

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 9 7th December, 2011

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The **Canteen Christmas Stall** has been doing a fantastic trade the last few mornings. The children have had a great time buying presents for their families.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who donated time and goods to make the event so successful. Money raised will help run the canteen in 2012



Students in 4/5W have enjoyed reading to the Preschool students, in preparation for becoming buddies next year. The preschool enjoyed attention from the older children and are keen to join us in "big school".



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
	Stage 2 Recognition Ceremony
12/12	9:30-11
13/12	Stage 3 Recognition Ceremony
	9:30-11 (inc.4/5W)
14/12	Kindergarten Recognition Ceremony
14/6	K-2 Picnic Elkington Park
15/12	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



Exodus Foundation

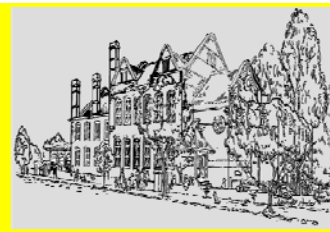
Every year we support the Exodus Foundation at this time of the year with non perishable food items and presents. If you would like to make a donation the collection point is the tinsel Christmas tree in the foyer.

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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. Children should wear full music uniform.

Performance begins at 9:30am. 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 2.30 on Thursday afternoon. 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. Please tell your children to go to the terrace as this is normally an out of bounds area for the kids.

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

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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Principals Report

Last night along with many of the teachers I attended the **Year 6 Farewell**. The children had a fabulous time and were joined by their families in time for speeches and graduation certificates.

Our **Recognition Ceremonies** started today with **Stage 1**. It was lovely to hear the fabulous attainments detailed in the children's certificates. The performances were enjoyed by all.



It is that lovely time of year again where I was lucky enough to receive an invitation to the **stunning preschool concerts**. The children attending 3 days a week out on a stunning show for their families. I am looking forward to attending the next two concerts tomorrow afternoon.



The children's **reports** will go out on Monday. Please look out for them in their bags.

Please note that the **3-6 picnic day** has changed to the 15th December (was 14th) due to pool availability.

On Monday we will be putting the children into their tentative **classes for 2012** to have a session with next year's teacher. Please note these classes are subject to change, according to numbers and staffing.

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.

It was great to catch up with visiting **exBirchgrovians**, Emily, Mackenzie, Sarah and Jacinta. It's always good to hear how our students are enjoying high school.

Tracy Gray



Tim Cahill Coaching Clinics are back this January with a twist!

Four children from the January Tim Cahill Coaching Clinics will be selected to train with the Everton academy for a week in 2012. Selection will be based on talent, attitude, skill and application to soccer so everyone has a chance! The four children chosen will be flown over with their guardian to;

- * Meet Tim Cahill
 - * Train with the Everton academy for a week
 - * Watch Tim and his Everton team-mates play in a Premier League game
 - * Receive a personalised tour of Goodison Park by Tim.
- Don't miss out on this exclusive opportunity, Sign up to the January Tim Cahill Coaching Clinics today<<https://www.timcahill.com/FCKeditor/editor/%7b2015%7d>> and enjoy exclusive access to 'Club Cahill' – an online interactive service where your child can get closer to Tim.

The Clinics will be held in NSW over the following dates;
2nd – 4th January 2012 at Newcastle University - Newcastle

6th – 8th January 2012 at NSW University – Sydney

10th – 12th January 2012 at Australian National University – Canberra

Find out how your child can improve their soccer and how to get involved at

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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.*