

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 7 November 24th, 2010

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KH makes sushi

Today all the children from KH made sushi with Jacinta Grant (Silver's mum). They followed the procedure very carefully and all enjoyed eating the end product.

"We got to eat the sushi." **Anja**

"The sushi was easy to make and I am having it for lunch.]" **Silver**

"It was fun making sushi. I am looking forward to eating it." **Cameron**

Sexting

Parents are urged to warn children about the dangers of 'sexting'— the growing trend for young people to send provocative images of themselves to their friends via mobile phones.

Tips for parents

- Warn your children about the consequences of sexting.
- Remind children to think before they act.
- Tell children that sending or possessing child pornography is illegal.
- Warn them about sexual predators.
- Parents should learn how to use and monitor their children's mobile phones.
- Parents should check photo galleries on their children's Facebook and MySpace accounts.
- Give your children clear rules on what they can and can't do with their mobile phone.

Parents can learn about how technology is used in their child's life by visiting the education department's website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click



1K has been enjoying learning to drum with Ms Keating. We recently purchased 20 drums for the children to use and hope to get some more next year.

What's On

17/11	P&C AGM
23/11	2010 Naplan Unpacked 6pm-7:30pm
29/11	Multicultural Public Speaking Champions
30/11	Music Committee AGM 7:30pm Staffroom
3/12	Concert Band Randwick Childrens Hosp
3/12	Preschool Concert (2 day)
3/12-4/12	Birchgrove 125 th Anniversary Movie
6/12	Recognition 1R, 1,K, 1/2C, 2S, 2D
7/12	Preschool Concert (3 day)
8/12	Recognition 4/5W, 5D, 6N
8/12	Preschool Party
9/12	Preschool Party
9/12	Kindergarten Graduation 10am
9/12	Year 6 Formal
10/12	Music End of Year Concert & Party
10/12	125th Birthday Party & Disco pm
13/12	Recognition 3F, 3/4B, 3/4C
13/12	Year 6 Big Day Out
14/12	Pool Picnic
14/12	K-2 Picnic Day
15/12	Last Day for students 2010



Balmain PCYC has just started a Homework Program! Come and get some help with your homework and get 6 Free Classes within the club.

You could be trialling Tae Kwon Do or Karate at no cost to you. All you need is parental permission via a signed club membership form (attached). Membership is free until the end of the year. This program is supported by the St George Foundation

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Do you want to learn an instrument next year?

It's not too late to sign up for the band next year if you are in third class or older next year. We still have brass instruments for hire including trumpet, trombone, French horn and eupho (a mini tuba). We have places in the junior strings for violin of all sizes. If you wish to play violin you will need to be sized by a tutor so we can give you the correct size instrument. For more information contact Denise at bergmail@tpg.com.au

Registration forms will have gone out for children in kindergarten wanting to learn recorder next year. Please return them ASAP so classes can be organised

SCHOOL HIRE INSTRUMENTS

If you are hiring a school instrument this year please note that they are for one year hire only. From next year you will have to purchase or rent your own instrument. The exception to this is the bigger brass instruments such as trombone and French horn and the string instruments.

Music invoices

All parents who owe fees for Term 4 should have received an invoice by now. If not, please contact Suzanne at birchgrovemusic@hotmail.com.

Band & Strings & Recorder Parents

If your child will not be continuing in 2011 please let the Conductors or parent contacts of those groups know ASAP.

Calendar for term 4

- Tuesday 30th November – music committee AGM. Come along to see how you can help in many small ways
- Friday 3rd December – the concert band has it's BIG DAY OUT when they perform at the starlight room at the children's hospital
- Friday 10th December – end of year Christmas concert at St John's church. Followed by the return of all hire instruments and the music Christmas party with free pizza
- There will be no lessons or rehearsals in the last week of term 4

Canteen News

Don't forget the following dates for the Canteen.

- Friday December, 3 – **Sushi Meal Deal**, please return all orders and Money to the canteen by Wednesday, 1 December, 2010



Order forms are available on the school website(under canteen and in the notes section) OR from the canteen.

- **Canteen Christmas Stall** – Friday 3 December from 8.30am outside canteen



The children have so much fun shopping at the Christmas stall but we need your help to make it a success. Please support your school canteen by donating gift items for Children, Ladies and Men, please send in your donations now so we can have them all wrapped by Friday 3 December. If you would like any more information about the Christmas stall, please come and speak to Karen in the canteen.

We really need some gifts for men, we only have one so far.

This year as well as gifts we will have Christmas cakes, puddings and other homemade Christmas treats. If you would like to donate any of these products could you please wrap and label them with the list of ingredients.

We would love to have some handcrafted/handmade items as well as the store bought gifts.

The new lunch specials available this term are Potato Wedges with Salsa Sauce, Honey Soy Chicken and Rice both \$4 and a new drink good to Go Fruit Smoothies - \$2

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Birchgrove Public School is 125 years old

Come and help celebrate at
our movie night



Tickets: \$5 per person or \$20
a family
(cash only)

On sale after school in the
front courtyard

**FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER &
SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER
6:15PM FOR A 6:30PM START
AT BALMAIN HIGH SCHOOL
HALL**

**NB: All children need to be
accompanied by an adult.
Tickets need to be
purchased before the
evening.**

Principals Report



KP used their interactive whiteboard

to learn about take away. Sophie is finding the answer to 15-5 on the number line. The classes all have an interactive whiteboard now and they are being put to good use.

Suspension- I have been asked by a parent to let all parents know the Department of Education's policy on physical violence. This is an excerpt from the DET Policy-6.1.5 **Principals must suspend immediately and consistently with these procedures**, including the factors outlined in 4.0.5 **any student who:**

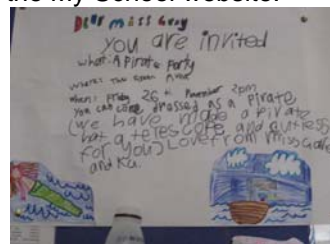
- **is physically violent:** Any student who is physically violent, resulting in pain or injury, or who seriously interferes with the safety and wellbeing of other students, staff or other persons, is to be suspended immediately. The matter may need to be reported to the NSW Police Force.

Note: children 10 years of age and older can be charged by police.

Naplan Unpacked- Thank you to the teachers and parents who attended last night's Naplan session. It is important that the parents have the opportunity to discuss where we are as a school, and what directions we are going in. For any who did not make it to last night's parent meeting, a brief summary is:

- Our Reading and Writing results are outstanding, our grammar and punctuation are extremely good.
- Spelling needs a more consistent framework to be developed. Numeracy needs to focus more on some of the basics being taught, to the point that students have that automatic and immediate recall.
- Many of the year 5 students have achieved exceptional growth since year 3.

I have some consultants working with us next year focusing on maths and spelling and developing a whole school approach. Also teachers across all stages are booked in for courses to help teachers further develop classroom skills in mathematics. There should be no surprises when the "My School" website updates in early December as parents already have been given all the information, including last night's comparison to our local schools that you can't get on the My School website.



KG sent me an invitation in a bottle to their special function on Friday. I am looking forward to their pirate party and I am searching for some pirate clothes. Several of the children helped make this beautiful invitation.

Tracy Gray

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Friday 3rd December 2010 CANTEEN SUSHI LUNCH SPECIAL

Name _____ Class _____

Please select your option:

- ONE** sushi roll with drink + ice block = \$ 7.00 **ONE** Sushi roll only = \$4.50
 TWO sushi rolls with drink + ice block = \$10.00 **TWO** Sushi rolls only = \$8.00



Please select your SUSHI ROLL flavour/s:

- 1 or 2 Cooked Tuna with cucumber and mayonnaise
1 or 2 Cooked Tuna with avocado and mayonnaise
1 or 2 Chicken Teriyaki
1 or 2 Chicken Schnitzel with Lettuce and Mayonnaise
1 or 2 Beef Teriyaki
1 or 2 Avocado

Please tick which type of DRINK you would like:

100% Juice Flavour:

Water

Smooze

Name _____ Class _____

If you would also like to order **RECESS** as well, please select below and add to the total amount:

- Yummy Drummies \$1.20 Fruit Cup \$2.50 – plain, custard or yoghurt
 Garlic Bread \$1.50 Raisin Toast \$1.20
 Party Pies each \$1.20 Crumpet \$1.00
 Cheese Toast \$1.50 Muffin \$2.00
 Cheese & Bacon Bun \$1.50 Finger Bun \$2.00

All orders and money must be returned to the Canteen by recess **Wednesday 1st December**.
We cannot accept any orders on the day of the Meal Deal.
Any cancellations