

The Birrong Buzz

PROMOTING LIFE LONG LEARNING

Wednesday 14th June 2017, Term 2 — Issue 9



Dates to Remember:

JUNE

Week 8

- 15 Art Club @ Recess
- 15 Band
- 15 Debating @ Lunch
- 15 Choir Altos @ Lunch
- 15 Regional Cross Country
- 16 SRC Meeting 11:45am
- 16 Kindergarten Assembly 2pm
- 16 Kids 2 Kinder
- 16 School Banking
- 16 PSSA

Week 9

- 19 Drama Club @ Lunch
- 19 Lifeskills S2 #7
- 20 Netball Training @ Recess
- 20 Dance Troupe @ Lunch
- 20 Debating @ Lunch
- 20 NUDE FOOD DAY
- 20 Gymnastics K-2 #7
- 21 Choir Sopranos @ Recess
- 21 Year 2 in Veggie Patch @ Recess
- 21 Dance Troupe in Hall @ Lunch
- 21 Choir Rehearsal at Granville South HS
- 22 Art Club @ Recess
- 22 Choir Altos @ Lunch

Message from the Principal

Semester 1 Reports

Reports will be sent home in Week 10 (29th June). At Birrong we know each child is an individual and we encourage and assist each child to achieve success. These reports will help you understand the progress your child is making at school and if additional learning support is needed. The A to E system doesn't rank your child in his or her class. Rather, the grades indicate whether your child is 'on track' and learning what is expected, doing better than expected or needs more help. Kindergarten students, students with learning difficulties and students who are learning English for the first time will receive a written report but without the A to E grades.

"C" is to be celebrated! The reports use an A-E grade for every subject that your child does at school. C means that your child is 'on track' in relation to what he or she is expected to learn. Other grades will indicate whether your child is doing better than expected or needs more help. **Grade C** shows that the student has achieved all of the skills, values and knowledge intended by the teacher when they planned the learning program for the semester. This student may have required extra revision or individual teaching but he/she has understood the concepts and has demonstrated achievement of the learning goals. Parents should not be worried about a child's progress if he or she has received this grade. Your child is on track in this area. His/her performance is sound.

Grade B shows that the student has performed very well with the work presented, consistently achieving the skills, values and knowledge intended by the teacher when he/she planned the learning program for the semester. This student has demonstrated in all of the assessments and daily tasks that there is no difficulty being experienced in meeting the learning goals. Your child is performing at a high level in this area.

Grade A shows that the student is easily demonstrating the skills, values and knowledge intended by the teacher when they planned the learning program for the semester. In fact the student is showing far more than has been required. Your child is performing at an outstanding level in this area.

Grade D shows that the student is currently experiencing some difficulty in achieving the skills, values and knowledge intended by the teacher when he/she planned the learning program for the semester. There are some gaps in the understanding of the concepts that have been taught during the semester and there is evidence that this has been occurring in daily tasks and in assessments. **Your child is having some difficulty coping with the work in this area at this time.**

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Payments Required

Kindergarten	Years 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
	Year 1/2 Barangaroo Excursion \$25 Due 16 June	TGymnastics \$16 Due 23 June	Gymnastics \$16 Due 23 June
			Camp DEPOSIT \$100 Due 30 June Camp BALANCE \$215 Due 15 September

Message from the Principal

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Grade E shows that the student is currently demonstrating a lot of difficulty in his/her daily class tasks and assessments. This student will most likely have had additional assistance from the school and will need ongoing support from home and school. **Your child is finding learning very difficult at this time in this area.**

While A to E grades are an important indicator of your child's progress at school they are only part of the picture.

Student reports will also include information on your child's level of effort and teacher comments on progress. Teachers' comments are just as important, if not more important, than the grade because the comment is the explanation behind the grade. At Birrong we are strengthening home school partnerships and endeavouring to paint a clearer picture of your child's development.

Routines

As the year approaches the mid mark there can be a tendency to let the kids have the occasional day off. Stay strong, especially after the weekend. Monday morning is hard for most of us and the students are no different.

Getting a good night's sleep on Sunday is important. Some parents find it easier to do a bit of preparation on Sunday to give a bit of extra time Monday morning. This could be in the form of getting uniforms ready, finding shoes and socks, packing bags, bathing or showering at night instead of in the morning and packing lunches. Schools are constantly monitoring patterns of poor attendance in order to rectify any problems quickly.

Attendance—It Matters

Where possible arrange dental and medical appointments after school. When this is not possible, ensure your child attends school before and after the appointment and let the school know in advance.

There have been a large number of students consistently late in the morning which means they miss out on the morning assembly and important classroom routines. **Please ensure your child is at school ready to start the day on time at 8:55am.**

Ball Games on the Asphalt

Students are reminded that ball games are not to be played on the asphalt after 3:00pm—this is the time students are dismissed from school and should therefore be leaving the grounds with their parents/caregivers. Parents, your appreciation in following this request is very much appreciated.

Staffing

Mrs Wheeler and Miss Anthony will be taking leave at the end of the term and Mrs Mosey will be taking some leave as of tomorrow. Casual teachers have been organised to cover these classes and the teachers have all participated in a handover process.

Mrs Kelly has been unwell and has had to take leave. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her return.

Miss Falzon was originally assigned the class teacher position for 4 Emerald and she took leave for Semester One. Miss Falzon has now extended that leave for the rest of the year. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Fletcher has agreed to continue as 4 Emerald's class teacher for the remainder of the year.

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you Mrs Sale, our Teacher-Librarian, is retiring. Mrs Sale has been an incredible strength for our teachers in her commitment to ensuring Birrong students, staff and community have access to a comprehensive library of resources throughout the many changes in education. Mrs Sale has a passion for books and has ensured that the art of reading and researching information in real books has not been lost—she has done this while embracing new and ever changing technology to develop one of the best libraries in our school system.

We wish Mrs Sale all the very best for her retirement—we are happy that she will get to spend quality time with her beautiful family.

Jodi Devine

Principal

Spring Fair Meeting

The next Spring Fair Meeting is on Tuesday 20 June at 6:00pm in the staffroom.



We need YOUR help to ensure the event is a success. Please feel free to join us and find out how you can help.

Spring Fair Meetings will be held regularly before the big day. You are more than welcome to attend one or more meetings and show your support for this great fundraising event!

6pm in the Staffroom

Tuesday 20 June
Tuesday 8 August
Tuesday 5 September
Tuesday 10 October

9.10am in the Hall

Friday 21 July
Friday 25 August
Friday 22 September

Spring Fair Coordinators 2017

Award Winners



Zoe S K Blue
Yara C 1 Orange
Hilal A 1 Aqua
Muhammed T 6 Garnet



Joel D 1 Aqua



Amirah E 4 Jade



Thomas S 5/6 Crims.



Shahed K 5/6 Ruby
Lily L 6 Violet



Sena T 4 Jade
Iris T 5/6 Ruby
Mathew D 5/6 Ruby



Mathew D 5/6 Ruby
Charlotte B 6 Violet

PBL Focus Week 8

We pay attention, following messages and instructions carefully.



Kinder Yellow's Learning about the PBL Focus

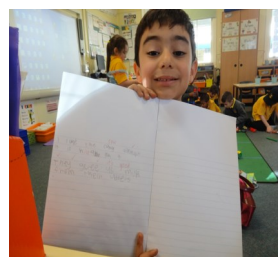
We followed Mrs Devine's message and instructions and played on hard surfaces because:

- We will get muddy and wet on the wet grass.
- We could get sick playing in wet areas.
- We could slip over in wet areas.
- We need to follow the instructions and stay where the teacher is to be safe.

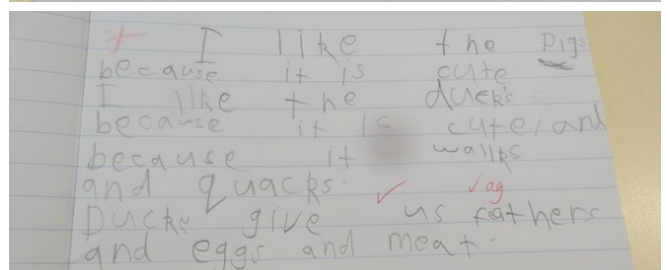
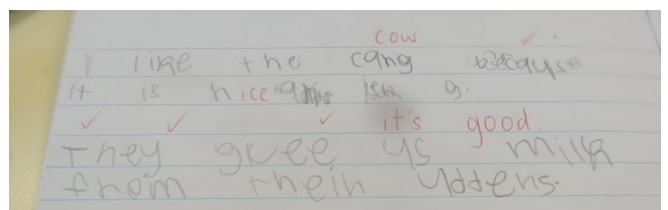


PBL Focus Week 9

**We allow others to have a different opinion.
It is ok to like different things and have a different opinion.**



After the farm excursion kinder yellow wrote about their favourite animal and gave reasons why. Here is some writing about cows and pigs.





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