Book Fair Parade. This is a good time to look at books with your children and encourage them to read. As part of the Book Fair we have our annual ‘Character Parade’ on Thursday 13th August on the basketball courts at 9:30. Looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up as their favourite book character and parading around the court.

2015

Dates to Remember

Parent
Music
Sport
Student Parliament

Term 3
10/8-12-8
Scholastic Bookfair
10/8
Grandparents Day
13/8
Book Parade – Come as your favourite character
11/8
School Photos- classes, individual and family
13/8
Balmain Athletics Day 1
15/8
St John’s Church Fete Concert Band, Training Band, Rock Band and Senior Strings
16/8
Concert Band NSW Festival
17/8
KS Assembly
18/8
Balmain Athletics Day 2
19/8
P&C Meeting 7pm
24/8
3/4K Assembly
26/8
Music Night
27/8
School Photos- Groups
31/8
1S Assembly
7/9
2P Assembly
7/9
Italian Incursion
14/9
2G Assembly
18/9
Last Day of Term 3

Term 4
6/10
Students Return
8/10-9/10
Music Camp
13/10
Orientation Evening 6:30pm (For Parents & Carers)
20/10
Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am- 11am (For Parents, Carers and Children and Year 5 Tour Guides)
27/10
Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am- 11am (For Parents, Carers and Children)
3/11
Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am- 11am(For Parents, Carers and Children and their Year 5 Buddies)
Woolworths Earn & Learn It’s simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at your local Woolworths. The school can then redeem your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for your local school.

In Preschool Yellow after reading Happy Birthday Sam the children said they have never received a letter. So we decided as a class we would send a letter home. Lots of parents visited our classrooms for Education Week.

As a part of our “Local Heroes”, Education Week activities author Lisa Sarzin and Illustrator Lauren Briggs visited and talked about their picture book Stories for Simon. The book helps children understand the importance of the apology to the Stolen Generations and all funds raised by sales are donated to the Go Foundation for Indigenous Education.

Micheal O’Loughlin and Adam Goodes created the foundation to support Indigenous Education through a scholarship program. The foundations goal is “Creating a brighter future through education”. Michael O’Loughlin came and met the children and spoke to them about the foundation and answered a few AFL questions!
Peer Support  This week in Peer Support the children will be participating in activities helping them to identify and accept differences in people. Children will also identify ways they can demonstrate being caring through their actions.

Discuss with your child the importance of accepting differences in other people. Perhaps take the time to identify and discuss the various differences people may have eg appearance, religion, culture, disabilities. Ask your child to share the qualities they appreciate in their friends.

Road safety  It's important to remind children, especially younger ones, of the need to be vigilant when out and about. Talk to your child about road safety and model good behaviour yourself. For lots of good safety reminders, Kidsafe NSW has an informative website with a number of free brochures and fact sheets on maintaining a safe environment for your child and teaching them about staying safe. They are also available in several community languages. [www.kidsafensw.org](http://www.kidsafensw.org)

Fines for Schools Zones

- Double parking $265 & 2 demerit points
- Stopping on or near a children’s crossing $353 & 2 demerit points
- Approach children’s crossing to quickly to stop safely $441 & 4 demerit points
- Use a hand –held mobile phone while driving $353 & 4 demerit points

P&C

It was my first time to have to attend both sessions of the BBQ this year. I didn't get to escape at 6.30pm. But it really seemed that all the kids and the parents in both groups really had a good time. We sold a lot of tickets and I wanted to thank the school community for turning up and getting involved. It is very much appreciated.

The important fund raising doesn't happen with the effort from parents. If you are interested in getting even more involved then please let us know as we can always do with more help. In particular I wanted to thank :

Year 4 organisers Zeliha and David Newton
Lindy Sivyer for running the bar
Paul Angus (and his kids)
Rob Cormack & Tracy Gray for being there - as always - and helping out on the night
All the bakers who delivered such great stuff and made children very happy (and some adults)

I also wanted to personally thank Susan Bannister for once again putting in a big effort to help make this all happen I hope everyone enjoyed the evening. If anyone has any feedback they want to pass on please feel free to contact me.

Matthew Garvey
President
MUSIC CAMP
The Music Camp is an integral part of Birchgrove’s Music Program. Children in Years 3 - 6 in Concert Band, Training Band, Rock Band, Intermediate and Senior Strings are expected to attend. All notes have now been emailed home.

ST JOHN’S FETE
We have the Training Band, Consort Recorders and Intermediate Strings playing between 12.30 – 1.30pm. If you haven't let your parent co-ordinator know before that you are participating, please do so.

MUSIC NIGHT
Coming up .... hold the date Wed 26th of August. By now you should have received an email from your parent co-ordinator with more details and a call out for help in the areas of food stall roster, set up/pack down and supervision. A successful evening is dependant on your assistance. Please let them know if you can help.

PRIMARILY FUN WORKSHOPS 2015
An annual and great opportunity for year 5 and 6 students from band and strings to participate in the Primarily Fun Workshops at Sydney Secondary College.
Dates:
Monday 7th September – Band Workshop at SSC Balmain Campus
Wednesday 9th September – Strings Workshop at SSC Leichhardt Campus
Performance Saturday 12th September – Music in the Park Concert at Pioneer’s Memorial Park, Leichhardt
RSVP by Monday 24th to olive.edwards14@det.nsw.edu.au
All forms can be downloaded here - http://www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes

Strings & Recorders performed in the 2015 Festival of Music last night at the Opera House
Birchgrove Buzz

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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

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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:

Birchgrove Public School
Kindergarten 2016
Play, Learn, Grow
Grandparents Day

On Monday the 10th August Birchgrove Public School will be celebrating Grandparents day. We would love all of our Grandparents/Friend/Carer to visit their grandchild. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open. The Grandparents are welcome to purchase books (cash only) for their grandchild on this special day. Mrs Ilieff would love some parents to help her with the book fair on Monday Morning. If you have a spare hour could you please contact Mrs Weber or Mrs Ilieff, we would appreciate your help.

Grandparent Day Timetable

905am-11am Book fair open in our School Hall (CASH ONLY)

Preschool 9am to 10am visit classroom

10:35am to 11:15am Kindergarten to Year 2 Grandparents visit classroom (activities)

11:15 am to 11:35 am Recess with Grandparents K to 6

11:35 am to 12:15 pm Years 3 to 6 Grandparents visit classroom (activities)

Looking forward to seeing all the Parents and Grandparents on Monday 10th August.
Bringing NAPLAN home: The results and your child

As parents and carers, we all take great interest in our children and their paths in life. We know it is really important that they develop key skills such as literacy and numeracy to help them through school, work and life.

NAPLAN (the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a national test undertaken by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students, designed to provide information on your child’s literacy and numeracy achievements. This year NAPLAN was taken on 13, 14 and 15 May.

NAPLAN results provide additional information, which can be used along with school assessment and testing. It allows you to compare your child’s achievement with other children across Australia. By itself, NAPLAN does not improve the quality of education, but it gives us a national snapshot of how our children are doing in those important skills of literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN is important to your child as it provides information for school authorities and schools to review the effectiveness of their programs and to address any areas requiring improvement. It is important that you know as early as possible about your child’s strengths or if your child needs assistance. NAPLAN helps with this.

Sometime in August and September you will receive your son or daughter’s NAPLAN report. I encourage you to read the report in the context of what you already know about your child’s academic performance and in conjunction with other assessment information and reports you may already have received from your child’s school. Further information on how to read the report is found on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports.html

Your son or daughter’s results will be reported against six levels of achievement. Your child’s results will be indicated by a black dot. The black triangle shows the national average for children in that year level.
This means you can compare your child’s performance to children in the same year level. As with all tests, small differences between students’ NAPLAN scores do not reflect real achievement differences.

Using this information, you can then take the time to celebrate the success that you see and/or identify areas for improvement. You should talk to your child’s teacher about what you should do next if you see areas that need improvement.

If your child is concerned with their results, remind them that NAPLAN isn’t a pass or fail test and there are no rewards or penalties for the result your child achieves. Rather, the NAPLAN student report is a point in time snapshot of your child’s achievements in the important areas of literacy and numeracy. This snapshot gives an indication of how your child compares with students across Australia.

ACARA is committed to improving learning for all young Australians through world-class curriculum, assessment and reporting. This year, we are aiming for NAPLAN results to be returned to you more quickly than in previous years.

As teachers and parents continue on with the rest of 2014, I urge you to keep NAPLAN student reports in context. Don’t stop any activities your child enjoys; don’t focus your child only on literacy and numeracy. Evidence shows that a well-rounded education, including the pursuit of other activities such as sport and art, contributes to the development of literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills. All activities are crucial to the school program and contribute to developing informed, happy children who are confident in their own abilities.

Robert Randall
Chief Executive Officer, ACARA

St Johns Church Fete Sat 15 August 9am- 3pm

Training Band, Intermediate Strings and Recorder group are playing in the Church from 12:30

The Fete will feature an Animal Nursery, Dog show as well as all the usual produce, second hand stalls, food delights, plants and live music. All welcome!
**WINTER WONDERLAND P&C Disco Raffle WINNERS**

**The Butterfly Effect**, Darling St, Balmain - treatments worth approx $200
Caroline Larkin, 2P

A 5 Class Pass to **Amusu**, Darling St, Rozelle - yoga/pilates/barre
Nicky, 3/4K

5 x $100 voucher for **Body Ethos**, Booth St, Balmain
Frankie Gaffney, PS Yellow
Jane Johansson, 2P
Italia S, 5/6A
Lynn and Hannah Feldon, 1D
Rebecca Lodge, KN

2 x $50 voucher for **Charlotte's Cafe**, Rowntree St, Birchgrove
David Stenhouse
Ainsley Wilson, 1D

2 x $50 voucher for **TJ's Butcher**, Darling St, Balmain
Jim Short, 5/6S
Andrew Reid, 1D

2 x voucher for **Lion's Den Antiques**, Darling St, Balmain
Kali Korras, KS
Cass Brownlow Davies, 2P

A $30 mat class from **Powerhouse Pilates**, Taylor St, Annandale
Ruth Callieja, KS

A voucher for **The Royal Oak**, College St, Balmain
Alan Gregory 5/6A

$25 **Balmain Sport** voucher, Darling St, Balmain
Lily Dunn, 3/4K

A voucher for **Belingen Gelato**, Darling St, Rozelle
Sureka, 2G

10 x Friend of **Zjoosh** card and a bit of sparkle, Darling St, Balmain
Justine Thomson, 2G
Caroline Foot, 3/4D
Elsa Santo, KS
Tilda Munro, KC
Michelle Stellini, 5/6A
Sarah Howard, 5/6K
Penny Hughes, 3/4H
Sophie, KC
Jo Copping, 5/6K
Angela Davis, 3/4C
**Primarily Fun**

Band: Mon 7 Sept @ SSC Balmain
Strings: Wed 9 Sept @ SSC Leichhardt
9am-2:30pm

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Saturday 12 September
Pioneers Park, Leichhardt 12-3pm

For more information contact Olivia Edwards
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email sccimp@det.nsw.edu.au
HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Something for everyone to enjoy in the September holidays....

Pop Colour Cushion
Ages 6+
10:30am – 1:30pm
Sept 24 or 25, 2015
$85

Macrame Necklace
Ages 9+ & adults
10:30am – 1:30pm
Sept 23 or 30, 2015
$120 (leather or fabric yarn)

Macrame Pot Hanger
Ages 9+ & adults
2pm – 5pm
Sept 23 or 30, 2015
$120 (up to 2 can be created)

Renowned textile artist Natalie Miller is visiting SewingSpot, Balmain again. Kids, teens &/or adults can learn to create macramé necklaces or macramé hangers for plants or even your goldfish!

Calling young sewing enthusiasts. Add a pop of colour to your room for spring when you learn to sew this spliced cushion. Beginners are welcome.

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