I wanted to make all parents aware that at our next P&C meeting at 7pm on Wed 19th of August our State Member of Parliament Jamie Parker will be attending. He will be speaking first at 7pm. He will be addressing what is happening in our local area with regards to Education and Schools and future plans. If you are interested to know more or to ask any specific questions I would really encourage you to come along and take advantage of this opportunity. Jamie is committed to trying to get local schools more and helping our kids.

We will also be discussing the Big Night Out event, and invite anyone interested to share their ideas for staging the parent community fundraising evening.

Hope to see you there
Matthew Garvey
President
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.

Principals Report

Sam Cawthorn (dad of Jacob 1S, Ebony 5/6K) motivational speaker, self-help author and Young Australian of the Year 2009 spoke the children on Monday. He delivered a powerful message of how to Bounce Back. He taught the children a simple action and chant to help them remember his message: “pick yourself up, dust yourself off and move on”. I’m sure many of you learnt it over the dinner table Monday night!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the “Local Heroes”, who came and helped make Education Week really memorable for the children, Lisa Sarzin author, Lauren Briggs illustrator, Micheal O ‘Loughlin Indigenous athlete, David Campbell and Kristy Conraud Sydney Symphony Orchestra musicians and Sam Cawthorn motivational speaker.

I would also like to thank all our “hero” parents who came to the performances and attended our open classrooms.

The second part of “The Tell Them From Me” survey for students in Year 4 to 6 opens next week and is completed during school time.

There is also a parent survey, and an information sheet about this is following further down in the newsletter. It is an online survey. The survey is short and your feedback via the survey would be very helpful.

Kindergarten Orientation is taking place early next term (flyer following) make sure you have your ENROLMENT FORMS for 2016 in! Please also remind any friends or neighbours who coming to Birchgrove next year to get there forms in as soon as possible. I need to sort numbers to make sure we all fit!
Grandparents Day was lots of fun. We really loved having so many of our grandparents come and visit us and see us at school. It was very special.
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.

Peer Support  Respect is the focus of the Peer Support sessions this week. Through various activities the children will be identifying what it means to have respect and discuss ways they can demonstrate respect for others. By completing a maze comprising of scenarios, the children will need to select the correct way to respond to a situation, progressing through the maze and reaching the 'Certificate of Respect'.

Encourage your child to discuss with you different people they respect and why. It is important to remind them that although we may not always agree or get along with people, we still need to respect them.

Week of Tastes – Year 4

Last week Year 4 students took part in the Week of Tastes. They had a great deal of fun and laughter as they tried new foods, spices etc. Somer from eFendy came in and brought some amazing food from his restaurant that the children were keen to try. They asked many questions and it was interesting to hear what the kids thought about the foods. The highlight was a mini Master Chef creating and judging session. Thank you to Jacinta Grant for all her help setting the day up and Somer for sharing his amazing food. Also a big thank you to the teachers who had a lot of extra lesson prep and reorganisation of days to fit in and teach the lessons before the event could take place!

Looking forward to seeing you at tomorrow's Book Character Parade,

Tracy Gray
Tell Them From Me: Partners in Learning survey

You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?
You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Educations’ TTFM website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/
...AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF:

- BIG CARDBOARD BOXES (FRIDGE, TV ETC.)
- ALUMINIUM FOIL (OR ANY OTHER SIMILARLY SHINY MATERIAL)
- SPRAY PAINT (ESPECIALLY SILVER)
- OLD COMPUTER PARTS

ALL DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN KY'S ROOM (NEXT TO THE OFFICE)

ALSO, IF YOU HAVE ANY EXPERTISE IN FILMING, FILM PRODUCTION, COSTUME MAKING OR PROP MAKING AND YOU ARE WILLING TO DONATE SOME TIME, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN.

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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:
NSW BANDS FESTIVAL

Best of luck to the Concert Band! Our arrival time at the festival is Sunday 16 August, 2pm at the Sir John Clancy Auditorium, UNSW.
The band are required to wear full music uniform:
- Music t shirt
- LONG black pants or black skirt and black tights
- Black socks and clean black shoes
If you don’t have any long pants or black shoes please let us know and we’ll make arrangements to lend you some.

Photo envelopes will go home with the children this Wed if you would like to order a festival ensemble photo for $20. You can either send your envelope and cash back with your child on Thursday morning or give it to Rose, Simone or Graham on the day. They photos are quite good as the band is in full uniform and positioned correctly with their instruments.

MUSIC NIGHT

Our talented ensembles and choir are working hard on their pieces!
**Music Night is on Wednesday 26th of September from 5.30 – 8pm.**

We are calling for art submissions to feature in the Music Night Programme. Budding Birchgrove artists are invited to submit black and white sketches and drawings with a musical theme by this Friday the 14th. The best entry will appear on the cover of the programme.

MUSIC CAMP

Notes have now been emailed by Audrey McGibbon for Music Camp (October 8 & 9th) - please return forms as soon as possible - payments not due until 10th September. It will be held off site again at the Baden Powell Scout Centre in Pennant Hills and is always an annual highlight!

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Saturday 15th August - St John's Fete - Thanks to the Consort Recorders, Training Band and Intermediate Strings for performing.
- Sunday 16th August - NSW Bands Festival - Concert Band
- Wednesday 26th August - Music Night
- Thursday 8th & Friday 9th - School Music Camp, Penn
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!

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 event
6th September: Inner West Sunday Fun Tournament

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

Solution puzzle #11
1. e8N#

Chess puzzle

Puzzle #12: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves.

“Real humanity is shown when we care for others” - Professor Fred Hollows

The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred’s vision alive through The Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises Year 6 students who follow in his footsteps by showing care and compassion for others.

After three successful years in the ACT the Award is expanding into NSW with the support of NSW Premier Mike Baird.

Teachers, principals, parents and members of the community are encouraged to nominate a compassionate Year 6 student through the online nomination form by August 21. It’s a great opportunity for students to be recognised outside the sporting and academic realm.

All nominees and their parents will be invited to a presentation ceremony in Sydney to announce the NSW winner.

To nominate a student and learn more about the award go to www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward
CALLING ALL ATHLETES

come and join the

BALMAIN LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

Get your running shoes on and come and register for a fun filled season of friendly competition and personal bests. Tiny Tots (4 years) to under 17 all welcome!

SEASON COMMENCES
AFTER WINTER SPORT FINISHES!
Saturday 12 September 2015 at 8:30 am and continues till mid March 2016

REGISTRATION

www.balmainlac.org.au register online through our website now! THEN come down to KING GEORGE OVAL, MANNING STREET, ROZELLE Saturday 22nd or 29th August from 2-4pm to pick up your REGISTRATION PACK AND UNIFORM. Please note: proof of age for all NEW athletes has to be sighted for all registrations so bring your child’s passport or birth certificate with you.

COST

$120 or early bird $100 (early bird applies till 5pm 21 August).