

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 3 23rd October 2013

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Principal's Report

Beyond
the frame



BIRCHGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL
ART SHOW



It was terrific to have so many families come to the art show and Mural Launch last Friday and Saturday. Thank you to the stunning CAPA team who worked tirelessly on the project: Ms Gare, Ms Scutts, Ms Keating, Ms Copping, Ms Koumi and Mr Dodds and to the whole staff for their support and many contributions. I hope you all enjoyed our children's amazing art work and the sensational displays. I'm sure the pieces will brighten up your homes.

Birchgrove Public School Community Mural 2013

This mural is dedicated to Amy Large who came to school at Birchgrove as a child and has been followed by the next two generations of her family.

Amy worked here as an adult and is now a volunteer. Thank you, Amy for your community spirit, caring nature and endless contributions.

You embody all that is Birchgrove.

Quote from Plaque



Terrace Revamp 2H and 2K have been continuing on from the parent working bee that cleared the front terrace garden and spent yesterday planting indigenous plants in the front garden where pick up happens of an afternoon. Don't forget to check out their hard work. Thank you to Kobi's mum (KS) Kylie for organising their planting and working with them to help make the front of our school look very impressive. There is still new bench seating to come. Please make sure children do not climb on the garden, so our plants can grow!



This is a reminder that if your child was photographed in any music/sports or other ensemble photos, those photos are available for viewing at the school office.

Orders need to be placed by **Thursday November 7**, or you'll miss out! They are \$18 each.



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Kindergarten Orientation – Parent Information Schedule 29th October

Welcome to Birchgrove

K teachers will take 2014 students to their rooms for activities (children will have colour coded name tags)

9:30-10:30 Parent Information:

- Road Safety- Sandra Coopee (DEC Consultant)
- Best Start- Adele Crowhurst (DEC Consultant)
- Italian- With Mrs Scutts and some Birchgrove students
- Before & After School Care- Victoria McKenna – Regional Manager Camp Australia
- Walk Around School- tour conducted by year 5 students who will return you to your child's classroom

11:00 Parents to meet child in classroom and take home!

Staff Training

The Saturday before last many staff went to a reading inservice at Five Dock Public School, with a group of other schools. Over coming weeks there is some training around Naplan and the implementation of the new Maths Syllabus. We are also looking at our 3 year plan to see what needs to be added to or tweaked for next year.

Yesterday we hosted the **Sydney East Public Speaking** competition for our area. Thank you to Mr Dodds and Ms Copping for all their hard work making sure the day ran smoothly.

Also thank you to our talented student organisers:

Mc's: Maddy, Ethan, Luke, Rose

Time Keepers: Jack, Bronte C, Reilly, Hunter

Musicans: Beatirce, Ali, Noah, Sashira

Our talented speakers representing Birchgrove were:

Early stage 1: Sarah Wiggin- "Dolphins"

Stage 1: Oliver Bone- "Science"

Stage 2: Liam Green- " We Should Not Harm the Environment"

Stage 3: Ellen Rowley- "Unsustainable Palm Oil"



The Riverview Hotel recently scored 14.5 points in the Sydney Good Food Guide. (15 points = a Hat!) SO, our local pub and the sponsor of the school is not only a great place to have class drinks (and get a FREE meter long pizza) but also contains an acclaimed restaurant and chef of the year Brad Sloane... Help support the sponsors that support your P&C and enjoy a lovely meal in the process...

Back to Balmain Our sensational concert band will be playing at the Rotunda in Elkington Park at 12:15 on Sunday. They are sounding fabulous and would love to see you in the audience!

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While teachers were busy setting up the Art Show in their classrooms Stage 3 enjoyed a ferry trip to Circular Quay. They spent the day looking at the Art Gallery of NSW and the Museum of Contemporary Art.



The staff are looking forward to catching up with you at the Big Night Out on Friday night. They are looking forward to dancing the night away to the band!

Tracy Gray

Classes for 2014

It is the time of year where we are starting to look at classes for 2014. If you are not returning please in 2014 (and not in Y6) please let the school know now by completing and returning the note below.

Students NOT RETURNING to Birchgrove in 2014

Please inform the office by completing this form if your child will NOT be returning to Birchgrove in 2014. (Please do not reply if your child is in Year 6 this year 2013).

My child: _____ of class _____ will not be returning to Birchgrove Public School in 2014.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

My child will be attending: _____ in 2014

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this form. We are starting to work out classes for next year and this information helps make decisions on how the classes will be set up and what enrolments we can accept. We are still operating at capacity and need to be able to advise parents if there are spots available in 2014.

Over the next term classes at Birchgrove will be discussing a **school rule** each week, so that each student knows the school rules and understands what behaviour is expected. This will be done as a learning activity in each classroom. Children will be acknowledged when they are following a school rule.

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Hi All,

Next week at Birchgrove Before & After School Hour Care we are getting ready for Halloween!! If you would like to make a Jack-O-Lantern please bring in a small pumpkin that we can carve out. If you have any ideas for spooky craft then please feel free to let us know!

As always, if you would like your child to attend Before & After School Care please call Head Office on 1300 105 343. If they can't make it please call direct on 0405 413 528. Thanks, Birchgrove Team

2013

Dates to Remember

Parent

Music

Sport

Student Parliament

24/10

Simon Tedeschi 9:15 preschool, 9:55 Kindergarten 10:35 Y1&2

25/10

BIG NIGHT OUT

27/9

Back to Balmain Concert Band will be playing by the rotunda at 12.25

28/10

Preschool Vision Screening

29/10

Kindergarten Orientation 2014 – Parents & Children 9:30am

5/11

Kindergarten Orientation 2014 – Parents & Children 9:30am

6/11

Music Recruitment Night, 6pm-7.30pm in the School Hall

12/11

Kindergarten Orientation 2014 – Children & their Buddies 9:30am

7/11

Preschool Interviews

14/11

Preschool Orientation

20/11

P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom AGM

18-21&

Swim School Years 3-6

22/11

Preschool Interviews

22/11

P&C Disco

26/11

Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom AGM

25-28

Swim School Years 3-6

2/12

Cybersafety - Year 4,5,6 Staff Meeting Parents Meeting

4/12

Kindergarten Graduation

5/12

Years 5&6 Recognition Ceremony

10/12

Year 6 Farewell

10/12

Year 3 & 4 Recognition Ceremony

10/12

Preschool Concert (3 day classes)

11/12

Year 1 & 2 Recognition Ceremony

12/12

Picnic Day K-6

13/12

Year 6 Darling Harbour

18/12

Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Clapout

18/12

Last Day of Term 4

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Preschool

The children had a blast last week with Chris from "Kids on Conga"! Craig taught us how to play various types of drums and tested our listening skills as we had to copy his drumming and clapping pattern.

We even had a turn of being a conductor! We learnt from Craig that music can be played both inside and outside and that's exactly what we did. We took our egg shakers into the playground to play some games. It was fun when Craig blew the whistle as we had to change directions!

When we went back inside we played some new percussion instruments and Craig taught us how to use them properly. At the end of the session we got to play on the big drums as loud as we could!

Reflection: The children were showing enthusiasm and curiosity in their learning.

EYLF Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners.

Where to next? Explore further music making experiences with instruments and audio CDs.



The following rule will be taught for the next week in your child's classroom, talked about in assembly and mentioned in the weekly newsletter. Please discuss what the dot points mean with your child.

Di Ford Assistant Principal



Birchgrove Public School Rules

I am in the right place at the right time when I:

- *stay within the playground boundaries*
- *play quietly in the green area*
- *walk in all walking areas*
- *eat recess in the playground*
- *stay in the playground before school and during breaks*
- *ask for teacher permission and a green card to go into the building during breaks*
- *keep my school bag in the bag shelves.*

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Birchgrove Public School Kindergarten 2014 Play, Learn, Grow



IMPORTANT DATES

Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am
(For Parents, Carers and Children)
Tuesday 29th October 2013

Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am
(For Parents, Carers and Children)
Tuesday 5th November 2013

Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9:30am
(For Children & their 2014 Buddies)
Parent Morning Tea-supplied by current
Kindergarten Parents
Tuesday 12th November 2013

For More Information Contact

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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: <http://www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/enrolment>

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I can't believe it's only 2 sleeps to go! An amazing amount of work has been going on behind the scenes to ensure an absolutely fantastic event on Friday night. **Numbers have been confirmed to the caterers but there is a very small capacity for a few extra tickets.** I know a few of you have been unable to book before now so if you get in quick you may just grab some of the last tickets going. Click on the link <http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=63438> - it couldn't be easier to secure your tickets to the hottest event on the Peninsula.

There are still have a few babysitters available for the event so don't forget to let me know if you would like to use a local high school student to look after your kids for the event. We still need donations for the Cellar Door Raffle. Please leave your bottle of wine donation at the office.

All the news about the event and silent auction prizes is updated on our facebook page daily. Please join if you have not done so already. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/390141624441335/>

Please come and help us set up on Friday after drop off. Or offer some help at the end of the night to pack down. We will also need some help on Saturday and would be very grateful for any assistance See you all there!

Pamela Clingman

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Huge thanks for go to the following businesses who have generously donated prizes and auction items to this year's Big Night Out. Please show them our appreciation by using these businesses when you next need something they can provide.

Affordable Fitness
Alegrias Spanish Tapas
Ally Bell Floral
Amusu Yoga Studio
Art Gallery of NSW
Australian Chamber Orchestra
Australian Museum
Australian Reptile Park
Balmain Vet Hospital
Balmain Vet Hospital
Bell Shakespeare Company
Bella Tulle
Belle Fleur Chocolates
BodyMindLife
Cara Loren
Clear Complexions
Clear Complexions

Kazbah Restaurant
Kirsten Nicholls Coaching
Lin & Barrett
Lululemon
Maple
LuMu Interiors
Northstar Martial Arts
Osteopathic solutions
Pepperseeds Thai Restaurant
Planet Beauty
Powerhouse Museum
Q2Dance
Red Balloon
Renovati
Robertson Kirkwood Hair
Rozelle Total Health
S&N Dockside Hair

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Daniela Professional Beauty Therapy
deliciously yours cakes
Emile's Fruit & Vegetables
Emma Sutherland Naturopath
Featherdale Wildlife Park
Fit4Life Pilates
Fonelifa
Good Reading Magazine
Herbies Spcies
Il Casale
Intimo Lingerie
Jane Johansson Photography
Julijana Joseph Fans
Kaffeine Cafe
Affordable Fitness
Alegrias Spanish Tapas
Ally Bell Floral
Amusu Yoga Studio
Art Gallery of NSW
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Balmain Vet
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Kaffeine Café

Sofies Restaurant
Sydney Aquatic Centre
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust
Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre
Sydney Ports
Sydney Symphony Orchestra
Taronga Zoo
The Corner Bar
The Darling Street Fish Shop
The London Hotel
The Riverview Hotel
The Royal Oak
The Source
The William Wallace
Whispering Brook Wines
Wild Orange
LuMu Interiors
Lululemon
Northstar Martial Arts
Osteopathic Solutions
Powerhouse Museum
Q2Dance
Red Balloon
Robertson Kirkwood Hairdressers
Rozelle Total Health
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Silent Auctions – Big Night Out Friday October 25



If you are not attending the Big Night Out but would like to place a bid on one of our fabulous silent auction items, you can do so!

Contact Jacki Fortune: jackifortune@yahoo.com with the auction number, the maximum amount that you are prepared to bid and your contact details.

If your bid is successful on the night, you will be contacted afterwards to arrange payment.

Auction #	Description	Value	Reserve
1	Yoga Package: 10 classes at Amusu Yoga Studio & Lululemon yoga mat & yoga bag.	\$320	\$65
2	Assortment of brand new books & 6 month online subscription to Good Reading Magazine	\$360	\$70
3	Assortment of brand new books & 6 month online subscription to Good Reading Magazine	\$360	\$70
4	Family Fun 1: Family passes to The Australian Museum, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre and 2 adult passes to Taronga Zoo and Featherdale Wildlife Park.	\$229	\$45
5	Family Fun 2: Family passes to The Australian Museum, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Australian Reptile Park and a Wild Orange voucher.	\$178	\$35
6	Be Healthy, Eat Well 1: One month membership at Affordable Fitness, Spice Pack from Herbie's Spices, Emma Sutherland Naturopath's book and Darling Street Fish Shop Voucher.	\$272	\$55
7	Be Healthy, Eat Well 2: BodyMindLife 10 class yoga pass, voucher for The Source Bulk Foods.	\$225	\$45
8	Eating Out 1: Vouchers for The Corner Bar, Kazbah & Pepperseeds Thai Restaurant.	\$200	\$40
9	Eating Out 2: Vouchers for Sofie's Greek Restaurant, The London Hotel & Pepperseeds Thai Restaurant.	\$200	\$40
10	Eating Out 3: Vouchers for Sofie's Greek Restaurant, Alegrias Spanish Tapas, Pepperseeds Thai Restaurant.	\$230	\$45
11	Spoil Your Daughter: Tutu & Dress from Bella Tulle, cake from Deliciously Yours, Mini manicure at Planet Beauty.	\$155	\$30
12	Culture Pack: 2 tickets to Bell Shakespeare's production of "The Winter's Tale" and 2 tickets for a Sydney Symphony Orchestra standard subscription concert of your choice.	\$290	\$60
13	Living Wild: Red Balloon voucher for a Flying Trapeze course for 2 and Cockatoo Island Camping voucher for 2.	\$219	\$45
14	Indulge Yourself 1: Facial at Daniela Professional Beauty Therapy, Detox Sauna at Planet Beauty, Intimo Lingerie voucher & voucher for Robertson Kirkwood Hair.	\$345	\$70

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15	Indulge Yourself 2: S&N Dockside Hair voucher, Intimo Lingerie voucher, Lin & Barrett voucher.	\$275	\$55
16	Australian Chamber Orchestra: 2 x A reserve tickets for a matinee of your choice in 2013.	\$250	\$50
17	Affordable Fitness: 1 month membership	\$150	\$30
18	Balmain Vet Hospital: Dog Hamper (products and services)	\$250	\$50
19	Balmain Vet Hospital: Cat Hamper (products and services)	\$230	\$45
20	Cara Loren Photography – Portrait Session & 1 free print	\$375	\$75
21	Clear Complexions – Skin Treatments of your choice	\$500	\$100
22	Clear Complexions – Skin Treatments of your choice	\$500	\$100
23	Clear Complexions – Medical Grade Skincare	\$750	\$150
24	Nokia Lumia 610 Smartphone from Fonelife	\$179	\$35
25	Intimo Lingerie - Camisole & Briefs	\$50	\$10
26	Jane Johnansson Photography – Photoshoot & 1 free 8"x10" print	\$120	\$25
27	2 fans from Julijana Joseph fans	\$100	\$20
28	3 x 1 hour coaching sessions by Skype or phone from Kirsten Nicholls Coaching	\$450	\$90
29	LuMu Interiors Voucher	\$500	\$100
30	Northstar Martial Arts – 1 term of classes	\$300	\$60
31	1 hour massage at Oestopathic Solutions	\$95	\$20
32	Q2 Dance: yellow member pass	\$170	\$35
33	Q2 Dance: yellow member pass	\$170	\$35
34	Q2 Dance: yellow member pass	\$170	\$35
35	The Riverview Hotel: Dinner Voucher	\$150	\$30
36	The Royal Oak: Dinner Voucher	\$100	\$20
37	The William Wallace: Dinner Voucher	\$100	\$20
38	Sydney Ports: A Day on the Harbour Experience – 4 people spend a day on a Sydney Ports Fire Fighting vessel	\$500	\$100
39	Fit 4 Life: 5 Reformer Classes	\$160	\$30



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THE 2nd HAND UNIFORM STALL

is on again at the Main School Entrance

Monday November 11th at pick-up: 2.45 - 3.45 pm
& Tuesday November 12th at drop-off: 8.00 - 9.45 am

There will be loads of good quality recycled summer
and winter uniform items so...

THINK GREEN & GRAB A BARGAIN!



DONATIONS ACCEPTED!!

Any items you wish to donate to the stall would be greatly appreciated. Just leave them on top of the 2nd Hand Uniform cupboard prior to the dates above. Thank you! (in the stairwell opposite the uniform shop)

