



# Birrahlee Newsletter

## September 2018

### OPEN DAY 2018

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are in the last week of term 3, Christmas will be here before we know it!

Thank you to everyone who helped at the recent Open Day. It was a beautiful sunny day and lovely to see so many families attending. The Birrahlee community really came together to put on a wonderful day and show off our beautiful preschool.

A special thank you to the Class Parents in MOM3 Davina Julliard and Vanessa Kennedy who worked tirelessly to organise the day and secured a fantastic variety of raffle prizes.

Many thanks to Class Parents in 2LS, Angela Ofir and Amber Jansson for their assistance organising the day.

Thank you to all the families who volunteered their time, either baking cakes or helping with the set up and pack away.

Congratulations to our raffle winners and a big thank you to the local businesses who support Birrahlee by donating the prizes. These businesses include:

- Encasa
- Eyes on Lane Cove
- Found
- Four Frogs Creperie
- Grinders Coffee
- Iris and Lin
- La Piazza
- La Provence,
- Lane Cove Bookery
- Lane Cove Orthodontics
- Little Legends Sports
- Louisiane
- Lovely Photo Centre
- Sloans
- Spotted Orchid
- Stuart Leal Photography,
- The Alcott
- Vision Fitness and Training

This Friday is the last day of term 3 and then we will be on two weeks school break. Preschool recommences on Monday 15 October.

I wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday.

**Kate Damo**

### IMPORTANT DATES

28 SEP	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 WEEK ENDING 28 SEPTEMBER 2018
15 OCT	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 WEEK COMMENCING 15 OCTOBER 2018
5 NOV	NEW PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
11 DEC	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (MONDAY/TUESDAY CLASSES)
12 DEC	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY CLASSES)
14 DEC	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY CLASSES)

## From the office

### Holding deposit

Families leaving Birrahlee at the end of the year, your holding deposit will be processed to reduce the balance of your term 4 fees.

### 2019 enrolment cancellations

Existing children who are currently enrolled at Birrahlee for 2019 but decide not to return, you must let us know at the latest by Friday 2 November. Failure to do so will mean a loss of your holding deposit.

### Immunisation

Children returning in 2019 must have an updated immunisation schedule. Please make sure you have an immunisation history statement issued from Medicare.

## Footwear

Children should be wearing sensible covered shoes or sandals when at Birrahlee. Thongs and crocs are not safe for children to run and climb in. As children are still developing their co-ordination and gross motor skills, wearing the correct foot wear assists them to develop these new skills safely.



**SUNSMART®**

The Cancer Council recommends minimising time spent outdoors between 11am and 3pm. The children will start their outdoor play at 9.30am until 11.00am. Then they will go outside again at 2.30pm.

Please apply sunscreen to your child in the morning and ensure that they have a hat.

## Renovations

As part of the 5-year strategic plan for Birrahlee, the Board has initiated refurbishments for the building. The kitchens will be renovated and new storage installed in the library and office. This work will take place in the coming school holidays and going by past experiences, it may take a little longer.

The builder whom we have contracted is Chris Moroney from Freshbuild. Chris is a Lane Cove Local and a past pupil of Birrahlee. We are excited to see the results when we get back from holidays.



## Farewell Edwina Hay

This week we say goodbye to Edwina Hay who has been teaching at Birrahlee since May 2016.

She has been a much-loved teacher to the children in her care and will be missed by them and their families.

We thank Edwina for her positive contribution to Birrahlee and wish her all the best with this new chapter of her life.