__Dates to Remember__

**Term 3**
- **19/8**
- **24/8**
- **26/8**
- **27/8**
- **31/8**
- **7/9**
- **14/9**
- **18/9**

**Term 4**
- **6/10**
- **8/10-9/10**
- **13/10**
- **20/10**
- **27/10**
- **3/11**

**Parent**
- P&C Meeting 7pm
- 3/4K Assembly

**Music**
- Music Night
- School Photos
- 1S Assembly
- Italian Incursion
- 2P Assembly
- Last Day of Term 3

**Student Parliament**

**Students Return**

**Music Camp**
- Orientation Evening 6:30pm (For Parents & Carers)
- Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am - 11am (For Parents, Carers and Children and Year 5 Tour Guides)
- Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am - 11am (For Parents, Carers and Children)
- Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am - 11am (For Parents, Carers and Children and their Year 5 Buddies)

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**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. **This weekend there are double Earn & Learn points at Woolworths!**

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**P&C**

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
Principals Report

Congratulations to the Concert Band who received a gold medal at the NSW Bands Festival on Sunday! It is a fabulous achievement.

I’ve been updating the photo albums on our website. Unfortunately the website can’t take photographs over 300mb. If you have any photographs of the sports carnival or the Book character parade that are smaller than this please send them to the school: Birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The Book Character Parade was lovely and sunny (much better than last year’s rain!) and the children looked amazing. It was fabulous to see so many family members and friends there to watch the parade.

Congratulations to Jan and Lance, Isabella 1S and Luke 5/6K’s great grandparents (& Karen in the canteen’s parents) who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this week with a trip to the Blue Mountains.

The parent survey, Tell Them From Me is currently open for completion 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. Link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acgei_security_check?i_username=parent17766&i_password=Bir1240

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!

Peer Support In this week’s Peer Support session the children will be looking at rights, how we as individuals have rights and so do other people. Activities will also remind the children that although they may find themselves in difficult or awkward positions, they still need to remember to do the right thing. Discuss with your child a situation you were in that was potentially difficult or awkward and explain the decision you made and why it was the right thing to do.

Tracy Gray

Library News

Thank you for support of the Scholastic Book Fair, we sold $8,400 worth of books. This total entitles us to a commission of 35%. I will be buying new books for the Library, Teacher Reference books and teaching Aides. Special thanks to Sara Bidgood, Joanne Moore, Jo Andrews, Susan Bannister and Audrey in the Pre School. A special thanks to Roberta Chahoud.

Mrs Ilieff
Book Character Parade 2015
Aunty Fay Caroll
I was born in Sydney. I went to school in Redfern from Infants to High School. I lived with my Nan not my mum. When I lived in the country it was very different to the city. We had a horse and cart and we would pack it with sandwiches and go right out into the bush. We used to pick black berries. We went swimming in a big river. There were snakes in the grass. There were no street lights in the country, so we had to come home before it got dark.

In my culture we have to protect Kangaroos. My son is the Aboriginal man on play school. His name is Luke. My flag is red, yellow and black. Red for the land, Black for the people and Yellow for the sun.

Hi my name is Alicia I'm from Mackay in Queensland. I am a Torres Strait Islander. In my culture my uncles use a spear to catch a fish. Not a fishing rod like you would use! We also catch Turtles and Dugongs to eat.

On our Flag green is for the land, black for the people, blue for the water and the symbol is a Dhari which is a head dress and the star points to the 5 islands. In Mackay we have Fish, Turtles, wombats, crocodiles, wallabies and snakes. We can't go swimming 'cause of the crocodiles. We collect Periwinkles (snails) and cook them in boiling water.
CONCERT BAND WINS GOLD!
Our Concert Band performed at the NSW Bands Festival on Sunday and were awarded a GOLD medal, which is a fantastic result! They performed three pieces: The Incredibles, a moving rendition of The ANZACS and How to Train Your Dragon, and they looked and sounded terrific. Special mention to Bridget Hinchliffe who did an amazing job of performing a trumpet solo during the ANZACS. To quote the adjudicator: “Great depth and sound and extremely well prepared”.

Congratulations to Rod Mason, our wonderful parent co-ordinators (Rose, Simone and Graham) and of course our Concert Band students!

ST JOHNS FETE
Thank you to our 3 ensembles who played at the St Johns Fete on Saturday. Consort Recorders, Training Band and Intermediate Strings. While getting valuable performance experience, it was lovely to help at a community event.

Special thanks to the Concert Band children who came along to play and support the Training Band, you all sounded wonderful.

MUSIC NIGHT - Wed 26th of August (only a week away!) 5.30 - 8pm in the hall
We need volunteers for;
- Warm up room supervision - 15 mins (you will get to see your child’s performance)
- Food stalls during interval
- Setting up the hall after school

Please contact michelle_stellini@hotmail.com or your ensemble parent contact if you can assist.

MUSIC CAMP
Permission forms due - please return to audrey@eek.net.au or the office ASAP.

PRIMARILY FUN
Permission forms are due by Monday 24th of August to either to the school office or oliva.edwards14@det.nsw.edu.au. Open to all year 5 and 6 students, Primarily Fun is a one day workshop (on Mon 7/9 for Band and Wed 9/9 for Strings) followed by a concert at Pioneers Park between 1pm-3pm on Sat 12/9.
Forms available from our office or http://www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes

DATES FOR THE DIARY:
Wed 26th August - Music night
Oct 8 & 9th - Music Camp
Training Band

Concert Band

Intermediate Stings
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:

BIRCHGROVE IS GOING
BACK TO THE FUTURE

MONTH DAY YEAR HOUR MIN
OCT 23 2015 06:00

...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 KN'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.

JOHN NGUYEN
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CREATIVE & PRACTICAL ARTS COMMITTEE COORDINATOR
Birchgrove Public School
Kindergarten 2016
Play, Learn, Grow

**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:
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).
Hi All, Just a quick update of what Birchgrove OSHC has been doing. OSHC has been busy with an awesome artwork inspired by our OSHC children also we been busy decorating our room.

At the beginning of the term OSHC discussed on managing their own behaviour, respond appropriately to the behaviour of others & communicate effectively to resolve conflicts. OSHC Care ensure that every child is supported & continue to work on to ensure that our centre is fun & safe environment for everyone. A friendly reminder to please call Camp Australia Head Office on 1300 105 343 if your children unable to attend After Care or you can call us direct here at Birchgrove OSHC on 0405 413 528. We appreciated it as it save us time to walk around the school locating children & contacting parents.

Thanks,
Birchgrove Team

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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 #12
1. Qd5+, Qf5 2. Qxf5# or 1....Qg5 2. Bf7#

Chess puzzle Puzzle #13:

White to play and checkmate in 2 moves.