

# Birchgrove Buzz

Term 2 Week 4 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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2019

## Dates to Remember



*Parent  
Music  
Sport  
Student Parliament*

Term 4

7\11

11-13\11

11\11

11\11-22\11

12-13\11

12\11

Music Count us in 12:15 in hall

Interrelate Years 5&6

Kindergarten visiting SSC Balmain

**Year 2 Swim School**

**Preschool Interviews**

**Music Recruitment Night, 6pm - 7.30pm,  
school hall**

15\11

25\11-6\12

29\11

29\11

Kindergarten Zoo Excursion

**3-6 Swim School**

**St John's Christmas Concert- music**

**Thankyou Morning Tea – volunteers\parent  
helpers**

3\12

5\12

9\12

10\12

10\12

11\12

12\12

13\12

16\12

18\12

**Preschool Concert Blue\ Green**

**Preschool Concert Yellow\ Red**

**Stage 3 End of Year Celebration Assembly**

Year 6 Formal & Graduation

**Kindergarten Graduation**

**Stage 2 End of Year Celebration Assembly**

**Stage 1 End of Year Celebration Assembly**

Year 6 Picnic

School Picnic

Last Day Students \ **Year 6 Farewell**

**Assembly & Clapout**

### From the School:

Preschool Transition 2020

Technology

Principal's Award for Excellence in Learning

Stage 1 Power House Museum

Kitchen Garden- Snowpeas

P-2 Playground

Canteen

### From the P&C:

2020 Nominations

Kitchen Garden

Music Camp

### Other:

Camp Australia

Exodus Foundation

The **Bilbies** got to pick the snow peas they planted in our new school garden and eat them!



Our old **P to 2 playground** and soft fall has been removed and the new play equipment has arrived ready to go in! The children and staff are getting very excited and it's great to see the progress. This is a joint project funded by an early childhood grant from the Department of Education, the P&C and the school. The new equipment and soft fall should be installed by the end of next week. We can't wait to play on it!



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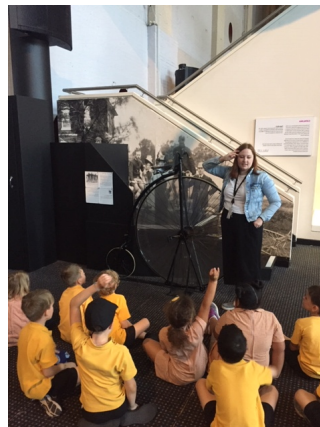
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Stage 1

Power  
House  
Museum

Excursion





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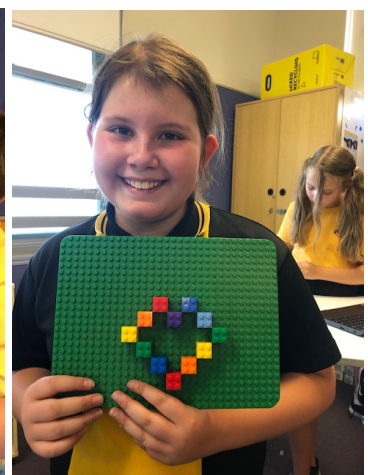
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## Technology



Year 5 using Tinkercard to design 3D objects and reconstruct them using LEGO



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Year3/4 Rosellas  
learning to  
program using  
SWIFT language





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## Kindergarten working on Chrome Books



## Principal's Award for Excellence in Learning



Last week the Principal's Award for Excellence in Learning went to the Flying Foxes. The class has been working hard to create imaginative texts during writing. We have also been working hard to edit our own writing using correct punctuation.

This week the Principal's Award for Excellence in Learning went to the Emus who have been working hard to create imaginative and entertaining drama performances in their Creative and Practical Arts lessons culminating in a fabulous class performance.



Our new **canteen service** is providing high quality food that is fresh rather than processed even the syrups for the flavoured milk are made from scratch. I checked out the sushi last week and it was great! Portions are kid sized so order accordingly. They are here on time, friendly and the hot food is always hot!



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## Preschool Transition 2020





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**Music Camp** was a hit as always! The student's skills improved with the extra lessons and practice. The culminating concert was inspired! The students even found some down time to be active and relax. Thank you to the fabulous teachers and Music Committee for another great camp!





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WANT TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT NEXT YEAR?

## MUSIC RECRUITMENT NIGHT

A brief overview and professional demonstration of the instruments, followed by the chance to play them...

*Come join our music program and learn the wonder of sound, rhythm and beat.*

*Our bands and ensembles are waiting for you!*

*No prior musical knowledge needed.*

TUES 12 NOV  
6PM-7.30PM  
SCHOOL HALL

SIGN UP ON THE  
NIGHT



Contact Jacqui Verbeek [jacqui\\_verbeek@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jacqui_verbeek@yahoo.com.au) for more info



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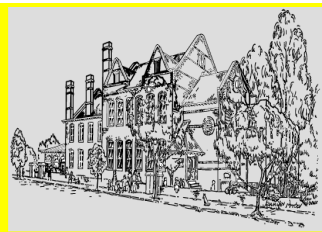
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**WELL DONE TO EVERYONE FOR MUSIC CAMP** The 2 days culminated in a wonderful concert by the 5 ensembles to showcase what they had been working on. The Training Band played Soaring with the Dragons, Rock-a-saurus Rex and performed a new combined piece with Concert Band, Legend of the Irish Giant. While the Concert Band treated us to Dynamite and Afterburner. Concert Strings performed a stirring rendition of You Raise Me Up and Libertango, while the Rock Band performed some old and new tunes including Our Lips are Sealed, Lonely Boy and Love Cats. The Senior Choir treated us to I am Australian and This is Me with a solo by Emily Taylor. This year, we had a first with three ensembles playing together an arrangement of "Lanterns" done by our very own Monique Mezzatesta for the Strings, Choir and Rock Band. Magic.

On behalf of the BPS Music Committee and the entire school community at large, thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped make the 2019 Music Camp the success that it was. We are terribly fortunate to have the most wonderful support of so many individuals who, combined, allow this phenomenal annual event to keep being the success that it is, year after year. A heartfelt thank you to the organisers, the teachers, the parent helpers, the conductors and tutors. And of course, last but not least, the students! Thank you all and congratulations!!

## BACK TO BALMAIN

And straight after camp, the Birchgrove Concert Band did a great job entertaining the crowd at the Back to Balmain Festival in Elkington Park. Thank you to our conductor, Mike Rix. Special thanks to the parents and kids who helped transport instruments to Elkington park and back, Jane Johansson and Caroline Foot for organising.

## MUSIC RECRUITMENT WEEK

This week on Wednesday 6, Thursday 7 & Friday 8 November there will be a Music Information Table in the top courtyard after school (2.45pm -3.15pm). An opportunity to ask any queries you have about the 2020 Music program and how to sign up.

## MUSIC RECRUITMENT NIGHT - TUESDAY NOV 12th 6pm - 7.30pm - School Hall

After Monday mornings Meeting the Instruments, and a week of musicality, come and hear all the instruments we would love you to learn! Violins, cellos, trombones, bass guitar, clarinet, saxophone, trumpets, french horn, euphonium, flutes and drums will be there - A must if you want to sign up for an instrument for next year. Get measured for the right size string instrument and try to blow into a trumpet. Band instruments available from year 3, strings from year 1. There's something for everyone. All welcome. In the school hall.

## SENIOR SOIRÉE

The Concert Strings, Concert Band, Consort Recorders, Rock Band and year 4 Kodaly will be performing Sunday week in the school hall from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. This intimate concert is a wonderful opportunity to hear our senior ensembles showcase how far they have come this year.

## MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Wed 6th - Friday 8th Nov - Music Program 2020 instrument options & sign up info, top courtyard, 2.45pm - 3.15pm - All questions happily answered.
- Tuesday 12th November - Music Recruitment Night, 6pm - 7.30pm, school hall
- Sunday 17th November - Senior Soirée, 3.30pm - 4.30pm, school hall.
- Tuesday 19th November - Music AGM Meeting, 7pm, staffroom. All welcome to attend.
- Friday 29th November - St John's Christmas Concert, Instrument Return Day and Pizza Lunch for Music Program Students





## A KITCHEN GARDEN

in a Concrete Jungle

Term 4 2019

Our Birchgrove P&C has been awarded an **Eco Grant of \$3,500** to build two gardens.

A native garden and an organic veggie garden for us to build, plant, maintain and enjoy.



**The garden needs a new boss.**

**Could it be you??**

**Green fingers a bonus**

**but not necessary**

**[gardens@bpspandc.com](mailto:gardens@bpspandc.com)**

### Garden duties

Each class will be on a roster taking turns caring for the gardens.

Jobs include:

Measuring growth

Spotting bugs

Trimming plants

Harvesting fruit/veges

Sweeping leaves

Watering and weeding

Planting seeds and

Checking the watering system

Bringing in twistie ties from home

Refilling watering dripper bottles

Collecting food scraps from classrooms

Maintaining the worm farm

**IMPORTANT STUFF!**



Proudly funded by the

NSW Government through its Environmental Trust

### Term 4

The garden is growing well.

The snow peas are scrumptious.

The blueberries are blue.

The zucchini flowers are flowering.

Who likes a crunchy lettuce salad?

How long does corn take to grow?

When will Mr C finally get to eat

a strawberry???



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## NOMINATIONS FOR 2020

Thank you to the parents who have already expressed interest in being on the P&C for next year and emailing your nomination form in.

Nominations close this Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. See skoolbag app for the form.

A core function of what we do is raise funds to assist the school with resources.

Key roles we are looking for to grow and support those in the team are

**Sponsorship, Events and Social Media.**

If you love building relationships within our local community, thrive in organising events or are great at social media we would love your assistance.

If you are keen to assist and not take on an official role please send in the membership form; we always welcome extra support in capacity.

Or perhaps you would like to support in other ways like becoming a sponsor for the year or a specific event planned ie Fete, Big Night Out etc.

Email [Sasha.sponsorship@bpspandc.com](mailto:Sasha.sponsorship@bpspandc.com)

We are a very supportive and collaborative group of parents so you are never left carrying all the responsibility of any roles. As volunteers we know it's a juggle between raising kids and making a difference so we work together.

Nominations close this **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** for voting at the AGM.

Our final meeting and AGM is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm Staff Room.

Yvonne Hilsz P&C President

[president@bpspandc.com](mailto:president@bpspandc.com)



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## Summer Holiday Club



### Celebrate the biggest break of the year, with Holiday Club.

Holiday Club is all about helping your children discover themselves. With a wealth of learning opportunities embedded in our fun and challenging projects, and engaging adventures; we'll find their passions, engage them, and excite them.

## Children discover themselves at Holiday Club



With years of experience and building off family feedback, we're happy to present to you, our Summer Holiday Club. It's packed with cooking days, science experiments, sporting events, adventurous excursions and heaps more.

**Book now.** To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and to find your nearest service, visit: [www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs).

If you're wondering whether or not OSHC is for you, feel free to drop in any time and meet our Team! We're always happy to see new faces, and are able to answer any questions you may have about what goes on at OSHC, as well as give you a quick tour of our room and play areas!

We look forward to seeing you at **Holiday Club**.

The Camp Australia Team



Access any one of our  
230+ Holiday Club  
locations Australia-wide.  
Near home, work or even  
your holiday destination!



Want more excursions?  
Maybe more club days?  
Pick any program near  
you, they're all unique.



Avoid a late booking  
charge and save \$10 by  
booking at least 7 days in  
advance. Plus, with limited  
space, spots fill up.

To find locations near you and to book, visit [www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs)

**HOLIDAY**CLUB



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## REV. BILL CREWS CHRISTMAS DRIVE



### WHAT YOU SHOULD GIVE

## WHAT WE DO AND DON'T NEED

To comply with international food safety standards we can only accept certain donations. We also have a duty of care to our homeless and needy guests, many of whom suffer chronic health conditions.

Items with a green tick ✓ will be gratefully accepted. Items with a red cross ✗ will not be accepted.

### FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND FOOD PARCELS

- Christmas puddings.
- Christmas mince pies.
- UHT Custard (1 litre).
- Shortbread (200g packets).
- Potato chips (large packets).
- Canned tuna/salmon, ham (ring-pull only).
- Canned fruit/vegetables (ring-pull only).
- Lollies (packets).
- Cup-a-noodles.
- Christmas bon-bons.
- Christmas serviettes.
- Bottled water (600ml).
- Fruit juice (1 and 2 litre).
- Boxes of tea.
- New childrens toys.
- Male and female gifts.

### FOOD

- No cooked food (including ham or turkey).
- No raw food.
- No fresh fruit or vegetables.
- No bread, pastry or cakes.

### We cannot accept under any circumstances

- No expired or out of date items.
- No items in glass jars.
- No refrigerated goods.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- No cups, plates or other kitchenware.
- No cleaning chemicals.
- No items that are broken, damaged or worn.
- No used clothes & bedding.
- No appliances, homeware or furniture.

## PACKING & DROP-OFF

### 1 SORT

Sort your donation to ensure similar goods will be packed in the same bag. **Most importantly, do not gift wrap anything.**

### 2 PACK

Pack your donation into green supermarket bags. This makes it easier and safer for our staff and volunteers to lift them.

### 3 DELIVER

Deliver your donation to us.

#### Where

The Exodus Foundation,  
63 Norton Street, Ashfield

#### When

Mon - Fri from 8:00am - 3:00pm  
(From 17-24 December:  
8:00am to 7:00pm)

## YOUR GIFTS MATTER

Your giving helps ensure those in greatest need don't miss out at Christmas, so I encourage you to donate food and gifts. We also accept supermarket gift cards! These are used to buy additional fresh food.

Please get into the spirit of the season by collecting food and gifts so our homeless and needy guests get a better Christmas.

God bless

Rev. Bill Crews

### CONTACT US

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- [facebook.com/ExodusFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/ExodusFoundation)
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- [revbillcrews](https://www.instagram.com/revbillcrews)



## GIVE FOOD OR GIFTS TO SUPPORT REV. BILL CREWS

Complete form with your donated goods, or buy a gift online.

ONLINE

### MY DETAILS

Name

Address

Phone

Email

☐ Yes, I would like to get news and information from The Exodus Foundation and Bill Crews Charitable Trust.

### MY GIFT

Goods donated	Qty	Approx. val
Christmas puddings	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE
Christmas mince pies	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE
UHT Custard (1 litre)	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE
Shortbread (200g packets)	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE
Potato chips (large packets)	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE
Canned meat, fish, fruit, vegetables	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE
Lollies (packets)	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE
Cup-a-noodles	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE
Christmas bon-bons	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE
Christmas serviettes	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE
Bottled water and/or fruit juice	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE
Boxes of tea	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE
Childrens toys, adult gifts	<input type="text"/>	OFFICE USE

## MAKE A CASH DONATION

- ☒ Complete this form ☐ Call (02) 8752 4600
- ☒ Or online at [exodusfoundation.org.au](http://exodusfoundation.org.au)

### MY DONATION Please accept my gift of:

☐ \$30 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 or \$

☐ Use my gift where it's needed most, or:

- ☐ Food vans
- ☐ Literacy for kids in poverty
- ☐ Loaves & Fishes Free Restaurant
- ☐ Healthcare for homeless & needy
- ☐ Outreach & support services
- ☐ Please make this a monthly donation. (You may change or cancel at any time.)
- ☐ Please call me about supporting Rev. Bill Crews' work in my will.



### PAYMENT DETAILS

☐ Cheque or money order payable to The Exodus Foundation

☐ Amex ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

Card number

Name on card

Expiry  Your signature

### MY DETAILS

Name

Address

Phone

Email

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