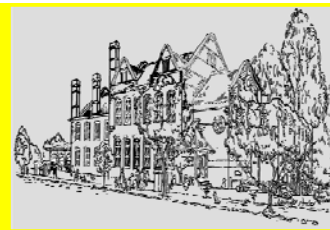


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Our 2012 **Student Parliament candidates** all gave their speeches to a packed hall this morning. The candidates should all be very proud of their efforts, they were very impressive. The students have voted and counting is underway.

Application for selective high

school 2013 Online applications are open until 21 November 2011 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in to attend Year 7 at a selective high school in 2013.

You can find it at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

Hard copy application forms are also available from the school and must be returned by 18 November. If you have any questions about the selective high school placement process please call 9707 6262

or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au.

Toy recycling

With Christmas fast approaching, have you considered donating your youngest child's unwanted toys to charity? Many families feel the pinch over this time and donations to all charities are much appreciated. A new resource for quality used goods is Second Chance Toys

www.secondchancetoys.com.au), an Australia-wide community initiative to rescue and recycle gently used plastic toys by donating them to children in need. Check out the website for more information, or donate at your local op shop, charity or drop off bin

Getting organised

On the School A to Z website, listen to Shannon Lush's advice about how to organise your household in a way that will leave you with more time to enjoy your family. Go to: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/web/dec-schools-a-z/homework-and-study/homework-tips/organising-the-home-for-a-smooth-school-run

What's On 2011

21/11	KS Assembly
21/11-24/11 & 28/11-1/12	Swimming School 3 to 6
25/11	Big Day Out- Senior Strings & Concert Band
29/11	Music Committee AGM
2/12	Scripture Mass St Johns
5/12	Canteen Christmas Stall
6/12	Preschool Concert
6/12	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
7/12	Stage 1 Recognition Ceremony 9:30-11
8/12	Year 6 Picnic Day
9/12	Preschool Concert
9/12	Volunteer Thank you Morning Tea
9/12	End of Year Concert St Johns
9/12	End of Year BBQ & Disco 5pm-8pm
12/12	Stage 2 Recognition Ceremony 9:30-11
13/12	Stage 3 Recognition Ceremony 9:30-11 (inc.4/5W)
14/12	Kindergarten Recognition Ceremony
14/12	K-2 Picnic Elkington Park
14/12	3-6 Picnic
16/12	Last Day for Students 2011

What's On 2012

30/1	Years 1 to 6 return to school
1/2	Kindergarten Start School

Library News

Library borrowing will finish at the end of week Six, please return all books. We are Stock Taking books and resources. Thank You for your support.

Christine Ilieff

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It's not too late

If you want to play a brass
instrument in the band let us
know

The trumpet and trombone are fairly easy instruments to learn. It only takes a few lessons for children to be able to play a simple tune. They are also versatile instruments that can play classical, jazz or modern music. The euphonium and french horn are more complicated instruments to master, but because they are less common, several private high schools offer scholarships to attract players. The school also offers extended hire for those two instruments.

If your child would like to register to learn an instrument, forms are available from the school office. The school can organise tutoring through the school after hours and hires the instruments at a very affordable rate. The training band is open to all children in third class and older. For more information contact Jacki Fortune on jackifortune@yahoo.com

SECOND HAND ITEMS FOR SALE

The Music Committee has had a clean out and will be selling off a few pieces of equipment. If you have any interest in any of the following items, please contact Jacki Fortune at jackifortune@yahoo.com for further details.

1. Yamaha RBX270J RBX Series 4 String Bass Guitar. This is a brand new and unused full sized bass guitar.
2. Gator rugged Keyboard bag. - Brand new and unused.
3. Cello case- In used condition, but still functional.
4. A drum practice pad on a stand. Used but in very good condition.

Music committee – AGM

The AGM for the music committee will be on Tuesday 29th November at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Most of the senior positions are covered but if you would like to know more about how the music program works at Birchgrove come along and find out and get involved. The program covers the early childhood music, recorders, strings and bands. We are always looking for people to help with each group or you can just come along to find out what happens and help with one off events. The music program cannot run without your help

SCHOOL HIRE INSTRUMENTS

If you are hiring a school instrument this year please note that they are for one year hire only. You must return the instruments after the end of year concert on Friday 9th December. 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, euphonium and French horn. String instruments continue to be rented to continuing students based on availability

DATES FOR TERM 4

25th November – the senior strings and concert band will be going to the starlight room at the children's hospital at Randwick to perform

29th November – Music committee AGM. Come along to see how you can help. There are many jobs large and small and many hands make light work.

9th December – End of year concert at St John's church. Music Christmas Party and return of all school hire instruments

There will be no lessons or ensembles in the last week of school.

THE 2nd HAND UNIFORM STALL is on again this week at the Main Entrance on **Thursday November 17th at pick-up**

2.45 – 3.45 pm

& Friday November 18th at drop-off

8.00 – 9.45 am

You will find lots of good quality recycled Uniform items so... **THINK GREEN & GRAB a BARGAIN!** And please spread the word to anyone starting at the school next year.

ANY DONATIONS?

Any items you have to donate to the stall would be greatly appreciated. Just leave them on top of the 2nd Hand Uniform cupboard (in the stairwell opposite the uniform shop).

Sam Brampton, Finola Daly and Prue Gillespie

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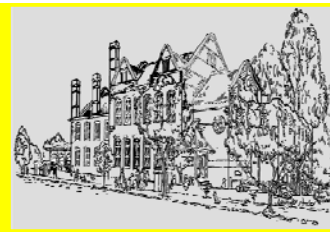
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P&C News Annual General Meeting 16 November 2011

The P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting at 7.00 p.m. on 16 November in the staff room. All Executive and Non-Executive roles on the P&C will be open for anyone who wishes to nominate for a position. Like most years, it is likely that people in current roles will not be re-nominating for 2012. So this will provide a great opportunity for those who wish to work on the P&C in 2012 to join.

The main role of the P&C is to raise money to enhance our children's experience at Birchgrove School. To that end, the P&C, through the hard work of many people and generosity of parents, has raised over \$100,000 in each of the past few years. This has been spent on upgrading the playgrounds, purchasing computers, funding literacy and numeracy programs and running social events. If you would like to help next year please come to the meeting. The executive positions available on the night include:

- President
- Vice-President
- Vice-President (Grants)
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Non-executive positions include:

- Class-Parent Coordinator
- Fund-raising Coordinator
- Sponsorship Committee
- Environment Committee Coordinator
- Auditor

If you have any questions about the P&C or specific roles please feel free to contact:

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Principals Report



Lila Carney- Chapus won the Sydney Port Photographic Competition.

Students were asked to capture what you love about your neighbourhood in a photo. Her photo called "Mr. Sweet Eats" was of Adriano Zumbo.- "wow! This image leaps off the page and I know exactly what this young photographer likes about the neighbourhood. The child's eye view and converging lines concentrate the viewer to Zumbo's face. It's a Willy Wonker-like vision of every child's fantasy – the cake shop, glowing with promise. Yum."

Alan Davies, Curator of Photographs
State Library of New South Wales



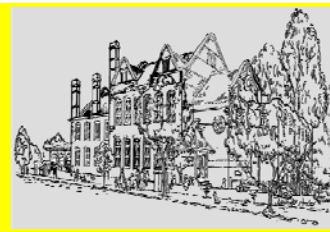
Stage 3 enjoyed a sleepover at school on Friday night to raise funds for Exodus.

The children had a great time. The highlight was several games of Spotlight, which the teachers enjoyed far too much! Thank you to Mr Dodds, Ms Woods, Ms Copping, and Mr Nguyen for the fun nights camping. I was pleased to be back in my own bed Saturday night!



Isabella and Nicholas our two Prime Ministers enjoyed their **student leaders morning tea** at state parliament with local member Jamie Parker.

Tracy Gray



Monday 5th December 2011 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: _____
Sparkling Aroona ☐ Flavour: _____
Water ☐



☐ Iceblock

Name _____ Class _____

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

- | | | | |
|--|--------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yummy Drummies | \$1.20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Cup | \$2.50 – plain, custard or yoghurt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garlic Bread | \$1.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Raisin Toast | \$1.20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Party Pies each | \$1.20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Crumpet | \$1.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese Toast | \$1.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Muffin | \$2.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finger Bun | \$2.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pikelets & Jam | \$1.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | |

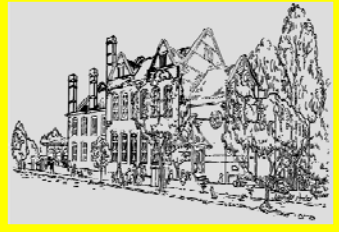
RECESS total \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

All orders and money must be returned to the Canteen by recess **Thursday 1 December**.

We cannot accept any orders on the day of the Meal Deal.

Any cancellations on the day will NOT receive a refund, but we can give the drink & ice-cream to your child the next day.



Balmain PCYC Netball 2012 Registrations

Have fun and get fit in 2012 by playing Netball. To sign up, come down to the Balmain PCYC Saturday December 3rd. All you need to bring is a passport sized photo and your birth certificate or passport.



Learn and Earn

Every Wednesday the Balmain PCYC is offering free tutoring through our Learn and Earn program. Your child brings in their homework to complete and in return the PCYC offers them free food and drinks and a six class pass to enjoy the activities that are available at the club. For more information contact Michael on 9810 2234.

Balmain Police Community Youth Centre 372 Darling St 9810 2234

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Years 3 - 6 Swimming commences next week. This year, recess and a limited Lunch menu will still be available to all children who are going swimming (in weeks 7 & 8).

Recess orders can be placed before school as normal, as can a 'sandwich/salad' lunch. BOTH recess and lunch orders will be handed out *together* from the Canteen just before 11.15am, before the students depart for swimming.

To assist busy parents, Karen is offering a Swimming Days "pre-order" facility which allows you to order in advance for any or all of the swimming days.

Please see attached order form.

Below is a list of items you can get for LUNCH on Swimming Days:

SANDWICHES	DRINKS	SNACKS
Vegemite - \$2.50	Fruit Juice - \$1.20	Finger Bun - \$2.00
Honey - \$2.50	Aroona - \$1.50	Muffin - \$2.00
Jam - \$2.50	Water - \$1.00	Pikelets & Jam - \$1.00
Cheese - \$3.00		JJ's - \$1.50
Ham - \$3.50	FRUIT	Piranhas - \$1.50
Ham & Cheese - \$4.00	Apple - \$1.20	Popcorn - \$1.50
Chicken - \$3.50	Banana - \$1.20	Rice Wheels - \$1.00
Cheese & Tomato - \$3.50	Cut Orange - \$1.20	
Salad sandwich \$3.50		
SALAD BOX:	Small \$4.00	Large \$5.00

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YEARS 3 – 6 SWIMMING DAYS CANTEEN ‘PRE-ORDER’ FORM

Please fill in your order on some or all of the days below, and Karen will write them onto a bag.

Name _____ Class _____

Monday 21 November	Tuesday 22 November	Wednesday 23 Nov	Thursday 24 November
RECESS:	RECESS:	RECESS:	RECESS:
Recess Cost:\$	Recess Cost:\$	Recess Cost:\$	Recess Cost:\$
LUNCH: Sandwich/Salad:	LUNCH: Sandwich/Salad:	LUNCH: Sandwich/Salad:	LUNCH: Sandwich/Salad:
Drink:	Drink:	Drink:	Drink:
Snack:	Snack:	Snack:	Snack:
Lunch Cost: \$	Lunch Cost: \$	Lunch Cost: \$	Lunch Cost: \$
TOTAL: \$	TOTAL: \$	TOTAL: \$	TOTAL: \$

Monday 28 November	Tuesday 29 November	Wednesday 30 Nov	Thursday 1 December
RECESS:	RECESS:	RECESS:	RECESS:
Recess Cost:\$	Recess Cost:\$	Recess Cost:\$	Recess Cost:\$
LUNCH: Sandwich/Salad:	LUNCH: Sandwich/Salad:	LUNCH: Sandwich/Salad:	LUNCH: Sandwich/Salad:
Drink:	Drink:	Drink:	Drink:
Snack:	Snack:	Snack:	Snack:
Lunch Cost: \$	Lunch Cost: \$	Lunch Cost: \$	Lunch Cost: \$
TOTAL: \$	TOTAL: \$	TOTAL: \$	TOTAL: \$

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Birchgrove Public School P&C Association 2011 Sponsorship Update

The P&C Association would like to recognise & thank the following partners for their valuable support to our school. These businesses have contributed significantly to our fundraising efforts and without their commitment the funding of many resources would not be possible. Please show your gratitude and support them in return with your patronage.

Principal Partners



Harris Partners Real Estate

We are proud to continue our long association with Harris Partners. They are incredibly supportive sponsors of our school & for this we are very grateful. 2011 signals an extension of their support. For every school family listing & selling a property with Harris Partners, the agency will donate an additional \$1000 to the school. Furthermore for every school family listing a property for management, the agency will donate an extra \$500 to the school.

If you are thinking of selling or renting your property, please consider their highly experienced and dedicated team.



The Riverview Hotel & Dining

We welcome for the second year, The Riverview Hotel & Dining as a principal partner. It is a beautifully renovated local landmark, which in 2009 was awarded the winner – Gastronomic Hotel of The Year by The Australian Hotels Association for Excellence.

In 2010 The Riverview celebrated 130 years of establishment, a significant milestone that coincided with Birchgrove Public School's 125 year anniversary.

Major Partners



Sydney Ports Corporation

Sydney Ports aims to diligently protect Sydney Harbour and Botany Bay and ensure a balance between the port, local communities and the environment. Sydney Ports is an active supporter of the communities that work, live and enjoy Sydney Harbour. We thank them for a second year of support.

Prestige Auto Traders



Another long term and invaluable supporter of our school is Prestige Auto Traders. For 2011 they have generously increased their commitment to Major Partner. Prestige Auto Traders have access to Australia's largest network of wholesale late model luxury vehicles and are dedicated to providing a high level of customer service. Please be sure to visit them when you are next in the market for a car. In addition, Prestige Auto Traders will service all makes & models of cars and as a fully licensed repairer, can service cars under the manufacturer's warranty.

Contributing Partner

Dentistry by Design



Dentistry by Design

This year we welcome Dentistry by Design. The practice is highly respected and committed to providing quality aesthetic and restorative dental care. Their belief is in delivering a high level of patient care in the most cost effective, painless and professional manner. Dentistry by Design is one of the most technological advanced practices in the Inner West. Their team of 8 clinicians are focused on all aspects of dentistry, from implants and gum management, to children and family dentistry. They are big enough to have the experience and technology - but still small enough to car



Canteen Christmas Stall

Monday, 5th December
From 8.30am outside the canteen

Karen is looking for 'gift' donations for the upcoming Canteen Christmas Stall.

Gifts will be wrapped and priced by the Karen for sale on 5th December, but if you could indicate a value of your donation, that would be great.

All donations must be NEW; she cannot accept used or damaged items. Gifts items for children and adults required.

Some suggestions:

Kids – toys, books, puzzles, crayons, balls, pencils, textas, stationery, CDs, DVDs, clothes, hats, games, etc

Men – Golf/tennis balls, wallets, key rings, socks, hats, clothes, DVDs, CDs, Ties, drink holders, books, thermal coffee mugs, etc.

Ladies – tea/hand-towels, face washers, make up bags, make up, perfume, cups, plates, teapots, platters, address books, stationery, photo frames, etc.

Food items – Christmas puddings (please label with ingredients); wine (for sale to parents only)

Christmas items – decorations, lights, stockings

**Please support your school canteen by sending
in your donation NOW.**

Your support is greatly appreciated.