



Birralee News



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We wish you all a wonderful New Year, a New Year filled with new beginnings, new promises and new opportunities.

We hope you have had a lovely holiday together with your family and friends. We have had such a wonderful Autumn Term in school. It is fun to look back at the pictures on the web site.

The children have had a wonderful start to the New Year. They are all engaged in interesting projects from studying space, transport, the Antarctica to European geography and famous explorers. Some of their work will be presented in class whereas other projects will be presented in assemblies. Our first Joint Assembly this term will be this Friday where the students in Year 5 will present the result of their study of Roman mythology and astrology.

At Birrlee we are keen to create an environment where young readers and writers thrive! During the time prior to the winter break all classes will focus on literacy as we work towards celebrating literacy in week 7. Our celebration will be a time for teachers and students to share with friends and families just how much fun we have reading and writing in our school each and everyday! The school will be hosting a Book Fair as well as inviting you all to share the students' achievements on Wednesday 17th of February.

We are now busy planning the Spring Term. Our Parent Evenings/Curriculum Evenings will take place at the end of January/beginning of February. This is an evening where the teachers will inform you of the educational programme for the classes. It also offers the possibility for informal chats with teachers and parents. We are all looking forward to seeing you and we hope that you will enjoy our meetings and find them useful. See below for dates and times.

We will continue to provide an interesting and rewarding programme for the children as well as providing opportunities for social events. School Parties play an important role in creating a good atmosphere in the school. Our older enjoyed the traditional New Year's Ball in the first week of school and in February we will once again host our two Valentine's Parties for all students from Year 1 to Year 8. The Reception Class will as usual host their own Valentine's party in their classroom.

Please note the following dates

The Primary School Parent Evening will take place on February 11th at 19.30.

This meeting is for all parents from the Reception Class to Year 8. The meeting will start in the "Festsal" on the fourth floor for a general introduction. We will then proceed to the different classrooms for the more detailed class meeting.

The Middle School Parent Evening will take place on February 4th at 19.00.

The school will provide cookies and cakes. We kindly ask parents to bring coffee or tea to the meeting.

The New Year

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The New Year lies before you
Like a spotless tract of snow
Be careful how you tread on it
For every mark will show

Welcome to our Parent Evenings

We are looking forward to meeting you all!

REMINDER:

Please note that the school is closed on January 29th for a staff in-service day. All schools and kindergartens in Trondheim will be closed on this day. This also includes SFO.

School Milk

Parents who would like to change (or cancel) their child's milk order are kindly ask to contact the school office via the message book or email: admin@birralee.no . Invoices for school milk will be sent home in February.

Cake sale for Haiti

On Monday January 25th the students in Years 6 and 7 are organising cakes sale in support of the victims of the Haiti earth Quake. We thank them for their initiative.

Big Thank You to the Parents' Committee

The Parents' committee was responsible for the Christmas parties after our Christmas Play. We thank them for their contribution towards making the parties an enjoyable event. The Parent Committee already had their first 2010 meeting and they are busy planning the spring. They will be supporting the Student Council in arranging Valentine's Parties for he students.

Student teacher

Mr Kris Kalkman will have his teaching practice in the Reception class during the first 6 weeks of the term. Mr Kalkman is originally form the Netherlands, but has lived in Norway for several years. He has a varied experience and has had three months in Botswana.

New Year – New Start

Please help your child/children to keep the corridors tidy. Help them or remind them to bring home their belongings so that they do not accumulate in school.

After-School Activities

We will continue our after school activities as last term. Homework Club is on Mondays, school choir is on Thursday, Kalven Club is on Wednesdays, Dance Club is on Wednesdays and Spanish Club is on Fridays. The choir has started working towards a musical to be performed at the end of the Spring Term. This year we can look forward to Lion King!

Drama Project in Year 8

Year 8 will work together with actor and director Roar Jensen to set up a performance in cooperation with Tibet Care. This is a cross curricular project and the students will be working in school every day during week 5. More information about the performance will follow.

Year 7 to NTNU

On Tuesday January 19th the Year 7 students enjoyed an interesting and fun filled day at the NTNU school laboratory, where they explored several aspects of Physics.

Middle School News

The students have been enjoying a range of activities and visits recently, connected with their various subjects. All the students visited Adressa for a tour and workshop in Week 2, and before Christmas the students enjoyed Art workshops and Science Workshops at Vitensenteret.

Year 10/11 celebrated the International Year of Astronomy by using telescopes to observe the night sky. Year 9 are looking forward to a class visit to Nidar and enjoyed a Physics workshop at NTNU where they made hot air balloons.

Two students, George Hitchman and Ahmed Alibekov will have their poetry published in a book of Young Writers next month. Congratulations to them!

Middle School Visit and Prospective Parents

On Tuesday 26 January, Mrs Gonzalez and Mrs Andersen will be arranging an afternoon trip to the Middle School for Year 8. They will enjoy a Spanish lesson, some cooking and some Art activities. They will also try out their musical abilities in the Band room!

Year 8 prospective parents to the Middle School will be invited to a meeting and a tour of the Middle School later in the term. An invitation will follow shortly.

Calendar January

Date	Event / Activity
14.01	Student Council Meeting (Y3-Y8)
15.01	Student Council Meeting (Y9-11)
22.01	Joint Assembly Y5/4.tr
27.01	Holocaust Day – Cissi Klein
29.01	School closed

Calendar February

04.02	Curriculum Evening Middle School 19.00
04.02	Student Council Meeting (Y3-Y8)
10.02	Joint Assembly Y7/6.trinn
11.02	Curriculum Evening Primary School 19.30
12.02	Valentine's Party
Week 7	Book Week – Celebrating Literacy
17.02	Book Fair and Book Day
18.02	Liaison Committee Meeting
19.02	Student Council Meeting (Y9-11)
Week 8	Winter Break (School closed)