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| **Term 2** | **Music Committee Meeting** |
| 26/4 | Term 3 Commences P – 6 |
| 27/4 | Mufti Day for Fete |
| 28/4 | Combined Bands Workshop |
| 1/5 | School Fete |
| 7/5 | NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 |
| 10/5-12-5 | Strings Workshop |
| 15/5 | Computer ICAS |
| 17/5 | P & C Meeting |
| 18/5 | Preschool Enrolments Open 2017 |
| 26/4 | Balmain Cross Country Carnival |
| 27/5 | Preschool Enrolments Close 2017 |
| 29/5 | Ryde East Competition - Concert Band Only |
| 30/5 - 31/5 | Zoo Snooze Year 4 |
| 31/5 - 1/6 | Zoo Snooze Year 3 |
| 31/5 | Science ICAS |
| 15/6 | Spelling ICAS |
| 15/6 | P & C Meeting |
| 17/6 | Sydney East Cross Country Carnival |
| 19/6 | Solo Soiree |
| 21/6 | Let’s Bridge the Gap Incursion K-6 |
| 23/6 | School Athletics Carnival |
| 1/7 | Last Day of Term 2 |
Principals Report

- **Interviews and Reports**: Our first formal parent teacher interviews will be held towards the end of this term. A note was sent home this week to book in a time online. These interviews will be run in Weeks 10 & 11. See note in this newsletter explaining how to book if you missed the original.

- **Meetings to work on individual learning programs**: for our Learning Support children will take place with class teachers and members of the Learning and Support Team on Thursday 17th, Monday 21st and Thursday 24th March.

- I would remind parents that the Preschool playground is not to be used as a short-cut through the playground. The Preschool is open from 9:00am – 3:00pm and the only people that should access this area during these times are those that have business in the Preschool.

- The playground equipment in the bottom playground and the Preschool is not to be used without teacher supervision. It is there to be used during school hours under teacher guidance, outside of this it is not to be used.

- **PINK PERMISSION NOTES**: A reminder from the office to Parents. Please return the pink permission notes ASAP so we know whether your child has permission for: Drug Education, Child Protection, Local Walks, Internet use, Photographic permission for in school media and outside media and most importantly medical attention. These forms are available from the office or from the website.

- I would like to thank Ruth and Michael Calleija, (parents of Sam) for their generous donation of skip bins over the last few months. They have helped dispose of fridges, pianos, old computers and other general waste products saving the school both time and money. We appreciate the support. Please see the advert for Budget Waste Control in this newsletter and if you need a skip bin give them a call, they are offering Parents and Staff from Birchgrove a discount if they use their service.

- Our Parliament had their first Parliament Meeting for the year yesterday. They are up and running planning many great fund raising activities for the school. They will be advertising activities on notice boards around the school and at the weekly assemblies. Please support their activities when you can. Money raised by Parliament goes towards different children’s charities or the school.

- A reminder to Parents, if someone other than Mum or Dad are picking up your children you do need to ring the office or send in a note so the class teacher and office staff are aware this is happening. Without notification we cannot let your children leave with family friends, neighbours or extended family.

- Next Monday the Year 5 students will be running the weekly assembly. All of Year 5 are coming together to present an item based on their ‘Social Justice’ unit. Parents are welcome. The assembly is in the school hall and will start at 12:15pm

- Next Wednesday is the next P&C meeting. 7:00pm start in the Staffroom. All are welcome!

- Miss Gray returns from LSL on Monday. We welcome her back and hope she had a relaxing break.

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Robert Cormack
Relieving Principal

**SCHOOL PARLIAMENT NEWS**

**Clean up Birchgrove Week** is happening this week as our way of working with the ‘Clean Up Australia’ campaign. It has gone very well. The school is looking cleaner as Stage 1-3 have done their part already. Kindergarten will have a go tomorrow. We hope that everyone will help keep the school clean by using the red garbage bins that are scattered throughout the playground.

Thanks

Harry & the Environment Committee
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
3rd April: Inner West Sunday Fun Tournament

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

Solution puzzle #2
1. Nc6+, Ka6 2. Qa5#

Chess puzzle

Puzzle #3: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves.
Preschool Blue – Week 7

It started with Rory noticing a small volcano in the background of a story we were reading. “That’s a volcano. Some volcanoes erupt and some are asleep” he said. From there we extended that interest over the course of a few lessons, from discussion, to making our own volcanoes with playdough, to constructing volcanoes in the outdoor sandpit. I wondered how we could build on this interest and make it even more fun, educational and exciting.....We would replicate an erupting volcano!

We prepared ourselves by reading a book about volcanoes, searched for pictures and found some interesting facts using our computer.
We were ready! Blue Group listened attentively, recounted some great facts and followed instructions well.
In small groups, we built volcanoes in the sandpit, added bicarb soda and vinegar and thus created erupting volcanoes!
Participating in this learning journey and experimenting and witnessing a chemical reaction enabled the children to be confident and involved learners by allowing them to be exposed to a range of skills such as enquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, research and investigation (EYLF - LO4.2)
Birchgrove Buzz  Term 1 Week 7  9th March 2016
Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School
Ph: 02 9810 2469
A NSW Government School
Fax: 02 9555 8653
Birchgrove Road,  E: birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Balmain NSW 2041  W: www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Discount offered to parents and staff of Birchgrove Public School

- All Size Trucks for Any Access
- Asbestos Bins / Craneable Bins / Site Bins
- Wheel Barrow Access / Walk-in Bins
- Unlimited Weight
- Up to 7 day hire
- Licensed with Leichhardt council to place on road
- EPA Licensed

ALL WASTE RECYCLING  
We do all the recycling work!

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All Metropolitan Areas

CALL 24/7 DEDICATED
AFTER HOURS LINE
0419 995 285
P&C NEWS

I am a bit late after the Welcome Back BBQ, but it was a great night. Really good weather and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Thank you to everyone who paid their P&C voluntary contributions. We appreciate it and the contributions allow us to do more for the children and the school. If you haven’t managed to pay yet you are, of course, very welcome to make a deposit into the P&C bank account.

I also wanted to thank the people who organised the BBQ and allowed all of us to relax.

- Firstly, Jen Peters for organising a great night. You made it look easy and even sorted out my daughter’s fussy dietary requirements. Thanks very much Jen.
- Paul Angus – once again for setting up.
- David Newton, Jacinta & Kim Hall.
- Nadia & Friends – Bar staff
- There were also 2 preschool parents who manned the BBQ for hours. I don’t know their names but I have been told they deserve a special mention.
- Michael Wright for organising McGrath
- Ruth & Mike - Skip bin.
- Mala, Miri & Clara for their amazing drink selling skills.
- And Susan Bannister for all her help.

Regards

Matthew Garvey
P&C President
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly. Bookings must be finalised before the 29th of March at 4pm, 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 29th of MARCH at 4pm

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"
THIS CODE CHANGES – DO NOT USE YOUR LAST EVENT'S CODE

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 Monday 29th March at 4pm

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

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.
pre loved...

k ids
all clothes

coats
mens / womens / kids

Please kindly donate your best pre loved item/s to the 1/2C class fete stall.

Kids clothes - all types and sizes
Womens and Mens - coats / jackets / scarfs / hats / beanies

Drop off at school near front entry doors
Tuesday 22nd March 2016
Tuesday 5th April 2016
Tuesday 3rd May 2016
Clean / washed and bagged please!

Any questions? Track us down or send an email.
1/2C class parents
Temara Lane - temara.lane@bigpond.com
Cara Cummings - cara@cumming@hotmail.com
Balmain PCYC

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH
BIRCHGROVE OVAL
5:00PM – 6:000PM

COME AND LEARN TO PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE

In conjunction with the NRL, Balmain PCYC will hold a FREE “Come and Try” Rugby League afternoon for all new players in the Under 6's to Under 8's. Participants will learn all of the basic skills of the game in a fun safe environment. For further details and to register contact Adam Hellyer via email ahellyer@nrl.com.au
**Afternoon Programme for Children at the library**

**February—June 2016 Ages 5-12**

3.45pm Bookings essential!

**Board Games**

An afternoon of playing board games: Monopoly, Scrabble, Twister....

Birchgrove Road

Thursday 4 February 2016

Thursday 18 February 2016

**Easter Craft**

Make some Easter gifts for family and friends

Birchgrove Road

Thursday 3 March, 2016

Leichhardt Library

Thursday 17th March, 2016

**Writing Workshop**

Basic fun steps in writing your own stories and poems

Birchgrove Road

Thursday 7 April 2016

Leichhardt Library

Thursday 21 April 2016

**Roald Dahlathon**

All things Roald Dahl

Birchgrove Road

Thursday 5 May 2016

Leichhardt Library

Thursday 19 May 2016

**Music, Music, Music**

A musical afternoon!

Birchgrove Road

Thursday 2 June 2016

Leichhardt Library

Thursday 16 June 2016

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**Under Construction**

Create your own masterpiece using Lego® bricks while making new friends

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**Teddy Bears' Picnic**

Stories, Songs, Games, Surprises

For all children with Teddy Bears

Pioneers Memorial Park, Leichhardt

Wednesday 20 April 2016 11am-1pm

Bookings online or Contact Leichhardt Library 9367 9266