Library News

Week Seven (next week) will be the last week for Library borrowing, please start to have a ‘parent look’ at home for lost books with the Birchgrove barcode. I will send out overdue notices as a reminder. As per departmental instruction, I will be stocktaking all of the fiction and non-fiction books this year.

Thanking You in Advance,
Mrs Christine Ilieff
Year 5 Helping with Kindergarten Orientation

I would like to thank all the staff and support staff for their support and dedication to the Kindergarten Orientation Program. It was a very smooth transition for all children. Thank you to our year 5 children who gave up their time being a tour guide, helping set up and organising and leading preschool groups with gross motor skills. Thank you to the Kindergarten parents who provided morning tea and helped each day. You were all very much appreciated.

Many Thanks
Jodie Weber
Assistant Principal
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.

Selective high schools  Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 closes 17 November. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

Future Leaders Program  An ideal development opportunity for school Student Representative Council (SRC) or any student who shows leadership potential. To make a booking or find out more, contact Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02 or visit http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleadersprimary/ for primary school programs and http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleaderssecondary/ for secondary schools.

Understanding climate change Is your child learning about climate change at school?  CSIRO's scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling. Find out more: http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx

Little Aussie Songsters competition An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster . The competition is now open and will close on Saturday 14 February 2015.

Ready for high school Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages. Search by language: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php
SENIOR SOIREE THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

On Sunday 16th November our annual Senior Soiree will take place in the school hall. The Senior Soiree is an opportunity for our senior music ensembles (Advanced Recorders, Senior Strings, Concert Band and Rock Guitars) to perform highlights from the impressive repertoire that they have developed over the course of 2014. The concert will start at 4.30pm in the School Hall and will run for a little over an hour.

All school families are very welcome to come along and are guaranteed to be impressed. Our ensembles are sounding amazing.

MUSIC RECRUITMENT FOR 2015

It was great to see so many children at music recruitment night last week. If you couldn’t attend but your child would like to start learning a musical instrument in 2015, please contact Jacki Fortune (jackifortune@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.

To find out more, ask at the school office for a copy of the 2015 Music Information Handbook.

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

ienie Sunday, 16th November – Senior Soiree, School Hall, 4.30pm
iene Thursday, 20th November – End of Year Music Program Dinner, Exchange Hotel, 7pm
ienie Tuesday, 25th November – Music Committee AGM, Staffroom, 7pm
ienie Friday, 5th December – End of Year Concert, St John’s Church, Birchgrove
Please donate gifts now to support your school canteen.

Canteen Christmas Stall

Monday 1st December

Starts 8.30am
Birchgrove End of Year Luau Disco

Friday November 21st

Raising funds for Stewart House

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.
NEW PROGRAM

DRAWING SKILLS

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE PRESENTS

A new and exciting
LEARN TO DRAW PROGRAM
An innovative and practical approach to drawing
the world around you!
TERM 1, 2015 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!
HELD AT BIRCHGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL
THURSDAYS 3PM-5PM
For more information and to enrol please contact:
Sabina Carney
e: sabina@kidsatthearthouse.com
m: 0403768282

Kids At The ARThouse is launching a new and innovative program that will
develop drawing skills and introduce students to a variety of drawing materials and
methods. Open to students from K-6.
Like no other activity, drawing allows young children to express emotions and builds
confidence.
Studies have shown that:
1. Art stimulates both sides of the brain.
2. Art develops hand and eye coordination. Can help develop children’s ability to
read and write.
3. Art stimulates perception, creativity and the imagination.
4. Art is a place where kids can express themselves.