

Term 4 week 2 2024

In this Buzz...

It's Term 4 already, and as always there are plenty of events for your calendar.

Halloween falls on a school day, a perfect opportunity for a mufti day to raise funds for our World Vision Sponsor children Mostakim and Aisha. Come to school dressed in a Halloween costume, with a gold coin to donate. Please remember no Halloween accessories, including fake weapons.

On Friday 1 November, we welcome grandparents and friends for an open classroom morning and crunch and sip break, from 9.15 am. Hope to see you there.

Our 'All About...' series continues with a profile on Miss Taksa, the Bilbies classroom teacher. In this Buzz we are also featuring Amanda, one of our hard-working and much-loved School Learning Support Officer's (SLSO). SLSO's work under the direction and supervision of classroom teachers to provide assistance to the teacher for students with disability and additional learning and support needs to facilitate the achievement of educational outcomes. We are fortunate to have three highly valued SLSO's at Birchgrove Public School, supporting our teaching staff and students – Amanda, Kellye and Sam.

Lots of library news with the Scholastic Book Fair 2024 underway now and open library Mondays throughout the term to encourage the joy of reading.

Finally, if you are a forward planner, the opening hours and appointment booking times for our uniform supplier Pickles are in this Buzz. Alternatively, you can save some pennies for the holidays by visiting our P&C's online second-hand uniform store.

Welcome back to term 4 all.

For your calendar

2024 Term 4

18 Oct UTS STEM program Stage 3 (6 weeks)

28 Oct Kindy 2025 orientation day 2

29-30 Oct Book fair collections

30 Oct P&C meeting 7pm

1 Nov Assembly Sugar Gliders

1 Nov Grandparent and Friends Morning

4 Nov Kindy 2025 orientation day 3

15 Nov Last day Special Religious education and Special

Ethics education for 2024

18-22 Nov Y2-Y6 Dept Ed swimming scheme (water safety)

29 Nov Christmas concert at St Johns Church

29 Nov Thank you morning tea

3 Dec Preschool concerts - Platypus and Wallabies

4 Dec Preschool concerts - Quokkas and Wombats

4 Dec P&C AGM

5 Dec Year 6 picnic

9 Dec Stage 3 celebration assembly

10 Dec Stage 2 celebration assembly

11 Dec Stage 1 celebration assembly

11 Dec Year 6 formal and graduation

12 Dec Kindergarten graduation

16 Dec End of year school picnic at Clifton Gardens

18 Dec Year 6 assembly and clap out

18 Dec Students' last day term 4

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 and present.

Message from our principal

It's Term 4 already. Welcome back! There is a lot happening this term, so make sure you look at the weekly updates for current information.

Let's start off with some exciting news! **Congratulations** to Mrs Carey and her husband on the birth of their daughter Eleni Louise, born yesterday just before midnight. She is already setting her own schedule and making her presence felt. Mrs Carey is starting her maternity leave earlier than planned and Ms Jones-Burke will be looking after the Possums until Mrs Carey's planned maternity leave commences.



Happy World Teachers' Day to the incredible teachers at Birchgrove Public School. Thank you for all you do for our students, families and your colleagues.

It was lovely that the P&C arranged lunch to be delivered to the staffroom from Bertoni's to say thank you. It was very appreciated and enjoyed.



Playground Works

Jungle Gym: these works were due to start at the beginning of the term. I have been advised we are waiting for some parts to come from Europe and the project will now commence at the end of October, taking around four weeks to complete.

Raised Garden: The raised garden in the corner of the preschool is due to commence mid-November and will be ready for planting at the start of next year. They are currently quoting on how to possum proof the garden.

Reminder: For anyone who missed seeing the link in our term 3, week 10 Buzz the new <u>Homework Procedure</u> is on the school website.

P&C Meeting

Why not join our P&C meeting next week, 7pm Wednesday 30 October. It's a great way of being involved and hearing what is happening. Did you know you can join the meeting via the online link? Check your parent WhatsApp Group for details of how to join us online.

Parent Communication

As mentioned earlier this year, the teachers are working hard to ensure reports go out earlier, so parents have time to discuss with teachers if required. In 2025, we will be adding an extra parent teacher meeting to our schedule. Terms 1 and 3 will have parent teacher interviews and terms 2 and 4 will have written reports.

Please remember, if you have concerns during the school year, please contact the school to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher.

Tracy Gray, Principal

T. Gray

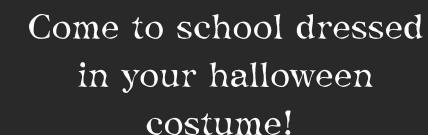
Principal's trophy.

Week 1 Bilbies: In our Week 1 assembly the Bilbies received the Principal's Award for Excellence in Learning Trophy for their hard work on adding detail, using paragraphs and editing their writing.

Week 2 BPS Teachers: In our Week 2 assembly the Birchgrove Teachers received the Principal's Award for Excellence in Learning & Teaching for their incredible efforts teaching our students with such passion and dedication.

Upcoming Event:





Please do not bring to school any Halloween accessories, including

fake weapons.



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Thursday 31 October 2024

Upcoming Event:

appy PARENTS' Lay!

Birchgrove Celebrating Grandparents'

Day 2024

What: Open classrooms and crunch and sip break

When: Friday 1 November 9:15 am to 10:00 am

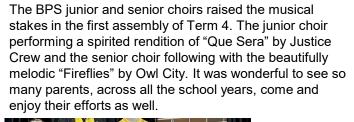
Where: Student classrooms

What to bring: Something from when you were a child e.g. favourite book, photo or story.



BPS Choirs hosted assembly













Rosellas hosted assembly

In recognition of World Teachers' Day, the Rosellas recited a poem by Dave Crawley titled 'I saw my teacher on a Saturday'.

We modified the poem to include each and every teacher at Birchgrove to recognise them for the fantastic work they do teaching and leading us.

> Damien Fitzgerald, Teacher - Rosellas



BPS music workshop weekend



We ran a fantastic music workshop last weekend with the concert band and training band students. They practised their music diligently, with over 7 hours of rehearsals across the two days. The results were quite amazing! As Joe the conductor put it: "they got nearly one term's worth of rehearsals over the one weekend"

After a full day of rehearsals on Saturday, everyone enjoyed fun games, pizza and a movie night watching 'Sing 2' with their siblings... and a tonne of popcorn! Sunday morning saw more rehearsals, followed by a BBQ and the combined band concert to showcase their new songs.

Thank you so much to all the parent volunteers, who donated their time, especially Priscilla Sidey, Renee Wilson and Sari Munro. Thank you also to the local shops, QE, Woolworths and Darling St Meat who donated food for the kids! Hopefully next year's camp will include all music groups and it can be an even larger event.

- BPS P&C Music Committee





Library News



EVERY MONDAY!

FIRST HALF OF LUNCH!



3-6 Week 3 28/10

K-2 Week 4 4/11

3-6 Week 5 11/11

K-2 Week 6 18/11

3-6 Week 7 25/11

K-2 Week 8 2/12



In other news...



As part of our Term 4 PDHPE program, BPS welcomes Zing Activ each week to get the students up and moving, while having fun. If the first week is any indication, it's a big hit!





BPS P&C second hand uniform store.

Our P&C would like to remind you that the second-hand uniform store is now open year 'round during school terms.

Simply go to the <u>P&C website here</u> and place your order online. You can then choose your item at the school during school days.

The link to the uniform store also appears on the last page of every BPS newsletter under 'BPS P&C contacts and sponsors', so it's always at your fingertips!



Scholastic Book Fair 2024

There was lots of excitement at the BPS Scholastic Book Fair this week! Students eagerly completed their purple wish lists to take home.

Students should return any approved, completed and paid for wish lists to their classroom teacher by Monday 28 October. Books will be available next week for students to take home.

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair!

- Melissa Sarina, Teacher-Librarian







In other news...

Roving BPS Street Library

Next school pick up or drop off, keep a look out for our 'BPS street library', by the gate, by the door or in our office foyer!

As school staff, we not only love reading, but we also know that when parent carers are avid readers, their children are more likely to pick up the habit. So, we invite you to start or continue your habit with us.

It works just like a regular street library: take a book, leave a book, swap a book. Feel free to stop and browse whenever you get a moment.



There are a few rules:

* Grown up books only *
Novels only *No over-filling
*Make sure the books you leave
are in good condition

We look forward to sharing a love of good books with you all.

 Dani Corliss, Teacher Crocodiles



Sydney Secondary College – Balmain

A message from our local high school: Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus.

This is most relevant to 2024 students in year 4 and year 5, who are continuing onto the local high school. Further information can be found on the SSC-Balmain school website as follows:

https://balmain-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/enrol_with_us/enrichment-enrolment.html

or by contacting the SSC-Balmain directly on 02 9810 0471



HPGE - Prospective Selective and Enrichment Students Information Evening - SSC Balmain Campus

Monday 4th November 5:30-6:30pm 2024 SSC Balmain Campus Library

Contact Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus for more information:

02 9810 0471 balmain-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



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School uniform orders

MARRICKVILLE RETAIL OUTLET ORIENTATION 2024/2025



PURCHASE YOUR CHILDS UNIFORM BEFORE THE END OF 2024 TO AVOID QUEUES AND DISAPPOINTMENT.

We offer the following options for uniform purchases:

OPTION 1

UNIFORM FITTINGS AT THE MARRICKVILLE RETAIL OUTLET

- Book an appointment at www.picklesschoolwear.com
- To book, select your school from the SHOP ONLINE SCHOOLS drop down menu, on your school landing page and click 'BOOK NOW'.
- Appointments available throughout November, December 2024 and until 13th January, 2025.
- Book one appointment per child (30 minute appointments)

OPTION 2

THE MARRICKVILLE RETAIL OUTLET

If you know your childs size, visit the Marrickville Retail Outlet during opening hours. Opening hours are displayed on your schools landing page.

OPTION 3

ORDER ONLINE www.picklesschoolwear.com

- Order online and have your order sent to your home address for \$12.50.
- Alternatively, to pick up your order, select "Free pick up from Marrickville store"
- Orders placed after the 12th January will not be guaranteed to reach you before the start of school due to the volume of orders received at this time of year.

FOR STORE COLLECTION

Please wait until you recieve an SMS confirmation to advise your order is packed and ready to collect. We recommend allowing 7-10 working days for order processing.

EXTENDED TRADING HOURS

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2025

OPENING HOURS

MON, TUES, THUR, FRI : 9AM- 5PM
WEDNESDAY: CLOSED

SATURDAY: 9AM- 3PM
SUNDAY: 10AM - 1PM

EXTENDED TRADING HOURS

DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
l CLOSED	2 OPEN AND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE	3 OPEN AND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE	4 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	5 OPEN AND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE	6 OPEN AND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE	7 OPEN AND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE	OPENING HOURS MON, TUES, THUR, FRI : 9AM - 5PM WEDNESDAY: CLOSED			
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	SATURDAY: 9AM - 3PM SUNDAY: 10AM - 1PM			

*FOR DELIVERY TO SCHOOL

LAST ORDERS SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024

* Please do not leave purchasing uniforms to the week before school starts in 2025 as we cannot guarantee delivery

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			NEW YEARS DAY CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 OPEN and appointments available	4 OPEN AND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
5 OPEN	6 OPEN AND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE	7 OPEN AND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE	8 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	9 OPEN AND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE	OPEN AND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE	OPEN AND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
12* LAST DAY ONLINE ORDER GUARANTEE	13 OPEN	14 OPEN	15 CLOSED	16 OPEN	17 OPEN	18 OPEN
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED	27 PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED	28 OPEN	29 CLOSED	30 OPEN	31 OPEN	FEBRUARY OPEN
2 PEBRUARY OPEN	3 PEBRUARY OPEN	4 FEBRUARY OPEN	5 CLOSED	6 FEBRUARY OPEN	7 PEBRUARY OPEN	8 PEBRUARY OPEN

* LAST DAY FOR ONLINE ORDERS IS SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025
Orders placed online after the 12th January 2025 will NOT be guaranteed
for delivery or pickup before school resumes Term One, 2025

* Please do not leave purchasing uniforms to the week before school starts as

Get to know

Get to know the staff at BPS! Each fortnight, we will share a questionnaire answered by a staff member at BPS so you can get to know those working within our school community.



TEACHER info

2024 ROLE: 1/2 BILBIES CLASSROOM TEACHER AND STAGE 1 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (RELIEVING MON & FRI)
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER? 9 YEARS

WHY DID YOU WANT TO BE A TEACHER? TO SUPPORT STUDENTS AND HELP THEM LEARN, GROW AND FEEL SAFE (LIKE SOME OF THE TEACHERS I HAD).

MY favourite THINGS:

SUBJECT TO TEACH: ART AND

ENGLISH

MUSIC ARTIST: THE CORRS, THE CHICKS AND FLEETWOOD MAC

HOLIDAY DESTINATION: USA

FOOD: CHEESE

BOOK: EDUCATED BY TARA WESTOVER AND THE TWITS BY ROALD DAHL

COLOUR: GREEN

SCHOOL HOLIDAY: SPRING AND

SUMMER

MOVIE OR TV SHOW: CRIMINAL MINDS

SPORT CLUB/S: WESTS TIGERS AND

CARLTON

HOBBIES: READING, WALKING AND

TRAVELING

This OR THAT? COUNTRY SWEET SAVOURY EARLY BIRD NIGHT OWL **BOOKS** MOVIES SUMMER WINTER BREAKFAST DINNER **ADVENTURE** RELAX CAMPING GLAMPING SPONTANEOUS PLANNED OUT TO EAT HOME-MADE MEALS

Students SAY:

STUDENTS SAY THAT MISS TAKSA ALWAYS SAYS/DOES:

"TOP MARKS!"

"GOOD WORK!"

STUDENTS DESCRIBE MISS TAKSA AS:

KIND, BEAUTIFUL, A GREAT TEACHER AND ALWAYS HELPFUL.



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TEACHER info

2024 ROLE: SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER (SLSO)
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT BPS? SINCE 2004

WHY DID YOU WANT TO BE AN SLSO? I ENJOY WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND WATCHING THEM GROW AND DEVELOP I ALSO LOVE THE BPS COMMUNITY.

MY favourite THINGS:

SUBJECT: ANY SUBJECT

MUSIC ARTIST: JOSH PYKE AND

GEORGE MICHAEL

HOLIDAY DESTINATION: GREECE

FOOD: ITALIAN AND GREEK

BOOK: THE LATEST BOOK I'VE READ IS FRECKLES BY CECELIA AHERN

COLOUR: ORANGE
HOLIDAY: EASTER

MOVIE OR TV SHOW: TOY STORY

SPORT CLUB/S: SYDNEY FC AND

CHELSEA FC

HOBBIES: GARDENING AND GOING FOR WALKS TO DISCOVER NEW PLACES.

This OR THAT? CITY COUNTRY SWEET SAVOURY EARLY BIRD NIGHT OWL BOOKS MOVIES SUMMER WINTER BREAKFAST DINNER **ADVENTURE** RELAX GLAMPING CAMPING SPONTANEOUS PLANNED OUT TO EAT

Students SAY:

STUDENTS SAY THAT AMANDA ALWAYS SAYS/DOES: AMANDA ALWAYS GIVES A GOOD HUG WHEN WE NEED ONE.

STUDENTS DESCRIBE AMANDA AS:
KIND, PATIENT, HELPFUL, SUPPORTIVE AND HAPPY.



BPS after hours

Why Chess? Create Brighter Thinkers Improve Student Focus Achieve Academic Success Combines learning with fun!

- **Educational Benefits:** Improves concentration and focus
 Develops logical thinking and problem
 - solving skills
 - Enhances memory Encourages creative and lateral thinking
 - Promotes discipline · Accelerates emotional development
 - Expands visualisation and spatial
 - Demonstrates actions and consequen
 - Rewards correct decision making ncreases self-confidence

Birchgrove Public School Chess Classes, 2024

Fridays 8:00AM - 9:00AM in Mrs Karnaros' Room

Term 1	Cost: \$129.50	23rd Feb - 12th Apr*
Term 2	Cost: \$185	3rd May - 5th Jul
Term 3	Cost: \$185	26th Jul - 27th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$148	18th Oct - 6th Dec
		the share or cost March (Dublic Heliday)

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code 99R5L5TWOU and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

There are no credits or refunds for missed classes, clashing activities, sickness, school excursions, staff development days, beachers and the second of the control of the second of the control of the

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices exclude delivery) To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment					
Exploration in Chess Beauty - Cost: \$33 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board - Cost: \$28 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock DGT1002 Bonus - Cost: \$55 [Recommended for All Ages]			

Sydney Academy of Chess Pty Ltd ABN: 14 139 982 004 Suite 2, Level 2, 1-17 Elsie Street Burwood, NSW PO Box 1325, Burwood, NSW 1005 P: 9745 1170 F: 9745 1176 E: info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au







Learn to code and build your own games with CODE4FUN

Y1 - Y6 students are welcome to join. STEM focused program students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by learning to code.



CODING **FOR KIDS**

Term 4, 2024 Y1 - Y6 Students

CREATIVE CODING

Birchgrove PS

In-person coding class

Every Wednesday

16 Oct - 04 Dec | 8 weeks

3:15 - 4:15 pm Y1 - Y6 students

No experience required

Laptops are provided

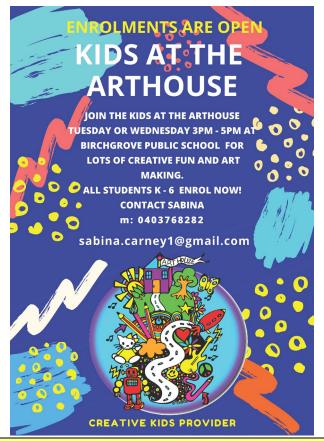
\$216 per student per term

ENROL NOW AT

code4fun.com.au/bps

If you have any questions email us at info@code4fun.com.au or call **0452 525 453**

Learn more about CODE4FUN: www.code4fun.com





START NOW OR REGISTER FOR 2025

LEARN MUSIC AT SCHOOL

MUSIC KEYBOARD CLASSES AT BIRCHGROVE PS **LESSON ON WED 8.05-8.50AM**

- 45-minute weekly sessions in small groups.
- Instrument not required initially.
- \$33 per session follows the school term. New students are welcome to join mid-term.
- · Ideal for beginners!

Music Shapes Minds!

Learning music enhances cognitive skills, builds discipline and boosts confidence!



VIP Music - Bringing music culture to primary schools since 1984

To enrol, call 9411 3122 or visit: www.learnmusicatschool.com.au







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Transport NSW Notice

Transport for NSW

School Student Travel



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Applications are now open for 2025 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their School Opal card at their nominated postal address from mid-January 2025.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to apply or update their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. Note: some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Opal terms of use.

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the <u>Student code of conduct.</u> The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Further information can be found at <u>transportnsw.info/school-travel</u>
Enquiries can be submitted at <u>transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback</u>

Contact us and useful links

Please contact the school with any queries:

Phone: 02 9810 2469

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

You can find important updates and further information on our website, via the Sentral app, and the BPS Facebook page:

Website: https://birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/

Facebook: @BirchgrovePS

Useful Links:

NSW school term dates inc. Staff Development Days (pupil free):

https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/calendars/2024

Camp Australia before and after school care: Phone: 1 300 105 343

https://campaustralia.com.au/school/?accessCode=9F7B

The School Canteen: An external company supplying canteen service to our school Wed-Fri each week:

https://www.theschoolcanteen.com.au/

Extended Leave form: To apply for leave beyond what is available in the school holiday periods please fill and return this form for Principal approval prior to travel:

https://birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/b/birchgrove-p/forms/Extended Leave Travel notification.pdf

Administration of medication at school: Information and paperwork required for support at school

https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/health-and-physical-care/health-care-procedures/administering-medication

Prior Newsletters: https://birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/newsletter.html

BPS P&C contacts and sponsors

BPS P&C contacts and further information, including the second-hand uniform store, can be found here:

Website: https://www.bpspandc.com/

Our P&C would like to thank our local sponsors for their ongoing support.

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