

Birchgrove Buzz

Term 4 Week6 15th November 2017

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2017

Dates to Remember



*Parent
Music
Sport
Student Parliament*

15/11 P&C AGM 7pm staffroom

- 17/11 Year 5 & 6 Sleepover 6pm Friday 17th - 8am Saturday 18th November
17/11 Pyjama Day/ Chill Zone Games @ Lunch – Charities & Education
20/11- Stage 2 & 3 Cybersafety- Life Education Incursion
22/11
21/11 Music Committee AGM 7pm in staffroom
22/11 Parent Breakfast Table Discussion 7:30-8:30 Parent Lunch Table
Discussion 12-1 Coffee Table Discussion – 3 Year Plan Input (see flyer)
21/11- Stage 2 & 3 Swim School
24/11
27/11- Stage 2 & 3 Swim School
30/11
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

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- 29/1 Staff Development Day
30/1 Years 1 to 6 commence
30/1-31/1 Best Start Kindergarten
1/2 Kindergarten 2018 Commence

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Principal



Mrs Copping and a group of our keen tennis players enjoyed representing us at the **Todd Woodbridge Cup** last week. Thank you to Ms Shanahan who co-ordinated the event.

Our final **school disco** for 2017 was a hit with the students. Year 6 were great hosts and ran the event well, with some help from our fabulous teachers. A special thank you to Paul Angus for his BBQ skills and Lynn Feldon and Susan Bannister for their shopping skills, they were appreciated!

There are lots of thankys this week. Thank you to all the families who came along and worked on our garden on the terrace, it looks fabulous. Paul has kindly put a temporary fence around it. Parents can you please make sure the children don't climb on the garden at pick up as the plants are small and trying to establish! After all the families hard work we want to make sure the plants grow.

Thank you to all the parents who have completed our **school survey**, designed to help us plan for 2018-2020. I am attaching the link for anyone who missed the survey link email. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/birchgrove17>

It would be great to see lots of parents at our 'kitchen table' 2018-2020 school planning session! I have attached the flyer again for any parents who missed it!

Please fill in and return the students not returning 2018 Note if you are not in year 6 and attending another school in 2018.
Looking forward to seeing you at our Kitchen Table meetings,
Tracy Gray

Student Parliament

Fund raising for our World Vision Sponsor children Sashi & Chompa \$258 from Jersey Day and \$146.45 from gold coin book sale. Friday is Pyjama Day, money raised from this also goes to our Sponsor children.

We raised \$1087.30 selling bandannas for Canteen.

Money raised from the school disco will be going to the Exodus Foundation as does funds raised by Friday nights Stage 3 sleep over.

Library News



Week Six will be the last week for Library borrowing for 2017. I have to complete a Departmental Stocktake of the books. Please return all books with Birchgrove bar codes. Thank you for your support. **Mrs Ilieff**

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**You are Invited to our Kitchen Table Discussions hosted by the BPS
staff about the**

2018-2020 Whole School Plan

22/11/2017

Discussion Session 1

Parent Breakfast Table Discussion 7:30am - 8:30 am in the Library

A light breakfast is provided

Discussion Session 2

Parent Lunch Table Discussion 12pm -1pm in the Hall

A light lunch is provided

Discussion Session 3

Coffee Table Discussion 7:00pm - 8pm in the Hall

A light supper is provided

We would really like your input, so it would be great to see you at one of the sessions.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Gray

Principal

R.S.V.P. Kitchen Table Discussions about the 2018-2020 whole school plan 22/11/2017

Please circle the session you will be attending

I will be attending Discussion Session 1, 2, 3.

Name: _____ Allergies or special dietary needs: _____

Please return to your child's class teacher by 17/11/2017 to help us with catering and planning.

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Artwork by Kindergarten Echidnas



11/11 Remembrance Day Poems by Year 3 Emus

We will grow older By Josie Phillips

I saw the fear inside your eyes,
but still too bad at goodbyes.
My hands were shivering,
Cold and blue,
but there was still nothing to do.
The white flag went up,
but nothing was over,
We are still here and will grow older.

The sun beams shining in my trench,
but no one is sitting on the bench.
I hear the guns shoot as loud as a
boulders drop,
but we are still here and will grow
older.

Remember them By Oren Lazarus

We will grow too old,
When they will not.
Back to the days,
When the sounds of war plays,
Let them ring through the years of
age.

In the trenches they did hide,
From their foes of destruction,
While they & we are one.
The sky was grey above where the
poppies will grow not to forget.
Lest we forget.

Poppies By Juliette Hochgesang

The day has dawned,
fallen soldiers lay still as the poppies
blow,
the poppies of Flanders field.
One minute silence
I imagine all this and more.

The day has dawned,
the soldiers are laying in their muddy
trenches,
but the poppies still blow on Flanders
field.

One minute silence,
I remember all these things.
The day has dawned
The poppies blow in the wind,
Forever more they will.

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As well as enjoying a fun night for all it was great to see our parents really value all the extra things our fabulous teachers do for the children.



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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 Year 6) 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 2017).

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.



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

GREAT FUN



Great fun for your kids

Kids are at the heart of everything that we do at Camp Australia. That's why making your kids smile is our number one priority. Every day we aim to deliver a high quality program that interests and engages your children, while getting to know each child as an individual.

Our programs allow time for kids to be kids. We have lots of fun playing sports and games and spending time with friends. We also enjoy learning new things by engaging in educational activities, as well as having time for homework and time to relax. We also provide healthy meals and snacks for your child – yum!

Meet the Team

We're here to make sure that your child has the best OSHC experience possible. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to drop by, meet the team and see all the fun that we get up to every day.

Program Details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustalia.com.au

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

From the Team at Camp Australia

visit www.campaustalia.com.au

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Senior Soiree was wonderful and congratulations to children who participated from Rock Band, Consort Recorders, Concert Strings and Concert Band.

Music Recruitment - If you missed recruitment night please pick up a form from the office or email michelle_stellini@hotmail.com with any questions.

21st November - **Music Committee AGM** 7pm Staff Room. All welcome. Consider coming along as a Committee Member for 2018 and help out where possible.

29th November - **Music Committee Dinner** 7pm Royal Oak RSVP Lisa Healyhealy@y7mail.com Great informal way to meet people on the committee.

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



Consort Recorders



Concert Strings



Rock Band

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P&C Garden Worker Bee - Sunday 12 Nov

We had a beautiful sunny morning and a great turnout with about 20 volunteers supporting the garden worker bee last Sunday. The team of kids, mums, dads and grandparents weeded, raked leaves & fallen branches, collected litter and planted/watered about 35 new seedlings and plants in the upper courtyard garden – and enjoyed some morning tea.

A big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for their help and gardening expertise - Sam Fisher, Catherine Mazzeo, Sibyl Masterman, Christina Piper (Emma Baldwin's mum ~ Kindy 2018), Lynette & Anthony Shirfan, Bree & Oscar & Zeke Bain, Avavinda & Suveka & Arjuna & Sajan Thiagalingam, Mannix & Mahalia Bolus, Brett & Lynn & Hannah Feldon, Gabby Suhr, Anna Bertalli.

Thanks also to our friends at **Mort Street Community Garden** for loaning us their gardening tools and **Bunnings Ashfield** for their kind donation of native plants, soil, mulch, tools and gardening gloves.

