**Orthcoming Events**

### March
- **Tuesday 6th**
  - Paul Bayon - Leadership activities with Student Board
  - Ag & Hort excursion to Wimmera Field Days
- **Wednesday 7th**
  - Paul Bayon - activities with year 9 Advance class
- **Friday 9th**
  - Year 7 & 10 Immunisations
- **Monday 12th**
  - Labour Day - Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 13th**
  - Physical Resources Meeting 8pm
- **Wednesday 14th**
  - Year 9 Advance Activities
- **Thursday 15th**
  - St Patrick’s Day School Fete - School to start from 11am
  - LM Zone Swimming Sports - Swan Hill
- **Friday 16th**
  - Primary Summer Sports at St Arnaud
- **Monday 19th**
  - North Central Secondary Duathlon at Wyche
- **Wednesday 21st**
  - Year 9 Advance Activities
- **Thursday 22nd**
  - School Council Meeting 8pm
- **Monday 26th**
  - Year 9 Advance trip to Bendigo
- **Friday 30th**
  - Last day of school for term one. 2.30 finish

### April
- **April**
- **Monday 16th**
  - First day of school for term two
- **Friday 20th**
  - Debutante Ball
- **Tuesday 25th**
  - Anzac Day
- **Monday 30th**
  - Year 9 Advance program
- **Friday 4th May**
  - Year 10 Work Experience
- **Friday 4th May**

### May
- **Monday 7th** → Grade 6 Maldon Camp
- **Wednesday 9th**
- **Tuesday 8th**
  - Physical Resources Meeting 8pm
- **Thursday 10th**
  - Secondary House Cross Country
- **Friday 11th**
  - Primary Cross Country
- **Tuesday 15th**
  - NAPLAN Testing for Years 3, 5, 7, 9
- **Wednesday 16th**
  - NAPLAN Testing for Years 3, 5, 7, 9
- **Thursday 17th**
  - NAPLAN Testing for Years 3, 5, 7, 9
  - School Council Meeting 8pm

### July
- **Monday 16th** → Year 9 Rubicon camp
- **Friday 20th**

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2012 Birchip P-12 School Student Board

The Student Board will involve itself with various issues including school curriculum, student activities, day to day planning and the strategic directions of the school.

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers to represent them on the 2012 Student Board. Our school captains, Sophie Noonan and Brenten Delaney will also sit on the Student Board.

Elise Bales, Georgia Lee, Tahlia Noonan, Shae Colbert, Sophie Hogan, Jacob Christie, Tom Shirley, Jake Hogan, Curtis Smith, Harrison Christie, Demi Donnellon, Zoe Turnbull

The first meeting of the 2012 Student Board will be held on Thursday 1st March 2012 at 12:45 p.m.

A finger food lunch will be provided for student board members and the Staff Leadership Team.

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2012 Birchip P-12 School Leaders

**Induction Ceremony**

Our Induction Ceremony will be held on Monday 5 March 2012 at our Whole School Assembly at 9:00 a.m. in the stadium. Mr Tim McClelland will attend and induct our student leaders for the 2012 year. We congratulate our student...
leaders as they commence their office for 2012. Parents and friends are very welcome and indeed encouraged to attend this school assembly as our student leaders are inducted for the 2012 school year.

**2012 Junior SRC Representatives:**

President  Bethany Emonson  
Vice President  Darcy Sheahan  
Secretary  Courtney Sayle  
Treasurer  Brittany Hogan  
EOH&S Officer  Khiana Brooks

**2012 Student Board Members**

Elise Bales, Georgia Lee, Tahlia Noonan, Shae Colbert, Sophie Hogan, Jacob Christie, Tom Shirley, Jake Hogan, Curtis Smith, Harrison Christie, Demi Donnellon, Zoe Turnbull

**2012 Sporting House Captains**

Fraser House Captains  Laura Lee and Brenten Delaney  
Young House Captains  Sophie Noonan and Jake Hogan

**2012 School Captains**

Sophie Noonan and Brenten Delaney

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**NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS – ST. ARNAUD**

Birchip students not only enjoyed their day at the North Central District interschool swimming sports on Tuesday but they also achieved some outstanding results. It was pleasing to see so many parents supporting their children and the team and adding to the carnival’s atmosphere.

There were many close races throughout the day that kept the judges on their toes. Brenten Delaney was the school’s only champion, winning the 20 year old boys’ championship but there were many competitors who touched a close second.

Tahlia Noonan was the school’s only female race winner, blitzing the 14 year old girls’ backstroke and combining with Jessica Bidstrup, Olivia Naylor and Elise Bales to win the relay.

The students’ efforts in the relays could not be faulted. The 20 year old boys medley relay team of; Connor McGinnis, Tim Phelan, Brenten Delaney and Jake Hogan were successful as was the 13 year old boys relay combination of Jayden McGinnis, Joseph Reid, Liam McGinnis and Tom Hogan. The girls’ 14 year old age relay team of Georgia Lee, Tahlia Noonan, Jahnева McGinnis and Shae Colbert swam strongly to win their event.
Monday 13th Feb
On a warm wonderful day, year 7 were roaring and ready to head to Adelaide. We got on the bus and started heading for the city. While we were travelling, everyone was talking about how exciting Adelaide was going to be. About an hour later we stopped at Murray Bridge for lunch. While we stopped for lunch mostly everyone was looking at all the dead carp. Also we were playing footy for an hour or so. After saying goodbye to Murray Bridge, we started heading to a German town called Handoff. It was a very peaceful little town. So we stopped there for about an hour or so. We had some afternoon tucker, then we headed for Adelaide. When we got to the camp, we unpacked to go to the beach. At the beach Joe cracked his nose. We played cricket and made sand castles which got smashed by the evening tide. Afterwards we headed back to camp for showers and tea.

For tea we had spaghetti bolognaise which was delish. After tea we went for a walk down at the beach.

Tuesday 14th Feb
The next day we had breakfast and headed straight down to the beach for the iron man challenge. This was an 800 metre sprint down on the beach. Afterwards we played catch the flag which was fun.

After about an hour or so we hopped on the bus and headed for the cricket for the rest of the day. At the start of the cricket match everyone was barracking for Sri Lanka and about 3 hours later nearly everyone changed to the Indian cricket side. But in the end it was a draw so in the end everyone was happy.

After the game we headed back to the bus in the busy traffic. We had to wait about half an hour for the traffic to move away from the bus, so we could turn the bus around and get out of the car park. When we got home from the busy traffic, we had supper and went to bed.

By Joe O’Donnell and Seamus Lowry
**Wednesday 15th Feb**

When everyone was awake that morning, most of us were tired from the cricket. To wake them all up, they had a nice warm shower. The first activity for the day was the Adelaide Zoo.

When we got to the zoo, we split up into small groups. The best bit about the zoo were the monkeys. Everyone was cracking up. The most annoying bit was when the teachers started acting like Siamangs. We got an idea that we should leave them in the monkey’s cage.

After a hot day at the zoo, we went to the beach. Some of the students went for a run with Mr Tyler to the beach. Most of us were very wet when we got there. After a swim in the sea, we started to play football in the sand. A couple of us started running back to the caravan park.

Everyone had a shower because they were all cover in sand. For tea, we had chicken Parma with salad, and then we had Trivia night. The team that won was the Hotty Monkeys. It was very good. It was a big night so we went off to bed.

By Joseph Reid and Liam McGinnis

**Thursday 16th Feb**

In the morning we were up bright and early to go to the Art Gallery. We were split up into groups with a tour guide. Both Sue and Rosie the guides were very knowledgeable about the artworks.

After this we walked to Victoria Square where there was a library lovers week program on so we sat down on a rug and listened to poems and stories. While we were waiting for our lunch, we were allowed to draw on the concrete with chalk. We wrote “search Birchip” everywhere. After our lunch of pizzas, we were split into four groups for a Scavenger Hunt around the city. Each group had a map and some questions, and even though there was a teacher with us, we were not allowed to ask them for too much help. By the time Mr Bear’s group finally made it back to Rundle Mall, everyone had been waiting at least an hour! Mr Sayle’s group won, but we were all happy because we got ice creams. For tea we had chicken burgers and we had a special visitor. Mrs Kelly’s friend Jenny Smart lives in Adelaide and she wrote the Scavenger Hunt for us, so we were very happy to share some of our stories of the afternoon with her. After tea we went 10 Pin Bowling. We were put into the same groups as the Scavenger Hunt for each lane. Everyone had fun, but we were very rusty in our technique! Elise top scored for the girls, Zac for the boys, and Mr Sayle steam rolled the other teachers. When we were walking back to the bus Miss McKenzie was talking parsel tongue like Harry Potter. After supper we went to bed.

By Tahlia Flowers, Elise Bales and Chloe Rymer

**Friday 17th Feb**

Unfortunately we had come to our final morning and it was time to go home. Before we knew it we were stopping at Keith for lunch, there was a cool train ride in the playground. Next stop Warracknabeal, where we were asked to finish up the lolly supply. It was a tough ask! We arrived back in Birchip at 6pm and said a big hello to our parents. Huge thanks to Miss McKenzie, Mr Bear, Mr Tyler and Mr Sayle for a fantastic camp.

By Tahlia Flowers, Elise Bales and Chloe Rymer
**Year 8 Portland Camp**

Wednesday I as well as Cajun, Georgia, Cheryl, Kim and Rebecca were duty group. We had to get up and organize breakfast for everyone. Cajun and I washed the dishes while the girls served breakfast. The rest of the class went for a morning run and swim in the beach.

After everyone had finished breakfast we went surfing. There were two groups, one for the confident surfers, and one for the people that had never been surfing, or weren’t so confident. The surfing was really fun and most people managed to stand up on the board. Surfing was one of the highlights of the camp for me.

After our surfing lesson, we went back to the camp for lunch, and later went caving. At the end we had to find our own way out without any lights.

After caving we had a free swim at the beach for about an hour. After our swim, we all went back to camp, the duty group reported to the kitchen to prepare dinner. After supper we were required to fill in our diaries, identifying our experiences of the day.

After a very fun but tiring day, lights were out by 10:30pm.  

By Jayden McGinnis

Thursday was our earliest start for the week and it was only our second morning swim. We then had showers and breakfast and went to our first activity for the day, which was sand boarding. Sand boarding was going down sand dunes on old snowboards without the boots. You could go down on the board anyway you liked. Sitting down was the easiest way but for the more confident, there was standing up or even going down in pairs or threes. Next, we headed into Portland and had a barbeque lunch. After lunch, we had some free time and then a Portland docks tour. Jeremy showed us around the docks and explained all the different areas. Once this was finished we were given an hour of free time in Portland, most people went shopping. That night we had tea at the Bridgewater Café, had a quiz and went to bed.

On Friday we packed up and set off back to Birchip after a very enjoyable week. Thanks must go to Mr Whelan, Mr Christie, Mr McRae and Miss Wright for organizing the camp and putting up with us for the week.
2011 Year Level Camps:

Year 3&4  Echuca – late Term 3
Year 5    Melbourne - early Term 4
Year 6    Maldon – Week 13: 7 – 9 May 2012
Year 9    Advance Activities & First Aid - Week 12: 30 April – 4 May 2012

Costing for these camps won’t be finalized until closer to the date, however parents are invited to make instalment payments towards these camps at any time leading up to the departure date. Any payments made now will reduce that large, single payment, sum. Camps need to be paid prior to departure.

Please make payment to the school at any time or contact the school office for school banking details if

Year Nine Activities - Pasta Making Day

During the week the year nine students continued with their activities program. This week Nuccia McLean came over to our school to teach the students how to make hand-made pasta. She explained how to make the pasta and showed the students how it is cut before students were able to make their own. Nuccia and the students then made up a bolognaise and carbonara sauce. All students were extremely happy to test their own creations at the end of the session, with many heading back for extra helpings. Thanks must go to Nuccia McLean for providing her time and materials to make this session possible. Next week the year nine students will be waterskiing as part of their activities.

English Subject Novels

Students in Year 9/10 ‘Write the Right’ have received a copy of The Chocolate War ($18.00), Eloquent English Year 9/10, The Hunger Games $18.00, Year 11 English, Dreams of My Father $25.00 and Year 8 English, Life of a Teenage Body Snatcher $18.00.

These books have been charged to family accounts.

SACs Next Week

12 Chemistry - Back titration Nitrogen content of fertiliser     Thursday 1st March
11 Chemistry - Historical development of the atom    Friday 2nd March
Congratulations Emily and Good Luck!

Last Sunday in perfect conditions Emily Smith won the quarter final and then semi-final of the Huntingdale Ladies Championships to take her into the final which will commence at 7:40 a.m. this Sunday over 36 holes.

The quarter final against fellow young member Alex Radevski was a classic match that went to the 21st hole. In the afternoon Emily won the semi-final against past winner Heather Gellatly 2/1. The event is the culmination of an excellent summer of golf for Emily.

She played in a variety of junior and open tournaments in Melbourne, Swan Hill, Cobram/Barooga and Wodonga. Emily is a member at Murray Downs Golf and Country Club and Huntingdale Golf Club and is coached by Kristian Kielly at Murray Downs.

Some highlights for Emily included scoring her first under par round of 72 at the Stuart Appleby Murray River Junior Masters where she won the Under 18 Girls Gross event. Emily played in the Victorian Junior Masters and the Australian Amateurs Qualifying rounds at Huntingdale and Woodlands.

Emily’s handicap is currently 2.

Emily is part of the Victorian Junior Squad training to be selected for the State Team Championships and Australian Junior Championships to be played in April on the Gold Coast, Queensland. Training includes strenuous dunes sessions at Gunnamatta beach, Saturday morning gym sessions at Rosanna Golf Club and practice on a variety of Melbourne’s sandbelt courses.

The school community wishes you every success Emily. We are very proud of your achievements.

Shake Rattle & READ

is moving to a new day!

Wednesdays

Starting 29th February 2012

Where: Birchip P-12 School Community Library
Time: 10:15 a.m. fortnightly

Hope to see you there!!

For more information contact either Nikki Coatsworth or Diona Cooper on 5492 2230
**Financial Assistance to Parents**

**Last Call For Education Maintenance Allowance**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to low-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is split evenly between the parent and the school, and is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

Parents can elect to have the parent portion of the EMA paid directly to the school so that school expenses can be covered. Call at the office to organize this should you wish to.

In 2012, the total annual amount is $235 for primary students and $470 for secondary students.

You need to submit your EMA application by **29 February 2012 as late applications cannot be accepted**.

A copy of your Health Care Card or Pension Card is to be sent with your application form. Application forms are available from the school office.

**School Start Bonus**

The School Start Bonus is provided by the Victorian Government to assist low-income families with the costs associated with their child starting prep or year 7.

If you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, and you have a child starting prep or year 7, you may be eligible to receive this one-off $300.00 payment.

The School Start Bonus will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) into your nominated bank account.

The School Start Bonus is separate, and additional to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

Contact the school office to complete an application form for the School Start Bonus. This must occur prior to 29 February 2012 as late applications will not be accepted.

**Education Tax Refund:**

The Education Tax Refund is a Commonwealth Government tax refund to help with the cost of educating primary and secondary school children. Eligible parents, carers, legal guardians and independent students can be reimbursed for half the cost of items such as computers, educational software, textbooks and stationery. For more information about the Education Tax Refund, visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

**Year 7 Spelling**

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**School Nurse Visit**

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school in term two. The purpose of this visit is to undertake health assessments and discuss health concerns that parents and/or teachers may have with their children/students.

**Prep Health Assessments:**

All parents of prep grade children will be requested to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the forms to the school by **Tuesday 13 March 2012**.

**Referrals (All Grades):**

Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to **Tuesday 13 March 2012**. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

Please note: You can talk to the school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.
`A Country Fair’ - Birchip P-12 School Fete
Thursday 15 March 2012

School to commence at 11:00 a.m. – 2 hours later than usual with the following schedule:

10:45 a.m.  Staff Briefing
10:55 a.m.  Warning Bell
11:00 a.m.  Home Group Assembly #1
11:05 a.m.  Period 1
11:45 a.m.  Period 2
12:35 p.m.  LUNCH
01:00 p.m.  Yard Duty Bell
01:25 p.m.  Home Group Assembly #2
01:30 p.m.  Period 3
02:10 p.m.  Period 4
02:50 p.m.  AFTERNOON RECESS
03:10 p.m.  Period 5
03:50 p.m.  Period 6 - End of classes for primary students
04:00 p.m.  Round One of Red Faces - gallery – parents, family & friends most welcome
04:30 p.m.  End of classes for secondary students – all students to set up for fete
05:30 p.m.  Sausages will be ready for the primary children to eat.
05:30 p.m.  END OF SCHOOL DAY - Fete commences
06:00 p.m.  Roast meal served

Normal classes are scheduled for the day but the school day will begin at 11:00 a.m. and finish at 5:30 p.m. School buses will deliver children to school by 11:00 a.m. but there will be no homeward bound buses in the afternoon. Bus times will therefore be running 2 hours later than usual in the morning.

- Prep students will come to school on Wednesday this week and have Friday after the fete OFF.
- Primary students ‘Red Faces’ acts starting at 4:00 p.m. Parents, family and friends are most welcome to come and watch the children perform.
- Sausages will be ready for children to eat at 5:30 p.m.

Fun and Activities
Our students will have the usual array of fun and activities along with our Monster Raffle. The theme this year is ‘A Country Fair’.

PERSONAL LEARNING GOALS

Personal learning goals allow students, teachers and parents to identify a student’s strengths and areas for improvement in their school work and also on a personal level. This year, teachers and students will work more collaboratively in designing student learning goals. Students will use their 2011 semester two report to make judgments about these goals and make specific statements on the following areas.

From my semester two reports my strengths were:

From my semester two reports, I need to improve in:

My personal learning goals for this semester include:

This must be either a specific numeracy or literacy goal, e.g., I need to improve my multiplication tables recall in Mathematics. I will do this by concentrating on a different set of tables each week.

Curriculum
e.g., My aim is to complete all homework by the due date.

My own personal learning goal:

This may relate to health or an outside school interest.
e.g., I will be a positive role model and show leadership both at school and in my sport.

To enable discussion on student’s personal learning goals, we request students, parents and/or guardians to make some time over the weekend to revisit last semester’s report and discuss some possible goals. Students from grade five to year ten will be required to bring in their 2011 semester two report next week for goal setting.
Quarter Horse Cup
Birchip Racing Club has asked the Birchip P 12 School parents to help cater again for the Quarter Horse Cup which is to be held on Sunday of the long weekend 11 March 2012.

Shifts are of two hours duration. We hope this won’t inconvenience too many people, but it is a great fund raiser for the school and event for our town and we need many parents to make it a successful day.

11:00 – 01:00 p.m.
Trish Lehmann, Angela Liston, Bernadette Smith, Prue McCredden, Simone Donnellon, Greg Martin, Kevin & Colene Delaney, Leigh & Jenny Hogan, Russell & Simone Christie

01:00 – 03:00 p.m.
Ken & Jackie Tierney, Andrew Sayle, Kelli-Ann Sheahan, Bernadette O’Donnell, Colin & Heather Hogan, John & Cathy Bales, Ellie Reid

03:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Noeline Hogan, Rhonda Bell, Brenda Doran, David and Barb Smith, Jackie Rymer, Adrian & Jacinta Connelly, David & Stephanie Chamberlin

As it is the long weekend, these shifts might not suit some people. If you are not listed and you would like to help for a couple of hours please don’t hesitate to let us know, because we would very much appreciate your help.

Thank you

Trish Lehmann
Catering Manager
0417 357 850

The Tchum Lake Aquatic Committee are catering for tea at the Quarter Horse Cup from around 06:00 p.m., so if you might be able to help, don’t hesitate to let Brooke Morris know.

Birchip Junior Cricket

The last game of the regular season is currently under way

Unfortunately there were a number of players away – but most managed to organise a replacement to ensure a game of cricket was still played.

Watson versus Clarke

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Umpires: Ronnie Brooks and Murray Payley

Grand Final

The Grand Final will be played on Sunday 4th March 2012 at the George Cartwright oval.
Most likely teams: Watson versus Hussey (to be confirmed)
The Grand Final will start 9:00 a.m. sharp. A BBQ lunch will follow.
Could the following parents provide the following items for our meal at our twilight fete?

We greatly appreciate your support to this great family night, and fund raiser for our school.

Workers from 5:30 p.m.
Trish Lehmann, Jenny Hogan, Wendy Watts, Cathy Bales, Kerry Barker, Sam Kemp, Brenda Doran, Rhonda Bell, Deanne Botheras, Janine Paley,

4 litres of the following salads delivered to the school no later than 5:30 p.m.

- Tomato and onion: Tracey Bennett, Tammie Tait, Sharon Flowers, Rachel Colbert
- Rice Salad: Bissy Ajithkumar, Carolyn Hogan, Lana Bradley, Charlene Connelly, Tina Garcia,
- Greek Salad: Carol Reid, Mandy Braine, Sarah Barber, Roanne Darcey, Angela Gleeson,
- Beetroot Salad: Janelle James, Denise Baxter, Deanne Botheras, Helen Casey
- Noodle Salad: Alana Davidson, Annette Bennett, Wendy Bidstrup, Jacinta Connelly, Rosalie Gould,
- Potato Salad: Michelle Merolli, Janine Paley, Fiona Knight, Veronica Hogan, Renae Dingley,
- Coleslaw: Bernadette Hogan, Andrea Harrison, Terri King, Danine Brody, Leanne McGinnis
- Own Choice: Louise Lee, Georgina Hogan, Rachel Owa, Wendy Buteux, Susie Turnbull, Jo Lee,
- Tossed Salad: Rhonda Bell, Fiona Sayle, Lyn Boyle, Andrea Phelan, Kellie Mathews, Dion Cooper,
- Cake: Kerry Barker, Sam Kemp, Debra Emonson, Nicole James, Emma Bennett, Cathy Bales, Brenda Doran,

Trish Lehmann - Catering Manager
0417 357 850

Birchip Tennis
Birchip play St Arnaud at home.
Colin Kemp, Ian Smith, Joshua Bear, Warrick McClelland, Gavin McRae, James Goldsmith, Jenny Goldsmith, Louise Lee, Bernadette O’Donnell
Julie Coffey, Eileen Smith, Fiona Best, Sharee Dobson, Heather Hogan, Kim Driscoll, Belinda Randall, Kelly Matthews, Hayley Hogan, Curtis Smith
There will be a barbecue after tennis tomorrow. All are welcome.

Birchip Tennis Hot Shots
Junior Tennis Program
Hot Shots is on tomorrow at 10am.
Remember to bring a drinker. $20 cost can be paid to Tennis Club Treasurer Julie Coffey

Birchip Tennis & Cricket Club
Annual Quiz Night
Friday 2 March 2011
commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the
Birchip Community Leisure Centre
Tables of 6
Names to Simone Christie, Fiona Best or Julie Coffey
$10.00 per head including hot supper. BYO nibbles for your own table
Lots of prizes to be won

Birchip Watchem Hockey Club
The 2012 Annual General Meeting will be followed by a general meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday 28 February 2012 at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre.
Intending players and representatives are encouraged to attend to discuss by-law changes for the 2012 season. The position of secretary is vacant.
2012 Birchip P-12 School, School Council Elections

Parent representatives
Nominations received for the four vacant parent representatives of school council:

Leigh Hogan
Shayne Riggall
James Boyle
Tammy Jans-Ward

There being no further nominations, I declare these four people named above duly elected to the Birchip P-12 School, School Council for a period of two years.

DEECD employee representatives
Nominations received for the two vacant parent representatives of school council:

Merrilyn Kelly
Eileen Smith

There being no further nominations, I declare these two people named above duly elected to the Birchip P-12 School, School Council for a period of two years.

The next meeting of the Birchip P-12 School will be the annual meeting on Thursday 22 March 2012.

John Richmond
PRINCIPAL
SUPPLYING ALCOHOL TO TEENAGERS COULD NOW COST YOU A $7,000 FINE

It is illegal to supply alcohol to anyone under 18 in your home, unless you have their parents’ permission. Anyone breaking the law could be fined more than $7,000.

Visit the website to:

- Get more information about the law, how to comply with it, and how it will be enforced.
- Find out how many young people drink, why and how much.
- Learn more about how to talk to your children about underage drinking.
- See what influence you have on when, what and how much your child drinks.
- Get more information and support.

## Homework!

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### Student Accident Insurance

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. An example of this insurance can be found in the advert on the next page.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Over the past 12 months there has been significant media exposure given to situations where children have been severely injured at school yet have not been covered by insurance. Add to this the accidents that occur outside school hours.

The financial pressures that parents and guardians may have to endure following these accidents can themselves be crippling.

StudentCover was developed to give parents and guardians a helping hand when they need it the most.

The annual cost of a StudentCover policy is just $29.00.

Unfortunately parents are too often surprised to learn just how little cover, if any, their children have when they are at school or at play.

StudentCover is student accident insurance that provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world*. The cover applies whether they are at school at the time of the accident or not, and includes almost every sport*. *(some conditions apply)

Some of the features include:

- Compensation of $500,000 for major injuries such as paraplegia and quadriplegia;
- Compensation for other major injuries such as loss of sight or loss of use of a limb and death;
- Reimbursement for emergency transport including the cost of ambulance;
- Compensation for common injuries included such as broken bones, fractures, dislocations or loss of teeth;
- Fee relief following the death of a parent or guardian; and
- Help with student tutoring expenses as a result of total disablement, to ensure a child’s education suffers the least possible disruption.

How to apply

StudentCover is only available online – making it quick and easy to protect your child or children.

Payment can be made by credit card at the time of application, or by BPAY once you receive your invoice.

To apply online simply go to www.studentcover.com.au and click APPLY NOW.

With a new school year now upon us, we trust you will see the value in taking up this offer and in doing so enjoy just a little more peace of mind when protecting your children.

Kind regards

Jeff Adams
Managing Director

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Health

Secondary School Immunisations

Dear Parents,

We are writing to remind you about the upcoming immunisation sessions for Year 7 and Year 12 students. These sessions are crucial for ensuring that all students are protected against infectious diseases. We understand that some parents may have concerns about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, but rest assured that the vaccines used in school are well-researched and rigorously tested to ensure their safety and efficacy.

The immunisation sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Year 7: (to be confirmed)
- Year 12: (to be confirmed)

It is important to note that all students must attend these sessions to be fully protected. If you have any questions or concerns about the immunisation program, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Please remember to bring your child’s immunisation record book to the session. This will help the medical professionals provide the appropriate immunisations as per the recommended schedule.

We appreciate your support and look forward to working together for the health and well-being of all students.

Yours sincerely,

[School Name]