

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.**

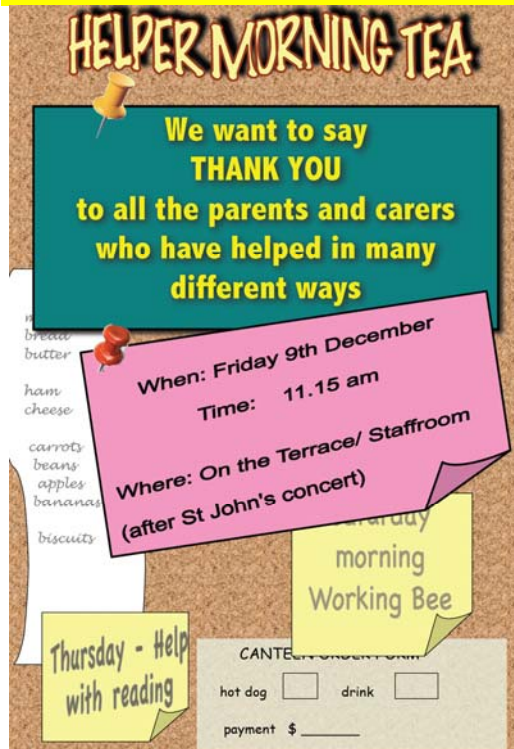
Your support is greatly appreciated.

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The children are bringing home personalised invitations, but I thought a few may get lost in bags! So to all our wonderful helpers, thank you and please come!

Australia Day film and photography competitions

Two competitions are currently open that celebrate what it means to be Australian.

The Australia Day Council's Living Australian online photography competition is running with the theme of 'Make your Mark Australia' for 2012. The junior division prize is \$1000 and a Canon EOS 600D DSLR Camera. The open division carries a cash prize of \$4000 with the winning image immortalized on an Australian stamp.

The Reel Australian Short Film Competition is also open. Students can submit an original short film in response to the question: 'What makes a mark on your Australia?'

There are three divisions: junior, open and mobile with prizes including cash, an iPad2 and a camera.

Both competitions close on 6 December. More info at: www.AUSSIEVAULT.com.au.

Healthy lunchbox ideas

We are all so busy in the lead up to Christmas, but it is still important to provide your child with healthy, nutritious and filling lunches and snacks at school.

The School A to Z website has some great quick and easy lunchbox ideas. The site has printable recipes and food tips as well as allergy buster lunches for the most sensitive.

What's On 2011

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

And remember as the weather warms up, freeze a water bottle and place in the lunchbox (wrap in a cloth to keep food dry) to keep food at a safe temperature for consumption.

Go to: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes

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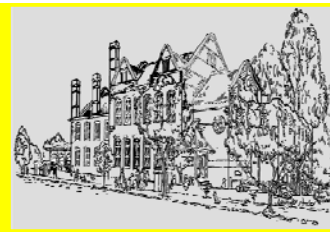
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Principals Report

If you are planning on leaving early for your **holidays** this year or coming back late, please make sure you let the school know the relevant dates in writing.

Toni in the office is completing our annual financial roll over today and tomorrow. This means that her office will be closed until Friday when she will reopen. (hopefully balanced!)

If you are searching for the executives tomorrow please see Mandy in the office- we are having a planning day and will be hiding with a mountain of paperwork!

Tracy Gray

Road Safety Around School Pick Up and Drop Off



Establish road safety practices and routines.

As soon as children can move, they are on the go, exploring. This can lead them into danger. Adults need to make sure that whenever cars could be around, they:

- Watch and keep children out of danger.
- Talk with children about road safety in ways they understand.
- Expect the unexpected...even at home, because you never know when a child will do something new.

Why are young children at risk?

These are only some of the reasons why young children depend on adults to keep them safe. Children:

- Are curious. This can lead to danger if left alone in the car.
- Are dependant. They need an adult.
- Are unable to determine which direction sounds are coming from.

- May be restless. They may not want to sit still in a car, but don't realise their behaviour can distract the driver.
- Are wanting to be independent. They don't always want to hold an adult's hand when near traffic.
- Are small. They can be hard to see in traffic.
- Are fragile. Injuries are likely to be more severe because of their small size.
- May be easily distracted. They need help to understand what to watch out and listen for.
- Are fast and unpredictable. They can move out of safety and into danger in an instant.

As adults, we need to:

- Protect and supervise children in all traffic situations.
- Use our knowledge and experience to predict when a situation might become dangerous.
- Ensure children hold an adult's hand, wear a seatbelt, or wear their bike helmet, even though they may resist.
- Help children learn about road safety.
- Use the road safety information and activities on this website and ask other adults to do the same.
- Take every opportunity to talk together about what you are doing.

Above all, we must not be complacent!

- Children are most likely to be injured close to home, often in their own street or their own driveway.
- Children can often talk about keeping safe long before they can behave safely.
- Accidents can occur any time, anywhere and to anyone.

As adults, we are responsible for young children's safety around traffic whether they are pedestrians, passengers, or playing.

For more information

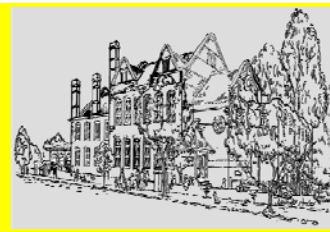
- On early childhood road safety visit the [Kids & Traffic website](#).
- On road safety activities in your local community, contact your Local Council and ask to speak to the Road Safety Officer.
- To find your nearest Authorised Restraint Fitting Station phone **1800 042 865** or the NRMA on **131 122**.
- To order copies of the Parents and carers road safety brochure, the Buyers guide to child restraints brochure, cycleway maps or general road safety brochures phone **1800 060 607**

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Music Committee for 2012

Congratulations to the new committee for next year and thank you to the retiring coordinator Kim Ireland.

Coordinator- Lisa Healy
Treasurer –Nicky Bennett
Assistant Treasurer- Kate Myles
Secretary – Suzanne Shipard
Instrument Coordinator – Michelle Stellini
Tutor Coordinator- Jacki Fortune
Senior String parent coordinator – Weiyun Yu
Intermediate strings parent coordinator – Susan Yuill
Junior strings parent coordinator – Nancy Campisi
Concert Band Parent coordinators- Jacki Fortune, Jane Price, Keith Stael
Training Band parent coordinator – TBC – can you help?
Beginner recorders parent coordinator – Rebecca Cortiula
Intermediate recorder parent coordinator – Elizabeth Burrows
Recorder consort parent coordinator – Carmen O'Hara
Advanced recorder consort parent coordinator – TBC – can you help?
Advanced ECM – TBC – can you help?
Intermediate ECM – Rebecca Cortiula

IMPORTANT

ALL SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS MUST BE RETURNED AFTER THE CONCERT ON FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

All school hire instruments must be returned to the hall immediately after the concert at St John's church on Friday the 9th December. If you are unable to stay after the concert please remind your children to go to the hall to return the instruments.

If any strings players wish to continue hiring their instrument over the holidays they need to still bring them to the hall for checking. Please contact Lisa or Michelle if you wish to hire over the holidays.

All band instruments must be returned as they need to be serviced.

End of year concert at St John's church Friday 9th December

This concert is the final performance for the year. All strings, recorders and both bands will be performing. There will be a final rehearsal at the church on the morning of the performance at 8am.

Performance begins at 10am. The 6th class children who will be leaving the school are given trophies for participation in the music program.

We need helpers to transport instruments and stands down to the church at 7:40am. If you can help, please contact Jacki at jackifortune@yahoo.com.

We also need help returning the gear after the concert at 11am

Christmas Party

At lunch on Friday the 9th December we have the music Christmas party. All children in the program (including early childhood music classes) are given pizza and ice blocks on the staffroom terrace at lunch.

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. Gator rugged Keyboard bag. - Brand new and unused.
2. Cello case- In used condition, but still functional.

Seeking Donations

Do you have these items that you could donate to the music program?

1. Rug any design 120x170cm
2. Freestanding whiteboard
3. Small portable CD player/ beat box

If you can help please contact Jacki at jackifortune@yahoo.com

DATES FOR TERM 4

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 week of school.

Information for 2012

Week one – instruments handed out; band instruments on Thursday 2nd February, strings on Friday 3rd February.
Week two – all ensembles and tutoring will commence
Week 3 –Tuesday 14th February music committee meeting 7pm in the staffroom. Please note change of time

Fees increases for next year

Unfortunately we have had to increase fees for some ensembles and the hire of instruments. More information will be circulated by the parent coordinators.

Code of conduct

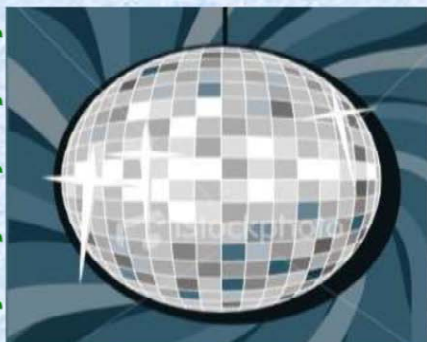
A new code of conduct for all parents and children on the music program has been formulated. We will be sending this to you shortly and ask you to discuss it with your child and for both parent and child to sign this in advance of next year

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End of Year Disco

WHEN: **Friday 9TH 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

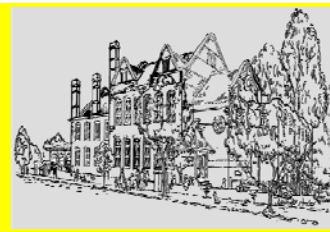
Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

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.*



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:

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|--|--------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <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.