**2014 Dates to Remember**

**Parent**

**Music**

**Sport**

**Student Parliament**

**Term 4**

5/11  Music Recruitment Night
10/11  3D Assembly
11/11  Kindergarten Orientation Morning
12/11  DigiEd 3D, 3/4C 4K 4/6H
17/11  1D Assembly
19/11  Preschool Transition
21/11  Disco 5-6:30 Pre-2 6:30-8:00 3-6
25/11  Preschool Interviews
26/11  Preschool Interviews
26/11  P&C Meeting 7pm
1/12  Canteen Christmas Stall
4/12  Stage 3 Recognition
5/12  St John's Christmas Concert
5/12  Preschool Concert
5/12  Parents Thank you Morning Tea
5/12  Preschool Concert
9/12  Preschool Party
9/12  Year 6 Farewell Dinner
10/12  Stage 2 Recognition Ceremony
11/12  Kindergarten Recognition Ceremony
11/12  Preschool Party
12/12  Year 6 Picnic
12/12  Stage 1 Recognition Ceremony
15/12  School Picnic Recognition Day
16/12  Preschool Cleaning Day
17/12  **Farewell Assembly and Year 6 Arch**
17/12  Last Day of Term 4

K/1C enjoyed Halloween with ghostly biscuits and a disco.
Classes for 2015

It is the time of year where we are starting to look at classes for 2015. If you are not returning please in 2015 (and not in Y6) please let the school know now by completing and returning the note below.

Students NOT RETURNING to Birchgrove in 2015

Please inform the office by completing this form if your child will NOT be returning to Birchgrove in 2015. (Please do not reply if your child is in Year 6 this year 2014).

My child: ______________________ of class __________ will not be returning to Birchgrove Public School in 2015.

Signed: ______________________ Date: ______________

My child will be attending: _____________________________ in 2015

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. We are still operating at capacity and need to be able to advise parents if there are spots available in 2015.

What is a homonym? Let's face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example.

Selective high schools

Choosing the right shoes
School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes

NSW public school terms and holidays

Jargon explained
If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area. More school jargon explained: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters

Where’s the octopus
Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHCwKxI&feature=youtu.be
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Birchgrove Public School
Kindergarten 2015
Play, Learn, Grow

IMPORTANT DATES

Kindergarten Orientation
Morning 9:30 am
(For Children & their 2014 Buddies)
Tuesday 11th November
2014

For More Information Contact
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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
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Birchgrove
End of Year
Luau Disco

Raising funds for Stewart House

Friday November 21st

Buy your tickets online:
trybooking.com/GHPF
No tickets for sale on the door

Preschool – Yr 2
5.00pm – 6.30pm

Yr 3 – Yr 6
6.30pm – 8.00pm

Single ticket = $7.50, Family of up to 5 = $25
Family of 6 or more = $30
Ticket includes a soft drink and a sausage.
All children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Teachers will not be supervising the students. For sale on the night: glow sticks, pizza, slushies, cakes, jellies and a cash bar for adults.
Do you want to learn a musical instrument in 2015?

**Music Recruitment Night**

Wednesday November 5
School Hall, 6 – 7.30pm

If you would like to start learning strings, a band instrument or the recorder in 2015, come along to register your interest.

The options to learn an instrument are:
- **Anytime from Year 1 on:** Violin, Cello, Recorder
- **Anytime from Year 3 on:** Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Drums, Tuned Percussion

We also offer private tuition in guitar, bass guitar and piano.

Most of these instruments are available to hire from the Music Committee.
For more information, contact: jackifortune@yahoo.com
MUSIC RECRUITMENT WEEK
Music Recruitment Night will be held in the School Hall this coming Wednesday November 5, from 6-7.30pm.
It is a chance for students to meet some of the tutors and try out the instruments for themselves.
If your child would like to start learning a musical instrument in 2015, you must come along to register your interest. If you can't come, please contact Jacki Fortune (jackifortune@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.
The options are:
- Anytime from Year 1 on: your child can start learning the recorder, the violin or the cello.
- Anytime from Year 3 on: your child can start learning a band instrument (flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone, french horn, euphonium, drums or tuned percussion)
- We also offer private tuition in guitar, bass guitar, singing and piano.
The Music Committee offers all of these instruments to hire (apart from recorders, drums, guitar and piano).
To find out more, ask at the school office for a copy of the 2015 Music Information Handbook.

SENIOR SOIREE
Make sure you put the 16th November in your diary if you have a child in the Advanced Recorders, Senior Strings, Concert Band or Rock Guitars. The Senior Soiree is an opportunity for our senior music ensembles to perform for their family and friends the impressive repertoire that they have developed over the course of 2014. The concert will start at 4pm in the School Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share afterwards at the afternoon tea.

MUSIC COMMITTEE AGM
The Music Committee AGM is coming up on Tuesday, 25th November at 7pm in the School Staffroom.
The Music Program is run by a group of volunteer parents that meets about two evenings a term for about an hour. Several long-term Committee members are retiring this year and, we need new recruits to ensure that the Program continues into the future. If you have a child who is benefitting from the Music Program or one who would like to join an ensemble in the future, please come along to the AGM and consider offering assistance in 2015.

MUSICAL DATES FOR THE DIARY
😊 Wednesday, 5th November - Music Recruitment Night, School Hall, 6 – 7.30pm
😊 Sunday, 16th November – Senior Soiree, School Hall, 4pm
😊 Thursday, 20th November – End of Year Music Program Dinner, Exchange Hotel, 7pm
😊 Tuesday, 25th November – Music Committee AGM, Staffroom, 7pm
😊 Friday, 5th December – End of Year Concert, St John’s Church, Birchgrove
Hi All,

Firstly we would like to thank Ms Gray, the principal for allowing our centre to complete fundraising for, The Smith Family Back 2 School Appeal. Through this wonderful support from the student and parents and the creations made by the students we’ve managed raise a fantastic $90.70! Woohoo!

The money was deposited on the 31st of October 2014 and we were all very pleased with this outcome. Again, we thank you all for your support & generosity. A friendly reminder to parents to please call Head Office/Customer Service on 1300 105 343 if your child are not able to attend OSHC or call us here in Birchgrove OSHC on 0405 413 528.

Thanks, Birchgrove Team