

# Birchgrove Buzz

Term 3 Week 9 19<sup>th</sup> September

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## 2018 Dates to Remember



*Parent  
Music  
Sport  
Student Parliament*

### Term 3

- 19/9** P&C 7pm Staffroom tonights premeeting talk is @ 6:30 on the results of the home work survey
- 20/9 Sean Murphy- Comedian K-6 Incursion
- 21/9** **Big Night Out**
- 24/9 Assembly Flying Foxes
- 28/9** **Last Day Term 3**

### Term 4

- 15/10** **First Day Term 4**
- 15/10 Kindergarten Orientation
- 17/11** **P&C 7pm staffroom**
- 19/10 Kindergarten Zoo Excursion
- 22/10 Kindergarten Orientation
- 25-26/10** **Music Camp**
- 29/10 Kindergarten Orientation
- 31/10-1/11** **State Athletics Carnival**
- 1/11 Music Count Us in Too
- 7/11 Stage 1 – Seymore Centre- The Gruffalo
- 12-23/11** **Year 2 Swim School**
- 13-14/11 Preschool Open Day 2019 3:15-4:15
- 19-20/11 2019 Preschool Interview Days
- 21/11** **P&C AGM**
- 26/11-7/12** **3-6 Swimming**
- 27/11 Preschool Christmas Concert Green Wallaby & Blue Platypus
- 29/11 Preschool Concert Red Wombats Yellow Quokka
- 30/11** **Music Christmas Concert- St Johns**
- 5/12 Kindergarten Graduation
- 11/12 Stage 1 Recognition
- 11/12 Year 6 Graduation Diner
- 12/12 Stage 2 Recognition
- 13/12 Stage 3 Recognition
- 14/12 Year 6 Picnic Day
- 17/1 K-6 Picnic Day
- 19/12 Year 6 Farewell Assembly & Clap Out Arch
- 19/12 Last Day of Year

## Principal

Congratulations to the **Rosellas**, who received the **Principal's Award for Excellence** in Creative Arts with all their work on printing and design.



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**Congratulations** also go to Mrs McDonough and her partner Finn, as we welcome her beautiful new baby Layla Grace, who is healthy and happy. She was born 18/9 at 9:02am and weighs 3.4kgs.

The **new shade cloth over the terrace** outside the kindergarten rooms/ staffroom is being installed tomorrow. There may be disruption to the playground with access.

**Reminder:** P&C Meeting 7pm in staffroom 6:30 Information Session – Homework Survey results.

**Ethics:** Our Ethics program is run by Primary Ethics Friday mornings as an alternative to scripture. They are staffed by community and parent volunteers. If you are interested in helping with the program there is a note at the end of the newsletter with details.

Next term Mr Cormack is taking some well deserved long service leave and traveling! Helen Karnaros will be learning support co-ordinator, Stage 3 supervisor and relieving Assistant Principal during term 4.

Looking forward to catching up with many of you Friday night at the P&C Big Night Out,  
**Tracy Gray**

## From the Office

**Band fees for Term 3 are now overdue.**

If your child attends any of the band ensembles, please pay the fees indicated below now.

(Payment via the school website is the preferred method). If you have any queries about your child's account please contact me.

Concert Band	\$110
Training Band	\$80
Rock Band	\$110
Kodaly	\$110
Strings	\$80
Recorders	\$65
Cello Hire	\$60
Violin Hire	\$40
Other Band Instrument hire	\$75
Percussion Levy	\$10

Thank you  
**Melanie Wales**  
[melanie.wales@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:melanie.wales@det.nsw.edu.au)



Thank you for your support for the Scholastic Book Fair. I have just ordered \$1,780 worth of books for the Library. The Premier's Reading Challenge has finished for 2018. Two hundred and six children completed the challenge.

Overdue Library notices will be sent out this week. Please look at home for books with the Birchgrove bar code. If you have lost a book please contact me [Christine.ilieff@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Christine.ilieff@det.nsw.edu.au)

Thank You  
**Mrs Ilieff**

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## Teaching the next generation of musicians

A unique, extraordinary experience has been given to the Birchgrove rock band. They have had to learn and use new skills that professional artists use today. On the 9th of September this year, the students of our most beloved rock band got to experience magic behind the recording of a song. They're conductor, Mike Rix, had the fantastic idea to show the next generation what really happens in the recording studio. They recorded 3 songs, Believer by Imagine dragons, Brave by Sara Bareilles, and One of us (a rock band original), by Fiona Bolinger. Including their conductor there are 9 players in the rock band. Josh plays lead guitar and has countless solos, Noah and Sammi both play guitar and Noah sings backing vocals, Fiona sings and plays guitar, Mala plays drums, Summer plays keyboard, Josie, the youngest member plays keyboard, and Mike plays bass and finally Derin is our lead singer.

Even with all the fun and excitement, there was a lot of waiting around in the lounge area- that's where most of our day was and that was the room where we could talk play video games, cards, and listen to our own music. There were times where it was rather boring but all together it was a mind- blowing experience.

There were two rooms for recording in, one was where the bass, drums and singers were, and the other room was where the keyboards and guitars were. We communicated through headphones and had to practice being quiet. We would all record individually but at the start there was something called a "Scrap take" which was the draft take that would help the band keep time. All around the room, there were amps, and cool technology that changed our noise, sound and notes. There were all kinds buttons everywhere and technology we have never seen before.

In conclusion, this was an amazing experience for the Birchgrove rock band and we will never forget it. We encourage other bands to take part in recording songs, not just for the take but for the amazing memories we will walk away with and the new knowledge of recording music professionally. We would like to thank all the parents that helped us along the journey to getting to record music. But a special thanks to our conductor, Mike Rix and our event organiser of rock band, John Pak. Well done to the rock band!

**By Fiona Bolinger and Mala Angus**





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## Birchgrove Public School

### 2019 Kindergarten Orientation

Play, Learn, Grow



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Orientation Evening 5:30pm-6:30pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

(For Parents & Carers) Term 3

Kindergarten Orientation Morning

9:15am-10:45am

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 Term 4

(For Parents, Carers and Children)

Kindergarten Orientation Morning

9:15am- 10:45am

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

(For Parents, Carers and Children) Term 4

Kindergarten Orientation Morning

9:15am-10:45am

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

(For Parents, Carers & Children) Term 4

School Tours are available by prior arrangement through the school office

Applications to Enrol can be found on the school website or collected from the school office:

<http://www.birchgrove-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/enrolment>

For more information, contact:

Jodie Weber, Assistant Principal

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Early Bird Special \$25  
Ends Wed 23rd Aug

BIRCHGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

## BIG NIGHT OUT

**TICKETS \$30 AT [BIRCHGROVEBNO.COM](http://BIRCHGROVEBNO.COM)**

NO DOOR SALES ON THE NIGHT (CHILD FREE EVENT)

Our Big Night Out just got bigger...  
Birchgrove Public School invites you all to our  
annual fundraising event of the year....

### COMEDY SHOW



### ART AUCTION

Every class from Pre-school to Year 6 have created incredible art masterpieces to be auctioned on the night to help raise funds for Birchgrove Public School.

**SEATS ARE LIMITED SO BOOK NOW  
– BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY  
AND NEIGHBOURS....**

### LIVE MUSIC ON THE DECKS

**DJ LADY TRE**

**DJ UNIQUE**

**FRI 21ST SEPT | 7PM - 11.30PM | BPS HALL**

A WELL STOCKED CASH/EFTPOS BAR INCLUDING HARDYARD'S BOUTIQUE DRAFT BEER.  
GYPSY'S KITCHEN IS SELLING DELICIOUS AND FRESH ITALIAN MEALS.

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## Call for Ethics Teachers

Dear parents and carers,

Could you be an Ethics Teacher for Birchgrove Public School?

In 2018, we've had 11 ethics classes running from Kindergarten through year 6. But some of our wonderful ethics teachers will be moving on in 2018. So to give as many students as possible the chance to participate, we're seeking more volunteers to teach ethics. Children of volunteers have priority in taking the classes.

Teaching and its required preparation takes no more than 2 hours per week. Volunteer 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 all 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 9:15-9:45am or 9:45-10:15am each school week. Below is a note from one of our ethics teachers 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](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) and contact Mark Lauer, Ethics Co-ordinator ([ethicsm@rklauer.net](mailto:ethicsm@rklauer.net)).

Mark Lauer

Ethics co-ordinator, Birchgrove Public School

### 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!