

Birchgrove Buzz

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Birchgrove End of Year Luau Disco

Friday November 21st

Raising funds for Stewart House

Buy your tickets online:
trybooking.com/GHPF

No tickets for sale on the door

Preschool – Yr 2
5.00pm – 6.30pm

Yr 3 – Yr 6
6.30pm – 8.00pm

Single ticket = \$7.50, Family of up to 5 = \$25
Family of 6 or more = \$30
Ticket includes a soft drink and a sausage.
All children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Teachers will not be supervising the students. For sale on the night: glow sticks, pizza, slushies, cakes, jellies and a cash bar for adults.

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2014

Dates to Remember

*Parent
Music
Sport
Student Parliament*

Term 4

21/11	Disco 5-6:30 Pre-2 6:30-8:00 3-6
25/11	Preschool Interviews
26/11	Preschool Interviews
26/11	P&C Meeting 7pm
28/11	Year 5 & 6 Sleepover
1/12	Canteen Christmas Stall
4/12	Stage 3 Recognition
5/12	St John's Christmas Concert
5/12	Preschool Concert
5/12	Parents Thank you Morning Tea
5/12	Preschool Concert
9/12	Preschool Party
9/12	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
10/12	Stage 2 Recognition Ceremony
11/12	Kindergarten Recognition Ceremony
11/12	Preschool Party
12/12	Year 6 Picnic
12/12	Stage 1 Recognition Ceremony
15/12	School Picnic Day
16/12	Preschool Cleaning Day
17/12	Farewell Assembly and Year 6 Arch
17/12	Last Day of Term 4

Library News

This week is the last week of Library borrowing, please return all books. I will be sending out overdue notices. The annual Library stock take will begin in week Eight.

Thank You for your Support.
Mrs Christine Ilieff

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Congratulations to our newly elected **2015 Student Parliament Ministry!**

Prime Ministers: Asha & Rowan

Deputy Prime Ministers: Annie & Jack

Ministers: Jean, Indie, Oli & Liam



Scopa is an Italian card game, and one of the two major national card games in Italy. It is also popular in Brazil, brought in by Italian immigrants, mostly. It is played with a standard Italian 40-card deck, mostly between two players or four in two partnerships, but it can also be played by 3, 5, or 6 players.

The name is an Italian noun meaning "broom", since taking a scopa means "to sweep" all the cards from the table. Watching a game of scopa can be a highly entertaining activity, since games traditionally involve lively, colorful, and somewhat strong-worded banter in between hands.^[3] However, skill and chance are more important to the outcome of the game.

It was great to meet the new preschool students and parents for 2015 at their transition morning. It was nice to have some familiar faces as we welcome some siblings of K-6 students to Birchgrove. Other highlights of my week have included 1D's musical assembly showcasing their class music program and reading about the children's achievements' this year in their reports!

See you at the Disco,
Tracy Gray
Principal

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Comprehension help for teens

Some kids will read perfectly in primary school and then suddenly struggle with comprehension in high school. Here's why. Comprehension help: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can>

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'Loghlin 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>

Classes for 2015

It is the time of year where we are starting to look at classes for 2015. If you are not returning please in 2015 (and not in Y6) please let the school know now by completing and returning the note below.

Students NOT RETURNING to Birchgrove in 2015

Please inform the office by completing this form if your child will NOT be returning to Birchgrove in 2015. (Please do not reply if your child is in Year 6 this year 2014).

My child: _____ of class _____ will not be returning to Birchgrove Public School in 2015.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

My child will be attending: _____ in 2015

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 2015.



Preschool Blue

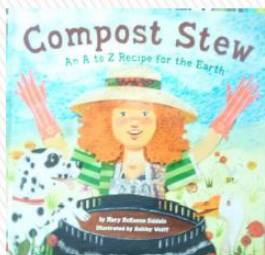
WEEK 5: Tuesday 4th November



We are growing bean shoots at Preschool.

- We sprinkled some alfalfa seeds in the top part of our sprouter kit.
- Some water cress seeds in the middle.
- Some mustard seeds in the green part.
- We then stacked the bowls one on top of the other.

We then poured a cup of water into the top bowl and watched the water drip down and soak all the seeds from top to bottom.



Week 6: Tuesday 11th November

One week later:

Our bean shoots are growing more and more each day.



Emily showed us some pictures they took of her and her brother at the Remembrance Day exhibition at the NSW State Library.

Emily dressed as a nurse and her brother as soldier from 100 years ago. We also stood quietly and tried to have a minute silence with our class.

Lest we forget!
100 yrs 1914-2014 >

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Please donate gifts now to support your school canteen.



Canteen Christmas Stall
Monday 1st December
Starts 8.30am

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SENIOR MUSICAL SOIREE



Bravo to our talented musicians and conductors who really shone at last Sunday's Senior Musical Soiree!

What a marvellous experience it was to be entertained by the school's senior music ensembles on a warm Spring afternoon. The concert featured the Senior Strings conducted by Aeree Kim, the Advanced Consort Recorders conducted by Alicia Crossley, the Rock Guitar ensemble conducted by Mike Rix and the Concert Band conducted by Rod Mason. Many thanks to all the organisers, participants and helpers.



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MUSIC COMMITTEE AGM

Please do come along to the Music Committee AGM next **Tuesday, 25th November** at **7pm** in the **School Staffroom**. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our school's excellent Music Program.

If you have a child who is benefitting from the Music Program or would like to join an ensemble in the future, please consider offering assistance in 2015.

The Music Committee is a group of volunteers that meets about two evenings a term to run the program and plan events, like the concerts and music camp. The meetings are short and fun. Several long-term Committee members are retiring this year so we need new recruits to ensure that the Program continues into the future.

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

- ☺ **Thursday, 20th November** – End of Year Music Program Dinner, Exchange Hotel, 7pm
- ☺ **Tuesday, 25th November** – Music Committee AGM, Staffroom, 7pm
- ☺ **Friday, 5th December** – End of Year Concert, St John's Church, Birchgrove

Latest news

Chess class

The chess class at Birchgrove Public School runs on Tuesday lunch from 1:10 pm - 1:55 pm.

If you are interested in joining the chess class, please contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au.

Puzzle information

Answer Puzzle nr. 13:

1. Qa3 #

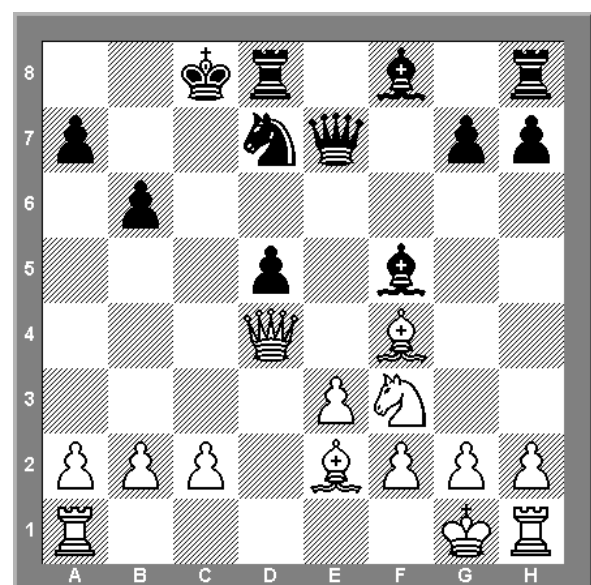
Upcoming chess tournaments

23 November: Xmas Swiss Chess Challenge

7 December: Inner West Sunday Fun

More information can be found on
www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Chess puzzle



Puzzle nr. 13: White to play and checkmate in 1 move