

# Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 10

9th December 2015

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## 2015

## Dates to Remember

10/12

10/12

10/12

11/12

11/12

11/12

14/12

15/12

15/12

16/12

16/12

16/12

## 2016

28/1

28/1 & 29/1

29/1-8/2

1/2

17/2

26/2

Parent

Music

Sport

Student Parliament

**Preschool Concert**

**Stage 1 Recognition**

**Music Committee Dinner**

Preschool Party

**Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony**

Year 6 Picnic Day

**Tacky Christmas Tshirt Day**

Preschool Party

K-6 Parsley Bay Picnic Day

**Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Arch/ Clap out**

Preschool Cleaning Day

Last Day of 2015 School Year for students

K-6 students Start

Best Start- Kindergarten

Preschool Start Dates

Kindergarten Start School

P&C Meeting

Welcome Back BBQ

## Principals Report



To continue offering **Ethics 2016** need to find some new volunteers to take the classes, the details are below.

For a little bit of fun we have decided to have a **Tacky Christmas Tshirt Day** on Monday for staff and students.

### Farewell to Students

Year 6 have been sensational leaders and ambassadors' for our school and I wish them every success as they continue to grow into amazing adults.

Tracy Gray



Thankyou for all your help and support this year. Have a safe and happy holiday with your families and we look forward to seeing you in 2016!

Miss Gray and the Birchgrove Staff



## Year 6 Farewell /Graduation Masquerade



More photographs will be posted on the school website.

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## P&C

Hard to believe another school year is almost over. The P&C has had a successful year and we are all looking forward to 2016. Luckily all regular members of the P&C have signed up for another year. I would though encourage anyone who is interested in finding out more about the school and how we can help Tracy and the teachers improve the school to please come and attend the monthly meetings next year. In the new year we will have some exciting announcements to make that we hope will have a real positive impact on the school and the kids.

I did also want to say thank you to everyone who did attend P&C meetings this year and the P&C executive. I would like to make a special mention of Susan Bannister as the effort she has put in this year for the school was pretty amazing"

**Matthew Garvey**  
P&C President



## Ethics Classes at Birchgrove Public School

Dear parents and carers,

Could you be an Ethics Teacher for Birchgrove Public School?

Some of our current Ethics Teachers are moving on at the end of the year and we are seeking volunteers so that classes can continue in 2016.

Ethics Teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, which consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Curriculum and access to teaching resources is provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and developing their critical thinking skills and must be available on Friday morning each week.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) and contact the Ethics Co-ordinator Mark Lauer at [ethicsm@rklauer.net](mailto:ethicsm@rklauer.net).

Yours Sincerely

Tracy Gray  
Principal

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## END OF YEAR MUSIC CELEBRATIONS



*Students throw their hats in the air at the end of the concert*

On the morning of Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, St John's Church resonated with the joyful sounds of the Birchgrove End of Year Concert. Students, parents, teachers and friends gathered to listen to the bands, choirs and string and recorder ensembles play a wide selection of carols and other songs. We also had some of our senior students speak eloquently about how their family celebrates at this time of year. It was a time to express our appreciation for our hardworking conductors and Music Committee parents. Thanks go to the organisers and to Rob Cormack for MC'ing.

On Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of Dec, the musicians had their Annual Music Students Lunch. Large quantities of pizza, garlic bread and icy poles were consumed and Mr Cormack took the opportunity to hand out the music trophies to the Year 6 students who have graduated from the Birchgrove Music program in 2015. We wish them all the best for high school and a lifelong musical journey!

### INSTRUMENTS AND CLASSES 2015

Instrument handout will take place on Friday, 12 February 2016 with rehearsals and lessons starting in the week beginning 15 February 2015.

There are still places available for Beginner Recorders and Kodaly classes. Please contact [michelle\\_stellini@hotmail.com](mailto:michelle_stellini@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

Enquiries about tutors should be directed to [amanda.headford@inet.net.au](mailto:amanda.headford@inet.net.au)

Finally, hope you all have a safe and happy holiday!

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## EVERYONE IS INVITED! STUDENT ART EXHIBITION CHINESE NEW YEAR 2016

**Chinese Gardens of Friendship**

**Darling Harbour**

**6th - 23rd February 2016**

THIS IS AN ASSOCIATED EVENT WITH THE CITY OF SYDNEY'S CHINESE NEW YEAR  
CELEBRATIONS 2016

### **KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 1 2016 ARE NOW OPEN!**

WED. AND THURS. 3:15PM - 5PM BIRCHGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

AN AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS FROM K-6

CREATIVE AND FUN CLASSES RUN BY A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST.

AFTERNOON TEA AND ART MATERIALS PROVIDED.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES PAINTING, DRAWING, PRINTMAKING,  
DIGITAL ART, SCULPTURE AND FABRIC ART.

CONTACT: SABINA E: [sabina@kidsattheartouse.com](mailto:sabina@kidsattheartouse.com)

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### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP "DREAM" EXHIBITION - 2013, 2014 & 2015

WINNER & SECOND PRIZE CHILDRENS BOOK WEEK POSTER COMPETITION 2015

WINNER AVANT CARDS "CALLING ALL ARTIST'S" COMPETITION 2013

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY AND LITERACY FOUNDATION 2013

FINALIST AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013

WINNER SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012

WINNER SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011

WINNER AVANT CARDS "CALLING ALL ARTIST'S" COMPETITION 2010