

Diary Dates

Monday 16th September

Production dress rehearsal at school

Tuesday 17th September

Production rehearsal at MLC

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th September

School Production

Friday 20th September

SRC Pyjama Day

End of Term 3 2:30pm dismissal

TERM 4

Monday 7th October

Start of Term 4

Monday 7th – Friday 11 October

Grade 3 / 4 Swimming

Wednesday 23rd October

Prep Excursion

Wednesday 6th November

Whole school and group photos

Monday 25th – Friday 29th Nov

Grade 5/6 Camp

Tuesday 3rd December

Senior Soiree

Thursday 5th – Friday 6th December

Grade 3 Camp

Wednesday 11th December

Carols evening

Friday 20th December

End of Term 4 1:30pm dismissal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – September 12th 2019

Concert

There is a huge amount of excitement around school at present. Next Monday we will run through a dress rehearsal at school. This is always a wonderful time to check that all is going to plan. Michael Bader, one of our aides, will be our stage manager. We are very fortunate to have Michael's expertise – he spent a great deal of his working life as a stage manager for major productions. Michael has taped an area on the hall floor marking out size of the stage on which the students will perform which has been very useful for all the practising that has been happening for the past few weeks. Monday's dress rehearsal allows us to see how everything works together, from one act to the next. I'm sure all parents will be well aware of the need for their children to be in costumes next Monday.

Next Tuesday the students will travel by bus to MLC where we will undergo a full sound and lighting check and rehearsal. Students will be shown how to enter and exit the stage and where their home rooms will be when they are off stage. As a staff, we will also remind ourselves of the intricacies of the theatre and show our new staff members 'the ropes.'

Please note that we are tightly scheduled for the day.

N.B. Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are scheduled to leave for MLC on the first buses. Those students need to arrive at school by 8:45am as the those buses must leave by 9:00am

There will be no late book on Thursday and Friday morning. Students may be tired and we quite understand the need for a sleep in. Students arriving after 8:50pm will still need to report to the office as we need to record them as present. For those parents who work – rest assured Thursday and Friday mornings will be relaxed allowing students to recover.

Word of the Week

Zealot (noun) - an enthusiast; especially for a religion, a political party, or a cause

Quote of the Week

"Friends and good manners will carry you where money won't go." - Margaret Walker

Athletics

Congratulations to all the students who represented Birralee so well at the District Athletics yesterday - there were some wonderful performances. Our students once more displayed a great sporting attitude. In today's world of professional sportspeople who do not always model good behaviour, it's great to see our young students displaying such excellent behaviour. A number of our students will now represent the school at Division Athletics – well done indeed!

Ashley Ryan
Principal

Assembly

Whole School Assembly will be taking place this week. Assembly starts at 2:40pm in the hall. All welcome to attend.

Here is the assembly schedule for term 4

Week	Item
1 – 11 th Oct	Senior 3M
2 – 18 th Oct	Junior 2L
3 – 25 rd Oct	Senior 4B
4 – 1 st Nov	Junior 00P
5 – 8 th Nov	Senior 6W
6 – 15 th Nov	Junior 00V
7 – 22 th Nov	Senior 4S
8 – 29 th Nov	Junior 1T
9 – 6 th Dec	Senior 3H
10 – 13 th Dec	Junior TBA
11 – 20 th Dec	No Assembly

Play is the Way Award Winners

Prep V: Elle

Prep H: Maya

Prep G:

Prep P:

1BL: Ella & Molly

1N: Hayate & Anja

1M: Caelan & Serena

1T: Roham & Holly

2N: Benjamin

2B:

2C: Aaron & Calista

2L: Jasmine & Andy

Mandarin: Anja

Science: Theeksyana

P.E.: Hayate & Candice

Library: Janka

Golden Platypus: 1BL

House Award: [Discovery](#)

District Athletics

On Monday 9th of September, 41 students from Birralee attended District Athletics. It was a long, cold day as students attended their Track and Field events. All students participated well and displayed great sportspersonship. Well done to the 41 students. A special mention to those students who have gone on to Division which will be held next term. Congratulations to Sebastian, Marcus, Ishara, Ben, Angel, Andrew, Jaren, Elissa, George, Shannon, Nana-Chan, Tamar and Ethan. Best of luck to you all.

Ethan – Grade 6.



Tamar in full flight

Pyjama Day

Recently the Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students enjoyed a puppet show from Camp Quality. Students learnt valuable lessons about what happens when someone has cancer and that you can't catch it from someone.

To thank Camp Quality for coming to visit our school and to support them in continuing their work, the SRC would like to hold a Pyjama Day on Friday, 20th of September. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in their Pyjamas and bring a gold coin donation to support Camp Quality.

Thanks,

Grade 5 SRCs

SRC Footy Day

On the 11th of September, the S.R.C hosted footy day. There were fun footy activities the kids did on the oval. Kids were asked to wear sports related clothes and had to bring a gold coin donation. The money we raised went to the Kids Cancer Foundation. Everyone had lots of fun.

By Sal, Ronit and Amir

CSEF

If you have a health care card please see Deb in the office as you may be eligible for CSEF next year.

Swimming

Swimming is now compulsory and all grades will be taking part in a swimming program next term. There will be no extra charge for this.

Battery Recycling

Your kids might've told you that there are some bins living in their classroom. These bins are from Battery World! In them, you can place all the batteries you own that don't work anymore. Clock batteries, watch batteries, phone batteries, and any other battery if they fit. If you do bring any larger batteries like laptop batteries then you can bring them to the front office and they'll do the rest. Battery World's purpose for giving us these bins is so we can start recycling batteries instead of letting them land in landfill. Many batteries contain lithium, which when exposed to water, catches on fire or explodes & if it catches on fire you can't put it out. So, if you don't want fires in landfill which cannot be put out, then you should ask your kids to put batteries into these battery bins.

Thank you

The Grade 6 Environment Team 😊

Just Zumba

Please note for School Production Week, Zumba class will run on Tuesday 17 September instead of the usual Wednesdays.

Classes will continue to run throughout term break on Wednesdays, 7.30 pm at school hall.

Entertainment Books

Hope to see you there!

Entertainment Books for 2019/2020 are now available. We have a sample book in the office if you'd like to see what's available. Books can be ordered via www.entbook.com.au/1890w64

See the flyer in our Community News for more information.

Recycling Oral Care Waste 2019

In an effort to look after our planet and environment, our school is again participating in the recycling program run by Colgate, Chemist Warehouse and TerraCycle called the 'Colgate Community Garden Challenge'.

We are currently in second place out of all schools participating in Australia!

There are five community garden sets up for grabs, each worth over \$7,000! Each community garden set includes:

- Three garden beds
- Two custom-made benches
- One rubbish bin
- One paddle sign
- One \$500 Bunnings Warehouse gift voucher to buy gardening supplies

Collect oral care waste such as toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, floss packets and containers, toothbrushes packaging etc. The recycling box is located at the school office.

Every piece of oral care waste collected will count towards our total Garden Points. The more waste we collect as a school community, the more chances we have to win!

You can also increase our points by voting online for our school at:

<https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/brigades/colgategarden>