

Birchgrove Buzz

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2015

Dates to Remember

	Parent
	Music
	Sport
	Student Parliament
4/12	St Johns Christmas Concert & Hired Instrument Handback
4/12	Volunteers Thank you Morning Tea
7/12	Music Lunch
8/12	Preschool Concert
8/12	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
9/12	Stage 2 Recognition Ceremony
10/12	Preschool Concert
10/12	Stage 1 Recognition
10/12	Music Committee Dinner
11/12	Preschool Party
11/12	Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony
11/12	Year 6 Picnic Day
14/12	Tacky Christmas Tshirt Day
15/12	Preschool Party
15/12	K-6 Parsley Bay Picnic Day
16/12	Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Arch/ Clap out
16/12	Preschool Cleaning Day
16/12	Last Day of 2015 School Year for students

Principals Report

There is a **Thank you Morning Tea** after the St Johns Music concert for all our sensational parent volunteers and helpers.... Which is actually nearly every parent! (invitation following, further down newsletter).

As the year is starting to wrap up it is time to start the goodbyes.

Sylvia Stephens- after many years in the office at Birchgrove Sylvia is retiring at the end of the year. I would like to thank her for her constant helpfulness, endless enthusiasm and care of the children, parents and staff. Sylvia will be visiting us when we need a casual in the office!

Sandra Miesner- after more years of dedication than most of her students can count, Mrs Miesner is retiring! She will be greatly missed by the Birchgrove community and I wish her a happy retirement that is well deserved!

Renee Gare- Miss Gare is taking a years leave next year to enable her to teach at Yeo Park and help them introduce a play based learning program to their kindergarten. It is a great opportunity for her and I'm sure she will enjoy setting up the program.

Meagan Scott- Miss Scott is off overseas and then moving up the coast. She has been a fabulous addition to staff and has enjoyed her year with 1S. Have a great time in South America Miss Scott!

Danika Hawkins- Miss Hawkins has had a lovely year with 3/4H and been a helpful, motivated member of the teaching staff. In 2016 she is also moving up the coast, looking for a sea change. I wish her well in her search for a place to settle into!

Tracy Gray

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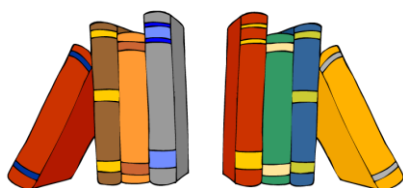
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Library News

Thank you for your help returning all books. Please let me know if you can't locate the book, email or phone me.

Mrs Christine Ilicff



CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

If your child is performing at the St John's concert, this is when and where they need to arrive this Friday morning:

Concert Arrival Times:

Concert Band - St John's Church, 8.00 am

Training Band - St John's Church, 8.00 am

All Recorders (Beginner, Intermediate, Accelerate & Consort) - St John's Church, 8.30 am

Senior Strings - St John's Church, 8.30 am

Intermediate Strings - St John's Church, 8.30 am

Junior Strings - St John's Church, 8.30 am

Choir (Junior) - Miss Ussher's Room, 9.00 am

Choir (Senior) - Mr Nguyen's Room, 9.00 am

If your child is in more than one ensemble, they should go with the earliest start time applicable. Please be on time!!!

All groups (apart from the choir) should wear Music Uniform.

St John's Church is on the corner of Spring St & Birchgrove Road.

Help Needed:

We need help with two things music related things on Thursday/Friday. If you can assist with any of these tasks, please contact michelle_stellini@hotmail.com

1. Transporting music stands and musical equipment to St John's Church immediately after school on Thursday afternoon
2. Bringing music stands and musical equipment back to school after the concert concludes at approx. 11am

MUSIC LUNCH

Lunch for all children who participate in the music program will be held on **MONDAY the 7th of DEC**, where the traditional pizza and icy pole will be served.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

7/12 Music Lunch - Monday 7th of December

10/12 Music Committee Dinner - Royal Oak 7pm

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Music Registrations

Band (Available for Year 3+)

If you have missed Music Registrations it's not too late! We have spots available for the following band instruments; Trombone, French Horn, Flute and Trumpet. Guitar and piano lessons are also available.

Kodaly (Available for Kindy - Year 5)

Is the ideal way to introduce your child to the fundamentals of music or as a complement to playing an instrument.

Recorders (Available for Year 2 +)

Join our wonderful recorder ensembles and play at the Opera House when you join the Consort Recorder group as part of the Festival of Instrument Music.

All forms available from the office or can be emailed to you by michelle_stellini@hotmail.com

Not sure what's right for your child? Please feel free to call or email Michelle Stellini for options.
0417316725

Dates for the Diary

10/12 Music Committee Dinner - The Royal Oak 7pm



Hi All,

Just a friendly update to what OSHC done for this term at our centre. This term Birchgrove OSHC participate in tCAF (Camp Australia non profit organization) Junior Global Citizenship Program by helping out creating handmade gifts. OSHC Birchgrove made Literacy & Numeracy games for children in South Africa.

Homework Corner is running well! Children are happy to have their homework at OSHC & they enjoy working with other children

HOLIDAY PROGRAM is UP! Please visit the websites .campaustralia.com.au/holidayfun & book your children in. Any question please call 1300 105 343 or call us direct here in Birchgrove OSHC on 0405 413 528.

The Birchgrove Team



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 4th December

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

**Where: On the Terrace/
Staffroom**

Saturday
morning
Working Bee

Thursday - Help
with reading

CANTEEN ORDER FORM

hot dog

drink

payment \$ _____



THE 2nd HAND UNIFORM STALL

is on again at the Main School Entrance

Wednesday 2nd Dec at pick up 2:30-3:30

Thursday 3rd Dec at drop off 8:30 to 9:30

There will be loads of good quality recycled summer
and winter uniform items so...

THINK GREEN & GRAB A BARGAIN!

Items \$2 - \$10



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NSW Birchgrove Public School

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0405 413 528 (07:00-18:15)

club based	Monday 11 January 2016	\$53.88	club based	Monday 18 January 2016	\$53.88
	Mina's Majestic Murals Mina loves colour too! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.			Wild Animal Patterns Ready for a colourful safari? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.	
excursion	Tuesday 12 January 2016	\$79.88	excursion	Tuesday 19 January 2016	\$68.88
	Fluorescent Fever Ten Pin Bowling - We'll be keeping the fun rolling, leaving nothing to SPARE Please arrive by 8:45am			Global Construction with Texture and Tone Build your own solar powered windmill!	
incursion	Wednesday 13 January 2016	\$70.38	incursion	Wednesday 20 January 2016	\$68.88
	Summer Fun Get ready, get set - for a colour run of fun!			Bright Lights Chinese Lanterns - Paint and decorate your own traditional Chinese lantern.	
incursion	Thursday 14 January 2016	\$68.88	excursion	Thursday 21 January 2016	\$79.88
	Going Green Make your own mini Green House!			A Tinge of Time Travel At the movies - The Good Dinosaur Please arrive by 8:45am	
club based	Friday 15 January 2016	\$53.88	club based	Friday 22 January 2016	\$53.88
	What a Colourful World! Where will we go? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.			Green and Gold Who's favourite season is Summer? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.	
incursion	Monday 25 January 2016	\$68.88			
	Bronzed Bounty Create your own Egyptian cartouchel				