**Dates to Remember**

**Parent**

12/3: Selective High School Placement Test

16/3: Assembly-5/6A

17/3: Years 5 & 6 Life Skill Classes

**Music**

18/3: Sydney East Swimming

18/3: P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom

19/3: School Cross Country Carnival

23/3: Assembly-5/6K

24/3: Years 5 & 6 Life Skill Classes

**Sport**

25-26/3: NSW Swimming Carnival

2/4: Easter Hat Parade

2/4: Last Day of Term 1

**Student Parliament**

12/3: Selective High School Placement Test

16/3: Assembly-5/6A

17/3: Years 5 & 6 Life Skill Classes

18/3: Sydney East Swimming

18/3: P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom

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24/3: Years 5 & 6 Life Skill Classes

**Coming Events**

18/3: Sydney East Swimming

18/3: P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom

19/3: School Cross Country Carnival

23/3: Assembly-5/6K

24/3: Years 5 & 6 Life Skill Classes

25-26/3: NSW Swimming Carnival

2/4: Easter Hat Parade

2/4: Last Day of Term 1

**Term 2**

21/4: Students return to school for Term 2

27/4: Assembly-Cross Country Ribbons

28/4: Online Applications for Opportunity Class (OC) open

3/5: Strings workshop – SS & IS

9/5: FETE

11/5: 3/4H Assembly

12/5-14/5: Naplan Years 3&5

16/5: Online Applications for Opportunity Class (OC) close

17/5: Combined Bands Workshop – CB & TB

18/5: Assembly- 1D

20/5: P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom

24/5: Ryde East competition – CB (TBC)

25/5: Assembly-3/4C

1/6: Italian Day

1/6: Assembly- 1U

2/6-5/6: Years 5&6 Camp

12/6: DISCO

14/6: Solo Soiree

16/6: Assembly- 3/4D

17/6: P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom

18/6: School Athletics Carnival

22/6: Assembly- 5/6S

23/7: Opportunity Class (OC) Placement Test
Interviews and Reports: Our first formal parent teacher interviews will be held in Week 9 & 10 this term. There was a note sent home with the children and emailed home as well last week. To book an interview parents need to go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the code 444PZ. Online bookings close on Monday 23rd March. Class teachers and members of the Learning and Support Team have started meeting with the children on Learning Support. These meetings will continue tomorrow (Thursday) and next Monday 16th March.

Congratulations to these students for making a Balmain PSSA Team:

- **Girls Football**: Vivienne & Ashleigh
- **Boys Football**: Charlie
- **AFL**: Oliver & Thea
- **Tennis**: Rosie, Kayla & Max.
- **Girls Hockey**: Annie
- **Swimming**: Joe, Indie, Layla, Lily, Sascha & Ella

These students trialled against other students from the 19 other schools in the Balmain Zone and were chosen to be in the team to represent Balmain.

Good Luck at the Sydney East Trials!

Library News: Orders for the Red Gum book club close on the 9th March, please order on line. Books will be delivered to the school by the 16th -20 March. Please start reading your books for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Go to the web site to look for book lists. Log on if you can, or complete a reading log.

K-2 complete the challenge at school, we read 30 books. Years 3-6 have 20 books to read. Enjoy your books.

Regards
Mrs Ilieff

Daisy in Year 6 dyed her hair a delightful shade of purple as part of the World's Greatest Shave and has raised over $500 for this worthwhile cause. Great Job Daisy!
School Cross Country Carnival
The school Cross Country Carnival is on next Thursday the 19th March.
All children K-6 are encouraged to join in. No one is forced to run, they can run, walk, run until they reached the finish line. Our 11 & 12 year old children run 3km, our 8 – 10 year old children run 2km, year 1 & 2 run approximately 1.5km and our Kindergarten children run approximately 1km.
It is a great day, if you are free on the day parent helpers are welcome and encouraged.
Please ensure your children come appropriately dressed with a water bottle, a hat and sunscreen.

School Security
Just a reminder to parents that the school security phone number is: 1300 880 021. If you see anyone on the school grounds (who you feel shouldn’t be on the grounds) and you are unable to find Miss Gray or Mr Cormack then please ring this number and a security guard will turn up and ask them to move on.

Robert Cormack
Relieving Principal

LIAM GREEN – CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ROLE IN WOZZECK
As part of the wonderful Sydney Children’s Choir, Liam recently had the opportunity to have a small solo and acting role in the Opera Wozzeck. The Sydney Symphony was conducted by David Robertson and accompanied by Sydney Philharmonia, Sydney Grammar and solo opera singers.

An amazing opportunity Liam – well done!
Canteen News

Birchgrove School Canteen - Easter Raffle

Tickets $1.00 Each

1st Prize – HEAD Tennis Racquet - RRP - $190
HEAD Tennis Balls - RRP $15 &
HEAD Tennis Bag - RRP $60

Thank you to Tennis Ranch for donating this wonderful 1st prize valued at over $250

Thank You to Jennifer Peters for organising the 1st prize donation.
We will also have at least 10 other minor prizes for the kids to win.
The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday morning.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Remember it's always a great time to donate your outgrown uniforms! Your donations of clean and respectable used uniforms will raise money for the school and will hopefully give you a warm inner glow as perfectly good clothing items are re-used/recycled within our community.

Please put donations in the white plastic containers near the new clothing shop cupboards. In particular, we would love to have your sports uniforms in time for next week's cross country.

We will be selling second hand house T-shirts and sport shorts at the door outside the office on the Wednesday morning prior to the cross country carnival (Wednesday 18 March) from 8 am to 9 am. (The next sale of all school uniform items will be at the fete on May 9th.)

Visual Arts and Design Specialist Stream Application for 2016

Applications are being accepted now. If you wish to attend Dulwich High School in 2016 apply on line or see Mr Cormack for a form to fill in.
Join in and celebrate
NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 2015
RIDE WALK SCOOT SKATE
FRIDAY 13 MARCH
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held during Week 9 and 10. Bookings must be finalised before Monday 23rd of March at 5pm, when bookings for this event will close.

Parents that do not have internet access may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9810 2469. Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 23rd of March at 5pm.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code 444PZ and press "Go"

1. Enter your details
2. Select the teachers you wish to see
3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 23rd March at 5pm

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on 9810 2469.
Get involved in the School Banking program.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Call 13 2221 at any time. As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for transaction and savings accounts are available from any branch of the Commonwealth Bank and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank’s dispute resolution process can be accessed on 13 2221.

School Banking Day Reminder.

Don’t forget that Monday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Birchgrove Public School.

$ 168 raised through School Banking!

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised $168 for our school through School Banking commissions last year. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

School Banking Account Opening Day – Wednesday 18th March 2.45pm

Birchgrove Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding an account opening day at 2.45pm on Wednesday 18th March. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch; by calling 13 22 21 or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards items available during 2015 are:
Friday 20th March 2015    Canteen SUSHI Lunch Special

Name__________________________       Class____________

SUSHI HAND ROLLS - $4.00 Each

Honey Chicken ______      Teriyaki Chicken, Cucumber & Brown rice ______
Cooked Tuna, Cucumber & White rice ______       Tofu & Vegetable_______

TWIN PACK SUSHI ROLLS - $7.50
2 x Teriyaki Chicken, Cucumber & Brown rice ______
2 x Cooked Tuna, Cucumber & white rice Rolls ______
Teriyaki Pack - (1 x Teriyaki cooked Salmon & 1 x Teriyaki Chicken ) = 2 Rolls

LOL $2.00_______ Quench $2.00_______ Fruit Juice $1.50_______ Large Water $1.50_______
Small Water $1.00_______ ICE CREAM $1.50_______ Calippo $1.00_______ Juice $1.20_______

RECESS

Name__________________________       Class____________

Yummy Drummie $1.50_____ Garlic Bread $2.00_______ Fresh Fruit $1.50_______ JJs $1.50_______
Party Pie $1.30_______ Cheese Toast $1.50_______ Finger Bun $2.00_______ Popcorn $1.60_______
Muffin $2.00_______ Raisin Toast$1.50_______ Pikelets & Jam $1.50_______ Vege crackers $1.50_______

RECESS $_________       LUNCH $_________       TOTAL $_________

Fresh Fruit Cup - $3.00       Plain Custard Yoghurt_______

All order forms and money must be returned to the canteen NOT THE OFFICE OR CLASS TEACHER by
Recess Wednesday 18th March, we will not be ordering any extra sushi rolls so we cannot accept any late
orders. Any cancellations on the day will not receive a refund but we can give the drink the next day or
you can come and collect your child’s order at lunch time from the canteen.
We cannot make any changes to the fillings in the Sushi Rolls.

Year 5 & 6 Students can pick up their sushi orders at 12pm before they go to sport.

We will be ordering the sushi from SUSHI GINZA.
Newtown High School of the Performing Arts

Entry of Students

Year 7, Year 11 2016

Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures

To the Principal

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2015 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2016 in Dance, Drama or Music at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops.

Year 7 Audition Dates: Friday 19th June – Thursday 25th June 2015

Year 11 Audition Dates: Wednesday 17th June – Friday 19th June 2015

Please Note: To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

Initial registration for an audition is required online via our website

www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for registration is 1st May 2015

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts provides specialist education at the highest level to students having outstanding potential and/or achievement in, and commitment to, Dance, Drama or Music.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Shields
Relieving Principal

Conditions:

Each audition is assessed on its own merits. The examiner's decision is final and no appeal can be made except on procedure. Information on individual student's performance in their audition will not be given. The purpose of the auditions is for the school to select the top students as assessed by the examiners. These are the conditions under which students and parents/careers must agree to when applying to audition.