**Dates to Remember**

**Parent**  
**Music**  
**Sport**  
**Student Parliament**

### Term 1

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School Banking Officer Jack Robertson advises BPS carers and kids that as he will be away all next week, there will be no school banking next Monday 29 Feb. Don’t fret if you forget and your child brings in a deposit anyway; it will sit safely in the banking box until the following week. Thanks.
The Swimming Carnival was a fabulous event. Thank you to all the teachers who worked so hard making sure the day ran smoothly, our fabulous parent helpers and our amazingly talented swimmers and cheers squads. The new venue at Drummoyne worked well and everyone seemed happy with the day!

Our first P&C Meeting and Music Committee Meeting have taken place and it looks like another busy year of learning, playing and growing (for all of us!)

see you Friday at the welcome back BBQ,
Tracy Gray

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 March: Inner West Sunday Fun Tournament

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

2015 Solution puzzle #21
1. Bxg6+, Kxg6 2. Qh5#

Chess puzzle
Puzzle #1: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves.
Redgum Book Club orders close Monday 7 March

Redgum Book Club supports Australian authors, illustrators and publishers to provide books specifically relevant to our Southern Hemisphere and keep our Australian children's book industry strong. They offer a wide range of quality fiction and non-fiction titles and a large range of educational games and products.

Every order earns books for our school and includes a free gift for your child as a reward for choosing a great book to read!

Your child will have brought a catalogue home and you will need to order online at www.redgumbookclub.com.au by Monday 7 March. The website contains thousands of books from previous catalogues, so please use their search field to browse by author or series.

View the term 1 catalogue here http://issuu.com/redgumbookclub/docs/redgum_book_club_term_1_2016_school, and visit www.redgumbookclub.com.au to order. The home page includes links to all titles in the catalogue. They also have a permanent SALE page and accept payment by credit card or PAYPAL.

Orders will be delivered to the school between 21 – 31 March. If you have any queries or questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Caroline Thomas at primary@redgumbookclub.com.au or call 1800 753 875.

Many thanks

The Library Team
Dear Parents/Carers

5th February 2016

The annual fees for each child for 2016 are:
Voluntary School Contribution $35.00
Italian Fees $45.00
Technology Levy $40.00
Sports Program $150.00
Total cost of Annual Fees: $270.00

Grade Requirements for 2016 are:

**KINDERGARTEN**
- Home Reader Levy $15.00
- Home Reading Diary $4.00
- Paper Levy & Scrapbooks x 2 $24.00
- Handwriting Textbook $15.00
Total cost of books: $58.00
Kindergarten Total including Annual Fees: $328.00

**STAGE 1 - YEARS 1 AND 2**
- Home Reader Levy $15.00
- Home Reading Diary $4.00
- Paper Levy & Scrapbooks x 2 $24.00
- Dictionary $4.50
- Handwriting Textbook $13.00
Total cost of books: $60.50
Stage 1 Total including Annual Fees: $330.50

**STAGE 2 - YEARS 3 AND 4**
- Paper Levy & Scrapbooks x 2 $24.00
- School Magazine $15.00
- Dictionary $4.50
- Handwriting Textbook $13.00
Total cost of books: $56.50
Stage 2 Total including annual fees: $326.50

**STAGE 3 – YEARS 5 AND 6**
- Paper Levy & Scrapbooks x 2 $24.00
- School Magazine $15.00
- Dictionary $4.50
- Handwriting Textbook $13.00
Total cost of Books: $56.50
Stage 3 Total including annual fees: $326.50

Please pay by cash, cheque in the finance office or by credit card via the school website under ‘make a payment’. Any queries please contact Melanie Wales.
SSC Balmain’s

OPEN DAY

2016

Saturday 5 March 11am - 2pm
Terry Street Rozelle

Come and support public education on the peninsula