



## 2019 Dates to Remember



Term 4

11\11-22\11

25\11-6\12

29\11

29\11

3\12

5\12

9\12

10\12

10\12

11\12

12\12

13\12

16\12

18\12

*Parent  
Music  
Sport  
Student Parliament*

**Year 2 Swim School**

**3-6 Swim School**

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

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

**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:

Technology  
Garden  
Emu's – Project based Learning  
Echidna's puppets  
Balmain Fun Run  
Ex Students  
Rock Paper Scissors- first gig  
Possums- punctuation  
Signs  
Classes 2020  
Thank yous  
Music Count Us in Too  
End of Year Celebration  
Assemblies  
Kindergarten Graduation  
Preschool- Spot Compliance  
Check  
**From the P&C:**  
Kitchen Garden  
Music Committee  
**Other:**  
Media Release –Edge  
Festival  
Camp Australia



It's always good to catch up with ex students. Last week at a principal's meeting Rowen & Ashley who are now at Sydney Secondary College Balmain shared their current environmental project with us. They were confident, articulate and had implemented some really innovative initiatives.



Congratulations to Sebastian from the Kangaroos who came first in the Balmain Fun Run in the 6 and under category. It's great to get fit while helping other local schools with their fundraising initiatives! The Balmain Fun Run is Orange Grove's annual fund raiser and charity event.



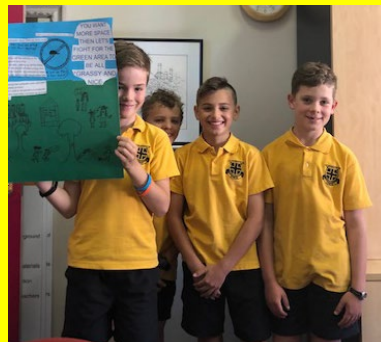
While walking down the corridor yesterday some of the Echidna's were keen to share the puppets they had made with me!





Susan has been making delicious garden salads with the students using her very delicious salad dressing recipe. It has them eagerly eating their greens!

She has kindly included the recipe in her kitchen garden section below.



The Rosellas have been looking at how to improve play at lunchtime as a part of their **Project Based Learning**. The groups presented me with their proposals this week. There was a wide variety of innovative ideas and they had chosen different methods of presenting their ideas to me!



Our school rock band, Scissor Paper Rock, enjoyed their gig at the local bowl with the Grateful Dads who said they were a hard act to follow!





Sometimes teachers use pasta for cooking lessons, jewellery making and collages. The ever creative Miss Taksa has been using macaroni as speech marks (quotation marks) with Possums writing lessons with great success!

Thank you to Heidi, Susan & the **Music Committee** for all their fabulous work this year, the children have really benefited from all your hard work and it is very appreciated.

Thank you to Yvonne and the amazing **P&C** team, for your dedication and determination to help and support all things, children, parent and school! You've achieved so much and I am very grateful!

K to 6 participated in **Count Us In**, Australia's biggest school initiative, with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,100 schools nationwide. Growing in reach and impact since 2007, MCUI exists to support teachers to deliver music in the classroom.

**2020 Classes** - At this time of year parents are always starting to ask questions about next years' classes, so I'm putting out some information about our class formation processes.

1. Students are matched to the teacher who will suit them (research has this as the biggest factor affecting student learning and wellbeing).
2. Students are put into groups with a variety of abilities and behaviours.
3. Where possible students are separated from students they don't work well with or clash with.
4. Students have other children in their group they are known to work well with. More details will be published on Skoolbag.

**Classes for 2020** – Please make sure you return your form by this Friday, so we can start looking at the best class teacher and peers for your child/children next week, as there are only four weeks of the school year left!

**End of Year Celebration Assemblies and Kindergarten Graduation** are nearly upon us! These all start at 9:15 on the date specified and are followed by a morning tea (please bring a plate of food to share) in the green area, weather permitting- if inclement we will move indoors. It is a nice way for you to celebrate their learning this year and an opportunity to chat to their teacher.

**Signage**- There are a number of new signs around the school. I'll put an update about them on Skoolbag. Please discuss them with your child to reinforce the messages they are getting from their teacher.





**Year 5 presented their speeches** for Student Parliament 2020 and it was great to hear all the things they felt were important and how they could contribute to Birchgrove as leaders. They spoke well and are very keen to get started on their roles... even though the ministers haven't been assigned their ministry yet!

Congratulations to our preschool team who survived a **spot compliance check** Wednesday ...because there wasn't enough happening! They were a looking a little tired by the end of the day, but very capably showed the senior field officer sent to inspect that they had everything covered and had procedures for all eventualities.



The Kookaburras helped the Sugar Gliders write their wishes to hang on the "Christmas Tree of Kindness... see press release below.

No more bushfires  
Keep the animals safe.  
more trees.  
I wish animals  
are safe



Year 5 presented their speeches to students from Years 2 to 6 for the 2020 Student Parliament Ministry roles. The speeches were well thought out and presented with flair.





## Technology

Cassowaries helping Kangaroos use chromebooks.







## Junior Choir

K-3 Junior Choir have started preparing for their final performance at St John's Christmas Concert. Junior Choir is held every Tuesday for the first half of lunch in the Echidnas Classroom. We hope to see you there!

### Junior Choir Teachers

### Hi 5 - Santa Claus is Coming

Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
He's not very far away  
Time to hang your stockings up  
Tomorrow's Christmas Day  
Put a piece of pie or cake  
On a pretty Christmas plate  
Remember Rudolph's carrot  
Oh we can hardly wait!  
Christmas tree is twinkling  
Christmas pudding stirred  
Presents are all wrapped and stacked  
'Cus everybodys heard  
Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
He's not very far away  
Time to hang your stockings up  
Tomorrow's Christmas Day  
We love singing carols  
And lighting candles too  
But my favourite part of Christmas Eve  
Is cuddling up to you  
Christmas tree is twinkling  
Christmas pudding stirred

Presents are all wrapped and stacked  
'Cus everybodys heard  
Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
He's not very far away  
Time to hang your stockings up  
Tomorrow's Christmas Day  
Is it time for bed yet?  
It must be really late...  
Everything is ready  
And we can hardly wait.  
Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
He's not very far away  
Time to hang your stockings up  
Tomorrow's Christmas Day  
Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
He's not very far away  
Time to hang your stockings up  
Tomorrow's Christmas Day





## WHAT A TERRIFIC SENIOR SOIRÉE

Well done to all the performers from Concert Strings, Concert Band, Consort Recorders, Rock Band and year 4 Kodaly for a beautiful concert on Sunday. Everyone was sounding terrific. Mike was recognised for his outstanding contribution to the Birchgrove music program by a senior student who presented him with a farewell gift. Our new Concert Band conductor, Joe Gould, was present and introduced to the audience and children. We're looking forward to working with him next year as is Rock Band' with their new conductor, Ally McMahon.

## ROCK PAPER SCISSORS FIRST OUT OF SCHOOL GIG!

Under the guidance of The Grateful Dad's, the Rock Band got the opportunity to perform on Sunday in front of a live crowd at Gladstone Park Bowling Club. The band relished the experience and rose to the challenge.

## ST JOHNS CONCERT – FRIDAY 29th NOV

All music students who are performing at St Johns should go there with their school bags and wearing their Birchgrove Music Tshirts with black pants / skort / shorts. PLEASE BRING A MUSIC STAND IF YOU HAVE ONE. The ensembles performing include; Training and Concert Band, Beginner and Consort Recorders, Junior and Senior Choir and Training, Intermediate and Concert Strings.

Timings of arrivals for ensembles performing at St Johns (Birchgrove Road) are as follows:

**8.00 am Intermediate and Concert Strings**

**8.30 am Junior Strings, Concert Band, Training Band, Beginner and Consort Recorders**

**8.50 Junior Choir are to meet in Miss Sarina's room ready to leave at 9am (if they are not already in an ensemble as they will be at the church already).**

The performance is expected to start around 9.15am (when the rest of the school arrives).

## INSTRUMENT RETURN – FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

All instruments hired via the school are to be returned after the St Johns concert this Friday (unless you have a pre-existing arrangement). Stings taken back to the school and left on the stage, Band instruments to be left at the church, in the back room.

## MUSIC LUNCH – FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Students from all music ensembles including Kodaly (K - 4) and Junior & Senior Choir will receive free pizza and an ice block for lunch on Friday as a thank you from the Music Committee.

## BAND INSTRUMENTS NEEDED FOR 2020

Interested in trying low brass in 2020? We need new euphonium, trombone, french horn and trumpet players. Also, year 3 or 4 (in 2020) students interested in starting clarinet. Please contact [jacqui\\_verbeek@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jacqui_verbeek@yahoo.com.au) to find out more.

## MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Friday 29th November** - St John's Christmas Concert, Instrument Return Day and Pizza Lunch for Music Program Students
- **Monday 2nd December onwards** - no more music lessons or ensembles
- **Tuesday 11th February** - Music committee meeting, 7pm, staffroom (2020 wk3)
- **Friday 14th February** - music instruments handout (2020 wk 3)
- **Monday 17th** - music ensembles commence (2020 wk 4)



# Birchgrove Buzz

Term 2 Week 6 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Newsletter of the Birchgrove Public School

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*We'd like to say thank you*

*The learning environment at Birchgrove Public School is enriched daily by the fantastic contributions from those, like yourself, who volunteer their time to help.*

*We really appreciate all you've done this year for Birchgrove and would like to say 'Thank You'.*

*Please come and join us on the terrace for our*  
***'Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea'***

***Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November***  
***on the Terrace***  
***11.15 am***  
***(after the Christmas Concert at St John's)***





## A KITCHEN GARDEN

in a Concrete Jungle

### Easy Garden Salad

Freshly picked straight from the garden:

Lettuce - 3 different varieties

Spinach and beetroot leaves

Parsley

Coriander

Snow peas

1 tomato (our very first!)



Dressing:

1 tsp pomegranate vinegar

1 Tsp avocado oil

1 tsp maple syrup

1/2 tsp grainy mustard

salt and pepper to taste

Tear lettuce into bite size chunks

Snap snowpeas in half

Tear herbs off stalks. pop it in a bowl.

Add dressing ingredients to a small jar,  
shake vigorously and pour over greens.

Grab a fork and dive in!

**YUMMY! Thank you Flying Foxes  
and Kookaburras.**



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Term 4 2019



**Welcome to the  
garden in 2020  
Lauren McLeod!**

### Term 4

We've been creating salads from  
the garden, identifying plants,  
measuring liquids, talking about  
the life cycle of plants and  
healthy eating.

This is what it's all about!  
Living the dream!





## Summer Holiday Club



### Book into a Summer of discovery, right here at Holiday Club.

Helping children discover their passions in life is something we value at Holiday Club. Right here in our clubs we've got our future leaders. Our future scientists, actors, lawyers, CEOs, chefs, dentists and even Prime Ministers!

Discovery all starts with variety and exposure; and this Summer, we've got a jam-packed program with all kinds of activities. We've got active excursions, engineering projects, mindfulness incursions, cooking workshops and everything in between.

### Engineering

### Cooking



### Active Play

### Mindfulness

**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).

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

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**HOLIDAYCLUB**





## Media Release

*Immediate Release*

Tuesday 19 November 2019

As part of the Inner West Council's EDGE festival MyKindCo Creative Collective is engaging the Balmain community in the live process of art and design over the 3 days of the festival, through creative installations and children's workshops.

Curated by MyKindCo Founder and Creative Director Lisa Tatman, the activations are inspired by the creativity, influence and engagement of women in our Balmain community, both past and present.

**'The Art of Play' Mural** is being painted by Lotte Alexis Smith across the three days of the festival at the wall of the Little Treasure Chest toy store on the corner of Darling and Booth St, opposite heritage listed Gladstone Park. The historically and locally inspired mural represents the great sense of community established through play and our local schools, diversity and inclusion, and the significance of women and children in our community.

Maybanke Anderson was a remarkable and significant Balmain local woman in the late 1800s and early 1900s, when the original store H.A. Scott & Co's -The Strand, was established at the site of the mural at the Little Treasure Chest site.

Maybanke was a leading feminist, teacher, historian and writer, passionate about both the rights of women and children. She was a uniting force behind women's suffrage in NSW campaigning for progressive social reform through the establishment of free kindergartens, children's playgrounds, a girls school, women's advanced education, law reform the including women's right to vote in 1902. Maybanke was a mother of seven children and a true inspiration for MyKindCo - Creative Collective and a history making influential identity we wish to now share with our broader peninsula community.

*"The mural will be a creative installation celebrating diversity and inclusion, unity of women and children of Balmain past and present. The MyKindCo ethos is built on the strength of women building a united community for both the greater good of womankind and of our children- the next generation. The mural installation will be a welcome reminder of this and for the community to celebrate for years to come", said Lisa Tatman.*





On Saturday 23rd and Sunday the 24th of November, children have a rare opportunity to engage in the **'Art of Play and Design' workshops**, with a line-up of our Balmain community's top female designers, architects, artists and photographers, generously sharing their expertise in our play and create sessions:

- Design your own dollhouse with Interior Designers
- Build your own Balmain terrace with an Architect
- Create your own logo 'identity' with a team of Art Directors
- Experience a live photoshoot with a fine art Photographer and creative team

The workshops will be held at Balmain's newest boutique toy store the 'Little Treasure Chest'. A **Christmas Kindness Wishing Tree** will also be installed, inviting the local community to come together in store to gift 'treasures' to children and families in need of some kindness in their world this Christmas. All donations will be directed to local charity Mummies Paying it Forward.

Over the last week, local primary school children have also been highly engaged creating 'wishing tags' inscribed with their wishes for the future and a 'kinder' world. These colourful tags will abundantly decorate the **MyKindCo Wishing Tree** installation on the corner of Booth Street and Darling St surrounding the store and the mural, opposite the park.

The wishes of the children and the festival attendees, will also be shared and showcased on the **MyKindCo Wishing Arch** activation. This will be located at the entry to the **MyKindCo 'Art of Play' Children's Lawn Party** an installation of traditional imaginative 'screen free' play at Jazz in the Park, at Gladstone Park, on the final day of the festival- Sunday 24 November.

**About My Kind Co** - *MyKindCo is an early-stage social enterprise and creative collective of entrepreneurial women with a 'design for good' mantra. We are women supporting women and mothers preparing our daughters to be the next generation.*

<https://www.facebook.com/mykindco/>

<http://www.mykindco.com.au>

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**PICKLES**

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

After an extended absence the PSSA district polo is back in stock at the school uniform shop. There may be a small delay before online availability catches up, but they will be available for purchase at the school shop from **Tuesday 26 November 2019**.







## RESILIENCE IN KIDS



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Lilyfield and Annandale Community Centres | 9-4pm

Term 1 after school workshops on Tuesdays at  
Birchgrove Public School | K-3 | 3.15-4.15

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