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NEWSLETTER

Week 11 Term 4 15/12/2021

Term 1 2022 – The start of the School Year

Tuesday February 1st For the first few days until numbers become clear and classes are formed students stay with their teacher from the year before, except for the students whose teachers will be administering Best Start Assessments. They will be with our support teachers.

Years 1-6 (current yr K-5) will go to the basket ball court when the bell goes. It is important that children are all on time on the first day, so they are with the other children and aren't trying to catch up and work out where they should be.

New Kindergarten children will start Week 2. February 4th

Our children stay with their class cohort from the year before until all enrolments are in and settled so we only form classes once and nobody is traumatised! In the mean time they are with last year's teacher (where possible) and busy with our start of year learning. The teachers who have them are teaching, they are learning, they debrief about the holidays and settle back into school routine. It really does pay to wait and get it right rather than doing it twice!

Staff Farewells

I'd like to thank Miss Ellen Hahn, for her hard work and dedication to our school. She has been a joy to work with and will be greatly missed by the students parents and her colleagues. Miss Hahn is moving to Queensland.

Thank you to our School Counsellor, Ms Christine Burke who has worked with a number of our students and parents across the school.



One of the highlights for me has been talking to the children as they come into school each morning. Sometimes it's a quick hello and sometimes a longer chat. It's a great way to gauge who is having a good start and who might need some TLC. Each morning Lara has been telling me mum was going to make her hair blue. Today it happened! I love it Lara

We acknowledge the Wangal people of the Eora Nations, the traditional custodians of the land on which we play, learn and grow. We pay respect to elders past, present and emerging.

2021

Term 4

16/12	Year 6 Assembly & clap out
16/12	Last day for 2021

2022

Term 1

1/2	Students Year 1 to 6 return
1/2-2/2	Kindergarten Best Start
4/2	Kindergarten's First Day!
21/2	Extra Curricula Programs Start
21/3	Harmony Day
25/3	National Ride to School Day



Thank you for all your help and support this year. Have a safe and happy holiday with your families and we look forward to seeing you in 2022!

Birchgrove Staff

More happenings

Student Parliament's mufti-day gold coin donation raised \$433.70 for our **World Vision** Sponsor students. Both Shashi and Chompa our two previous sponsor children have become adults and are able to support themselves.



2021 **Graduating Music Students** and their Trophies



The end of year P&C dinner was a great way to finish the year. So nice to actually meet in person!!!



It's been another year full of amazing opportunities, great learning and lots of fun....as well as being a year of immense challenges.

I am incredibly grateful to work with such an amazing staff, who made sure that we were all the best we could be.

Our parents have had a mammoth task this year, it's been so hard to catch up over the phone, fence or computer...but you made a hard task far easier with your help and support.

Our amazing students have continued to grow and learn at home, at school and anywhere else they have been...

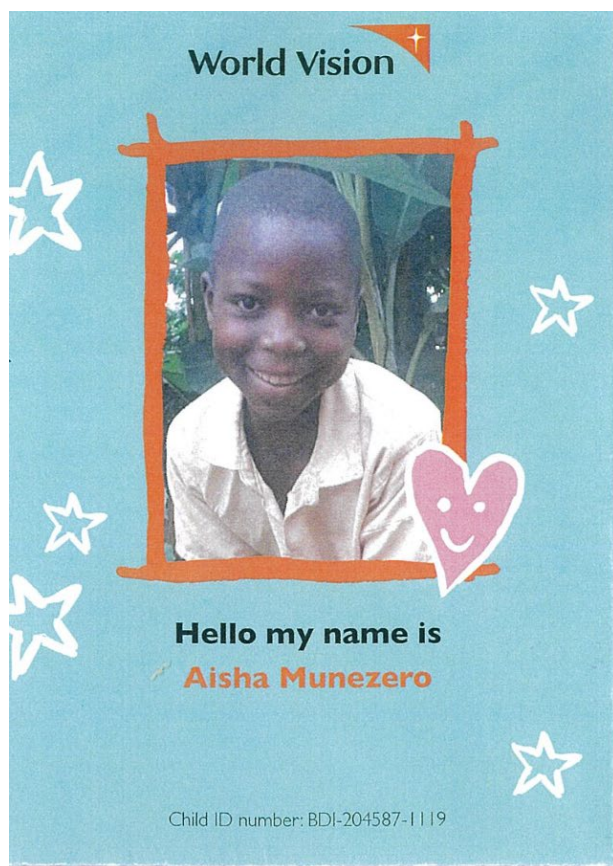
I am a very proud principal when I reflect back on all they have achieved in 2021.

Have a great festive season, stay safe and see you in 2021!

Yes Year 6 that means you as well, if you can't call in I'd love an email telling me how high school is going!!!!









Our new sponsor children are Hamid & Aisha



About me

I live in Burundi and I am a
9 years old girl.
My birth date is 28 Jul 2010.






-  **My chores at home:** carries water
-  **My favourite activity:** ball games
-  **My school grade:** 2
-  **My siblings:** 1 brother and 3 sisters
-  **My language:** Kirundi
-  **I live with:** parents

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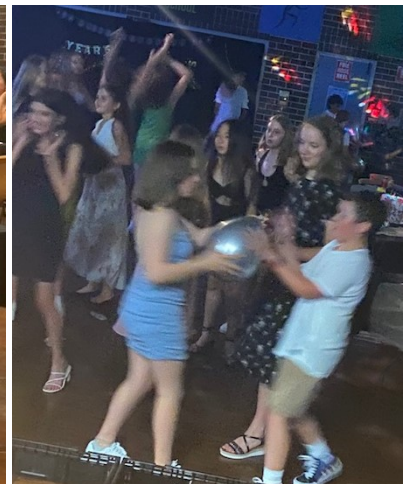
Hamid says thank you!

Hello , my name is Hamid Shehjad. Thank
you for sponsoring me. I live in India and my
birthday is 22 August 2013.

-  **My chores at home:** carries water
-  **My favourite game:** playing with toys
-  **My school grade:** kindergarten
-  **My favourite subject:** colouring
-  **My siblings:** 3 brothers



Year 6 Formal & Graduation



The **Year 6 Graduation and formal** was a fabulous event The students all looked sensational and enjoyed a dinner followed by dancing.

Thank you to the staff for all their work setting up and decorating and the P&C for sponsoring the event (paying the bills!).

The year 6 students received a school pen and graduation certificate and photographs before going home.

It was great to see all the staff and student having fun. The night always creates such special memories.

Year 6 Formal & Graduation



Crazy Christmas Tshirt Day



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Christmas Trees & Puddings



The final P&C fundraiser for the year saw lots of puddings and trees ready to decorate go off to Birchgrove homes! Thank you Joanathan for making sure our families were all sorted with their purchases!