

Birchgrove Buzz

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Principal's Report

NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge 2013



On Monday as a part of the Premiers Sporting Challenge we had a visit from two of the **Socceroos**. Ivan Franjic and Matt McKay who play for the Brisbane Roar.

We asked them questions about soccer and their careers and they handed out sports certificates and autographed memorabilia for us. We were on channels 9, SBS and Fox Sports on Monday night. We were also published in yesterday's edition of the Daily Telegraph.

Kindergarten Orientation finished on Tuesday with a morning tea for the new parents. Thank you to this year's parents who supplied food and those who came along to set up and help, it was a fabulous welcome for the 2014 Kindergarten Parents. It was great to get to know talk to them in a less formal setting. While the parents chatted and enjoyed a coffee the pre-schoolers played games with Year 5 students.



Thank you to Sue Osmond and fabulous crew of helpers who ran the Second Hand Clothing Stall yesterday afternoon and this morning. The stall raised around \$900 and lots of parents have supplemented the children's school wardrobes.

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SICK STUDENTS There have been a number of students coming to school unwell. We ask that parents and carers keep their children at home if they are not well. Viruses and illnesses spread very quickly amongst students and staff in the school environment. The school does not have the staff or facilities to care for sick children. Should your child become ill throughout the day you will be contacted to come and take your child home. Please keep them at home until they are well again. I ask you to ensure that your contact details and those of your emergency contacts are up to date.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS (including preschool) When requested to make a payment, fill in excursion notes and place the note and any money owed in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, class, what the payment is for and the correct amount of money enclosed. This envelope should then be given to your child's class teacher who will then give it to Toni or Melanie our finance people in the office.



Road safety

It's important to remind children, especially younger ones, of the need to be vigilant when out and about. Talk to your child about road safety and model good behaviour yourself. For lots of good safety reminders, Kidsafe NSW has an informative website with a number of free brochures and fact sheets on maintaining a safe environment for your child and teaching them about staying safe. They are also available in several community languages. www.kidsafensw.org

Fines for Schools Zones

- Double parking \$265 & 2 demerit points
- Stopping on or near a children's crossing \$353 & 2 demerit points
- Approach children's crossing to quickly to stop safely \$441 & 4 demerit points
- Use a hand-held mobile phone while driving \$353 & 4 demerit points

Tracy Gray



Birchgrove Public School Rules

I care for my school when I:

- ask to use school equipment
- put away school equipment in the right place
- respect hall displays
- replace my things in my bag
- place rubbish in bins provide

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Reading challenge The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Preview app is a great way for students to find new books and track their progress in the challenge. It's free to download. To download the app: <http://apps.microsoft.com/windows/en-au/app/nsw-premiers-reading-challenge/7a451df8-214b-4cd7-92a8-f8a4ea6dbe78>

Understanding climate change Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO's scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling.

Find out more: <http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx>

Selective high school placement Applications for 2015 placements for Year 7 in a selective high school close 18 November. Parents with internet access are asked to apply online. For information and application forms: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Art about Australia The Aussie Art competition invites primary school children (K-6) to enter an artwork with a brief description of why 'Australia is the best place in the world' for a chance to win a P&O family cruise or a 16GB iPad 2. The competition closes on 17 February 2014. Enter the competition: www.aussievault.com.au

Ready for high school Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages. Search by language:

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php

2013	Dates to Remember
	Parent
	Music
	Sport
	Student Parliament
14/11	Preschool Orientation
20/11	P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom AGM
18-21/11	Swim School Years 3-6
22/11	Preschool Interviews
22/11	P&C Disco
26/11	Music Committee Meeting 7pm in staffroom AGM
25-28/11	Swim School Years 3-6
2/12	Cybersafety - Year 4,5,6 Staff Meeting Parents Meeting
4/12	Kindergarten Graduation
5/12	Years 5&6 Recognition Ceremony
6/12	Christmas Concert St Johns Church
10/12	Year 6 Farewell
10/12	Year 3 & 4 Recognition Ceremony
10/12	Preschool Concert (3 day classes)
11/12	Year 1 & 2 Recognition Ceremony
12/12	Picnic Day K-6
13/12	Year 6 Darling Harbour
18/12	Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Clapout
18/12	Last Day of Term 4



Canteen Christmas Stall Monday 2nd December

We are having our very successful Canteen Christmas Stall again this year. We need your help with donations of gifts to make this year a great success as well.

We need gifts for kids, men and ladies as soon as possible, to ensure enough time to have all the gifts wrapped and ready for sale by December 2nd. All gifts must be new. We cannot accept any used or broken items.

Gift ideas include (but are not limited to): Toys, books, puzzles, footballs, golf/soccer/tennis balls, games, stationery, Smiggle, CDs, DVDs, aftershave, hats/caps, wallets, key rings, socks, drink holders, perfume, make up bags, make up, cups/mugs, bowls, plates, platters.

Christmas cakes, puddings, chocolates, other Christmas food items, Christmas tea towels, decorations etc.

...or any other gift item you think would make a nice Christmas present.

Thank you for your support
Karen



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Cybersmart TIP#17

Excessive Use

Too much time online can impact on your health and wellbeing, family, relationships, work or education.

To find out more about how you can keep your child safe online attend the upcoming cybersafety presentation schedule in your school.

Session details:
2/12 @ 6:60pm in the school hall
Birchgrove Public School

www.cybersmart.gov.au

outreach

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Summer Disco



Friday November 22
Preschool - yr2
yr3 - yr6

5-6.30pm
6.30-8pm

Tickets: \$7 single \$25 Family (4 or more) incl. BBQ sausage & drink
Purchase direct: www.trybooking.com/DWHL

No tickets for sale on the night & all children must be supervised by a parent.

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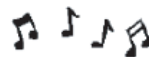
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Learn *Music* on *keyboard* in **2014** Birchgrove Public School

Currently Taking Enrolments Now!
Limited Vacancies

- * 45 minute weekly lesson - small group
- * Instrument not required initially
- * Music material provided
- * Competitive rate - \$25 per session
- * Convenient at-school venue



Smart Kids Love Music!

Call: **9411 3122** to enrol
(business hours during school term)



www.learnmusicatschool.com.au

Classes for 2014

It is the time of year where we are starting to look at classes for 2014. If you are not returning please in 2014 (and not in Y6) please let the school know now by completing and returning the note below.

Students NOT RETURNING to Birchgrove in 2014

Please inform the office by completing this form if your child will NOT be returning to Birchgrove in 2014. (Please do not reply if your child is in Year 6 this year 2013).

My child: _____ of class _____ will not be returning to Birchgrove Public School in 2014.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

My child will be attending: _____ in 2014

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this form. We are starting to work out classes for next year and this information helps make decisions on how the classes will be set up and what enrolments we can accept. We are still operating at capacity and need to be able to advise parents if there are spots available in 2014.