

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – May 20th

Wonderful News - State Budget Funding Boost for Birrale

What fabulous news we received today! Sonja Terpstra, Member of the Legislative Council for Eastern Metropolitan, visited Birrale to announce that we have been given **\$4.1 million** funding in tonight's state government budget.

Having grown rapidly in enrolments from 160 to 610 over the past 6 years, we have made many representations to regional facilities officers, the Victorian School Building Authority to politicians and indeed the Minister for Education himself since 2017, to highlight the needs of a rapidly growing school.



Thank you so much to Lisa Lavery our school council president who has coordinated the writing of letters to local politicians. Thank you also to the many, many parents who took the time to write those letters and send them to local politicians. It seems our 'squeaky wheel' has been heard at long last!

I will keep the school community fully informed as more of the detail surrounding how the funding can be used, is communicated to the school.

School Tours

On Tuesday we hosted 3 tours throughout the day for parents seeking a school for their children next year. We were extremely proud to talk about our programs and teaching philosophy and then take the parents on a tour through the school where they were able to see our facilities and programs in action in the classrooms. Our students, as usual, were polite, happy, well-mannered and welcoming, and the parents were very impressed with the activities taking place throughout the school. Thank you to our teachers and students for coping so well with the many visitors they had yesterday. We have a fabulous school and it is very easy to sing its praises when visitors attend.

School Council

Congratulations to parents Dharshini Benoit (Jitendra, Prep V) and Samir Elbelli (Yousef 4W, Zaid 2N and Musa Prep) who have both been appointed by School Council to fill the casual vacancies.

I'm sure you will join with me in congratulating them on offering their support to the school by joining council.

Enrolments

I am already beginning to plan for 2022. If there are still any siblings of children at this school who are yet to be enrolled for next year, please pick up an enrolment form from the office (or from our website) and drop it in to school as soon as possible.



Traffic and Behaviour on Our Streets

I have spoken numerous times in this newsletter, over many years, about keeping our students safe when driving, walking or riding to school.

Traffic and parking rules are in place to ensure the safety of everyone. It is therefore incumbent on all adults, to know and apply the rules as drivers and/or pedestrians. As adults we must set a good example when driving, when using crossings, or crossing roads where there are no supervised crossings. Children watch and mimic the examples shown by the adults in their lives. If adults don't use a crossing, or if an adult tells a child to run across the road to them, then we shouldn't be surprised if that is what children do when adults are not present.

We have had several incidents over the past few weeks which are of great concern:

- Students from our school have run out across the road without looking. Thank you to the car drivers who have been vigilant and who have been driving slowly enough to be able to stop in time.
- A very young student who was supposedly under the supervision of his father when walking to school crossed the road ahead of his father without looking - the father had no idea as he was on his phone at the time. Please keep your phones in your pocket when supervising children – they need our undivided attention around traffic.
- Students being dropped off against road rules, at street corners
- Parents calling out to children to walk down to their cars waiting in the queue near Balfour Street when they are in the no standing zone. Please don't do this – show some patience and wait for a few minutes until you arrive at the pick-up zone. We expect our students to line up at the new gate next to the main gate. When their car drives into the pick-up zone we will let the children go to their cars. This practice is to ensure the safety of students and to have an orderly pick-up.
- Parents and grandparents crossing Heyington Avenue and Wilsons Road with their children in tow, without using the crossing – this sets a very poor example and is dangerous. Please use the supervised crossings so that the children will learn to do the same.
- Drivers driving on the wrong side of the road instead of waiting patiently for the traffic to move.
- A road rage incident this week where one parent became aggressively physical with another parent. This is completely unacceptable behaviour. The matter has been reported to police.

Children as we all know, can be unpredictable. How many of us have told our children that they should not chase a ball across the road? However children still do - despite our warnings. As adults we must expect that around our school with over 600 children arriving and leaving, it is likely, given the unpredictable nature of children, that they will at some time engage in some dangerous practices. We, the adults need to be ever vigilant to keep our students safe.

What can we do about this to keep our students safe?

- Practise patience and courtesy on the roads.
- Don't rush – drive slowly and very carefully on the surrounding streets – expect that children may dart out from between cars.
- Pay attention and adhere to all road rules and parking restrictions – they are there for a reason.
- Keep reinforcing safe pedestrian practices with your children. Teach them to stop and look both ways, teach them to use the crossings.
- Set a good example for all students at Birralee.

Please remember that there is a 2 minute limit for cars parked in the drop off zone between 3pm and 4pm. Please move off promptly as soon as your child has their seat belt on and it is safe to do so.

Cyber Safety

I have lost count of how many times I have spoken about the need for very strict parental supervision of digital devices. Three days ago I read the following article in 'The Age' newspaper. It was chilling. [I urge all parents to read the article and take action at home.](https://www.smh.com.au/national/aged-10-he-was-found-on-fortnite-and-groomed-on-snapchat-and-he-s-not-alone-20210513-p57rl3.html) Please make sure your children have strict supervision.

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Ashley Ryan,

Principal

Quote of the Week

"You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water." Rabindranath Tagore

Word of the Week

Biblioklept (noun): one who steals books.

Assembly

Senior School assembly will take place this week. Parents may attend. Assembly starts at 2:40pm.

Play is the Way Awards

Friday : 7/05/21

3T	Ryan H and Ari V
3MC	Max C and Khushleen K
3H	Catherine W and Dimitri A
3M	Jayden C and Adrina N
4A	Evans S
4S	Joshua P, Aidan C and Jamie D
4C	N/A
4W	James L, Isabel P and Alfie L
5H	Phoebe Z and Moksha I
5M	Howard L
5B	Eliza C and Daniel H
5N	Natalie F
6W	Josh D & Ilaria S
6H	Hesam N and Isla W
6OG	Justin L

Mandarin	Rayanna Y (6W), Josh D(6W)
P.E.	Inaayah A (3T)
Music	Sean T (5N)
Library	Charlotte J (3M)
Cross Country	Resolution
House Award	Discovery

Friday : 14/05/21

PV	Melissa and Ashleen
PM	Eva and Edie
PG	Eyan and Prisha
PP	Chelsea and David
1BL	Sienna
1N	Yilia and Oliver
1HG	Adara and Anneliese
1L	Gabby Haley
2N	Vanessa
2B	Elliot R and Sophia
2G	Alexa and Grace
2P	Rhoheet and Stephanie

Art	Diana Naseri 2P
Mandarin	Galy L (2N) Gemma L (2N)
P.E.	Stephanie Xin in 2P
Music	Yolanda 2P
Library	Monica 2P
House Award	Resolution

Calendar

May

Tuesday 25th	District Cross Country
Wednesday 26th	Grade 3 Excursion
Monday 31st	Division Cross Country

June

Tuesday 1st	Spellathon
Friday 4th	Grade 4 Excursion
Tuesday 8th—Friday 11th	Grade 5 Camp
Monday 14th	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 15th	Maths Olympiad 3
Wednesday 16th	Gr 5/6 Rotary Speech Comp
Friday 18th	Market Day—Senior School
Monday 21st	Market Day—Junior School
	School Council Meeting (6:30pm)
Thursday 24th	Curriculum Day
	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 25th	End of Term 2 (2:30pm dismissal)

July

Monday 12th	Start of Term 3
Monday 19th	School Council Meeting (6:30pm)
Tuesday 27th	Maths Olympiad 4
Wednesday 28th	7:00pm Rotary Speech Competition

August

Monday 16th	School Council Meeting (6:30pm)
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September

Friday 17th	End of Term3 (2:30pm dismissal)
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October

Monday 4th	Start of Term 4
Monday 18th	School Council Meeting (6:30pm)
Monday 25th—Friday 29th	Grade 6 Camp

November

Tuesday 2nd	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday 15th	School Council Meeting (6:30pm)

December

Monday 13th	School Council Meeting (6:30pm)
Friday 17th	End of Term 4 (1:30pm dismissal)

Spellathon

This year, Birralelee is holding a Spellathon on June 1st. The money raised will go towards Project IT (I= information) (T= Technology). Children will be bringing home a 20-word list and a sponsorship form. The student who raises the most money in each year level will be given a prize and each student who scores 20/20 will receive a certificate.

We ask you to practise with your child/children. Please sponsor your child and ask family and friends too. The sponsorship money is due on the 8th of June.

Thank you for supporting Birralelee's IT program!

Kiki and Sierra (Grade 6 SRC)

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Book Fair 2021

We had the biggest fair ever at Birralelee with over \$9000 in book sales. Wow! No wonder I'm exhausted! This means I now have approximately \$3000 to spend on getting more books in the library. Fantastic!

Thank you so much to the people who helped out - Dima, Katie L, Di, Kim H, Dom, Josephine, 4S helpers, our amazing library captains and my daughter, Chloe. It was madness at times, so I am very grateful for the help.

Congratulations to the winners of our competition to guess the number of books in the library - Rosamond, Sean, Harry, Sienna and Kiki, who were the closest, all in grade 6. In case you missed it, there are 13,703 books at the moment, which does change almost every week as I add new items to keep up with demand!

Thank you to everyone who visited the book fair and I hope you enjoy your purchases.

Cherie Hicks - Librarian.



Extracurricular Activities

We have various tutors and organisations who provide private tuition and programs before, during or after school. New programs are advertised via flyers or in the community news section of the newsletter. Enrolment forms are available at the office or directly from the program organiser.

Name	Program	Contact
Lala Music	Music lessons and band for grade 3 - 6	Olivia 0419 131 868 lalamusic2@yahoo.com.au
Jill Scholfield	Piano	Jill 0401 972 664
Violin Program	Violin	Trent 0413 207 689 trentbunston@gmail.com
Guitar Stars	Guitar	Gerome 0433 994 112 guitarstars@outlook.com
Chess-ed	Chess	Nick Speck 9387 4503 info@chesseducation.com.au www.chesseducation.com.au
Bricks 4 kidz	Coding using Lego bricks	Derick Chong 0402 945 599 hychong@bricks4kidz.com
Digimaker	Computer Coding Club	info@digimaker.com.au http://www.digimaker.com.au
Kelly Sports	Multi-Sports & Basketball	Gary Hoskin gary@kellysports.com.au kellysports.com.au/events
Slamin Tennis	Tennis	0403 129 648 Vicky https://slamin.com.au/
Sporty Stars	Dance, Soccer, Basketball	0422 043 853 info@sportystars.com.au
Team Kids	Out of school hours care	1300 035 000 https://teamkids.com.au/

Choir

- **Junior Choir** (Prep—Grade 2) meet in the music room at lunch time on Thursday
- **Senior Choir** (Grade 3—6) meet at lunch time on Monday

2nd Hand Uniforms

Contact Ida on 0402 091 010 to arrange an appointment.

Canteen

Lunch orders are available Wednesday to Friday. Orders can be placed in advance and need to be in by 9:00am for same day processing. To place an order download the Qkr! App. [Click here for instructions on how to download and use Qkr!](#)

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Thursday May 20
Tuesday May 18
Wednesday May 19
Wednesday May 26
Tuesday May 25
Monday May 17

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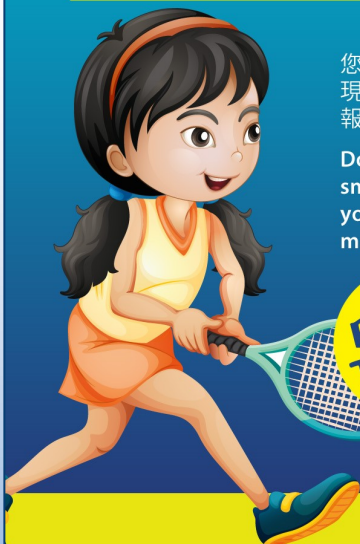
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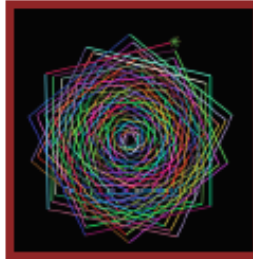
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- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming
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PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
- ... and many more



MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

The club will run for 8 to 10 weeks each term (depending on the length of the term) and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will use school computer during the lesson.

9 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 2 2021** is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$171 + GST

LUNCH TIME

12:50pm – 1:50pm

BATCH 1

Tuesday's 20th Apr to 15th Jun 2021

AFTER SCHOOL

3:40pm – 4:40pm

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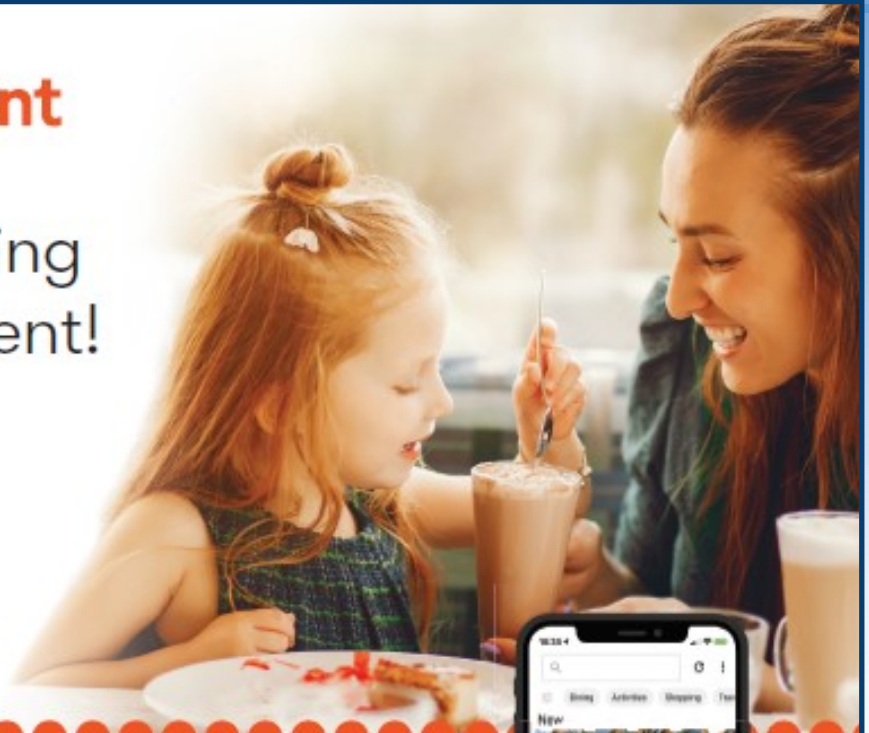
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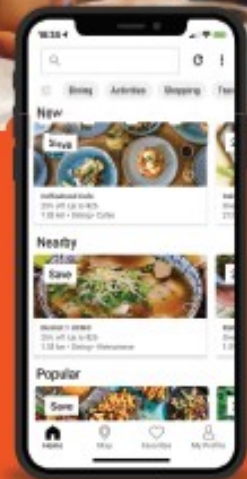
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