, parents and children. The children’s costumes looked amazing and everyone copped well with the wet weather venue, even though it was a little cramped in the hall. Other than the fabulous costumes and their creativity, the thing that always makes the day special in my mind is the children’s confidence and enthusiasm as the come out to talk about their character or costume on the microphone. Well done guys!

Peer Support Week 6 In this week’s Peer Support session the children will be exploring how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. The activities will give the children a chance to practise these skills, as well as how to say no in a respectful way, cope with being told no and inviting others to join them. Encourage your child to discuss with you the importance of saying no to people in a respectful way so that they don’t lose friends. Also discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during break time.

A group of Birchgrove students are enjoying the excitement at the District Athletics Carnival at Moore Park today and Friday. Thank you to our parents who are driving them to and from the venue.

Stage 2 have arrived safely at The Great Aussie Bush Camp and have already been canoeing and through bootcamp. Check out the pictures on the next page!

I know Ms Ford congratulated our talented Premiers Debating team on their successes, but making the semifinals really is very impressive so I would like to add my Congratulations to our talented debters and their hard working teacher mentors, Ms Keating, Ms Copping and Mr Dodds!

Thank you to Ms Ford, Mr Cormack and Ms Karnaros who all took turns being relieving principal while I was on my cruise. It was great to come back and hear how smoothly everything had run!

Miss Gray
Stage 3 are having fun at the great Aussie Bush Camp and there has been some blue sky!
T.O.M Experience

On the 24th of August 2014 two teams of seven students from Birchgrove were nominated to participate in T.O.M (Tournament of Minds). Each team had to choose a focus area, such as Applied Technology, Language and Literature etc. In T.O.M there are challenges called Long Term and Spontaneous. Long Term is where you work for about 4 weeks to present the solution to a problem. Spontaneous is where you are given a question on the day and have a limited amount of time to solve, with all of your team.

We all felt quite nervous at first, but when we were presenting our Long Term to the judges we felt excited, we were enjoying ourselves and didn’t want to stop! Overall we would really recommend the experience. Thanks Ms Ford and Mr Fitzgerald.

Rose Clay and Sascha Warner Van Dijk

Music Night is on next Wednesday 3rd September, commencing at 5.30pm in the Birchgrove PS School Hall. All the music ensembles have been practising hard and it’s sure to be a great night! Students should wear full Birchgrove Music uniform unless their conductor has told them otherwise.

Please arrive early to find a seat and get settled before the concert starts.

There will be Pizza and Sushi available for purchase during the Interval.

Parents are responsible for the supervision of their child/ren at this event. Please encourage them to be respectful of all the performers and audience members and not to make noise or play outside the hall.

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 - 17 October - Music Camp, Pennant Hills
National Literacy and Numeracy Week
Preschool Red
Connect Four - Counting, patterning, strategic thinking

Measurement, capacity and volume

Preschool Green reading with 2G
National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2014

KM
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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CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

The Birchgrove Choir will be singing at the Woolworths Balmain grand opening on Wednesday 17\textsuperscript{th} September!

If you would like to participate, please come to Miss Ussher's room on Tuesday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of September for the first half of lunch.
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.
BIG NIGHT OUT UPDATE

The Birchgrove Barnyard Bash is only 16 days 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](http://www.trybooking.com/96168)

Right across the school, from the Preschool to Year 6, the children have been busy creating class artworks to be auctioned off on the night. These are looking amazing and make a beautiful souvenir of your child’s time at school. 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 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  Leona Edmiston
Alfonso's Hair      Maeve Thompson babysitting
Art of Bloom        Malila Thai Spa
Australian Chamber Orchestra  Maple
Australian Museum   Northstar Martial Arts
ANZ Stadium         Planet Beauty
Balmain Village Sports  Powerhouse Museum
Big 4 Holiday Parks  Ryde Aquatic Centre
Blokes              Shady Designs
Calmsley Hill Farm   Stem
Canvas Essential Therapy  Sushi Man
Captain Cook Cruises  Sydney Community College
Clear Complexions    Sydney Harbour Federation Trust
Featherdale Wildlife Park  Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym
Harris Partners Real Estate  Sydney Jewish Museum
Herbie's Spices      Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Ctr
Hull Family          TJ's Meats
Il Casale Nobili     Whispering Brook Vineyard
Jane Johanssion Photography
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P&C Update

Thank you to the families who have paid their P&C levies for 2014. If you haven’t yet paid – it’s not too late!

The P&C is directing all funds this year towards improving our school playground. We have some very exciting plans, including upgrades to the Preschool playground, new creative play areas in the main school playground and resources to support imaginative play.

Your P&C levies are an important source of funds – and it is also hoped that you will come along to the Big Night Out and help make that a success too.

When you have paid your P&C levy, stop by the school office to collect your 2014 Birchgrove P&C keyring. It allows BPS families access to special offers from local merchants:

Brays Books will give a 10% discount on all book purchases when you present your keyring (apart from books that are already discounted).

Brays Books is locally owned and has been serving Balmain since 1969. They have a fantastic kids book department including new releases this week in the Captain Underpants series and "The 52 Storey Treehouse" from Andy Griffiths!

Our Place on Darling restaurant will give you a 20% discount on all meal purchases when you present your keyring, up to $25 total.

(This offer is not valid in conjunction with their "kids eat free" offer.

Our Place on Darling is located opposite Gladstone Park at 225 Darling Street. They are open for dinner 7 days a week, from the kid-friendly hour of 5.30pm.
Dear Parents,

Welcome to new families at the school and welcome back to returning families. Birchgrove Public School has an active P&C that aims to raise funds to enhance our children’s enjoyment of the school. It also runs social events for parents. Each year the funds the P&C provide to the school greatly benefit the children’s education. In 2013, the P&C allocated over $66,000 to the school for the following items:

- Laptops for classrooms: $24,800
- New seating near entrance: $2,000
- WiFi: $27,000
- Mathletics subscriptions: $3,341
- Science Teaching Modules: $8,700
- Electric pencil sharpeners: $836

Over the years, the P&C has been fortunate to have the generous support of parents, especially through their time and effort, and also their financial contributions. We would be grateful for your help in 2014. These fees are voluntary. However, they are a major source of the P&C’s fund-raising activities. Payment by every family would result in $30,000 before additional fundraising is considered.

**How to pay**

The P&C is now accepting fees for 2014. Payment can be made via direct deposit, by cash or cheque (box in the office) and there will be an EFTPOS machine available at school pick up on Tuesday to Thursday during week 3 and 4. The annual fee is **$120 for the first child, $100 for the second and $80 thereafter**. The annual fee for the **preschool is $60 per child**. Prompt payment of the levy helps significantly to fund priority items early in the year. There are already a number of projects on the wish list for 2014 so your help is needed!

**BPS Keyring**

This year parents who pay the P&C fees will receive a bonus **BPS key ring** as a small token of appreciation from the P&C in recognition of the contribution that Birchgrove Families make by paying their P&C fees each year. The key ring also allows Birchgrove Public School families access to special offers from local merchants. The offers will be published each month in the Birchgrove Buzz. All you need to do to take up any of the offers is show your key ring at select shops throughout the peninsula. Shop locally, show that you are a BPS family by showing the key ring and support the shops who support BPS.

Yours sincerely,

P&C Executive
Chris O'Donnell, Angela Davis, Matthew Garvey, Tony Board, Anastasia Warden & Amy Large

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**Direct Debit Payment Details** (refer to fee schedule below)

Bank: CBA  
Account Name: Birchgrove P&C  
Account: 00900746  
BSB: 062 110

Please include *family name* in reference section (key rings will be distributed shortly after payment is received)

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**Cash/Cheque Payments** (place payment and completed form in the green box at the office)

**FAMILY NAME:**

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Total P&C Levy Contribution: $ ___

Cheques made payable to Birchgrove P&C

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