

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 10 10th December 2014

Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School
A NSW Government School
Birchgrove Road,
Balmain NSW 2041

Ph.: 02 9810 2469
Fx: 02 9555 8653
E: birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
W: www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



2014

Dates to Remember

*Parent
Music
Sport
Student Parliament*

Term 4

11/12	Kindergarten Recognition Ceremony
11/12	Preschool Party
12/12	Year 6 Picnic
12/12	Stage 1 Recognition Ceremony
15/12	School Picnic Day
16/12	Preschool Cleaning Day
17/12	Farewell Assembly and Year 6 Arch
17/12	Last Day of Term 4

Cutest Pet Competition Winners.

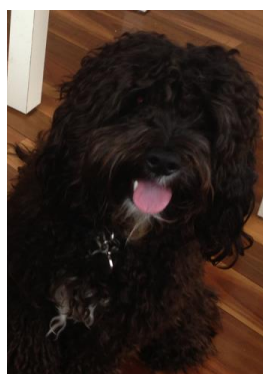
This week every child in the school cast a vote on Birchgrove's Cutest Pet and the results are in. It was a wide field with cats, dogs, guinea pigs and rabbits, but at the end of the day the dogs cleaned up. (It would also appear that naming your animal after a drink is the secret to success, so we are looking forward to seeing Ribena and Prosecco sweep the pool next year.)

Congratulations to **Pepsi**, the smallest and fluffiest member of the Procter family, who is officially the cutest pet of Birchgrove PS for 2014. He will be awarded with his prize this week. Thank you to Balmain Vet Hospital for donating a prize for the winner.

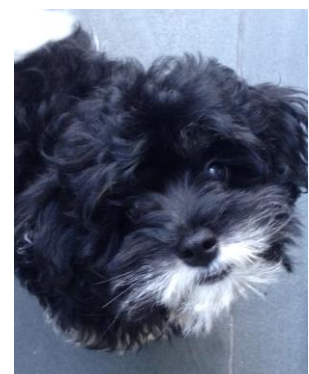
Many thanks to all who entered in support of raising funds towards our Big Night Out. Congratulations to all the extremely cute place getters.



1st Place - Pepsi
(Dylan Procter 3/4C)



2nd Place - Milo
(Will Douglas 4/5H)



3rd Place - Coco
(Summer Williams 1/2C)

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 10 10th December 2014

Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School
A NSW Government School
Birchgrove Road,
Balmain NSW 2041

Ph.: 02 9810 2469

Fx: 02 9555 8653

E: birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

W: www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



Principals Report



It was great to catch up with many of you at the **Parent Helper Thank you Morning Tea**. To those of you who were unable to make it thank you for all your help and support over 2014!



Preschool Concerts (above) and **Recognition Ceremonies** (Stage 2 above) are well underway and have been a delightful culmination to our 2014 teaching and learning programs.



Last night was the **Year 6 Formal/Graduation**. The evening was all about the fabulous outfits, the partner dancing (Thank you MR C) and the Graduation! The children had a sensational night. Thank you to all who helped make this happen.

Tracy Gray
Principal

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 10 10th December 2014

Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School
A NSW Government School
Birchgrove Road,
Balmain NSW 2041

Ph.: 02 9810 2469
Fx: 02 9555 8653
E: birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
W: www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



LIBRARY NEWS

The stock take is counting all of the books, there are no books on the shelf that are borrowed out so all missing books must be at home. Overdue notices will be handed out next week please have look at home or books need to be replaced or paid for.

Red Gum book orders have been distributed, please contact Red Gum if you have any problems ,they are very happy to resolve any problems.

Thanks
Mrs Chris Ilieff

Ready for high school

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.

Watch the videos: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7>

Choosing school shoes

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all. Tips for choosing shoes:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Teach your kids to be waterproof

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

Road safety reminder for parents and carers these holidays

Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child's hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. For further information visit:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html>

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 10 10th December 2014

Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School
A NSW Government School
Birchgrove Road,
Balmain NSW 2041

Ph.: 02 9810 2469
Fx: 02 9555 8653
E: birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
W: www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



Local walk visiting shops for
'workers in the community'
K/1C



Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 10 10th December 2014

Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School
A NSW Government School
Birchgrove Road,
Balmain NSW 2041

Ph.: 02 9810 2469

Fx: 02 9555 8653

E: birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

W: www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



END OF YEAR MUSIC CELEBRATIONS



Students throw their hats in the air at the end of the concert

On the morning of Friday, 5th December, St John's Church resonated with the joyful sounds of the Birchgrove End of Year Concert. Students, parents, teachers and friends gathered to listen to the bands, choirs and string and recorder ensembles play a wide selection of carols and other songs. We also had some of our senior students speak eloquently about how their family celebrates at this time of year. It was a time to express our appreciation for our hardworking conductors and Music Committee parents. Thanks go to the organisers and to Rob Cormack for MC'ing.

After the concert, the musicians returned to the school before regathering on the basketball court for the Annual Music Students Lunch. Large quantities of pizza, garlic bread and icy poles were consumed and Mr Cormack took the opportunity to hand out the music trophies to the twenty Year 6 students who have graduated from the Birchgrove Music program in 2014. We wish them all the best for high school and a lifelong musical journey!

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 10 10th December 2014

Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School
A NSW Government School
Birchgrove Road,
Balmain NSW 2041

Ph.: 02 9810 2469
Fx: 02 9555 8653
E: birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
W: www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



MOMENTS FROM THE END OF YEAR CONCERT



Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 10 10th December 2014

Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School
A NSW Government School
Birchgrove Road,
Balmain NSW 2041

Ph.: 02 9810 2469
Fx: 02 9555 8653
E: birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
W: www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 6 MUSIC GRADUATES



INSTRUMENTS AND CLASSES 2015

Instrument handout will take place on Friday, 6 February 2015 with rehearsals and lessons starting in the week beginning 16 February 2014.

There are still places available for Beginner Recorders and Kodaly classes. Please contact jackifortune@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Enquiries about tutors should be directed to michelle_stellini@hotmail.com.

Finally, hope you all have a safe and happy holiday!



A big thumbs up for the Birchgrove Music Program

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 10 10th December 2014

Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School
A NSW Government School
Birchgrove Road,
Balmain NSW 2041

Ph.: 02 9810 2469
Fx: 02 9555 8653
E: birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
W: www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE PRESENTS

A **NEW** learn to draw program

An exciting and practical approach to drawing
the world around you!

TERM 1, 2015 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE NEW DRAWING PROGRAM:

THURSDAYS 3:15PM-5PM

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE MULTI-MEDIA ART PROGRAM:

WEDNESDAYS 3:15PM-5PM

ENROL NOW! please contact:
Sabina Carney
e: sabina@kidsattheartthouse.com
m: 0403768282

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP
(DARLING HABOUR) "DREAM" EXHIBITION - 2014 & 2015

FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2014

WINNER: AVANT CARDS "CALLING ALL ARTIST'S" COMPETITION 2013

FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013

WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012

WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011

WINNER: AVANT CARDS "CALLING ALL ARTIST'S" COMPETITION 2010

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT :THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY AND LITERACY FOUNDATION 2013
THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011