

Diary Dates

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 19th 2019

End of Term

Finally, our very busy term has come to an end. I know that many of the children and staff members are very tired and I'm sure they will benefit from the term three holiday. I sincerely hope that the illnesses, which have been wreaking havoc over the past few weeks, will be well and truly over by the time term 4 begins!

We will break up at 2:30pm tomorrow. After School Care will be available from 2:30pm until 6:15pm. Fourth term resumes on Monday 7th of October. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for another busy term.

Concert

I am sure those families and friends who attended last night will agree it was an outstanding success. Our students are really looking forward to a second performance tonight. It was wonderful to see the fabulous costumes from act to act. Thank you to the staff members and many parents who spent a great deal of time sourcing and making the costumes - the result was spectacular. I was struck by the imaginative plots and storylines – very creative indeed!

The talent shown by students in band, the choirs and the violin group is wonderful to see. I'm sure we also have some budding actors and dancers who have found their interest in life as a result of taking part in their production.

The finale, (thank you Deb Richards for organising the Year 6 dancing) where all students manage to take a bow takes a great deal of organising. We are very fortunate to have had Assistant Principal Tanya Burton running the production committee this year. Tanya has planned and organised us to the very last detail so that everything was able to run smoothly. As every act takes to the stage, there are others moving into position in the foyer and then into the wings – and it all went as it should, thanks to the planning.

Thank you also to all of our staff members who were behind the scenes either supervising students in the rooms or acting as runners or in the wings directing students, moving props etc.

Word of the Week

Sanctimonious (adjective) - making a show of being morally superior to other people; self-righteous, smug

Quote of the Week

"If you want to know what a man's like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals."

— J.K. Rowling, from 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.'

Thanks also must go to one of our aides Michael Bader who in a previous working life was a stage manager for major theatrical and musical productions. We are able to tap into Michael's extensive prior knowledge – he is the consummate professional behind the scenes. Michael shows great attention to detail which enables back stage to run like clockwork. He is also the one responsible for liaising with the sound and lighting technicians, Seth and Matthew, throughout the performances. We found on rehearsal day that Michael also sings a great rendition of 'House of the Rising Sun' - ask your children!

Jill Schofield, piano accompanies our choir and helps out wherever she can. Jill was teaching piano here when I first arrived at Birralee in 1999 and has been incredibly supportive over the years assisting with individual items at concerts and soirees. Jill gives her time for free to accompany the choir at rehearsals and performances – thank you Jill.

Our PFA did a wonderful job in the foyer with snacks and refreshment – just another example of the support we receive from the parent body.

I am extremely proud of our students, staff members and parents who have all been involved in putting on yet another amazing performance - what a great school we have!

SUNSMART - Term 4

Our UV ratings have been steadily climbing. By the time our students return in October, we will be coming into the warmer weather with the sun much higher and therefore casting its rays more directly upon us. It is our policy that all children are to wear school hats when the UV rating is over three - which it now is every day. It is also advisable for students to bring sunscreen and sunglasses as well.

Swimming Program

Our swimming program for Year 3 and Year 4 students begins on day one of next term. Please make a note in your family diary so that swimming gear is remembered on the first day. 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.

School Diary

Our staffroom whiteboard calendar is covered in activities for next term. Please check our Compass app to view forthcoming events on the school calendar and make sure the events are added to your family diary.

A number of our students will now represent the school at Division Athletics – well done indeed!

Ashley Ryan
Principal

Assembly

There will be a short assembly on the basketball court prior to **2:30pm dismissal**.

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 3H
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 4B
10 – 13 th Dec	Whole school
11 – 20 th Dec	No Assembly

Division Athletics

Notices will be sent home today to the 11 students attending division athletics on Wednesday 11th October. Please remember to grant permission on Compass.

Deb Richards

Physical education Teacher

Pyjama Day - tomorrow

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

School Banking

No school banking tomorrow.

CSEF

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

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 😊

Entertainment Books

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>