

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 11 19th December

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2013

Dates to Remember

P&C
Music
Sport

Term 1

29/1	Pupil Free Day – 'Restorative Practice'
30/1	Years 1-6 School Returns
30/1-31/1	Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
1/2	Kindergarten Start
1/2	Instrument Handout
4/2	Music Program Commences
13/2	Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
19/2	Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom
20/2	P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
22/2	Welcome Back BBQ
5/3	District Swimming Carnival
11/3	Regional Swimming Carnival
14/3	Selective High Placement Test
15/3	National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
20/3	P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
21/3	Harmony Day
28/3	Easter Hat Parade
29/3-1/4	Easter Weekend
2/4-3/4	State Swimming Carnival
11/4	Cross Country
12/4	Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

29/4	Pupil Free Day – 'English Curriculum'
30/4	Pupil Free Day
1/5	Pupils Return to School
7/5	Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom
14/5	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5- Language Conventions & Writing
15/5	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5- Reading
16/5	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 -Numeracy
21/5	P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
21/5	ICAS Computer Competition
5/6	ICAS Science Competition
11/6	Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom
14/6	Regional Cross Country
10/6	Queens Birthday Public Holiday

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17/6	ICAS Writing Competition
18/6	ICAS Spelling Competition
18/6	P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
19/6	State Cross Country
20/6	Birchgrove Athletics Carnival
28/6	Last Day of Term 2
Term 3	
15/7	Pupil Free Day
16/7	Pupils Return to School
17/7	P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
24/7	Opportunity Class Placement Test
29/7- 2/8	Education Week
30/7	Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom
31/7	ICAS English Competition
1/8	Friends of Balmain Library Writing Competition Due
13/8	ICAS Mathematics Competition
14/8	District Athletics
15/8	Music Night???
16/8	District Athletics
17/8-23/8	Book Week 'Read across the universe'
21/8	P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
26/8-29/8	Instrumental Festival-Recorder
2/9	Performance- K-6 Space Jump- Book Week
4/9	Regional Athletics
10/9	Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom
17/9	School Photos
18/9	P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
19/9	School Photos
20/9	Last Day of Term 3
Term 4	
8/10	Pupils Return to School
15/10	Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom
16/10	P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom
16/10-	State Athletics Carnival
17/10	
20/11	P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom AGM
26/11	Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom AGM
18/12	Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Clapout
18/12	Last Day of Term 4

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Have a safe and happy holiday with your families and we look forward to seeing you in 2013!
Miss Gray and the Birchgrove Staff.



Christmas Concert report

The School Christmas Concert was held on Friday, 7th December at St John's Church, Birchgrove. It was a lovely event with the choir and various ensembles performing and some of the groups combining to great effect. It rounded off a very successful year for music students at Birchgrove Public School.

2013 Music Tuition

If your child will be doing music lessons (for strings or band instruments) at Birchgrove next year and you have not heard about which tutor they have been assigned to, please contact jackifortune@yahoo.com

Recorder donations

Do you have any spare recorders lying around the house? If so, please consider donating them to the children living at Villawood Detention Centre. A number were donated last year and they were very gratefully received. Recorders can be left at the school office to be collected by Kim Ireland. Contact kim.ireland@bigpond.com for more details.

Information for 2013

Week 1 – instruments handed out on Friday, 1 February.

Week 2 – all ensembles and tutoring commence

Week 3 – Music committee meeting on Tuesday, 12 February, 7pm in the staffroom.

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Birchgrove Public School P&C Association 2012 Sponsorship Update

The P&C Association would like to thank the following sponsors for their invaluable support to our school in 2012. These businesses have contributed significantly to our fundraising efforts and without their commitment the funding of many resources would not be possible. We also wish to thank our newest sponsors, "The Tradies", who enthusiastically embraced The Local Trader tier of sponsorship. Please show your gratitude and support them in return with your patronage.

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Harris Partners Real Estate

We are proud to continue our long association with Harris Partners. They are incredibly supportive sponsors of our school & for this we are very grateful. 2012 signals an extension of their support. For every school family listing & selling a property with Harris Partners, the agency will donate an additional \$1000 to the school. Furthermore for every school family listing a property for management, the agency will donate an extra \$500 to the school.

If you are thinking of selling or renting your property, please consider their highly experienced and dedicated team.



The Riverview Hotel & Dining

We welcome for the third year, The Riverview Hotel & Dining as a principal partner. It is a beautifully renovated local landmark, which in 2009 was awarded the winner – Gastronomic Hotel of The Year by The Australian Hotels Association for Excellence.

In 2010 The Riverview celebrated 130 years of establishment, a significant milestone that coincided with Birchgrove Public School's 125 year anniversary.

Major Partners



Sydney Ports Corporation

Sydney Ports aims to diligently protect Sydney Harbour and Botany Bay and ensure a balance between the port, local communities and the environment. Sydney Ports is an active supporter of the communities that work, live and enjoy Sydney Harbour. We thank them for a third year of support.



Prestige Auto Traders

Another long term and invaluable supporter of our school is Prestige Auto Traders. They have access to Australia's largest network of wholesale late model luxury vehicles and are dedicated to providing a high level of customer service. Please be sure to visit them when you are next in the market for a car. In addition, Prestige Auto Traders will service all makes & models of cars and as a fully licensed repairer, can service cars under the manufacturer's warranty.

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Dentistry by Design

For the second year, we welcome Dentistry by Design. The practice is highly respected and committed to providing quality aesthetic and restorative dental care. Their belief is in delivering a high level of patient care in the most cost effective, painless and professional manner. Dentistry by Design is one of the most technological advanced practices in the Inner West. Their team of 8 clinicians are focused on all aspects of dentistry, from implants and gum management, to children and family dentistry. They are big enough to have the experience and technology - but still small enough to care.

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Birchgrove Public
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presents

'OFF THE PAGE'

The school Play

Available to purchase on
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Friday 14th December

Great Christmas Present.

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