

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 3 Week 5 22nd August 2018

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2018 Dates to Remember



*Parent
Music
Sport
Student Parliament*

Term 3

23/8

Book Week Parade- Choose Your Own Adventure

27/8

Assembly – Flying Foxes

28/8-31/8

Stage 3 Camp – Aussie Bush Camp

3/9

Italian Day

10/9

Assembly- Echidnas

10/9

Kindergarten 2019 Information Night 5:30-6:30

11/9

Music Night

17/9

Assembly- Numbats

19/9

P&C 7pm Staffroom

21/9

Big Night Out

24/9

Assembly 24/9

28/9

Last Day Term 3

Important Note:

The canteen is closed tomorrow as Karen is unwell.

There will be no food available for sale!



Balmain Zone Athletics

Carnival. On Thursday 16th August, students from Birchgrove competed at the **Balmain Zone Athletics Carnival**. Everyone who attended should be commended for their fantastic effort and great team spirit. An extra congratulations to Salvador Q (2nd 100m),



Violetta Q (1st 100m, 1st 200m), Clara G (3rd 100m, 2nd discus) and Coco S (2nd High Jump) who will now represent the Balmain Zone at the Sydney East Area Carnival later this term. A fun and successful day was had by all.

Greta Sun



Book Parade This is a good time to look at books with your children and encourage them to read. As part of the Book Week we have our annual 'Character Parade' on **Thursday 23rd August** on the basketball courts at 9:15. Looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up as their favourite book character and parading around the court! This year's book week theme is '**Choose Your Own Adventure**'.



Library News

Thank you for your support during the Scholastic Book Fair. Total sales will be over Two Thousand five hundred dollars worth. This will mean a large commission to the school. I have re ordered books and I am still waiting for the order. Books will arrive or money can be refunded.

Mrs Ilief

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Principal

Congratulations to the **Numbats**, who received the **Principal's Award for Excellence** on Monday in assembly. They received the award for their flexibility and adaptability in their new play-based learning environment.

Monday morning there will be plumbers putting new push button taps in the student's toilets. Please remind the children Monday morning. Only one block will be off at a time so children will need to check which is open! The plumbers are starting early so hopefully the overlap into school time will be minimal. If you have a K-2 students it's worth reminding them that the senior toilets are just next to the preschool building!



Grandparents Day was a hit with children, grandparents and staff. Everyone loved learning about how school has changed and it was fabulous to meet so many of our grandparents, many of which had made long trips to be here! A lovely addition to Grandparents Day this year was the messages from our grandparents who were overseas or far way, that came through via See Saw App and emails. The children were thrilled to know their grandparents were thinking about them. There are some great photos included in the newsletter.

As discussed in previous newsletters, many of our students are on **social media** before they should be. Most social media is recommended for over 13 years of age. Many Stage 2 & 3 students in particular reported they upload videos to Youtube. It has come up in a few meetings I have had with children and parents recently, so I've included the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner's age guide to social media below to help any parents who are unsure what the recommended ages are. It's important for parents to note the eSafety Commissioner's recommendations are different to the App Store and Google Play ratings. I'm also reminding students, teachers and importantly parents to monitor and talk to the children about what they are doing on their devices. It's also a timely reminder for parents to update their "nanny" software on devices.

There has also been issues with children playing Fortnite as it uses weaponry and killing. It would be great if any parents letting their children play this could have a conversation with them reminding them it is a at home game and is not suitable for school discussions and games. Please talk to your child about being safe on social media if you are letting them use it and monitor their interactions, it's so easy for things to go wrong very quickly. Thank you for your help with this, it's one of the things we are conscious we need to monitor constantly.

Uniforms- Our uniform is anything you can buy from our Uniform Shop and black shoes. The policy deliberately doesn't include individual items, so new items can be added to the uniform as need. We have lots of special events /days where children can express themselves and dress in costumes and mufti, but from day to day its important the children follow the uniform policy. Please make sure your child/children have a school hat, jumper and black shoes. Your support in this is appreciated by the teaching staff. A copy of the policy is included below.

Classes P to 6 have been very creative coming up with inspiring art works to be auctioned by the P&C at this year's **Big Night Out**, which includes our first ever comedy show and promises to be a fun night. Make sure you book your tickets!

See you all at the book parade tomorrow!

Tracy Gray

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Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner - Is there an age limit for kids on social media?

Most social media services and apps require users to be 13 years old to join.

Why 13? This is usually to comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998

What about APPS? App stores set their own age ratings based on the app's content.

Table: Age Guide to Social Media

Social Media	Terms of Use – Minimum Age Requirements	App Store Rating	Google Play Rating
ASK.fm	13+	12+	12+
Club Penguin	All ages (directed at 6 – 14 year olds)	4+	G - General
EA (Electronic Arts)	18+ (with parental permission up to 17 yrs)	n/a	G - general
Facebook	13+	4+	12+
Facebook Messenger	13+	4+	3+
Flickr	13+	12+	12+
Foursquare	13+	4+	12+
Fortnite	12+	12+	12+
Google+	13+	17+	12+
Instagram	13+	12+	12+
Keek	13+ (with parental permission up to 17 yrs)	12+	12+
Kik	13+ (with parental permission up to 17 yrs)	12+	12+
Linkedin	14+	4+	3+
Minecraft	All ages (parental permission required to create a mojang account if user is under 13 yrs)	n/a	M – Mature (Pocket Edition)
Moshi Monsters	All ages (Directed at 6 – 12 year olds. If user is under 13, parent's email is required)	4+	G - General
Pinterest	13+	12+	12+
Skype	18+ (With parental permission up to 17 yrs)	4+	3+
Snapchat	13+	12+	12+
Spotafriend	13-19 yrs only	17+	16+
Steam	13+	17+	12+
Tinder	18+ (Facebook account required to register)	17+	18+
Tumblr	13+	17+	12+
Twitter	13+	4+	12+
Vimeo	13+ (With parental permission up to 17 yrs)	17+	12+
Vine	13+	17+	12+
WhatsApp	16+	4+	3+
Yellow	13+ (With parental permission up to 17 yrs)	12+	12+
YouTube	13+	17+	12+

* Age guide based on published Terms of Use and app store ratings as at April 2016.

esafety.gov.au/iparent

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grand
parents day





Birchgrove Public School – Uniform Policy

Birchgrove Public School established its uniform Policy with the help of our parent community and staff, through a series of meetings and a parent survey. During the first meeting a uniform committee was formed to oversee the process. In accordance with DET guidelines our uniform reflects school community standards and is consistent with occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

The uniform committee has developed a uniform policy that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

Guidelines:

Students are expected to wear the school uniform because it provides:

- identification with the school,
- a sense of pride in belonging to this school,
- security, as any strangers among students can be easily identified
- equity, since students do not feel that they have to dress competitively,
- the opportunity for students to feel respect for themselves and others because of their positive image,
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for the school environment,
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Procedures and Standards:

- Correct uniform must be worn at all times by students, unless especially advised.
- Summer and winter uniforms as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn. It is recommended that fabrics with a sun safe factor rating are used.
- The uniform policy applies during school hours, when students are on excursions and/or when representing the school for functions and sport.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Make up and nail polish is not part of school uniform.
- Hair ribbons, scrunches and headbands etc should be in school colours.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is sun safe hats consistent with our 'No Hat, No Play' policy or headwear required by religious beliefs. They must be worn outside during recess, lunch, sport and any other outside activity. Hats must not be worn inside.
- Appropriate footwear is fully enclosed shoes black school shoes and black or white sports shoes on sports days.
- The P&C Uniform Committee will operate a second hand uniform pool for parents, as well as a uniform shop. The uniform shop can also be accessed on the school website. The uniform shop is open between 8am and 10am Thursdays during school terms. Other opening times are advertised in the newsletter.
- The student uniform, including details and places of purchase, will be published in the parent handbook and grade booklet at the start of each school year.

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- The Principal will be responsible for the implementation of the uniform policy, with assistance from staff and the school community.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the uniform due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.

Strategies to be used if an individual student is non-compliant:

- Speaking to the student in private to encourage wearing of the school uniform.
- Providing a verbal warning to the student.
- Providing advice to the parents by means of a phone call or letter from the Principal.
- Inviting the parents to school to discuss the situation with Principal or another staff member.
- Negotiating an appropriate course of action with the students and parents.

Outcomes:

- All students wear school uniform proudly.
- The school community is supportive of the uniform policy.
- The school uniform is attractive, comfortable and functional.
- The school uniform enhances the school image.

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's 3 year review cycle. (due 2017)

LEGISLATION AND DEPARTMENTAL POLICY

The uniform policy is to be informed by the following: Under the NSW Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 (OH&S Act) http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_act/ohasa2000273/ the department of Education and Training must ensure that students are not exposed to risks to their health or safety while they are on Departmental Premises.

Student Welfare Policy (PD/2002/0052/V001)

http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_serv/student_welfare/stude_welf/PD20020052.shtml

sets out the framework for student welfare in NSW public schools.

Protection from the Sun: Guidelines to Assist in Implementing the Student Welfare Policy (PD/2002/0055/V001)

http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_serv/student_health/protec_sun/PD20020055.shtml

provides advice about how schools can take action to protect students from the sun.

References/Appendices:

1. DET School Uniform Policy
2. School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools
3. Sun Smart Information and Support Material
4. Protection from the Sun –Guidelines to assist in implementing the Student Welfare Policy

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2019 Kindergarten Orientation

Play, Learn, Grow



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Orientation Evening 5:30pm-6:30pm

Monday 10th September 2018

(For Parents & Carers) Term 3

Kindergarten Orientation Morning

9:15am-10:45am

Monday 22nd October 2018 Term 4

(For Parents, Carers and Children)

Kindergarten Orientation Morning

9:15am- 10:45am

Monday 15th October 2018

(For Parents, Carers and Children) Term 4

Kindergarten Orientation Morning

9:15am-10:45am

Monday 29th October 2018

(For Parents, Carers & Children) Term 4

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>

For more information, contact:

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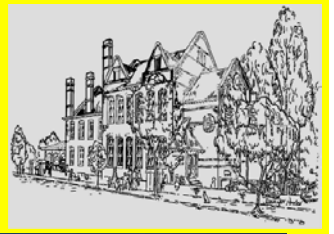
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Early Bird Special \$25
Ends Wed 23rd Aug

BIRCHGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

BIG NIGHT OUT

TICKETS \$30 AT BIRCHGROVEBNO.COM

NO DOOR SALES ON THE NIGHT (CHILD FREE EVENT)

Our Big Night Out just got bigger...
Birchgrove Public School invites you all to our
annual fundraising event of the year....

COMEDY SHOW



EMCEE
KRISTIN
BOESENBERG



STEPHANIE
BROADBRIDGE



MICHELE
BETTSY



CHRISTINA
VAN LOOK



KABBA

ART AUCTION

Every class from Pre-school to Year 6 have created incredible art masterpieces to be auctioned on the night to help raise funds for Birchgrove Public School.

**SEATS ARE LIMITED SO BOOK NOW
- BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY
AND NEIGHBOURS....**

LIVE MUSIC ON THE DECKS

DJ LADY TRE

DJ UNIQUE

FRI 21ST SEPT | 7PM - 11.30PM | BPS HALL

A WELL STOCKED CASH/EFTPOS BAR INCLUDING HARDYARD'S BOUTIQUE DRAFT BEER.
GYPSY'S KITCHEN IS SELLING DELICIOUS AND FRESH ITALIAN MEALS.

BIG THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS





CALLING ALL ATHLETES

COME AND JOIN THE BALMAIN LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

Get your running shoes on and
come and register for a fun filled
season of friendly competition
and personal bests

Tiny Tots (4yrs) to U17 welcome

SEASON STARTS
After winter sport finishes
Saturday 22nd September



REGISTRATION

Online www.lansw.com.au

THEN come down to

KING GEORGE OVAL

MANNING STREET, ROZELLE

on Saturday 25th August or
1st September from 1-3pm to
pick up your registration pack
Uniforms will be on sale too

PLEASE NOTE: proof of age for
ALL NEW athletes has to be
sighted so bring your child's
passport or birth certificate
with you.

ENTERING YEAR 7 IN 2019 ?

No problem. Over $\frac{3}{4}$ of our
season will have been
completed before you even
start high school

COST \$145

Get in quick as we have an
early bird fee of \$125 that
applies till 8pm 24th Aug
Don't forget to use your
Sporting Kids Voucher

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