

# Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week 4 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017

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## 2017



## Dates to Remember

*Parent*  
*Music*  
*Sport*  
*Student Parliament*

31/10-2/11	Soccer Competition Sports Ministry (lunch time)
2/11	Jersey Day- Sports Ministry
3/11	Photo Competition Ends Technology Ministry
3/11	Kindergarten Local Walk
6/11	Second Hand Uniform Stall 8:30 to 9:30 and 2:45 to 3:15
6/11-17/11	Swim School Year 2
6/11	Kindergarten Orientation 9:30-10:45
10/11	Disco run by Year 6
12/11	Senior Soiree - Rock Band, Concert Strings, Concert Band and Consort Recorders
13/11	Online Applications for SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS CLOSE
14/11	Music Recruitment Night
15/11	P&C AGM 7pm staffroom- 6:45 Parent information update STEMS- Mr Dodds
20/11-22/11	Stage 2 & 3 Cybersafety- Life Education Incursion
21/11	Music Committee AGM 7pm in staffroom
17/11	Year 5 & 6 Sleepover 6pm Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> - 8am Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
17/11	Pyjama Day/ Chill Zone Games @ Lunch – Charities & Education
21/11-24/11	Stage 2 & 3 Swim School
27/11-30/11	Stage 2 & 3 Swim School
29/11	Music Committee End of Year Dinner- Royal Oak 7pm
1/12	St Johns Concert
1/12	Parent & Volunteer Thank you Morning Tea
4/12	Years 1 & 2 Recognition Ceremony
5/12	Preschool Concert- Blue & Green
6/12	Kindergarten Graduation
7/12	Years 5 & 6 Recognition Ceremony
8/12	Preschool Concert- Red & Yellow
8/12	Year 6 Picnic- Luna Park
11/12	School Picnic Clifton Gardens
12/12	Year 6 Formal
12/12	Preschool Party- Blue & Green
13/12	Years 3 & 4 Recognition Ceremony
14/12	Preschool Party - Red & Yellow
15/12	Year 6 Farewell Assembly & Arch 1.15 start
15/12	Last Day of School 2017

## Finance News

Thank you to all parents/carers who are paying their accounts now, it is so helpful to clear these fees so we don't have to keep sending paperwork out and chasing you.

All Preschool fees should be finalised now as these fees go to the Dept. of Education.

Band fees for Term 4 are now overdue.

Swimming Program fees are due now for Year 2 and by the 10<sup>th</sup> November for Years 3 to 6.

The last fee going on to your accounts for this year is the whole school end of year picnic at Clifton Gardens, - (Year 6 may have a few extra events with costs coming up as they farewell Birchgrove Public School).

Thank you  
**Melanie Wales**

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Birchgrove Public School Presents

## KIDS IN SPACE



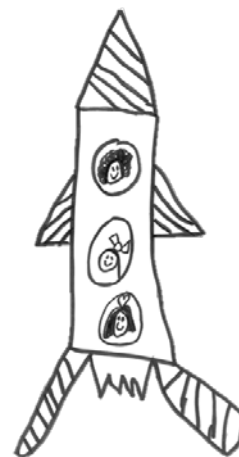


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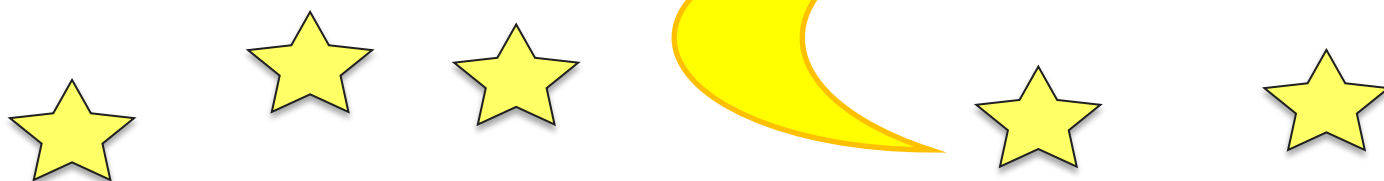


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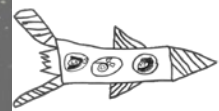
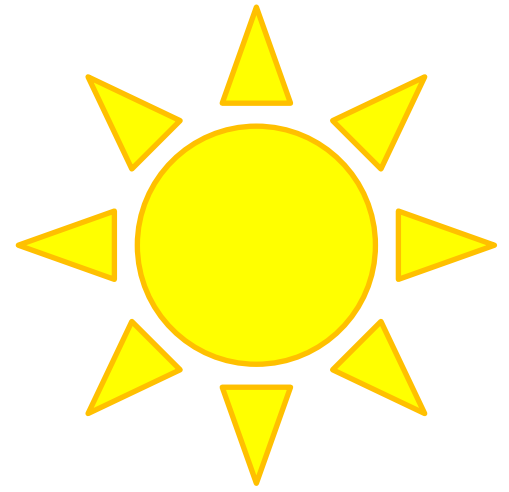


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## Principal

Congratulations to Isabella (Emu's) who received the hip hop dance trophy at her dance school on the weekend. As a part of this prize she receives a years of hip hop lessons as well!

Ms Robinson has asked that the Junior Choir practise this song for the end of year St John's Music Concert: The "Jingle Bell Rock" by Glee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKC-NCcc9lo>

I was thrilled with our whole school performance. The children were sensational and had a lot of fun, while working hard! Thank you to our fabulous parents who played taxi service for both night performances, it's so important all families get the opportunity to see the performance. Lastly thank you to our amazing teachers who are always so creative and generous with their out of hour time, we are very lucky!

See you in your jersey's tomorrow,  
**Tracy Gray**

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### Classes for 2018

It is the time of year where we are starting to look at classes for 2018. If you are not returning in 2018 (and not in Y6) please let the school know now by completing and returning the note below to the office.

### Students NOT RETURNING to Birchgrove in 2018

Please inform the office by completing this form if your child will NOT be returning to Birchgrove in 2018. (Please do not reply if your child is in Year 6 this year 2016).

My child: \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ will not be returning to Birchgrove Public School in 2018.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My child will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_ in 2018

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.

Importantly, it also helps us look at transition programs/ arrangements for our special needs students as we are much more likely to know which teacher/class we can put them with. This makes things at the start and finish of the year run much more smoothly for the students and families being helped by transition programs.



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## END OF 2017

# DISCO

## FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER

*glowsticks for sale*

# \$10

- includes sausage sizzle and unlimited cordial  
and water in sustainable cups

**\* P-2 = 5pm-6.15pm**

**\* 3-6 = 6.30pm-8pm**

A Year 6 run event

All proceeds donated to the Exodus Foundation

**Dress as your favourite movie character!**

## \$2 Spider Club

A scoop of ice-cream  
drizzled in soft drink

*Book online only!*

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[www.trybooking.com/SVSW](http://www.trybooking.com/SVSW)



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MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

# PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

\*POLO SHIRTS \*SHORTS \*TUNICS  
\*BAGS \*HATS \*SKIRTS \*SKORTS  
\*JACKETS \*SPORT T-SHIRTS

Near the front gates by the office  
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

- 8.30 - 9.30 am
- 2.45 - 3.15 pm

[www.picklesschoolwear.com](http://www.picklesschoolwear.com) for all new uniform orders.

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Sunday's **Back to Balmain Day** went beautifully. It was hot but the band kept their cool and performed their 10 pieces well and sounded great. Thanks to all the parent helpers as well - the stands and percussion instruments are not easy to lug around but it's all worth it to hear the kids play so well.

Congratulations to Rod too - he became a granddad on Sunday morning which is very exciting - and we appreciate his commitment to the band despite the lack of sleep.

Thanks,  
**Kate**

## Dates for the Diary:

12th November - Senior Soiree (3 - 5pm School Hall) Concert Band, Consort Recorders, Concert Strings and Rock Band

14th November - Recruitment Night (6 - 7.30 School Hall)

21st November - Music Committee AGM 7pm Staff Room. All welcome.

29th November - Music Committee Dinner 7pm Royal Oak RSVP [Lisa.Healyhealy@y7mail.com](mailto:Lisa.Healyhealy@y7mail.com)

1st December - St John's Christmas Concert / Instrument Hand Back / Music Programme Lunch for children





## ***Music Recruitment Night***



**Tuesday 14 November**  
**School Hall, 6.00–7.30pm**

If you would like to start learning strings, a band instrument or the recorder in 2018, come along to register your interest!

A brief overview and professional demonstration of the instruments is followed by time to try them.

The options to learn an instrument in 2018 are:

Anytime from Year 1: Violin, Viola, Cello

Anytime from Year 2: Recorder

Anytime from Year 3 on: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Drums, Tuned Percussion  
We also offer private tuition in guitar, bass guitar, and piano.

Most of these instruments are available to hire from the Music Committee.

For more information, contact:  
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## hey you busy bee

Want to help your school community?

**Sunday 12th November**  
**9am-11:30am**

**Sign up to help our family  
fun courtyard garden  
project this Spring!**



All equipment provided, no experience necessary  
Sign up for an hour or stay for the morning  
Complimentary morning tea for worker bees & kids  
Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/tbhLdZs>  
Plants donated by Bunnings Ashfield



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## GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



## Are you maximising your Government rebates for Outside of School Hours' Care?

If not, you could be paying more than you should. With Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) you could save 50% off the price of after school care.

### What's the CCR?

The Child Care Rebate offers a 50% reduction on your after school care fees. It is paid by Centrelink directly to your service, which means your out of pocket costs are halved. The CCR is currently NOT means tested and so long as you meet Centrelink's minimum work standards, you should be eligible to apply.

### What Exactly is the CCB?

It's a Government allowance aimed at helping low income earners with the cost of out of school care. Paid by Centrelink, the CCB is means tested so you'll need to be assessed for your eligible allowance rate. The maximum allowance you can receive from CCB will cover 85% of your after school care fees.

## Maximise Your Rebates, Here's How!

### How Do I Find Out If I Am Eligible?

For more information on Government rebates, how to locate your family Customer Reference Numbers (CRN) and how to claim, please call the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.

You can link your CRN's to your Camp Australia account via the Parent Portal, alternatively you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343.



### Program Details

For information about our program and to book visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au) or stop by and visit us in the program and see for yourself how we make kids smile.

From the Team at Camp Australia

\* Out of pocket expenses to be used as a guide only as rebates are based on individual circumstances and are subject to change. For a full listing of program details and fees for the service, please visit our website.

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