



## Canteen Christmas Stall

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Liam and Lachlan from KG enjoyed sharing the puppets they have made. They are in the process of writing and producing their puppet show. I am looking forward to seeing their puppet show!

## Learn Music on Keyboard at Birchgrove Public School

### Enrolment for 2012

- \* Music theory \* Instrument playing
- \* Ensemble practice \* Fun music games
- \* 45-min lesson weekly, small group
- \* Music material included
- \* Instrument not required initially

 **Smart Kids Love Music!**  
Call to enrol: **9411 3122**

(VIP Music est. 1984)

[www.learnmusicatschool.com.au](http://www.learnmusicatschool.com.au)

## School facilities standards review

You can now have your say on the classrooms of the future by participating in an online survey as part of a comprehensive review of the School Facilities Standards. The standards, developed during the 1970s, outline how school facilities are designed and built. The review will consider changes in the way education is delivered, technological advances and increased community expectations.

Your ideas will be used to assist in creating design standards that will inform the development or refurbishment of schools that are appropriate for the future. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and is open until November 28.

[www.surveymonkey.com/sfparent](http://www.surveymonkey.com/sfparent)

## Short film competition

Bicycle NSW is calling all budding film makers to submit a three-minute video to promote bike riding as a sustainable, healthy and environmentally friendly form of transport and recreation. The film does not have to have

## What's On 2011

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**

13/12

**9:30-11**

14/12

**Stage 3 Recognition Ceremony**

14/12

**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

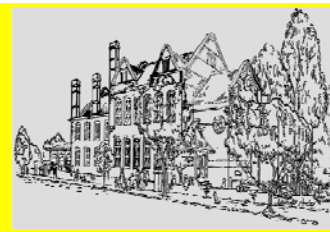
dialogue and is free for all schools and students under 16. The prizes are \$1000, \$500 and \$250. Entries close 3 February 2012. For more information and to register: <http://bicyclensw.org.au/content/calling-all-budding-film-makers>

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## Principals Report

The votes have been counted for our **2012 Student Parliament**. All the candidates spoke well and should be proud of their efforts. Our new ministry is:

Prime Ministers- Rose Copping & Tom Brand  
Deputy Prime Ministers- Drew Ireland-Shead & Mack Dotson

Ministers- Lilli Taranto, Rebecca Dehn, Sebastien Noyer-Karmel & Daniel Mayer

Congratulations, I am looking forward to seeing what you achieve for your fellow students and school in 2012.

**Classes for 2012**- we still have 15 classes for next year. If you are not returning please in 2012 (and not in Y6) please let the school know now. To put in a demountable costs \$30 000. It is the same amount to remove it if we don't end up with 15 classes. This means \$60 000 would be spent on moving a building instead of educating children. I'm sure you would all be equally concerned about that type of money being wasted rather than being used to benefit children.

There are still a number of families where parents, children or other community members have flagged them as moving on next year, but the school is still waiting to be advised. It is important that limited educational funds are not wasted unnecessarily, please notify the school office if your child will not be here next year, if you have not already done so.

**P&C Thank you**- I would like to formally thank this year's P&C for all their amazing work and help. They have worked really hard to make sure our school has many extras that directly benefit your children and support the children above what is supplied by the Department and it is through their hard work and dedication that the children have so many advantages. As well as organizational support, social activities and parent perspectives for initiatives the P&C has provided the children with: \$25 000 STL Teacher Time, \$5000 STL resources, \$28, 000 Technology & \$2500 to start a Bush Tucker Garden. The P&C and school would love to see even more parents involved next year!

Tracy Gray



## Music Committee – AGM

The AGM for the music committee will be held next Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Dear Parents

Save the date of Saturday 12 May  
2012 for next year's fete.

The fete is a great social event for the school and the Balmain community. It is also the major fund-raiser for the P&C each year.

Did you know that this year's fete raised \$45,000 for the school?

This allowed the P&C to allocate funds for the purchase of computers for the classrooms, teaching programs and the installation of solar panels. A successful fete makes a big difference to the resources that the children have at school. It is also a lot of fun.

Preliminary work for next year's fete has already started. However, we need an enthusiastic organiser or two to coordinate plans. It may seem a daunting task, but a template is in place from past years and there are plenty of people who will help the main organiser(s) once things get under way.

Meredith Davis  
([meredith\\_bangkok@yahoo.com.au](mailto:meredith_bangkok@yahoo.com.au) , 0405 386 723) and Anneliese Calleja ([anneliese.calleja@gmail.com](mailto:anneliese.calleja@gmail.com) , 0431 365 782) organised the fete this year. They would be happy to talk to anyone about what is involved. Otherwise contact Warren Tease ([warren.tease@bigpond.com](mailto:warren.tease@bigpond.com) , 0459 116 375).

The P&C would be very grateful to any volunteers.

## P&C News

The P&C's AGM was held last week. All of the Executive positions were filled.

Next year's executive will be:

Warren Tease – President  
Joanna Elliott – Vice President  
Angela Davis – Vice President (Grants)  
Tony Board – Treasurer  
Kate Myles – Secretary  
Amy Large – Assistant Secretary

## Volunteers Wanted!

Many of the non-executive roles were also filled. Thanks to the generous volunteers for the Sponsorship Committee (Desiree Fiene, Joanna Elliott, and Rob Love); Environment Committee (Andrew Bulley, Peter Thompson, Rob Love, and Anthony Green); Auditor (Bronwyn Gan) and Class Parent Liaison (Felicity Yarrow).

There are still a few important non-executive roles that we are keen to fill soon. These include fete coordinator(s), Big Night Out coordinator(s) and social coordinator(s) for discos/BBQs.

The P&C should raise around \$100,000 this year. We would love to do the same next year. But we will need some more help. So if you would like to get involved and think you could help in some of the vacant roles, please let us know. These are important roles and will be crucial for our fund raising next year.

Mark Langsworth stepped down after many years on the P&C as Vice President and Treasurer. The executive would like to thank him (and Danielle) for all the hard work they put into the school over the years. We would also like to thank Jonas Olander for many years of behind-the-scenes work on PA and audio visual systems for the fete and Big Night Out.



## Cool Kids Family Based Program



Cool kids is a program developed by Macquarie University Anxiety Research Unit to help children whose anxiety and fears are interfering with their lives. The program provides an understanding of anxiety as well as ideas on how to manage anxiety. It is run as a group program where both children and parents attend. Group sessions include presentations, discussions, practical exercises and home practice to help children manage their anxiety. Parents and children will be asked to fill in questionnaires before and after the program.

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|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Who is it for:</b> | Children in Year 3 - 6 and their parents.<br>Both parents are invited to attend and <u>at least one parent must attend consistently.</u> |
| <b>How long:</b>      | 10 sessions  |
| <b>When:</b>          | Tuesday 3.30p.m- 5.00 p.m.<br>First session 7 February 2012<br>Last session 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2012                                  |
| <b>Where:</b>         | Canterbury Community Health Centre<br>Grounds of Canterbury Hospital<br>Thorncraft Pde<br>Canterbury NSW 2194                            |
| <b>Cost:</b>          | A donation of \$30 (per family) is appreciated to cover the cost of workbooks  |
| <b>Contacts:</b>      | Please contact the Social Work/Psychology intake line between 10.00am - 3 pm, Monday - Friday on 9787 0640.                              |
| <b>Parking:</b>       | There is underground pay parking onsite.<br>Enter from Thorncraft pde.   |



## Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## End of Year Disco

WHEN: **Friday 9<sup>TH</sup> December 2011**

TIME: **P-2: 5-6.30 pm**  
**3-6: 6.30-8 pm**

PRICE includes Disco, BBQ Sausage + Soft drink  
Single: **\$7.00** OR Family (4 or more): **\$25.00**

To purchase tickets, please drop your ticket order form into  
the office and tickets will be returned to your child.

*No tickets sold on the night.*



*Cash bar, glowsticks & sweet treats available for purchase on the night.*

*'Sweet treat' donations and offers of assistance are greatly appreciated;  
please indicate your willingness to help below.*

DISCO TICKET PRE-ORDER.. please place in box at the office

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7 or \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 (family) TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: ☐ Cash or ☐ Cheque (payable to Birchgrove P&C)

I can help: ☐ set-up ☐ 6-6.30pm ☐ 6.30 -7pm ☐ 7-7.30pm ☐ 7.30-8pm ☐ clean-up  
☐ BBQ – cooking/serving; ☐ selling treats; ☐ glowsticks; ☐ making treats

*This is a P&C function so parents must accompany and supervise  
children at the disco. Tickets will be delivered to your child's class.*