



The Tuesday Times

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CALENDAR

March

11 th Wed	P&C Extraordinary Meeting
13 th Fri	3-6 Sport - Swimming
19 th Thurs	Selective High School Test
20 th Fri	Welcome New Parents P&C
25 th Wed	P&C AGM Meeting
27 th Fri	3-6 Sport - Swimming

April

9 th Thurs	Easter Activities (Mufti/Pyjama Day) Last day of Term 1
10 th Fri	Good Friday
28 th Tues	Term 2 commences for teachers
29 th Wed	<u>Term 2 commences for students</u>

Term 2 Commencement Date

Please note the commencement date for term 2 in the school calendar. Although there is no public holiday on Monday 27th April this year for Anzac Day, the school term dates were set some years in advance on the assumption that this would occur.

Students **will not return** until mid-week next term.

Also, the **last two days of term 4 are pupil free** this and in subsequent years.

School concludes for students on **16th December this year.**

From next year, all school terms will be of equal length with mid-year vacations of two weeks. The Easter Holidays will be taken as a stand alone four day break if they don't occur during the two week vacation at the end of Term 1. The Christmas vacation will always extend until at least Australia Day.

Student Award Winners

WEEK 4

Class Awards

KP	Tanisha
1/2G	Marina
	Taela
3/4/5/6W	Ali-Grace
	Rich

Student of the Week

KP	Benjamin
1/2G	Woo Je
3/4/5/6W	Hasibul
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WEEK 5

Class Awards

KP	Nathan
1/2G	Parul
	Miharo
3/4/5/6W	Eleni

Student of the Week

KP	Steven
1/2G	Nathan
3/4/5/6W	Klara



Keep up the Great Work Everyone!!

Education Tax Refund

Under the new education tax refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

Are you eligible?????

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- The Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- The Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- A scheme under s258 of the Military rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- And Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

What can you claim?????

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- laptops, home computers and associated costs e.g. internet, paper
- educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- stationery and art supplies
- school textbooks and associated learning materials

Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit:

www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

When can you claim?????

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have a lodge tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1st July 2009. Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year. For more information:

- visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au
- phone the Tax Office on 13 28 61

International Food Fair

A "BIG THANK YOU!" to everyone for their efforts on the International food Fair held at the school on Wednesday 25th February. The parade of costumes and traditional dress was outstanding and the food was plentiful and delicious. We certainly have some fantastic families who know how to cook up a feast. We were glad that "Aspect" was able to attend the event and participate with enthusiasm.



DVD "Environment" Sale

DVD copies of the ENVIRONMENT movies are now available for students, family and friends of the school.

If you placed an order on the night of the OSCA awards, we have reserved you a copy. This must be paid for before February 20 or your copy may be sold to someone else. The number of copies is limited.

Please contact the office to arrange pick-up and payment. Cash only.

There are also some copies of the VALUES and BULLYING DVDs remaining from last year at the same price of \$12 each.



Surry Hills Children's Program

Surry Hills Children's Program is looking for volunteers to assist us with our Walking Program. We are currently seeking a helper for Fridays, but are also looking for back ups for other days. The position may involve walking from Bourke St or Crown St Public Schools, takes approximately 30 mins after school, starting at 2.55pm. If you are interested and feel you can help please contact Tracy A

at

**The Surry Hills Children's Program on
Ph 9288 5660**



Text Books Fees

Payments can be made at the school office. Should you have problems or difficulties with making this payment, please make an appointment with the Relieving Principal.

From the Principal's Desk.....

A new initiative is commencing shortly at Bourke Street Public School. We are going to take advantage of technology and start emailing the school newsletter if you prefer this option. If you like to participate please email the school on:

bourkest-p.admin@det.nsw.edu.au
and we will add you to the mailing list.

Peter Johnston Relieving Principal

P&C Meetings

Please note these important P&C dates in your diary.

P&C Extraordinary Meeting

Wednesday 11th March at 5.30pm in Library



P&C Welcome to NEW Parents

Friday 20th March at 3pm
in the school playground

This is to welcome near parents and families into the Bourke Street Public School community. Light refreshments will be served. This is a chance for you to meet and network with other families in the school and community.

ALL WELCOME!!



P&C AGM Meeting

Wednesday 25th March at 5.30pm in Library

**The P&C are always looking for
NEW members. It only costs \$1.
Get involved!**