

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 6 17th November 2016

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Dates to Remember

2016

	Parent
	Music
	Sport
	Student Parliament
17/11	Pyjama Day- Gold Coin Donation
29/11	Music Committee Meeting & AGM 7pm Staffroom
2/12	St John's Christmas Concert – followed by Instrument Return Parent Thank you Morning Tea Music Lunch
5/12	Stage 1 Recognition Ceremony
6/12	Preschool Blue & Green Concert
7/12	Kindergarten Graduation
8/12	Stage 3 Recognition Ceremony
9/12	Preschool Red and Yellow Concert
12/12	School Picnic K-6 Parsley Bay
9/12	P&C Christmas BBQ
13/12	Preschool Blue & Green Party
13/12	Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Graduation
14/12	Stage 2 Recognition Ceremony
15/12	Preschool Red & Yellow Concert
16/12	Year 6 Farewell Assembly (K-6 & Year 6 parents only- due to hall size) & Arch (all welcome to join in arch as it's outside)
16/12	Last Day 2016

P&C

**Last meeting and AGM tonight
in staffroom 6:30pm
All Welcome**

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We are looking at setting up a **car corner** in the playground and are looking for toy car donations. If you have old toy vehicles that aren't being used we would love to give them a good home. Please leave them at the front office or with Miss Corliss who is developing this project. Any set of wooden street signs, garages (sturdy) etc would also be good. If any of you enjoy craft/ construction activities it would be good to have some blocks turned into buildings.



Library

This is the last week of Library borrowing, it is now time to return all books for the Annual Stock Take. I will be sending out Overdue notices this week. Please return the books any time to the Library. If you can't find the book please email me. christine.ilieff@det.nsw.edu.au

Redgum Book Orders should be delivered soon and the orders will be distributed to the children.

Christine Illief



PJ Day + Chill Zone



Week 6, Thursday, November 17th On Thursday, 17th of November, the School Magazine and Education committees will be running Pyjama Day. It will be a gold coin donation to raise money for the Exodus Foundation, a foundation that aims to support the homeless, poor and the at-risk people in our society. On this day students will be able to dress up in pyjamas and have fun with their friends. At lunch we will be creating a 'Chill Zone' in the hall. This will involve students participating in things such as the limbo, a fun pyjama cat-walk and a colouring/design competition. We look forward to seeing everyone support this great cause.
The School Magazine and the Education Ministry

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SENIOR SOIREE

Thanks to the families and children who came along to participate in the Senior Soiree, a celebration of our senior bands while they are sounding so good at the end of the year. We were treated to an hour of music from our Rock Band, Concert Strings and our Concert Band. (Pic)

MUSIC RECRUITMENT

Again we have had a tremendous response to recruitment, though have some spots available for the following instruments;

Recorder
Cello
Trombone
Euphonium
Trumpet
Flute
Bass Guitar

Please email or call michelle_stellin@hotmail.com 0417316725 with any music questions

MUSIC DATES FOR THE DIARY

Nov 23rd Wednesday – Music Committee dinner, 7.30pm Royal Oak

Nov 29th Tuesday – Music Committee AGM, 7pm staffroom

Dec 2nd Friday – End of Year Concert, Music Lunch and Instrument Return



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Call for Ethics Teachers

Dear parents and carers,

Could you be an Ethics Teacher for Birchgrove Public School?

We are currently running 9 classes across years 1 through 6, but still have students on the waiting list. To ensure we can meet demand in 2017 and to give as many students as possible the chance to participate, we are seeking further volunteers to teach ethics. Children of volunteers have priority in accessing the classes.

Teaching and its required preparation takes no more than 2 hours per week. 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 will have an interest in children's education and developing their critical thinking skills and must be available on Friday mornings at 9:15-10:15am each school week. Below is a note from one of last year's ethics teachers at Birchgrove about her positive experience of volunteering.

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

Reflections on Teaching Ethics

by Sandy Jenkins

Ethics classes first started at Birchgrove in 2012 and although I supported this initiative, initially I didn't put up my hand to be a teacher. I had no teaching experience, and apart from an interest in ethical discussions and a liking for the company of children, I had no qualifications I thought relevant. Some months later it seemed volunteers were still required, so I thought I would give it a go. I attended a 2 day training session run by Primary Ethics, which was fascinating and attended by a wide variety of people, mostly without a background in education. Turns out that a fondness for discussion and kids really is all that is necessary!

I started in term 4 of 2012 with years 5/6, and immediately loved it. The kids were so clever and quick, and (mostly!) seemed to be interested in the discussions. In 2013 and 2014 I took on years 3/4, and then went back to 5/6 in 2015 for a final year. Reflecting back over this time, I can see that I learned a great deal and enjoyed the lessons enormously. I hope the kids did too! I am grateful for the opportunity and encourage anyone who might be on the brink of volunteering to take the plunge, you won't regret it!