Music Committee 

We are looking to borrow an electronic keyboard that will be kept safely in the library and used only once a week from now until the end of term. If you have one lying around the house we would love to borrow it! Please contact michelle_stellini@hotmail.com or 0417316725.
Principal Welcome back for the final term of 2014. I’ve enjoyed hearing many enthusiastic holiday stories, from children, staff and parents. This term is always jam packed with learning, playing, assessments, reporting, public speaking, orientations, swim school, disco, recognition days and more activities than you could ever think of. Get ready for excited and exhausted children and staff!

Kindergarten Orientation starts next Tuesday evening (flyer attached), if you know anyone who hasn’t put their enrolment form in yet please give them a gentle reminder.

Make sure you have sent your RSVP’s in for the major event of the year BPS goes Back to the Future…..bookings close this Friday. (note attached)

School photographs went home yesterday and today. Group photographs are available to view outside the office/kindergarten rooms and the details for ordering are attached. Copies of the note were sent home yesterday.

The finance office is closed this week and will reopen next week. Our Office Manager, Melanie was married on Sunday and I would like to wish her and husband a long and happy marriage on behalf of the Birchgrove school community.

Thursday and Friday is our annual Music Camp, so it will be a little quieter in the playground! Mr Cornack, Ms Shanahan, Miss Carroll and Mr Dodds are taking 87 students to the camp where they will work intensively with their music tutors and conductors. The culmination will be a performance of the material they have been working on for parents Friday evening.

Tracy Gray

Miss Shanahan’s Holiday

A group of 26 volunteers went to Thailand volunteering in 3 orphanages taking with us $20,000 of fundraiser money and 800kg of donations. Over the two weeks, we were involved in numerous activities such as organising and starting the construction of a school, teaching English in kindergarten, year one and year two class rooms, concreting pathways, building a laundry, painting and cleaning houses.
Bunnings BBQ  The great news is that we sold approximately 600 sausages and 112 drinks, this raised $913.77 towards the school playground fund. The left over bread was donated to a local homeless refuge and the leftover drinks will be held over to the next BBQ. Thank you to the people who helped make it a successful day: Sally Haffenden, Renee Deerness, Emili Fox, Anna Bertalli, Michael Wright, Amanda Headford, Michael Wright, Aly Wood, Neville James, Jodie Weber, Neville James and Dennis Carol.

Latest news

Chess class
The chess class at Birchgrove Public School runs on Tuesday lunch from 1:10 pm - 1:55 pm. If you are interested in joining the chess class, please contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Upcoming chess events
1st November: Inner West Sunday Fun Tournament
8th November: Schools Chess Challenge 2015

More information on events and coaching can be found on: sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Solution puzzle #17
1. Qxf6, Kh5 2. Qg5#

Chess puzzle

Puzzle #18: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves.
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IMPORTANT DATES

Orientation Evening 6:30pm
(For Parents & Carers)
Tuesday 13th October 2015

Kindergarten Orientation Morning
9:30am-11am
(For Parents, Carers and Children)
Tuesday 20th October 2015

Kindergarten Orientation Morning
9:30am-11am
(For Parents, Carers and Children)
Tuesday 27th October 2015

Kindergarten Orientation Morning
9:30am-11am
(For Children & their 2016 Buddies)
Tuesday 3rd November 2015

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:
Dear Parents and Carers,

BIRCHGROVE IS GOING...

On Friday 23rd October, Sydney Secondary College: Balmain Campus will be hosting the exclusive screening of ‘Birchgrove P.S. Goes Back to the Future’. As part of the Creative and Performing Arts curriculum, all Birchgrove Public School students, Pre-school to Year 6, have been involved in creating and filming a short film based on songs from different eras. Every class has created a music video and these videos have been combined to create a full-length feature film with your children as the stars of the show. The screening will culminate with a special live performance by the school’s combined choir.

Please note, due to privacy concerns, copies of the whole-school movie will not be distributed or available for sale. This exclusive screening will be the only opportunity to see the film as a whole. Teachers may choose to distribute copies of their own class’s movie.

SCREENING DETAILS

VENUE: Sydney Secondary College: Balmain Campus

DATE: Friday 23rd October 2015

TIMES: Food and Refreshments available for purchase from 5pm
Screening at 6pm.

COST: FREE

Please RSVP for catering purposes, using the slip below (one per family), by Friday 9th October 2015.

Regards,

John Nguyen, Jo Copping, Melissa Sarina & Rebecca Boyle
CAPA Committee

Tracy Gray
Principal

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO CLASS TEACHER BY Friday 9th October 2015.

Attending:

Number of Adults

Number of Children

Family Name: ____________________________

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Class: _______

(oldest child at Birchgrove P.S.)
6th October 2015

Birchgrove Public School

The School Photographer Re-Order Photos

Please find below, a list of all the sports/special photographs. If you wish to order please collect an order envelope as well as view the display samples at the school.

The photos are:

$16.00 each, 2 for $30.00, 3 for $42.00, 4 for $52.00 or 5 for $60.00.

Any additional photographs are $10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order.

OR

Purchase a Booklet of all the sports/special photos for $30.00

Payment options — : Enclose cash in the envelope provided.
: Credit Card payments can be made Online through our website (www.theschoolphotographer.com.au), please record your ORDER NUMBER on the envelope provided.

Return to your school by 3rd November 2015

*Please note if payments are not received before photos are sent to the school, a late fee of $5 will be incurred.*

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