## Dates to Remember

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## Principal

**Selective high schools** Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017 is now open. Find out more: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shplacement.

**Finance - Parents Online Payment** Birchgrove PS can now accept electronic payments from parent/carers using the Westpac QuickWeb. This allows parents/carers and the community to deposit funds directly into the school’s bank account via a secure Westpac site. The instructions on how to do this are posted on our website and have been emailed to all families last Wednesday. If you experience any difficulties or have any questions please contact Mel in the Finance Office. The parents who have used the new system have reported back that it is easy to follow!!! **Please do not use the direct deposit system.** Mel is sending statements of accounts out today (Final for 2015) please make sure these are paid promptly, so she is able to wrap up the end of year finances as the school financial year closes at the end of November.

**Lost Property** – There is a large selection of lost property, in fact our lost property is overflowing. If your child has lost any jumpers, jackets, hats, lunchboxes etc please come and have a look for it. One of the parents will be sorting the lost property next week and adding any saleable items to the second hand clothing shop. Everything else will be going in the skip!!!! Please make sure you reclaim all your families possessions.
2016 is rapidly approaching and we are starting to look at classes and teachers for next year. If your child won’t be attending Birchgrove in 2016 and is not in Year 6 please fill out the form attached and return it to the school office.

Birchgrove Public School Goes Back to the Future….was just incredible! Thank you to all the teachers and parents who worked so hard on the production, set up, food selling and clean up! As always with a whole school production it’s a real team effort. Students Preschool to Year 6 your movie was sensational I really enjoyed it and know your families did too! The dance group performance was fantastic and the choir was magical. A very proud principal, Tracy Gray

Library News

The Red Gum Catalogues have been distributed, last orders close on the 19th November. Please order online. I will distribute the orders when they arrive at school. Let me know if you want them put aside for Christmas and I will keep the books for you to pick up from the office.

Chris Illief

Classes for 2016

It is the time of year where we are starting to look at classes for 2016. If you are not returning in 2016 (and not in Y6) please let the school know now by completing and returning the note below.

Students NOT RETURNING to Birchgrove in 2016

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 2016.

Signed: __________________ Date: ______________

My child will be attending: ______________________ in 2016

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 2016.
BIRCHGROVE P.S. GOES
BACK TO THE FUTURE

THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE SCREENINGS OF OUR FILM.
WE ARE LOOKING FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS OF THE NIGHT. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SHARE YOURS,
PLEASE GET IN CONTACT ME AT THE EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW:

JOHN.NGUYEN34@DET.NSW.EDU.AU

AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE WHOLE-
SCHOOL MOVIE. WE WILL, HOWEVER, BE DISTRIBUTING COPIES OF EACH CLASS’S MOVIE TO THE
PARENTS OF THAT CLASS AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

FOR THOSE WHO MISSED OUT ON ATTENDING BOTH OF THE SCREENINGS, THERE WILL BE VERY
LIMITED SEATING AT A SCREENING FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS LATER ON THIS TERM.
PLEASE CONTACT ME FOR DETAILS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS SCREENING.

JOHN NGUYEN
JOHN.NGUYEN34@DET.NSW.EDU.AU
CREATIVE & PRACTICAL ARTS COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US ON
OUR MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH TIME
BACK TO BALMAIN AT ELKINGTON PARK
The concert band did a great job, performed several songs and we all enjoyed a beautiful day of sunshine at the annual community event.

MUSIC RECRUITMENT NIGHT – WED 4TH NOV
Music recruitment week is next week. Children will get to "meet the instruments" on Monday the 2nd of November at school and parents and children are welcome to come and try out instruments on Wed 4th of Nov from 6pm - 7.30pm in the school hall. **The first part of the evening will be a brief overview and professional demo of each instrument followed by time to try them. Please be prepared to choose 3 instrument options.**

Ensemble entry available for 2016 are;
Kindy and Year 1 - Kodaly Music
Year 1 - Strings (Violin & Cello)
Year 2 – Recorder, Strings
Year 3 + Recorder, Strings and Band instruments

If you have any questions, please contact michelle_stellini@hotmail.com or 0417316725.

CONCERT BAND NEEDS YOU!
If you play keyboard or bass guitar and would like to play with our concert band in 2016, please contact michelle_stellini@hotmail.com
MUSIC COMMITTEE – VACANT POSITIONS FOR 2016

As a parent, being involved in our wonderful music program is rewarding and a great way to meet a friendly and supportive group of parents from across the school. Key positions we have available for next year are;

Instrument Co-ordinator – no instrument knowledge required!
Music Camp Co-ordinator - a definite highlight of the year for the children, co-ordinating our music camp will make you an overnight success in your own right!

If you would like a “no obligation” overview of these roles please contact Michelle Stellini

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday Nov 4th – Music Recruitment Night, 6pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday Nov 24th - Music Committee AGM
Tuesday 3rd Dec - Music Committee Dinner, Venue TBA

Birchgrove Public School
Kindergarten 2016
Play, Learn, Grow

Kindergarten Orientation Morning
9:30am-11am
(For Children & their 2016 Buddies)
Tuesday 3rd November 2015

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Email: birchgrove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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
Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017?

You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Key dates

Tuesday 13 October 2015
Application website opens

Monday 16 November 2015
Application website closes

Late applications will not be accepted

Thursday 25 February 2016
Test authority letter sent by mail and email

Thursday 10 March 2016
Selective High School Placement Test

Early July 2016
Placement outcome information

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There is more information at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit.

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit
NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au  Telephone: 1300 880 367  Fax: 02 9266 8435
Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
Facebook:https://www.facebook.com/Selectivehighschoolplacement
The ANNUAL Parents Only P&C Fundraiser BIG NIGHT OUT!

Join us on
FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER
7PM - 11.30PM
On the Green Terrace above the hall.
watching the sun go down...
All welcome

Dress
BLACK AND WHITE

7-8pm DUSK HAPPY HOUR
8pm onwards AUCTION - DJ - ENTERTAINMENT

Beer Wine Bubbles and limited Spirits Bar
Awesome surprise talent/entertainment
Cellar door wine raffle
Best dressed instant prize
Mystery envelopes
Silent Auction

$65 pp includes dinner, treats and entertainment

EARLYBIRD SPECIAL
$50 pp only until Oct 30th!

www.facebook.com/BPSBN02015
www.trybooking.com/163944

Halloween Festival
Saturday, 31st October
from 3 pm to 8.30 pm
Canteen Christmas Stall

The canteen will be holding its annual Christmas stall again this year on Monday 30th November. If you're not familiar with this, the idea is that children come and buy gifts for their parents, siblings, grandparents, and friends and loved ones etc. Karen runs this every year and it's extremely popular.

Instead of donating items from the wish list in term 4, we would be very grateful to receive your donation of gifts for kids, Men & Ladies etc. to sell. Please consider buying something to donate as soon as possible to ensure that we have enough time to have all the gifts wrapped ready for sale in time for the stall.

Your support for the canteen is much appreciated, without fundraising events like the Christmas stall the canteen would not meet its obligation to be self-funding and therefore couldn't keep going. Be aware also any money left in the canteen coffers at the end of the year reverts to the school, this just ensures that we keep our school canteen going.

LETS MAKE THIS YEARS CHRISTMAS STALL A GREAT SUCCESS AGAIN IN 2015. All gifts must be brand new. We cannot accept any used, damaged or broken items. Gift ideas include (but are not limited to)

Toys, Books, Puzzles, Footballs, Soccer Balls, Tennis Balls, Golf Balls, Games, Stationary, CD’s, DVD’S, SMIGGLE ITEMS, Aftershave, Hats, Caps, Wallets, Key Rings, Socks, Drink Holders, Perfume, Bags, Candles, Cups, Mugs, Bowls, Plates, Platters, Sporting Goods etc. Christmas Cakes, Christmas Puddings, Chocolates, Lollies and other Christmas food items, Christmas Decorations, Christmas Tea Towels, Stockings etc.

Handmade craft items are also always very popular as well.

......... Or any other gift item you think would make a nice Christmas gift.
MOST GIFTS WILL BE PRICED AT $5.00, $10.00, $15.00 & $20.00 but there will also be some items priced higher due to quality of the gifts.

Cups & Mugs filled with chocolates and lollies were extremely popular last year and all the smiggle packs sold out on the first day.