

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 8 28th November 2012

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term	
4	
19/11-22/11	Swimming School
26/11-29/11	
27/11	Music Committee AGM
30/11	Concert Band BDO
4/12	Years 1 & 2 Excursion Bicentennial Park Education Centre
7/12	Christmas Concert St Johns Hall P2 Concert 1pm P&C Disco
11/12	Year 6 Formal
11/12	P3 Concert 1pm
11/12	Kindergarten Graduation
12/12	Stage 1 Recognition Ceremony
13/12	Stage 3 Recognition Ceremony
14/12	Stage 2 Recognition Ceremony
14/12	Year 6 Day Out
17/12	Picnic Day 3-6 Pool K-2 Movies
19/12	Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Year 6 Clap Out
19/12	Last Day of Term 4



Premiers Reading Challenge 2012

PRC. Certificates should arrive at school at the end of November. On the 30th of November, the Sun Herald will be publishing the Honour Roll online. The Newspaper Supplement will be published in the Newspaper on 2nd December. Thank you for your support.
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Principals Report

Congratulations to our newly appointed **2013 P&C executive**. I am looking forward to working with you

Chris O'Donnell - President
Angela Davis - Vice President Matt Garvey - Vice President/Grants
Kate Myles - Secretary
Amy Large - Asst Secretary
Tony Board - Treasurer
Prue Gillespie - Sponsorship
Eric Moore - Sponsorship
Meredith Davis - Fundraising Co-ordinator

Congratulations to our newly elected **2013 School Student Parliament:**

Prime Ministers

Madeliene Brigg & Luke Gallen

Deputy Prime Ministers

Bronte Carrington & Reilly Large

Ministers

Rose Fitz, Hunter Wright, Ethan Whitty-Pike & Jack Millar

It is that time of year when our office staff balance the years finances. **The finance office will be closed next Monday** while this happens. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Tracy Gray

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THE 2nd HAND UNIFORM STALL

is on again at the Main School Entrance

THIS WEEK

Thursday 29th of November at pick-up: 2.45 – 3.45 pm
& Friday 30th of November at drop-off: 8.00 – 9.45 am

You will find lots of good quality recycled summer and winter uniform items so...

THINK GREEN & GRAB a BARGAIN!

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).



All of us at **Camp Australia Out of Hours School Care** are excited to be a part of the Birchgrove Public School community. At OSHC, children will find opportunities to learn, grow and make new friends. Afternoon activities include art and crafts, group games, sports, construction and cooking just to name a few.

We are also running '**Holiday Club**' during the next school holidays: December 20th – 21st and January 7th - 29th. To register please visit our website or call Alice Caspers on 0402 659 092 if you have any enquiries. Activities will include projects, themed days and excursions.

<http://www.campastralia.com.au/parents/holiday-club-finder.aspx>

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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CommonwealthBank School Banking - Bank yourself an iPad Mini!!!

Hot offer from the Commonwealth Bank...All students with an existing Youthsaver account with the Commonwealth Bank, have the opportunity to win one of twelve iPad Minis for Christmas by simply completing a deposit through the School Banking Program. Get your deposits in between Nov 19 and December 14 to go in the draw to win. School banking takes place every Monday during the school term.

Can you help? We are looking for a new co-ordinator (s) for next year. It's quite straight- forward and can be done at your leisure (two people can alternate terms if that's preferred) Please contact Trish on 0417 472 060 or t_power@hotmail.com and she can explain what's involved.



the
exodus
foundation | Rev. bill
crews

Each year, as a school community we collect food and presents for The Exodus Foundation which services families in need and the homeless in the inner west. There will be a donation box in the school foyer next week. Food items need to be non-perishable or have long expiry dates.as they will not be picked up until the last week of term. Presents need to be unwrapped, but donations of wrapping paper are appreciated.

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Music Committee AGM

A big thank you to all those have been on the Music Committee this year. Particular thanks to our retiring treasurer Nicky Bennett and to Denise Berg, Kim Ireland and Weiyun Yu who are leaving the school after many years of building the Music Program to the high standard it is today.

The Committee for 2013 will be:

Coordinator- Lisa Healy

Treasurer –Jerome Fink

Assistant Treasurer- TBC

Secretary – Suzanne Shipard

Instrument Coordinator – Michelle Stellini

Tutor Coordinator- Jacki Fortune

Senior Strings contact parent – Laura McDonald

Intermediate strings contact parent – Finola Daly

Junior strings contact parent – Louise Thompson

Concert Band contact parents Sam Brampton, Marian Barker, Rose Russell & Catherine Whitty

Training Band contact parent – Kirsten Nicoll

Advanced recorder consort contact parent – Carmen O'Hara

Recorder consort contact parent – TBC

Intermediate recorder contact parent – Rebecca Cortiula

Beginner recorders contact parent – TBC

Advanced ECM contact parent– TBC

Intermediate ECM contact parent– TBC

Please let Lisa at rich@rdhinchliffe.com know if you would be interested in filling one of the vacant positions.

Recruitment Night Update

Offers have now gone out for positions in the Strings Ensembles and Training Band. If you haven't received an offer for your child please contact Lisa at rich@rdhinchliffe.com for strings or Jacki at jackifortune@yahoo.com for band as soon as possible. Acceptance forms need to be printed out, signed and handed in into the school office by Friday.

Band, String and Recorder Parents

We are currently planning next year's Music Program. If your child will not be continuing in their current ensemble in 2013, please let your parent contact know as soon as possible.

Senior Music Ensembles Concert

Last Sunday our Senior Music Ensembles performed for friends and family in the School Hall. This is the first year that this concert has been held and, by all accounts, it was a terrific success. By this time of year our Senior ensembles have developed an extensive repertoire and this was a great opportunity for them to play it.

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Concert Band and Senior Strings BIG DAY OUT

Concert Band and Senior Strings will have their Big Day Out this Friday. Permission notes are due in today. If a student does not bring in a permission note, they will not be able to go on the excursion. Children need to wear music uniform. Also, if your child has a portable music stand could you please let Jacki know and bring it along on the day. Every school stand we don't have to take will make the transportation job that much easier. There is no Concert Band rehearsal on Friday morning but as the bus leaves at 9am students need to be at school by 8.45am at the latest.

Piano, Vocals and drums tuition in 2013

If anyone is interested in piano, vocals or drum lessons next year, can they please contact Jacki at jackifortune@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

Birchgrove Music Christmas Dinner

Our Music Committee annual Christmas Dinner will be held at the Royal Oak Hotel on Wednesday, 5th December starting at 7.30pm. If you would like to come along please rsvp to Denise at bergmail@tpg.com.au by 1 December.

Dates for the Diary

- ☉ 30 November – Big Day Out for Concert Band & Senior Strings, Chester Hill North Public School
- ☉ 5 December – Birchgrove Music Christmas Dinner, Royal Oak Hotel, 7.30pm
- ☉ 7 December – Christmas Concert, St John's Church, Birchgrove & End of year lunch for Birchgrove Music students

ETHICS UPDATE

Following the Dec 2010 amendment of the NSW Education Act 1990, students who don't attend Special Religious Education (SRE)/Scripture classes in NSW public schools now have a legal right to receive philosophical ethics classes (known as Special Education in Ethics) as an option to supervised 'private study.'

For further information about the content of the philosophical ethics curriculum or to see a short video, What Happens In Ethics Classes, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au

We currently have two classes running for Year 5 and 6 children. We will be ready to start classes for Years 3 and 4 in Term 1 next year. Those children who already opt out of SRE will have priority access to this class over others who might want to join by opting out now.

If your child is in Year 2 now and you are interested in your child doing ethics next year, please sign the permission slip and return to their teacher. If your child is in Years 3, 4 or 5 currently and you have already signed a permission slip, there is no need to fill out another.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me: jjuzzy@gmail.com

Signed,

Justine Ellis
Ethics Coordinator

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SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS FOR YEARS 3 AND 4

Following the Dec 2010 amendment of the NSW Education Act 1990, students who don't attend Special Religious Education (SRE)/Scripture classes in NSW public schools now have a legal right to receive philosophical ethics classes (known as Special Education in Ethics) as an option to supervised 'private study.'

The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for profit organisation, to deliver these classes. The philosophical ethics classes that make up the Primary Ethics curriculum are inquiry based. Children use dialogue and discussion, learning how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument.

We currently have two classes for Year 5 and 6 children. We will be ready to start classes for Years 3 and 4 in Term 1 next year. Those children who already opt out of SRE will have priority access to this class over others who might want to join by opting out now.

For further information about the content of the philosophical ethics curriculum or to see a short video, *What Happens In Ethics Classes*, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au

If you are interested in having your Year 3 or 4 child attend this class, please complete the form below and return to the office before Friday, December 14.

Signed,
Justine Ellis
Ethics Coordinator

Signed,
Tracy Gray
Principal

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Tick one box only...

My child currently opts out of SRE or I would like my child to opt out of SRE*

I would like my child to attend Special Education in Ethics until further notice.

Parent Name: _____ Signed: _____

* If demand for Special Education in Ethics exceeds positions available and your child cannot be accommodated in the ethics class, he/she will remain in SRE until you notify the office otherwise.

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Annie Jr.


Play Time
Studios

**A musical workshop
For kids 5-12**

14-18 January
9am to 3pm
Balmain Scout Hall

**Book before
18 December
& receive the
early bird price:
\$260!**

Children will develop confidence
and performance skills as they
rehearse and perform a mini
musical to invited family & friends.

For more info or to book:
www.playtimestudios.com.au
playtimestudios@mail.com
0431 400 233

**After school
drama classes
starting in
2013!**

Act. Believe. Achieve.

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Canteen Christmas Stall Monday 3rd December



Gifts on sale from 8.30am outside the canteen area

The Canteen is having its very popular Christmas stall again this year but to make it a success again we need your help and support.

We are asking for donations of gifts for the children to come and purchase for their mums, dads, siblings and grandparents etc.

We need the gifts as soon as possible so we can have them wrapped and priced ready for the stall.

Below is a list of gift ideas:-

Christmas cakes/puddings, Rocky Road, Chocolates, White Xmas, tea towel, Christmas Aprons, Jams, Jewellery, Christmas Kitchen Items, Games Christmas, Decorations, Toys, Lego CD's, DVD's, Books, Smiggles, Hair Accessories, Ties, Cufflinks, Aftershave, Perfume, Hand/ face creams, Clothing, Coffee Pots, Teapots, Mugs/cups & saucers, Bowls, Dress up costumes/ tutus, Soaps/candles, Beach towels, Handbags/purses, Key rings, Stationary – pencils, pens, crayons etc, Balls – Tennis, golf, soccer, footballs

Or anything else that you might like for Christmas, or that would make a great gift.

All items must be new and undamaged, we will not accept any used or broken items.

The Christmas stall is the canteen's major fundraiser for the year and your support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Karen

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Get your tickets quick!
NO tickets sold on the night.



Cash bar, glowstix and sweet treats available for sale on the night.

Birchgrove Public School P&C

Christmas

Disco!!

Friday

7th

December

P-2: 5pm - 6.30pm

3-6: 6.30pm - 8pm

TICKETS:

(incl DISCO, BBQ sausage and a soft drink)

Single (Child or Adult): \$7

Family (4 or more): \$25

This is a P&C function so parents **MUST** attend to supervise their children at the disco.

Offers of assistance are greatly appreciated.

Tickets available online at <http://www.trybooking.com/CDNG>. Simply print your ticket for entry on the night.
Tickets also available to be purchased after school the week prior.

