

Birchgrove Public School

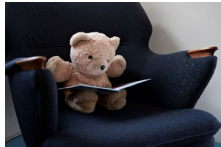
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NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 1 1/3/2023



Our Parent Reading Program is back!

We are thrilled to report that our Parent Reading Programs are back this year. If you are able to volunteer your valuable time, please let us know. There are two ways you can help.

1. Volunteer to listen to children reading or help facilitate a class reading group.
2. Support a child with reading by participating in Parent Tutoring

Option one requires you to complete volunteer paperwork that can be found here: [Volunteer Form](#) (Parents are exempt from the Working with Children Check (WWCC) requirement and should complete all relevant sections in this form, including part 1, part 3 and part 4 (section C).

Option two requires you to complete volunteer paperwork and attend an information session with Emma Taksa and Damien Fitzgerald that will be held on Thursday 9 March at 4pm.

If you are able to volunteer please let us know by completing this form: [Parent Reading RSVP](#)

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

For Parents and Carers of Years 3 and 5

NAPLAN is fast approaching! We are hosting a NAPLAN information session for Parents of Years 3 and 5 next Thursday 9 March at 4.30. Please RSVP using this link: [NAPLAN RSVP](#)

If you have any questions, please email Rebecca.boyle11@det.nsw.edu.au

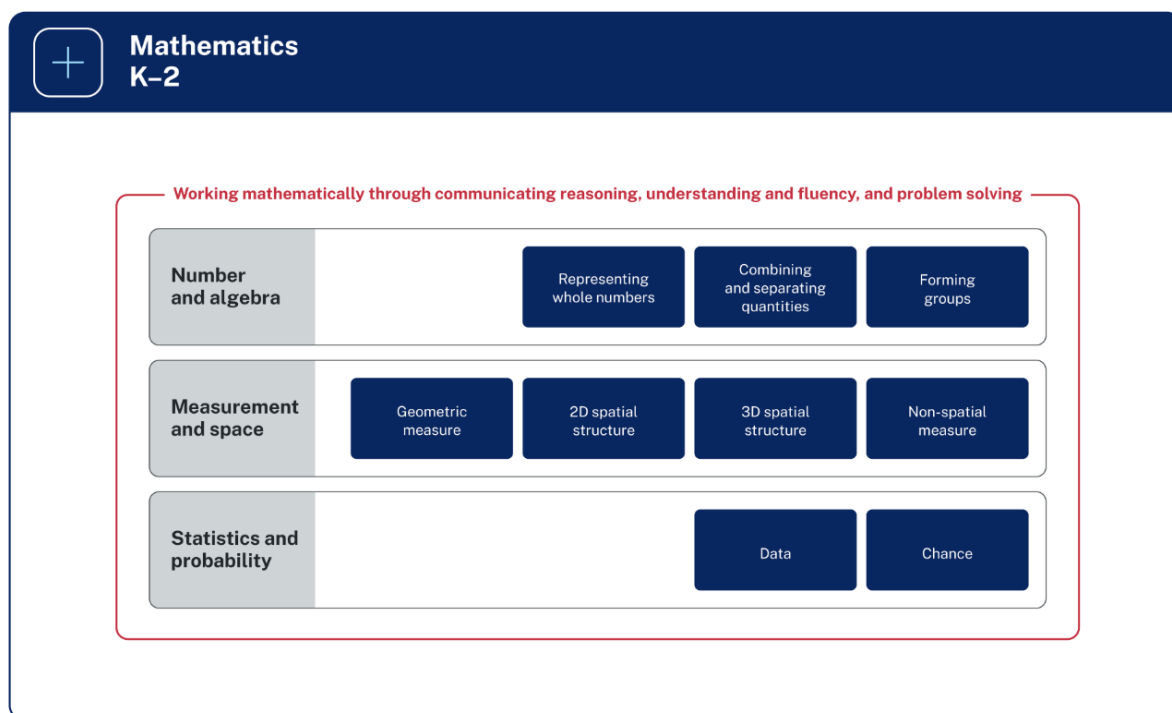
We acknowledge the Wangal people of the Eora Nations, the traditional custodians of the land on which we play, learn and grow. We pay respect to elders past, present and emerging.

2023 Term 1

2/3	District Swimming Carnival
3/3	P&C Welcome Back BBQ
	4:30-6
9/3	Parent Reading Volunteers
	4pm
9/3	Naplan Year 3 & 5 Parent Information
	Session 4:30pm
13/3	Regional Swimming Carnival
15/3	Naplan Starts
23/3	Interrelate Stage 3
15/3	P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
24/3	Cross Country Carnival
27/3	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Stage 3
28/3	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Stage 1
29/3	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Stage 2
27/3	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Stage 3
30/3	Interrelate Stage 3
6/3	Interrelate Stage 3
6/4	Easter Hat Parade
6/4	Last Day of Term

Reminder: Please send permission notes back! There are many outstanding across the school.

Thank you to all the parents who are remembering to sign in and out upon entering and leaving the school building.



As with the new English syllabus, the new Maths syllabus is currently being implemented in Kindergarten to Year 2 and will be rolled out to stages 2 and 3 next year.

The Department of Education has provided us with extra release time to allow teachers to engage with the new syllabus documents to ensure teaching and learning reflects the new outcome structure.

The new Maths syllabus has a greater focus on working mathematically and developing reasoning skills, to support students to make connections across concepts and develop the skills to apply mathematical techniques to solve problems.

Maths skills are cumulative and students who have a limited understanding of foundation number and place value often find other concepts challenging. To support all learners to grow, develop and extend their number skills we are implementing stage-based number groups in Years 1-6.

We have allocated time and resources to each stage to place the students in smaller groups to allow targeted explicit instruction in whole number and place value. The groups are dynamic, and we will use pre and post assessment data to continuously inform the program and groupings. Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Dennis and Ms Mackay will support the classroom teachers by programming for and working with a group.

We are really excited to implement the groups and hopefully see the students understanding of mathematical problem-solving grow as a result. If you have any questions at all, please email your child's teacher or Rebecca.boyle11@det.nsw.edu.au

More information about Curriculum reform can be found here:

<https://nswcurriculumreform.nesa.nsw.edu.au/home/siteAreaContent/15b6d3f3-d5f5-4d5d-a99d-80f1541246d0>

Student Parliament Inauguration

Lotte Shepherd
Prime Minister &
Environment Minister

Heidi Green
Deputy Prime Minister &
School Magazine Minister

Asha Campbell
Charities Minister

Willow Robertson
Social Functions Minister

Madeleine Boerema
Evatt House Captain

Jenna Benn
Evatt House Vice Captain

Satya Luke-Sernik
Fraser House Captain

Grace Hope
Fraser House Vice Captain

Josephine Perry
Jackson House Captain

Layla Martinez
Jackson House Vice Captain

Christiana Vlahos
Robinson House Captain

Angelina Tauturu Pakuivi
Robinson House Vice Captain

Alexander Mills
Prime Minister &
Welfare Minister

Oscar Bain
Deputy Prime Minister &
Technology Minister

Julian Makita
Education Minister

Brody O'Keefe
Sport Minister

Jack Cram
Evatt House Captain

Orlando Cooper
Evatt House Vice Captain

Leo Fisher
Fraser House Captain

Benjamin Iatropoulos
Fraser House Vice Captain

Rafferty Rushton
Jackson House Captain

Hannah Sorensen
Jackson House Vice Captain

John Wilson
Robinson House Captain

Inoke Tupou
Robinson House Vice Captain

Anthony Shirfan
Student Parliament

Bailei Tumlos
Student Parliament

Edward Herman
Student Parliament

Elliott Ion
Student Parliament

Claudia Williams
1/2 Bilbies Class Representative

Cora Williams
1/2 Possums Class Representative

Chloe Barnes
3 Brolgas Class Representative

Charlotte Moore
3/4 Rosellas Class Representative

Zoe Iatropoulos
4 Kookaburras Class Representative

Ian Kwon
4/5 Cassowaries Class Representative

Talia Mazzeo
Student Parliament

James Dean
Student Parliament

Cameron Hannaway
Student Parliament

Dion Daley
Student Parliament

Jack Cozens
1/2 Sugar Gliders Class Representative

Flynn Harris
3 Brolgas Class Representative

Ira McCaffrey
3/4 Rosellas Class Representative

Toby Shipard
4 Kookaburras Class Representative

Isabelle Barnes
4/5 Cassowaries Class Representative

Stirling Donaldson
5/6 Crocodiles Class Representative

Julian Small
5/6 Stingrays Class Representative

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Birchgrove Leadership Speech- SSC Balmain School Captains

Good morning everyone my name is Stella Georgakis and this is Nicholas Graves and we are the school captains at Balmain Campus for 2023. At Balmain there are school captains and student leaders, student leaders are the equivalent of ministers and school captains are equivalent to prime ministers.

For effective leadership, you need to believe in yourself, and in your ability to promote team-work and co-operation. Leadership, for me, isn't about telling other people what to do. It is about helping them be the best version of themselves.

There are many different types of leadership. Whether it be helping a friend in the playground, being a support in a reading group. Being a sporting team-mate, or any of the other ways you help your friends and classmates. Being a buddy is leadership. It doesn't have to be big.

Doing these smaller scale leadership opportunities gave me the confidence to go for bigger leadership opportunities such as my current one as school captain. Helping your younger brother or sister across the road or even just helping out around the house shows leadership. Being a leader is about being selfless and helping those around you.

Leadership is not just a quality, it's also a responsibility. We'd like to say a massive congratulations to the new SRC, house captains, ministers, prime ministers for 2023. We would love to be kept updated about your fantastic work throughout the school year.



Bilbies ordering 3 & 4 digit numbers



