Those we love don’t go away,  
they walk beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard but always near,  
still loved, still missed and held so dear.

Amy Large 1935-2015  
Birchgrove Public School Community Mural 2013

This mural is dedicated to Amy Large who came to school at Birchgrove as a child and has been followed by the next two generations of her family. Amy worked here as an adult and then as a volunteer. Thank you, Amy for your community spirit, caring nature and endless contributions. You embody all that is Birchgrove.

I just wanted to let you know my thoughts and sympathies are with, the Large family, the teaching and administrative staff and the entire school community at this time. Amy lit up every room and place with her charm, grace, sense of humour and inner strength. I often think back on the launch of the mural and what a privilege it was to participate at that wonderful tribute to her. She united the school community. She will be sorely missed! Yet what a legacy she has left to us all!

Christopher O'Donnell  
P&C President 2013
The P&C would like to send our thoughts and regards to Amy Large’s family. Amy was constantly giving to the P&C in addition to the school. People in previous years P&Cs had more to do with Amy than I did, but she was a very unselfish person committed to the school. A few generations of people have been lucky enough to have known and worked with Amy. It is a sad occasion but she will not be forgotten and her legacy will live long.

Matthew Garvey
P&C President 2015

Amy was greatly loved by the staff at Birchgrove. She always had a smile, an encouraging word and some praise for each and every one of us. She loved nothing more than reading with the children or hearing about anything at all they wanted to talk about. Her face lit up whenever the children were performing, never more so than when it was one of her much loved grandchildren! Amy made sure that each and every member of our community she came in contact with felt valued and special. She knew every skerrick of history or legend about the school, Balmain, and was always keen to share. Amy was our ‘living treasure’ who embodied all the things that make our school special. She will be missed, but remembered as we take up her legacy.

Tracy Gray
Principal 2015

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P&C News

1. Playground update.
I wanted to give everyone an idea of where we are up to with regards to the playground project. This is our main focus for the money that the P&C has raised over the last couple of years. To be honest it has taken much longer than I would have imagined. That is why no work has actually commenced at the school as yet. When we were getting towards the end of the administrative process the Department of Education then recently changed its policy on any work being carried out on school grounds. We hope this isn't going to be a major obstacle but it has caused another delay when we thought we were at the end of the process. This could mean that the work is only carried out over the summer break and early next year. This is disappointing particularly for the Year 6 kids who were very involved in the design process and now may not see it carried out. We hope that many of them will come back when we do finally open the first stage of the playground development. I wanted to let everyone know that this project is definitely still on the agenda and the P&C is doing all it can to get the work started. The delays have been frustrating for everyone. We will let everyone know as soon as we have something more concrete to report on the work starting on the playground.

2. Big Night Out.
I hope everyone has got their tickets for the BNO. If not I would really encourage you to come along. It is a really good night with lots of fun to be had whilst we are raising money for the school. I know when I was new to the school I wasn't sure whether to go or not as I didn't know many people. But it was a great way to get to know more people. This year sounds great. Hope to see you there.

Matthew Garvey
P&C President

Library News

Red Gum Catalogues have been distributed, the last date for ordering on line is the 9th of November. I will distribute the books when they arrive. If you want them placed aside for Christmas, please let me know.

The last week for Library borrowing is Week 7, I have to do an annual stocktake of all books.

Mrs Christine Ilieff
MUSIC RECRUITMENT NIGHT
Music recruitment week is here, children got to "meet the instruments" on Monday at school and parents and children are welcome to come and try out instruments tonight (Wed 4th of Nov) from 6pm - 7.30pm in the school hall.
There are the following options available for 2016;

Kindy and Year 1 - Kodaly Music
Year 1 - Strings (Violin & Cello)
Year 2 - Recorder
Year 3 - Band instruments

If you have any questions, please contact michelle_stellini@hotmail.com or 0417316725.

CONCERT BAND NEEDS YOU!
If you play keyboard or bass guitar and would like to play with our concert band in 2016, please contact michelle_stellini@hotmail.com

INVITATION TO JOIN THE CAROLS ON NORTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS
Carols on Norton is a free outdoor Christmas event presented by the Leichhardt Espresso Chorus and Leichhardt Council. It is held in Pioneers Park, Leichhardt on Sunday evening, the 20th of December. The outdoor event includes an orchestra and local community choirs, including the Carols on Norton Children’s Chorus.
All primary school children from grade 2 onwards are welcome to join the choir. No Auditions and... IT’S FREE!

REHEARSALS: at Leichhardt Primary School Music Room – Corner Marion and Norton St, Leichhardt. Children must attend all rehearsals in order to be ready to perform.

Schedule is as follows:
Wednesday 25th November 4.30 - 5.30pm REGISTRATION & rehearsal
Wednesday 2nd December 4.30 - 5.30pm rehearsal
Wednesday 9th December 4.30 - 5.30pm rehearsal
Wednesday 16th December 4.30 - 5.30pm rehearsal
Saturday 19th December (time tbc) dress rehearsal with orchestra
SUNDAY 20th December - sound check 5.00pm (Performance starts at 7.00pm)
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT: www.espressochorus.com.au/childrenschorus Or contact Pepe Newton at espressochorus@gmail.com Mob: 0412 548 703

DATES FOR THE DIARY
Wednesday Nov 4th - Music Recruitment Night, 6pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday Nov 24th - Music Committee AGM
Tuesday 3rd Dec - Music Committee Dinner, Venue TBA
Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017?

You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Key dates

Tuesday 13 October 2015
Application website opens

Monday 16 November 2015
Application website closes

Late applications will not be accepted

Thursday 25 February 2016
Test authority letter sent by mail and email

Thursday 10 March 2016
Selective High School Placement Test

Early July 2016
Placement outcome information

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There is more information at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit.

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit
NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au  Telephone: 1300 880 367  Fax: 02 9266 8435
Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
Facebook:https://www.facebook.com/Selectivehighschoolplacement
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P I O N E E R S M E M O R I A L P A R K @ 7 P M F R E E

Bring a picnic and sing along with favourite carols and some new ones!

• JOIN THE CHILDREN’S CHOIR! Register
at Leichhardt Primary School on Wednesday 25 November @4.30pm. FREE
See website for details.

• JOIN THE LANTERN PARADE! Bring your own lantern to the park or join
the lantern workshops. FREE. See website for details.

• MAKE A NOISE! Bring a drum or your favourite piece of percussion to join
in the fun on the day or come to the workshop.
FREE. See website for details.

See website for details on how to take part.www.espresschorus.com.au

Presented by Leichhardt Espresso Chorus and Leichhardt Council
Artistic Director Michelle Leonard