**Message from the Principal**

**OUR SWIMMERS—SO PROUD OF THEIR EFFORTS**

On Monday I had the absolute pleasure of accompanying our Birrong Swimmers at the Bankstown District Swimming Carnival. I was impressed with the students’ skill level and more importantly their level of sportsmanship. The students supported each other throughout the events and it was wonderful to be able to see Birrong students do so well. I had the easy job because I got to supervise very committed swimmers who listened well for their events and participated with such enthusiasm.

I would like to thank Mrs Mucenski for her outstanding organisation and hard work on the day as a working official. Mrs Mucesnki is a strong advocate for our students at PSSA and she works hard to ensure our students have opportunities to compete at District and Regional levels. I would also like to thank the wonderful parents from Birrong who supported the students on the day. Congratulations to the students who achieved personal bests and good luck to those who will represent Birrong in the Bankstown District Team for the Regional carnival.

**P&C WELCOME BBQ**

The P&C would like to invite you to the Birrong Public School P&C Welcome BBQ on Wednesday 11 March (4:30pm-6:00pm). This is a great opportunity to mingle with other families within our school community and celebrate the community spirit that exists in our great school. Come up and grab a sausage on a roll and a cold drink and share in conversations with the parents and students of Birrong Public school. **It is a family event. Students MUST be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.**

If you wish to attend (and for catering purposes), please complete the order form (on Page 4) and return it to school before Friday March 6. We look forward to seeing you there. **The BBQ will be followed by the P&C AGM at 6:00pm. All parents and carers welcome.**

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**BIRRONG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN MORNING—REPEAT ITEM**

Girls in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend the Birrong Girls HS Open Morning tomorrow, Thursday 5th March. Parents are to collect their daughter from school before 10:30. Students are to return to Birrong at the conclusion of the morning.

This event requires parents to transport children to and from Birrong Girls HS.

**DENTAL CLINIC**

In Week 3 next term we will be having a dental clinic visiting the school. Notes for this were sent home yesterday. If you would like your child to access this service, please complete the forms and send them back to school.

**KINDERGARTEN BEST START FEEDBACK SESSION**

Kindergarten parents and carers are invited to attend an information morning about the Kindergarten Best Start assessment and the Kindergarten program. At the information session there will be an explanation about the Best Start assessment and how it is used by teachers. You will be provided with suggestions on how you can support your child’s literacy and numeracy development. Feedback reports will be given on the day. If you are unable to attend reports will be sent home with your child.

You will also receive information about the Kindergarten phonics, sight word and home reading programs and how you can support your child at home.

The information morning will be held in the school hall at **9:15am** on **Thursday 12 March**. It will last approximately one hour. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Tea and coffee will be available. This is a great opportunity to stay informed on your child’s learning and ask any questions you may have.

Jodi Devine
Principal

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From the Library

**LIBRARY BAGS**

The waterproof library bags, $10 each (used mainly by Years 3 to 6) are temporarily out of stock. More are on order from the supplier. The library will take orders.

Canvas library bags, $5 each (used mainly by K-2) are still available.

**BOOK CLUB PAYMENTS**

Book Club payments for the following classes will only be accepted if they are paid as cash, cheque or credit card through Scholastic Bookclub. **We do not accept payments made online to the school.**

- Kinder Blue
- Kinder Green
- Kinder Red
- 1 Aqua
- 1 Orange
- 1 White
- 2 Purple
- 2 Silver
- 3 Lime
- 3 Teal
- 3/ 4 Eucalyptus
- 3/4 Fern
- 4 Emerald
- 4 Jade
- 5 Scarlet
- 5/6 Ruby
- 6 Garnet
- 6 Violet

Mrs Sale
Librarian Teacher

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**GOOD NUMBER SENSE**

Maths is a numbers game but for some students and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


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**READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME**

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

Gym Program Coming to Birrong

The Fit Futures team would like to introduce to Birrong Public School our highly acclaimed in-school gymnastics programs. Our professional programs have been designed to incorporate all outcomes from the NSW Syllabus, with specific activities for each stage group. This program will be running during school time in Term 3 for all year groups.

Throughout the program students will be working on all aspects of physical development from gross and fine motor skills, spatial awareness, hand eye co-ordination, balance, speed and flexibility. They will be using a wide range of equipment from bars, tramp, beam, huge foam floor area, wedges, rings and crash mats.

The cost of the program is $32 for the 8 week program. For families with multiple children only the first 2 pay full price, with the third paying half price. All additional children are free.
The next **P&C Meeting**

will be held on
Wednesday 11th March 2015
at 6:00pm in the school staffroom.

All parents, caregivers and community members are invited to attend.

**Coffee & Chat**

will be held on the same day at 9:00am in the hall.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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**P&C Welcome BBQ**

Please return to school NO LATER than Friday March 6 (Week 6)

Family Name: ..............................

Class/es: ....................................

Number of people attending: .................

Note: Sausage on a Roll and drink will be distributed on a one per person basis. Additional rolls and drinks may be available for purchase on the evening for $2 each.

For more information call the office on 96443078.

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**COME AND DANCE WITH US!**

**PROJECT LEGACY DANCE LESSONS**

- MONDAY HIP HOP & CONTEMPORARY @ 5:30-7:30PM (8-18yrs)
- SATURDAY JAZZ @ 9:30-10:15AM (5-7yrs)
- SATURDAY JAZZ @ 10:15-11AM (8-11yrs)

**FIRST LESSON IS FREE - $5 PER CLASS after registration**

‘NO REGISTRATION FEES’

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