

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 10 14th December, 2011

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Year 6 Farewell Assembly

The year 6 Farewell Assembly will commence at 2pm on Friday in the hall. Year 6 families are invited to join us.

The assembly will be followed by the Year 6 Clap Out to celebrate the completion of their final year at Birchgrove and bid them farewell.

Please note the Arch is for Year 6, students leaving from other years will receive a farewell clap during the assembly.



What's On 2012

Term 1

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| 30/1 | Years 1 to 6 return to school |
| 30/1-31/1 | Kindergarten Best Start Testing |
| 1/2 | Kindergarten Start School |
| 8/2 | Parliament Induction |
| 17/2 | Swimming Carnival |
| 24/2 | Gala Day 5&6 |
| 1/3 | Interrelate 5&6 |
| 6/3 | District Swimming Carnival |
| 8/3 | Interrelate 5&6 |
| 12/3 | Start Smart CTB |
| 15/3 | Interrelate 5&6 |
| 16/3 | Regional Swimming Carnival |
| 22/3 | Interrelate 5&6 |
| 23/3 | Gala Day 5&6 |
| 26/3 | Young Leaders Day 6 |
| 29/3 | School Cross Country |
| 30/3 | Back up Gala Day 5&6 |
| 2/4 | Start Smart CTB |
| 4/4-5/4 | State Swimming Carnival |
| 5/4 | Last Day Term 1 |
| 16/3 | Regional Swimming Carnival |

Term 2

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| 24/4 | First Day Term 2 |
| 25/4 | Anzac Day |
| 30/4 | Start Smart CTB |
| 5/5 | FETE |
| 11/5 | District Cross Country |

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| 15/6 | Gala Day 5&6 |
| 21/6 | School Athletics Country |
| 22/6 | Backup Gala Day 5&6 |
| 28/6 | Torres Strait Island Performance Naidoc Week |
| 29/6 | Last Day Term 2 |

Term 3

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| 17/7 | First Day Term 3 |
| 20/7 | State Cross Country |
| 16/8-17/8 | District Athletics Carnival |
| 27/8-30/8 | Great Aussie Bush Camp |
| 5/9 | Regional Athletics Carnival |
| 18/9 | School Photos |
| 20/9 | School Photos 2 |
| 21/9 | Last Day Term 3 |

Term 4

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| 8/10 | First Day Term 4 |
| 11/10-12/12 | Music Camp |
| 17/10-18/10 | State Athletics Carnival |
| 19/12 | Last Day of Term 4 |



Wishing all our students and their families a safe and happy holiday. We are looking forwards to seeing you in 2012 and hearing all about it!

Warm regards,
Miss Gray and Birchgrove Staff

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Classes for 2012

Please note these classes are subject to change, according to numbers and staffing.

Below is **Plan A - 14 classes**

The children have been placed according to their learning needs, with consideration of their social emotional wellbeing. The teachers for 2012 have been carefully selected with complementary skills, so that they will be able to work together across the stage. The teachers have been paired up in teams that take advantage of their strengths and will allow them to learn from each other. This will make for a very productive learning environment across the school.

Preschool

Mrs Sheehan (5 days)

Mrs Mitchell (3 days)

Mrs Hicks (2 days)

KW - Mrs White

KF - Mr Fitzgerald

KC - Mrs Copping

1K - Ms Keating

1C - Ms Corliss

2W - Ms Wood

2K - Miss Koumi

2/3D - Mrs Deans

3B - Mr Dodds

4B - Mr Brechney

4F - Ms Ford

5/6 K - Mrs Karnaros

5/6P - Miss Page

5/6N – Mr Nguyen

Years 5 & 6 have been assigned home base classrooms, however they will all work with each of the teachers on the stage as the team are working together as one stage group.

Plan B will depend on where students come and go from - hopefully the classes will stand as trialled!

Book Review

Nanny Piggins and the Rival Ringmaster Review!!!!

Nanny Piggins is ready for anything! With circus skills from her past times, Nanny Piggins can always save the day, but it never goes the way you think or does it??

Nanny Piggins is the nanny of three very lucky children, Derrick, Samantha and Micheal! Nanny Piggins is a crazily passionate, wonderfully funny and defiantly amazing nanny! She used to be a circus pig that was blasted out of a canon every night!

Nanny Piggins and the Rival Ringmaster is packed to the brim with adventurous tales, from trying to save a disastrous wedding day, to learning a very important lesson, to a funny way of trying to get money (for a funny reason too) and even trying to save one of her worst enemy's (the children's Father) with a reason just weirdly funny too! Every single tale is different, each and every one is awesomely special in it's own way.

R.A Spratt is one witty author. There's at least ten laughs in each chapter. It's such a wonderful story you just can't put the book down! But don't panic! It's only one in a series, and a great series too! I've never read a book like it. It pops up in your mind amazingly funny pictures. **Nanny Piggins and the Rival Ringmaster** is a book that gives imaginative life to your world!

Random House Australia

Reviewed by Amber Sawyer 5D

Age Guide 8 +

Summer fire safety

Summer has officially started and with it comes the increased risk of bush and house fires. If you live in a bushfire prone area, ensure you have taken the necessary steps to protect your property and family from fire.

Download a fact sheet:

www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf

It is now law that caravans and campervans be fitted with working smoke alarms. Check LPG gas bottles for leaks as this is how many barbecue fires start.

Many more tips on how to enjoy a fire-free summer are on the Fire and Rescue NSW website: www.fire.nsw.gov.au
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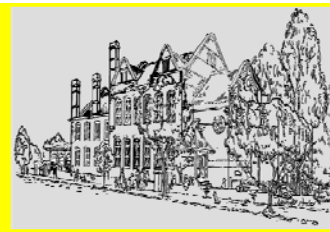
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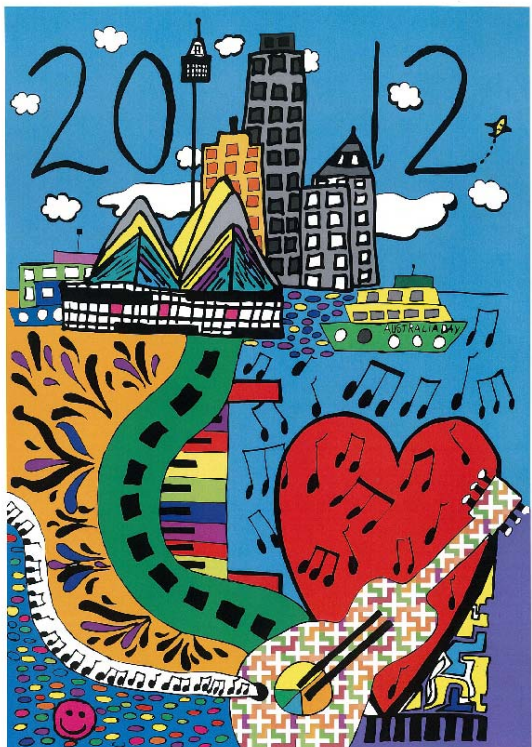
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Canteen News



Congratulations to Ellie (4/5W) who's **Sydney Port Competition** Entry won her an iPad2 and the school received \$3000 towards technology. Tina and Michael from Sydney Ports came and gave Ellie her prize and a framed copy of her artwork.

The other children who entered the competition received certificates and gift bags of goodies from Sydney Ports.



The Christmas Stall has been a wonderful success and the children had such a good time shopping for their family and friends, it would not have been possible without the support from the Birchgrove Family's.

I would like to thank everyone who donates gifts to the stall, there were some very generous donations. I would also like to thank everyone who came and purchased the gifts, your support was very much appreciated.

I would like to thank a few people who helped make this Christmas Stall the best we have ever had.

Priscilla Leighton-Clark for her amazing generosity and support she has given to me with the Xmas Stall.

Tracy Vassie who came in early each morning before work and also gave up her lunchtimes to help me with gift wrapping, pricing, setting up and selling of the gifts.

Rose Russell and **Jim Short** for donating all of the beautiful sterling silver jewellery, you were very generous.

Amanda Maglis, Lisa Wagstaffe, Carolyn Gardiner, Meredith Davis, Christine Johnston, Simone Love, Milou Percy and **Michael Maglis** for coming in early and helping set up and selling the gifts.

I could not have had such a successful Christmas Stall without all of your help.

I would also like to thank everyone who has volunteered in the canteen in 2011 and thanks for all of the items donated from the wishlists.

Thank you **Paul Taranto** for your **weekly** fresh fruit donations, your support is appreciated by everyone.

Meredith Davis you are amazing, volunteering every Friday was a great effort, thank you.

To **Kirsten Pain** all of those Meal Deals you have organised have been great. You are also there to help with anything, whether it be emails or typing the notes to go home, the Christmas Stall, the list is endless. Thank you.

A very big **THANK YOU** to all of the families and staff who have recess and lunch orders from the canteen, you keep the canteen open and going strong each year.

Merry Christmas
Regards
Karen

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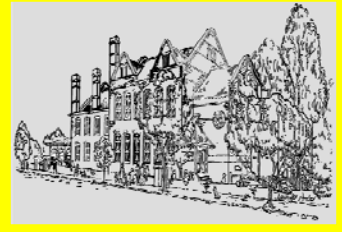
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Thank you to our 2011 P&C SPONSORS for all your support this year!

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
THE CAR DEALERS' DEALER

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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 care.