

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 7 20th November 2013

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Principal's Report



Tonight is the **P&C AGM** (7pm in staffroom all welcome!) and I would like to thank our outstanding P&C Executive and Committees for all their hard work and support this year. They have been a pleasure to work with and a huge support for the school.

Swim School It is really important to learn about water safety and how to swim in a country surrounded by water and water activities are such a priority. Classes 3-6 have attended swim school this week and will be swimming again next week!

Preschool Christmas Decoration Time! Preschool have been enjoying creating Christmas wreaths and Christmas trees! Zoe decided to use a pattern to create her wreath. She used red and gold to make a two colour pattern. Andie and Baz worked together to paint the Christmas tree green. Then everybody helped to decorate the tree with stars.



Preschool have an **old brown cupboard** they no longer need. It is free to anyone who can arrange to remove it! Let Ms Brazier know if you are interested.

See you at the Disco on Friday. Don't forget funds raised are going to Stewart House! <http://www.stewarthouse.org.au/>

Tracy Gray



Birchgrove Public School Rules

I respect others when I:

- look after other people's property
- follow school rules
- move without making noise around the school
- expect the best

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LIBRARY NEWS Week Eight will be the last week for Library borrowing for the year. Books will need to be returned for the yearly stocktake and shelving.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Chris Illieff

2013

Dates to Remember

Parent

Music

Sport

Student Parliament

20/11

P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom AGM

18-21&

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

Swim School Years 3-6

2/12

Cybersafety - Year 4,5,6 Staff Meeting Parents Meeting 5:30pm

4/12

Kindergarten Graduation 9:30 seating for a 9:45 start

5/12

Years 5&6 Recognition Ceremony 9:30 seating for a 9:45 start

6/12

Christmas Concert St Johns Church

6/12

Parent Volunteers Thank you Morning Tea

10/12

Year 6 Farewell

10/12

Year 3 & 4 Recognition Ceremony 9:30 seating for a 9:45 start

10/12

Preschool Concert (3 day classes)

11/12

Year 1 & 2 Recognition Ceremony 9:30 seating for a 9:45 start

12/12

Picnic Day K-6 K-2 Movie Day Y3-6 Swimming

13/12

Year 6 Darling Harbour

18/12

Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Arch

18/12

Last Day of Term 4

Planning for the future Throughout your child's school life you'll need to make choices about aspects of their education and future. Here's a selection of tips to help you plan for parent-teacher talks, subject selection, careers advice and back-to-school. Planning for the future: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future>

Kids, homework and lies Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O'Loughlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework. Homework tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/kids-homework-and-lies>

Maths at home Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play. Maths at home: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>



At **Birchgrove OSHC** we have been learning native plants and animals. We made a diorama, and the children made all kinds of animals. We also began constructing our garden, clearing away all the weeds! Thanks to those parents who have given us plants etc. If you have any spare plants lying around please feel free to bring them in! This week the theme is Space and we will be creating our own Birchgrove Universe based on what we learn about the real universe! We would also like to remind you that we are providing time for the children to do their homework. As always, please remember to call Head Office on 1300 105 343 if your child will (or won't) be attending After Care.

Thanks, **Birchgrove Team**

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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 @ 5:30pm in the school hall
Birchgrove Public School



www.cybersmart.gov.au

outreach

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Birchgrove Public School is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge. Birchgrove Public School is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home. The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on: Monday 2nd December at 5:30pm-7pm in the school hall.

To register your attendance, please return the note below as soon as possible, so we make sure there are enough seats and handouts!. Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.

Yours Sincerely,

Tracy Gray
Principal

Cyber Smart Parent Session

Fax: 9555 8653

Email: Birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

I will be attending the Cybersmart Parent Session on Monday 2nd Decmber @5:30pm -7pm in Birchgrove Public School's Hall

Parents/Carers Name(s): _____

My children attend:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Birchgrove Public School
<input type="checkbox"/>	Balmain Public School
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicholson St Public School
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rozelle Public School Public School
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange Gove Public School



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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





HELPER MORNING TEA

**We want to say
THANK YOU
to all the parents and carers
who have helped in many
different ways**

bread
butter

ham
cheese

carrots
beans
apples
bananas

biscuits

When: Friday 6th December

**Time: 11.15 am approx.
(after St John's concert)**

**Where: On the Terrace/
Staffroom**

Thursday - Help
with reading

morning
Working Bee

CANTEEN ORDER FORM

hot dog

☐

drink

☐

payment \$ _____

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BAND NEWS

This Thursday morning (21st November), there is a combined Training Band/Concert Band rehearsal in the Hall starting at 7.50am. Please be on time.

Offers for the Training Band and Strings spots in 2014 will be emailed this week.

SENIOR SOIREE

The Senior Soiree will be held in the School Hall on the 24th November. Everyone is welcome to come and watch. The concert will start at 3.00pm. Please bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea.

MUSIC AGM

Next **Tuesday, 26th November**, the Music Committee will be holding its Annual General Meeting on in the Staffroom commencing at 7pm. Come along and learn about the great musical opportunities that Birchgrove offers. We are a friendly, inclusive group of mums and dads who pitch together to make it all happen and have a lot of fun and satisfaction along the way. Please consider volunteering to help us run the program in 2014. You don't have to have musical talent or take on a formal role to be involved.

TERM 4 MUSIC FEES DUE

Term 4 Music fees are now overdue. If you haven't received an invoice, have difficulty paying or have any queries, please contact our Treasurer, Jerome Fink at birchgrovemusic@hotmail.com.

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

- ☺ **Sunday, 24th November** – Senior Soiree
- ☺ **Tuesday, 26th November** – Music Committee AGM, 7pm, Staffroom
- ☺ **Friday, 6th December** – End of Year Concert, St John's Church followed by instrument return and Music students' lunch

Classes for 2014

It is the time of year where we are starting to look at classes for 2014. If you are not returning 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.

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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.



PIZZA for the Philippines MEAL DEAL

Tuesday 3rd December



Student Parliament is raising money for victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. All the money raised will be going towards the Australian Red Cross's **Typhoon Haiyan Appeal**. Funds raised through this appeal will be used to:

- provide emergency relief, rehabilitation and recovery assistance to communities affected by Typhoon Haiyan (including the Philippines and Vietnam)
- support water and sanitation, shelter and health initiatives in affected areas
- send specialist aid workers to assist in initial assessments, relief, recovery and longer term disaster management operations
- support Red Cross longer term programs and the work of our Red Cross Red Crescent partners in the affected areas.

To order pizza, please fill out the order form below and return it to your class teacher with the required money by **Friday 22nd of November**. Please feel free to donate extra money to the cause.

Student Parliament will deliver your child's order to their class, during eating time, on **Tuesday 3rd December**.



PIZZA for the Philippines MEAL DEAL

Order Form

Name:.....

Class:.....

Please **write the number of slices** of each pizza you would like to order next to one or more of the pizza varieties listed below:

1 Slice = \$3.00

2 Slices = \$5.00

3 Slices \$7.00

Type of Pizza	No. of Slices
Margherita (Cheese & Tomato)	
Hawaiian (Ham & Pineapple)	
BBQ Meatlovers	

Please return your completed order form along with the required amount of money to your teacher by **Friday 22nd November**. Extra donations will also be taken.

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Birchgrove Public School Community Keyring Deals!!

Simply flash your BPS 2013 keyring to support those local businesses that support YOUR school!!

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9am – noon Monday – Thursday.)

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WESTMINSTER

Donation to BPS of \$1000 for any housing loan above \$250,000
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Contact: James Grima on

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Stem is the perfect place to pick Kris Kringle and Teachers presents.
This month's offer: **Buy 10 gorgeous Christmas Decorations and get 1 FREE!**
Drop in to see the treasure trove of Xmas delights and get decorating for the Silly
Season!!

Stem – 295 Darling Street Balmain – 9810 5222

All offers are subject to availability and are at the discretion of the merchant. No rainchecks.

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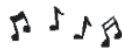
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