Welcome to the 2011 school year.

It is great to see all students in full school uniform, bright and happy after an enjoyable break during December and January. In fact I have been most impressed with our student’s readiness to commence study in a positive and cheerful frame of mind. Many staff have undertaken ‘Bridges Literacy’ training on Wednesday and Thursday. This will enable many more students to access literacy intervention during the year.

We welcome many new students to the school.

Year Prep: Taina Brooks, Jasmine Darcey, Chloe Kemp, Tate Knights, Olivia Lyons, Erika Payne, Lachlan Randall, Bridie Reid, Arjun Santhosh, Jazmine Trollope, Ella Walsh, Maggie Wilson

Year 5: Andrew Phelan, Ebony McKay

Year 6: Olivia Naylor, George Fowler, Emanuel McKay

Year 7: Maddison McCredden, Joshua Phelan, Kimberley Phelan, Nicole Clark, Cajun Fowler

We also welcome new parents Glenn & Roanne Darcey, Janelle & Daryl James, Karoline Tellbach & Robert Payne, Kylie & David Walsh, Denise Baxter & Colin Adair, Halwan Fowler & Mere HiHo, Brenda Clark and their families to our school community.
Student numbers are up on last year which is most encouraging. We look forward to your involvement in your child’s education and in many other aspects of the school. I trust you all enjoy your stay and educational experiences at Birchip P-12 School.

Whilst the students commenced today, our hard working staff commenced their efforts last Tuesday 1st February 2011 and for three days focused as a team to ensure all was ready for the start of the school year. This year our staff will work in focused professional learning teams to continue to develop and improve literacy, numeracy, the UltraNet and unit designs incorporating ‘Habits of Mind’, Thinking and the instructional teaching tool e5 – engage, explore, explain, elaborate and evaluate. Improved student outcomes is our core purpose and teachers reflect and respond to rich student data to better inform them in their teaching and learning.

On Tuesday, Helen Barclay instructed staff on how to manage students experiencing asthma and anaphylaxis and how to administer the epi-pen (a device containing adrenalin that combats anaphylactic episodes).

Thank you to all staff for their efforts during the holidays and their enthusiastic approach to the start of the year.

All the very best to all students, parents and staff for an enjoyable, rewarding and satisfying year of learning.

Mikaela – Buloke Young Citizen of the Year

Congratulations again to Mikaela Christie on being selected as the Buloke Shire Council’s 2010 Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year. This is the second year that Mikaela has won this award. The school, Birchip and the wider Buloke Shire are indeed fortunate to have young people of the calibre of Mikaela working diligently to ensure excellent outcomes for everyone within our community. Congratulations Mikaela – the school is incredibly proud of your achievements.

Water and Hydration

During the hot weather, we remind parents and students that a water bottle can be taken into classrooms across the school at any time of the day. Please ensure only water is contained in these bottles. We would also like to encourage students to drink plenty of water during the day, as dehydration will lead to headaches, fatigue and grumpy students!

New Teaching Staff

This year the school welcomes six new staff members, all of whom are enthusiastic and well credentialed.

Karoline Tellbach
Karoline has been our Science laboratory assistant for the past four years. Prior to moving to Birchip Karoline was a molecular biology lecturer and tutor at the University of Melbourne. During this time, Karoline studied for her Graduate Diploma of Education. Karoline will teach Biology and Science to our secondary students. Karoline and her partner Robert Payne live on a farm at Watchem. Their daughter Erika has also commenced in prep at our school.

Kelli-Ann Sheahan returns to teach children in prep → grade 6 library and prep → grade 2 computers. Kelli-Ann will also work with Mrs Kelly in the prep room.

Alex Lewis comes to us from Monash University where she gained a double degree in Arts and Secondary Education. Alex was the president of the Monash University Choral Society. Alex has a keen interest in the performing arts and has performed many roles in various theatre company productions. Alex will teach English and Literature to students in year 8 → year 11.

Kylie Walsh (formally Kylie Cartwright) returns to Birchip with her husband David and daughter Ella (Grade Prep). Kylie has been working with the Bannockburn Shire prior to taking up her new position as Science Laboratory Assistant.

Ex-student, Joshua Richmond, returns to our school to take over the Numeracy Manager role and teach mathematics to students from year 7 → year 12. Joshua was the dux of the school in 1999. He studied mathematics, linear algebra and programming at the University of Melbourne. He has taught at Ballarat Grammar School for the past five years. Joshua and his new wife Sandie Allan were married on New Years Eve and have made their new home in Birchip. Joshua and Sandie are looking forward to living and working
in the country and are passionate about country living. Joshua enjoys football, tennis, reading and has a passion for cooking.

**Bernadette Smith** takes on a larger role as an integration aide working with students in the grade 1 & 2 class.

The school is excited about our new teaching and education support staff as they all have a plethora of skills and experiences that can benefit our students. We wish them all well in their careers.

### Work over the holidays

The current refurbishment which was expected to be completed today (Tuesday 1 February 2011) is certainly not a reality. It is hoped that we may be able to move into the new buildings by Term 2, 2011. I again ask you to please maintain your good humour and current arrangements for at least another term. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

Dave Valentine has been busy yet again with various works during the holidays as well as his start of year clean. These include:

- Painting and new benches in Network 12 – Room 12.
- Painting in Room 1, Hospitality and QuickSmart Intervention Room in Technology corridor.
- New white boards in science rooms 13 & 14.
- Resurfacing north wall in science room 14.

**Works still to be completed include:**

- Staff Work Room refurbishment
- Art room – vinyl, benches, shelving etc.,
- New locker section for entrance to technology area.
- New entrance to technology area
- Room 7 to be converted into general purpose classroom.
- Site works and landscaping between admin and science buildings and library and primary section.

### 2010 Year 12 student destinations

Congratulations to our Year 12 Class of 2010. Many gained excellent further education placement offers. We wish all our school leavers the very best for their future.

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<td>Marshall Connelly</td>
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<td>Darcie Cooper</td>
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<td>Ashlee Donnan</td>
<td>Education (Disability) at RMIT University. Plans to take a gap year &amp; work in Swan Hill.</td>
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<td>Cassie Hogan</td>
<td>Integration Aid Traineeship at Charlton College.</td>
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<td>Emily Hogan</td>
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Normal School Day – Bell Times
6 Periods – 3:25 p.m. Finish
Each period = 50 minutes
Recess = 20 minutes
Lunch = 55 minutes

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Swimming practice next Monday 7th February 2011
Students from grade 5 → year 12 should ensure they bring their bathers and towel for participation in the swimming practice next Monday 7th February 2011 during periods 5 & 6. Students will be trying out for the freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly events.

The Birchip P-12 School House Swimming Sports will take place on Friday 11th February 2011.

Students from years 5 → 12 will be competing. Competitors will be selected as a result of the swimming practice held next Monday 7th February 2011.

Age groups will be Gr 5&6, 12-14 Years, 15-16 Years, 17-20 Years.

Events start at 11:30 a.m. and relays start at 2:00 p.m.
There will also be a BBQ available for lunch.
We will work the first three periods before moving down to the pool.
Parents and friends are very welcome to attend and cheer our students on in their events.

NOTE:
The determination of age group (as directed by the VSSSA) are the same as last year. Whatever age a child turns this year, that is the age group they are in. For example if a student turns 15 this year, they are in the 15 yrs age group. Due to small numbers we have combined some age groups for our House Swimming Sports, however all individual age groups will compete in the Interschool Swimming on the Tuesday 22nd February 2011.

The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 22nd February 2011 at St Arnaud.

Art Smocks & Library Bags
All P→6 students require an art smock and library bag as soon as possible.

Please name ALL clothing, books and other belongings
Please check that all your sons and daughters belongings are clearly labelled. We frequently find books, jumpers and other items (primary and secondary) without any identifying marks or name on them.
Private Property
Private property brought to school by students is not insured and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, iPods, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

School Start Bonus - Prep and Year 7
The School Start Bonus assists parents/guardians of Prep and Year 7 students to meet the start-up costs associated with commencing Primary and Secondary schooling. All parents of enrolled Prep and Year 7 students were given vouchers when enrolment forms were returned to the school. Please ensure you have redeemed your voucher for $300.00 at an Australian Post Office. The School Start Bonus is separate from, and additional to, the Education Maintenance Allowance.

‘Brain Food’ and Water
Primary classes encourage ‘Brain food’. Brain food is non-messy healthy food which may be eaten in class between 9:00 a.m. and recess or according to individual class rules. ‘Brain Food’ may be placed on tables and nibbled during class. It does not replace the recess snack. Recess snacks, (preferably healthy), should still be packed. Parents are also urged to pack recess snacks on days when lunch is ordered.

Unfortunately, many students often miss breakfast. This may be due to a variety of factors such as tiredness or lateness. Lack of nourishment, particularly in the morning, has been proven to have significant adverse effects on physical, emotional and intellectual performance. We have noticed significant improvement in concentration skills when students nibble on healthy food. For students who eat breakfast, it is still 3 or 4 hours before they eat again at recess time, and if they don’t have recess, they often wait 5 or 6 hours until lunch.

Secondary students are strongly encouraged to bring a snack, (preferably healthy), for recess.

‘Brain food’ must comply with rules:
- It must be natural unprocessed food, such as celery, carrot, small pieces of fruit (dried fruit is acceptable), cheese etc. Biscuits, chips, twisties etc are not permitted. It must be healthy food and should be in small bite sized pieces when the lid is opened.
- It must be placed in a small plastic container with a lid.
- It must not be messy. Common sense dictates that sloppy foods at work stations will cause problems. The food should not require hand washing afterwards.
- ‘Brain food’ is not compulsory, but for those who wish to participate, the opportunity is there.
- ‘Brain food’ is for each individual child and may not be shared.

Students may have a bottle of water on their desks and drink whenever required. If classroom rules permit bringing water which has been partly or wholly frozen, please attach a small towel and plastic bag or protective cover around it so that it doesn’t make a mess. Cordial or juice is not permitted.

School Bus Information
Updated bus information for 2011 has been provided to all bus families. Thank you to bus co-ordinator Mrs Merrilyn Kelly for her efforts here. Please update any incorrect bus details and return forms to Mrs Kelly as soon as possible so that our bus details are accurate. If students are not travelling home on the bus, parents are asked to contact the school office and cross their child off the bus roll.

Please sign the ‘Late’ book and ‘Out of School’ book.
If students are late to school, we ask them to sign the late book which can be found in the school office. In case of emergencies we need to ensure that all students are accounted for.

If you call to collect your son or daughter please ensure they sign out.
**Primary Physical Education Classes for 2011**

**Drink Bottles:**
All students will be expected to bring a drink bottle with them to PE filled with water. PE involves regular intervals of physical activity and students perspire and develop thirst quickly. With drink bottles on hand, students can rehydrate often during the session and this also minimises time lost due to students accessing school drink taps. Generally most students are very good at remembering their drink bottle. However, I do encourage parents to teach their children about the importance of getting into the habit of bringing a drink bottle to school EVERY DAY.

**Footwear:** Runners are preferable for PE but they are by no means compulsory. Because PE is active and requires moving in various directions and often at varying speeds, feet need to be protected and kept secure as much as possible. Shoes that easily come off such as slip-on shoes provide least protection and inhibit movement. Typical school shoes and secure sandals are ok.

**Primary PE classes for Semester 1:**
*Wednesday:* Grade P&1, Grade 1&2, Grade 3&4, Grade 4&5  *Thursday:* Grade 6

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**Car parking and using the school crossing**

Students, staff and parents are requested to follow the diagram below. Please use the crossing near the bus shelter and the crossing adjacent to the library rather than walk across the road anywhere. It is important that we are safe around cars and buses.

Parents are requested to park **around and under** the tree or along Fraser Street and again use the crossings as indicated in the diagram.
Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students will be undertaking their Work Experience placement during the week of Monday 2nd May – Friday 6th May 2011. Students will be provided with paperwork next week to help them find, arrange or confirm their placements. This paperwork will need to be returned to Miss Hicks by February 14th February 2011. This will help Miss Hicks to confirm placements already organised by students and help students who are having trouble finding an appropriate business to attend. Parents and students are encouraged to contact potential employers and pre-arrange these placements in an area where the student has available accommodation.

VET

VET classes will commence on Wednesday 9th February 2011.

The bus will leave the Birchip Park, (in front on the Cenotaph) at 7:25 a.m. and return at 5:35 p.m. Unfortunately the cost has risen this year to $15.40 return. Unfortunately the School has no control over this.

This bus is a public facility and appropriate behaviour standards are expected of our students. Please see Mr Christie if you have any problems.

Parents’ Club News - January 2011

Welcome to all parents and families to the 2011 school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break prior to the new school year. Special welcome to new parents. I encourage all parents to become involved in the school and join Parents’ Club so that we can all work together for the benefit of the school and our children.

General Parents Club Meeting Monday 14th February 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in Learning Studios 11 & 12. All parents welcome.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 7th March 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in Learning Studios 11 & 12. The March general meeting will follow. All parents are very welcome.

Ros McCallum
Secretary Parents’ Club
Birchip P-12 School
Junior Cricket

Junior cricket resumes tomorrow. Siddle versus McKay
Umpires: Chris Hogan and Glenn Hogan
Training will resume next Thursday 10th February 2011

Birchip Tennis

Juniors in the area are looking forward to the start of ‘Pee Wee’ tennis and Bernadette and Luke O’Donnell are coordinating the activity which will run for five weeks. The coaching for youngsters will start on Saturday 12th February 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Juniors from Prep to Grade 6 are most welcome to attend. Bernadette and Luke are looking for parent helpers on the mornings so if you can offer your assistance by picking up balls and the likes, it will be most appreciated. The cost of the coaching is $25.00 but if you are already a tennis club member, there is no cost.

Junior Coaching will recommence again on Friday after school and to make the time more social a team’s competition will be organised. This competition is to start on Friday 12th February 2011, after school. Juniors wanting to play in the tournament should give their names to Eileen Smith.

A Free Social Tennis competition will start on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The competition will commence on 10th February 2011. All you have to do is turn up at 6:30 p.m. Don’t worry about what grade or age you are as you will be assured of a couple of sets.

This week Birchip plays Charlton at home. The team is: Colin Kemp, Ian Smith, Brendan Gleeson, Jacob Gleeson, Warrick McClelland, James Goldsmith, Eileen Smith, Julie Coffey, Sharee Dobson, Jackie Rymer, Louise Lee, Laura Lee, Wendy Buteux, Belinda Randall, Kim Driscoll, Kellie Matthews, Jenny Goldsmith, Mikaela Christie.

Birchip Watchem Hockey Club

Fun Day and Farewell

For Helen Digby, Lovetts, McInerneys, Alex Gartmann
12.30 p.m at Watchem Lake
Meat & bread supplied, bring a salad to share
BYO chairs and drinks

School Council Elections

The Birchip P-12 School consists of up to 15 members.
- 8 parent representatives
- 5 DEECD representatives including the principal
- 2 community representatives including 1 Parents’ Club representative

Each year 4 parent representatives term’s expire.
These include: Cameron Flowers, Louise Lee, David Smith, Wendy Watts

Each year 2 DEECD representatives term’s expire.
These include: Andrew Sayle, Connely Barclay

Continuing representatives not due for re-election are:
Kevin Reid, Leigh Hogan, James Boyle, Shayne Riggall, Merrilyn Kelly, Eileen Smith

This year we require nominations for:
- 4 vacant parent representatives
- 2 vacant DEECD representatives

Please see Schedule 4 attached to the newsletter concerning the notice to call an election following appropriate guidelines. Nomination forms (Schedules 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D) can be obtained from John Richmond at the school.
Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Birchip P-12 School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office from **Monday 7th February 2011** and must be lodged by **4:00 p.m. on Monday 21st February 2011**.

If a ballot is required, the ballot will close at **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday 8th March 2011**.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

John Richmond
Principal
Birchip P-12 School

04.02.2011
School Uniform Policy

The School Council prescribes the P-12 uniform so parents can provide durable school clothing at a minimum cost. It is **compulsory** for all students from Year Prep to Year 12 to wear the appropriate school uniform as stated in this policy.

**P - 6 Summer Uniform**

**Boys:**
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers or grey shorts or dark green trackpants
- Navy blue windcheater or fleecy top.
- Black or white socks
- Black shoes or brown sandals
- P6 students may wear sneakers

**Girls:**
- Brown check dress to specified design
- White polo shirt & tailored green shorts or dark green trackpants.
- Navy blue windcheater or fleecy top.
- Plain white socks
- Brown or black shoes or sandals
- P6 students may wear sneakers

*A hat is compulsory.* Students are required to wear a hat outside during terms 1 & 4.

**7 - 12 Summer Uniform**

**Boys:**
- Navy jumper with collar and school logo
- White polo shirt
- Grey tailored trousers or grey tailored shorts
- Black socks
- Black shoes or brown sandals

**Girls:**
- Navy jumper with collar and school logo
- White polo shirt & green tartan skirt or green tailored slacks
- Plain white socks
- Brown or black shoes

*A hat is compulsory.* Students are required to wear a hat outside during terms 1 & 4.

**P - 6 Winter Uniform**

**Boys:**
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers or grey shorts or dark green trackpants
- Navy blue windcheater or fleecy top.
- Black or white socks
- Black shoes
- P6 students may wear sneakers

**Girls:**
- White polo shirt
- Green tailored slacks or dark green trackpants.
- Navy blue windcheater or fleecy top.
- Plain white socks
- Brown or black shoes
- P6 students may wear sneakers

*A hat is recommended.* Students are required to wear a hat outside during terms 1 & 4.

**7 - 12 Winter Uniform**

**Boys:**
- Navy jumper with collar and school logo
- White tailored shirt with stiff collar
- School tie
- Grey trousers or grey shorts
- Black socks
- Black shoes

**Girls:**
- Navy jumper with collar and school logo
- White tailored shirt with stiff collar
- School tie
- Green tartan skirt or green tailored slacks
- Plain white socks
- Brown shoes
P - 6 School Sports Uniform

**Boys:**
- White polo shirt or white top
- Appropriate red shorts
- Sports socks
- **Appropriate shoes**
- *Some team sports require specific uniform.*
- *Notified when team selection takes place.*

**Girls:**
- White polo shirt or white top
- Appropriate red shorts or skirt
- Sports socks
- **Appropriate shoes**
- *Some team sports require specific uniform.*
- *Notified when team selection takes place.*

7 - 12 School Sports Uniform

**Boys:**
- Red polo shirt or red top
- Appropriate shorts
- Sports socks
- **Appropriate shoes**
- *Some team sports require specific uniform.*
- *Notified when team selection takes place.*

**Girls:**
- Red polo shirt or red top
- Appropriate shorts or skirt
- Sports socks
- **Appropriate shoes**
- *Some team sports require specific uniform.*
- *Notified when team selection takes place.*

Students in VCE (Year 11 & 12) may wear a special VCE top as prescribed by the school each year.

Students in Grade 6 may wear a special Grade 6 polo top as prescribed by the school each year.

**Procedure to be followed if a student is out of uniform.**

1. The home group or class teachers will be responsible for students wearing school uniform as prescribed.

2. If a student is out of uniform, that student should present his/her home group or class teachers with a signed note from either parent/carer.

3. The note should state:
   a) the reason why the student is out of uniform, and
   b) when the problem is expected to be rectified and when the student will be correctly dressed for school.

4. The teacher concerned signs a "chit" or note which allows student to:
   a) attend school for the day or period that the student is to be out of uniform (if approved)
   b) show other teachers when asked about his/her incorrect dress during the day.

5. The school may contact the parents regarding repeated offences concerning the school uniform.

6. A student, out of uniform and without a note, may be sent home to dress correctly or the parent telephoned.

**Other:**
- All these uniform items can be purchased from the Birchip P-12 School Uniform Shop.
- The Uniform Shop is open between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily.
- Some second hand uniform items are available from "Seek and See" Birchip.
- Parents and students are requested to label all clothing items.

* refer to the school’s Sunsmart Policy

Any parent requiring clarification of the uniform policy should contact the school principal.
Information for 2011

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 [1 February 2011] and Term 3 [18 July 2011].

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **28 February 2011** for the first instalment and **5 August 2011** for the second instalment. Late applications can not be accepted.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **$230.00** for primary students and **$460.00** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2011 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

**Payment Amounts**

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after **28 February 2011** and prior to or on **5 August 2011**, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

**Contact:** School Office for application form and further information.
Register now at the
Birchip Business and Learning Centre
77 Cumming Avenue Birchip
email birchipblc@bigpond.com or phone 5492 2735

Water exercises & Lap swimming
Morning Lap swimming Mon-Fri 6.00-7.30am $20
Afternoon Lap swimming & Mum’s and Bub’s water time 12.45-1.45pm Tues and Thurs $20
Water Exercise Classes with Brenda 4 weeks starts Feb 8th Tues & Thurs 6-7pm
($25 for 1 night per week and $45 for 2 nights)

YOGA
8 weeks beginning Feb 7th Monday nights – Advanced 5.30-6.30 Beginners 6.30-7.30pm
All participants must be registered with BB & LC and comply with guidelines before participating in any of these programs

GENERAL MEETING
Birchip Business and Learning Centre
Weds 9th February 2011 at the Shamrock
6pm
ALL WELCOME

Homework!

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Revise all tables | 11th Feb. |

All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
GEORGIE’S CAFE LUNCH ORDER
Prices from 31st May 2010

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Parents Please provide a large paper
Bag with the order printed on it.
Note a 20c charge will apply for
Orders not on paper bags

Please specify Bakers on the
order for their products
otherwise Gillies products
will be provided.

No Glass Bottles will be supplied.
Thankyou
WEEKLY QUIZ QUESTIONS

This year the weekly quiz questions for the upper primary grades are slightly different to those in previous years. There is a greater emphasis on current events and the inclusion of some visual cues for some questions. The answers to these questions will appear in next week’s edition of the newsletter.

1. There are currently large protests about the government on the streets of Cairo. What country is Cairo in?
   • a. Iraq
   • b. Pakistan
   • c. Egypt

2. There have been concerns about the health of the popular former leader of South Africa. What is his name?

3. The Federal Government is planning a nation-wide tax to help the people affected by what event?

4. What is the second largest city in Australia?

5. What type of building in Moscow was the target of a terrorist attack last week?

6. Which state recently elected its first female state premier?

7. Qantas is planning to develop the world’s longest non-stop service from Sydney to which major city?
   • a. Dallas
   • b. Tokyo
   • c. Bombay

8. What is the name of the Category 5 cyclone affecting Northern Queensland?

9. What has recently caused interruptions to flights from Australia to Bali?
   • a. security concerns
   • b. mechanical difficulties
   • c. volcanic eruption

10. Who is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?
    • a. Tony Blair
    • b. Gordon Brown
    • c. David Cameron

11. What is the name of the controversial website created by Julian Assange?

12. What island was the site of a refugee boat tragedy in December?

13. A $61m campaign has been launched by the Federal Government for which of the following?
    • a. Australia’s bid to host the Soccer World Cup
    • b. Changing the flag
    • c. Reducing smoking in Australia

14. What actress is Shane Warne currently being linked to in the media?

15. What language is spoken in Holland?
1. Riots took place on the streets of Tunisia last week, what continent is Tunisia in?

2. What country is this sportswoman from?

3. What powerful country has the US just signed an agreement with to reduce nuclear weapons?

4. This image shows an event happening in which country?

5. This photo was taken last weekend. Which state would it have been taken in?