### Forthcoming Events

#### February
- **Monday 14th** → Year 8 Portland Camp
- **Friday 18th**
- **Monday 14th** → Year 11 Work Experience
- **Friday 18th**
- **Thursday 17th** School Council 8pm
- **Tuesday 22nd** Secondary Interschool Swimming - St. Arnaud
- **Wednesday 23rd** Setting into School Prep Meeting - 7.30pm

#### March
- **Thursday 3rd** Year 7 & 10 Immunisations
- **Monday 7th** Parents’ Club Meeting 7.30pm
- **Monday 7th** → Year 7 Halls Gap Camp
- **Thursday 10th**
- **Thursday 10th** P6 Cultural Performance
- **Monday 14th** Labour Day Holiday
- **Tuesday 15th** Physical Resources Meeting 8pm
- **Thursday 17th** St Patrick’s Day FETE School starts from 11am
- **Monday 21st** LM Zone Swimming Carnival Swan Hill
- **Thursday 24th** School Council 8pm
- **Friday 25th** Primary Summer Sports - St Arnaud
- **Friday 25th** P-6 Summer Sports - St. Arnaud
- **Monday 28th** Questacon For Years 8→11

#### April
- **Monday 4th** House Athletics Field Events
- **Wednesday 6th** House Athletics Track Events
- **Friday 8th** Debutante Ball
  - Last Day of term 1 - 2.30 pm finish
- **Wednesday 27th** First Day Term 2
- **Friday 29th** North Central Secondary Athletics - Charlton

#### May
- **Monday 2nd** → Year 9 Advance Activity
- **Friday 6th**
- **Monday 2nd** → Year 10 Work Experience
- **Friday 6th**
- **Thursday 5th** Immunisations for Year 7 Girls
- **Tuesday 10th** → NAPLAN Testing 3, 5, 7, 9
- **Thursday 12th**
- **Tuesday 10th** Physical Resources Meeting

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### Year Eight Portland Camp
**Monday 14th Friday - 18th February 2011.**
Good luck to our year eight students, along with Mr Whelan, Mr Christie, Miss Wright and Mr McRae for a great week next week on the annual year eight camp.

### Year 11 Work experience
Good luck to our year eleven students as they embark on a week long work experience next week. Miss Hicks and Mrs Barb Smith have been busy organizing some very interesting placements.

### School Captains
Congratulations to our 2011 School Captains who were elected yesterday by their peers: Mikaela Christie and Nicholas Bales. Both are excellent student leaders. I look forward to working with both Mikaela and Nicholas throughout the year. I’m sure they will lead by example and be a wonderful role model for all students.
Junior SRC

Our Junior SRC elected their leaders for the 2011 school year. Congratulations to the following students.

- **President**
  - Elise Bales

- **Vice President**
  - Joe O’Donnell

- **Secretary**
  - Tom Hogan

- **Treasurer**
  - Sarah Botheras

- **EO & OHS Officer**
  - Jessica Bidstrup

House Captains

House Captains were elected by students in their respective houses during the week. Congratulations to the following students.

- **Young House**
  - Chantel Emonson
  - Conor Hogan

- **Fraser House**
  - Evelyn Reid
  - Gerhard Egerer

Senior SRC → Student Board

The Senior SRC will be replaced by a Student Board this year. Continued discussions are being held with students from year seven to year twelve. With year eight and eleven students being on camp and work experience respectively, the final composition and management of the board will be communicated when these students arrive back to school. The idea of the ‘Student Board’ is to increase the student voice in decision making within the school. It is proposed that the school board will involve itself with various issues including school curriculum, student activities, planning and the strategic directions of the school. More on this will be published in later issues of the school newsletter.

New Teaching Staff

This year, we are fortunate to introduce three new staff members to our school. The Science department welcomes Karoline Tellbach. Karoline attended Sunbury Secondary College and went on to study Science at Victoria University. Science is Karoline’s passion and from gaining her degree, she went on to gain her honours in applied biology and is currently in the process of doing her doctorate in molecular biology. Karoline has taught Science, specifically dairy chemistry at Melbourne University and is now enjoying teaching secondary students. Karoline and her partner Robert farm in the Watchem district. Walking and being outdoors are Karoline’s hobbies and of course she loves being a mum and looking after her daughter, Erika who started Prep this year.
Alex Lewis’s zeal for language and literature is almost palpable. Educated at Mentone Secondary College, she then studied literature at Monash University, majoring in drama, theatre studies and literature. Alex has had many interesting jobs throughout her university life. She was a MYKI customer service person who dealt with customer problems on Melbourne’s much criticised public transport system. She has also worked for many years making pizzas. At university, Alex was president of the Choral Society and enjoyed busking in the CBD. Alex enjoys musical drama, singing, reading, making jewellery, cooking and gardening. The theatre is what Alex’s most interesting pastime is learning and performing ‘fire twirling’

Joshua Richmond is no stranger to Birchip and he comes to Birchip from four years of teaching Mathematics at Ballarat Grammar School. Joshua completed his secondary schooling at Birchip P-12 School and was its School Captain and dux. Joshua studied Mechatronics at Melbourne University and later transferred to Science, majoring in Mathematics. Joshua, like his father, is passionate about Mathematics and has been involved in giving revision lectures to Year 12 students and writing and preparing material for publication. Joshua has recently married Sandie Allan and they are both keen to be involved in the local community. Mathematics is not his only passion, as Joshua loves cooking, reading, gardening and playing a variety of sports.

New Prep Students

Thirteen excited and bubbly Prep students scampered around Mrs Merrilyn Kelly’s room on Tuesday morning. Some students were so keen to start school that they had been dressed and ready to leave home at seven thirty in the morning. Mrs Kelly didn’t disappoint her charges and had an exciting program planned for the children. The group took part in singing, computers, playing games and took an introductory walk around the school. They especially liked meeting the Year 12 students who looked so big, yet talked and laughed with them. Each child read and coloured in their own reading books and at the end of the day, they took a book home to read. Oh, to be so young again!
WEEKLY QUIZ QUESTIONS

Last week’s answers:
19. Egypt  20. Victoria
IMMUNIZATIONS

On Thursday 3rd March 2011, the Buloke Shire Immunization team will visit Birchip P-12 School and provide the following immunizations:

- All year 7 students: Hepatitis B Red Card
- All Year 7 students: Chicken Pox (Varicella) Yellow Card
- Year 7 Girls: Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Purple Card & Flyer
- Year 10 students: Diphtheria, tetanus & whooping cough Green Card

Signed cards will be handed out on Monday 14th February 2011 and are due to be returned to school by Friday 18th February 2011 so that vaccinations can be ordered and student information loaded into the shire’s data base program.

It is very important that all cards are returned including children who have been previously vaccinated and children for whom parents are non-consenting.

Register now at the Birchip Business and Learning Centre
77 Cumming Avenue Birchip
email birchipblc@bigpond.com or phone 5492 2735

Anyone for Basketball?

If there is enough interest there will be a Mens & Womens (Year 10 and above) basketball competition and a Mixed Junior competition. (Grade 6 - Year 9)

- Men’s Basketball - Monday
- Women’s Basketball - Wednesday
- Juniors Basketball - Friday (after tennis)

Please give names to Catherine McKenzie or Simone Christie

Help for Charlton

The Birchip Business and Learning Centre is coordinating the BBQ for the Buloke Shire Family Fun Day to be held in Charlton on Friday 25th February 2011. If anyone is able to donate coleslaw, tomato or lettuce, can they please let Simone Christie know. Workers will be needed to cook and sell the food between 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on the night. All help would be greatly appreciated by the Charlton community. All profits from the BBQ will stay within the Charlton community.

Please contact Simone on 54 922 735 or email birchipblc@bigpond.com if you can assist.

Birchip Tennis

Birchip plays Nullawil at home. Play starts at 1:00 p.m.


Teas Tonight

at the Leisure Centre
after training
All welcome
February Meeting

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

Annual General Meeting

The AGM 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.

Parents’ Club Catering

Welcome to the 2011 year, hope your all feeling great and ready to tackle the new year.
The start of the Parents’ Club year is always busy, and I thank everyone for their support to our school.
John and Christine Richmond have asked Parents’ Club if we would cater for Christine’s Fathers 90th Birthday on Sunday 13th February 2011. We require the following salads, desserts and slices.
If there are any problems, please don’t hesitate to contact Trish Lehmann on 0417 357 850 or Jenny Hogan on 0429 922 652. The following items need to be delivered to the Birchip Community Leisure Centre by 10:00 a.m. Sunday 13th February 2011 or by prior arrangement.

4 Litre containers of Salad
Chang Noodle: Deanne Botheras
Tomato and Onion with Cucumber: Janine Paley, Bernadette O’Donnell, Julie Lowry
Tomato and Onion: Bernadette Hogan
Coleslaw: Kelli-Ann Sheahan, Sharlene Connelly
Potato Salad: Trish Lehmann, Andrea Phelan, Leonie Naylor
Rice: Arlene Phelan
Celery and Apple: Prue McCredden

Desserts
Pavlova: Rhonda Bell, Sam Kemp, Jackie Rymer
Cheesecake: Simone Christie, Noeline Hogan, Heather Hogan
Chocolate Ripple: Tammie Tait, Debbie Riggall

Slices
Jelly Slice: Susie Turnbull
Hazelnut Slice: Beverley Forrester
Lemon Slice: Ros McClelland
Hedgehog: Simone Donnellon
Eclairs: Jenny Hogan

Buloke Family Fun Day
Friday 25 FEB 2011
Charlton Football Ground
6.45pm - 11.00pm

Loads of Activities
Free Entry
Great night out for all the family!
Next week the Year 11 students will undertake their second round of work experience. We have students participating in a variety of industries around the state as listed below. We hope they all have an enjoyable time and gain a valuable insight into the job that they are undertaking.

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<th>Student</th>
<th>Placement</th>
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<td>Shane Barker</td>
<td>Mallee Steel</td>
<td>Basic fabrication duties and maintenance</td>
<td>Birchip</td>
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<td>Claire Boyle</td>
<td>Myer Buying Office</td>
<td>Marketing, sample collections, administration</td>
<td>Melbourne CBD</td>
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<td>and attending supplier meetings.</td>
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<td>Hepburn Veterinary Clinic</td>
<td>Observing consultations and surgery. Cleaning tasks.</td>
<td>Hepburn Springs</td>
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<td>Ethan Cooper</td>
<td>Gisborne PC World</td>
<td>Computer related repairs</td>
<td>Riddells Creek</td>
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<td>Building – Paul Messer</td>
<td>Use of basic tools, introduction to building industry</td>
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<td>Powder Puff</td>
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<td>Mildura</td>
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<td>Emma Forrester</td>
<td>Horsham Veterinary Clinic</td>
<td>Observation of both surgical and non surgical procedures, assisting veterinarians general cleaning tasks.</td>
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<td>Bridgette Hogan</td>
<td>String Theory Creative</td>
<td>Assisting with concept creation and music writing; music audio and video production</td>
<td>South Melbourne</td>
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<td>Jake Hogan</td>
<td>G &amp; J Noonan Builders</td>
<td>Digging, nail pulling and nail straightening and nail storage.</td>
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<td>Laura Lee</td>
<td>St Vincent’s Hospital</td>
<td>Observation of physiotherapy practice, potential for exposure to other disciplines with Allied Heath.</td>
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<td>Megan Naylor</td>
<td>Cosmetician Studio college of Beauty</td>
<td>Reception duties, modelling for students, observation of classes, cleaning and assisting staff.</td>
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<td>Sophie Noonan</td>
<td>Ballarat Aquatic Centre</td>
<td>Assisting with crèche, gymnastics, aquatic observation and maintenance, aquatic education, health club and administration</td>
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<td>Huntingdale Golf Club</td>
<td>Working in the golf shop, golf bookings, customer service, administration</td>
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<td>Sarah Watts</td>
<td>Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre</td>
<td>Join youth worker for planned groups, meetings and casework appointments, visit aged care planned activity groups, youth programs</td>
<td>Preston</td>
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**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, Connelly 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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<td>DEECD employee member</td>
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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
Education Maintenance Allowance information for the school newsletter

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 cannot 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.
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<td>Mrs Emonson</td>
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<td>Mrs Emonson</td>
<td>Revise all tables, Homework Questions</td>
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| 7          | English | Miss Hicks  | Finish reading story and complete character web | 16th Feb.
| 9/10       | Literature | Ms Lewis   | Comic Strip                                   | 14th Feb.
| 11         | English | Ms Lewis    | Spelling test                                 | 16th Feb.
| 12         | English | Mrs Smith   | Spelling test and expository essay            | 14th Feb.
| 12         | PE      | Mr Sayle    | Pedometer Questions                           | 14th Feb.

All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

Swimming Trials
WIMMERA MALLEE CRICKET ASSOCIATION
in conjunction with ALL WMCA Clubs

PRESENTS

20/20

Flood Relief ‘Bash’

Sunday, March 6th
at Charlton Park - Cricket Ground

WMCA Under 17s - Curtain Raiser at 12:00 noon
Main Game – 2:30 p.m.

Featuring players from
Cricket Victoria, AFL/VFL, Politicians, Local Government & more!
Who will join with WMCA senior players?

BBQ & Refreshments available all day

Auction of sporting & other items
at the conclusion of the day
All fundraising proceeds will go towards flood-affected WMCA clubs
This week, 3/4 students have been focusing on the Habit of Mind “Working Interdependently”.

Students participated in a range of team building activities. They concentrated on their listening and speaking skills when directing a blindfolded partner through an obstacle course. During these sessions, the class also created a list of 12 objects to take if they were to be stranded on a desert island. Following this theme, students also agreed as a whole class on 22 different occupations that they believed they would need to have to survive on this island, by voting democratically.