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NEWSLETTER

Week 8

Term 1 16/3/2022



Learning and Support at Birchgrove PS

As Learning and Support Co-ordinator I wanted to give you a snapshot of what my role includes and tell you about the initiative I am continuing this term called **"Wellbeing Thursdays"**. First a little about the Learning and Support Team (L&ST). The team works collaboratively to

acknowledge student strengths, developing a culture of resilient learners who thrive and succeed within the school. The team this year consists of Miss Gray, Mr Cormack, Mrs Karnaros, Mrs Mitchell and Mr Krinitzky (school counsellor). The team works closely in partnership with staff, parents, caregivers and outside school services in order to cater to the diverse student needs.

As L&ST Co-ordinator my role is diverse and ever changing according to the student needs presented at the time. It includes daily interactions with students through individual literacy or numeracy lessons, assessments, whole-school programs, in class support through team teaching, supporting staff, meeting with parents or completing documents necessary for funding applications so that we have the best possible opportunities for our students.

Birchgrove PS's primary concern is that all students' needs are addressed and that school is a fun, happy and healthy environment for our entire student body where every child is known, valued and cared for. If you wanted to know more about the various programs that are in place at Birchgrove, I welcome you to contact me at helen.karnaros@det.nsw.edu.au



\$1344 was raised on the first P&C uniform stall, and most importantly uniform supplies have been topped up!

Thank you to all the parents who helped out with this mammoth undertaking.

We acknowledge the Wangal people of the Eora Nations, the traditional custodians of the land on which we play, learn and grow. We pay respect to elders' past, present and emerging.

2022

Term 1

21/3	Harmony Day
22/3	LasT reviews
24/3	LasT reviews
25/3	National Ride to School Day
28/3-1/4	Parent Teacher Interviews
31/3	Cross Country
31/3	Selective High Testing
1/4	P&C Welcome Back BBQ 4:30-7
5/4-6/4	State Swimming Carnival
5/4	Stage 2 Kamay – Botany Bay
6/4	Stage 1 Vaucluse House
8/4	Easter Hat Parade
8/4	Last Day of Term

Reminder: We are still getting daily notifications of new COVID-19 cases.

Please continue to be vigilant.

District Swimming Carnival 2022



A massive congratulations to all of our swimmers who competed at the Balmain Swimming Carnival in the pouring rain! Some outstanding results and even better sportsmanship. Congratulations to Susanna Bos, Alexandra Hair, our Senior Girls relay team (Susanna Bos, Lulu Weston, Sakura Makita & Anna Williams) and our Junior Boys relay team (Brody O'Keefe, Roscoe Felton, Ben Hooper & Ollie Gleichman) for qualifying for the next level, the Sydney East Swimming Carnival. We are very proud of you!

Student Parliament 2022 Induction

Thank you to Isaac & Leilani from Sydney Secondary College Balmain, who spoke about leadership and helped hand out badges at our Student Parliament Induction Ceremony. It was great to be able to have all our parents of the Student Parliamentarians join us in person for the Ceremony!!!

Isaac & Leilani's speech: Our names are Isaac and Leilani and we are members of the Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus leadership team. We are honoured to be here today to induct your new student leadership (Parliament) for 2022 - although our colleagues couldn't all make it today, they send their support and can't wait to see the changes that you make this year. With six weeks of experience under our belt we have some understanding of the responsibility, dedication and determination that is required to be an effective school leader. Personally, we've seen some pretty drastic changes to our everyday schooling experience, and through them we've had the privilege to implement and plan school-wide changes - that we hope will have a lasting positive impact.

As school leaders, in the following school year, you will have the opportunity to do the same. Furthermore, you will be the representatives of Birchgrove's student body and be their voice throughout the school - essentially acting as a bridge between the students and staff. Because change around the school is most impactful to the students' learning experiences; it is essential that leaders collaborate with their peers and are vocal with teachers in order to maximise it. It's not just your spectacular leadership team that can provoke positive changes throughout your school - they will require the aid of all of you, your voices and your choices.

I can see that the students of Birchgrove have so many admirable leadership qualities that will translate to both high school and the modern world at large. My close friend and Birchgrove alumni, Joshua Pak, was recently reminiscing about his primary schooling years; namely his positive experiences, opportunities for growth and overall, the gratitude he has for his time here. High School can be a daunting experience, but it gives you an opportunity to take charge of your own learning, your own life - in a way your very own personal leadership position. Through the connections I made with peers (including Josh) and teachers, my attachment to the school grew, motivating me to use my student voice and become a leader for 2022. As school captain, I have the privilege to be part of such a supportive, hardworking team that genuinely believes in the betterment of our school - it honestly meant so much to me, to be granted the honour because it's a sign of shared trust and respect between me and my cohort.

Personally, we have had only a sliver of the leadership experience in high school, but we can already see the impact that we, as a team, can have on a school. For me, there were quite a few nerves when first stepping into my leadership role, but over time I have not only grown as a leader, but I have also created meaningful relationships with my fellow leaders. Leadership is such a great opportunity for things like that. It creates so many opportunities to bond with fellow peers and even teachers. I also had the amazing privilege of being a school leader in year six, just like all of you, it opened so many doors and provided me with so many leadership skills that have come in handy over the past few years.

We are so grateful to have had the opportunity to talk to you about leadership and our experiences as well as the privilege to induct you into the leadership team today. We fully believe in your abilities and can't wait to see what changes you guys can bring to your wonderful school. Thank you all, students, teachers and parents for having us and we hope to see you in the future.

Student Parliament 2022



**The new Student Parliament 2022
Induction Ceremony**



The first Parliament Meeting for 2022.

Thinking Globally



Sunflowers for peace, made as a collaborative group activity in the Rosellas.



James, Ben and William sold cupcakes and cookies on the weekend, raising \$205 that went straight to the Red Cross Ukraine appeal. Well done!