Forthcoming Events

March
Monday 7th Parents’ Club Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 7th → Year 7 Halls Gap Camp
Thursday 10th Student Leaders Induction Ceremony - 9am.
Tuesday 8th VCE Information Evening - 7.30pm
Thursday 10th P6 Cultural Performance
Inaugural meeting of Student Board - 12.45pm
Friday 11th Year 12 Theatre Studies excursion to Ballarat
Monday 14th Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 15th Physical Resources Meeting 8pm
Thursday 17th St Patrick’s Day FETE School starts from 11am - 5.30pm. Fete commences 5.30pm
Friday 8th Debutante Ball
Last Day of term 1 - 2.30 pm finish
Monday 21st LM Zone Swimming Carnival Swan Hill
Thursday 24th School Council 8pm
Friday 25th Primary Summer Sports - St Arnaud
Monday 28th Questacon For Years 8→11

April
Monday 4th House Athletics Field Events
Tuesday 5th Healthy Living Expo for years 9&10
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
Wednesday 11th → Grade 6 Maldon Camp

Year Seven Hall’s Gap Camp
Next week our year seven students along with Mr Tyler, Mr Sayle, Miss McKenzie, Mrs Connelly, and Mr Joshua Richmond will be travelling to Halls’ Gap for a four day camp.
An exciting program has been developed which includes bush walking, rock climbing, canoeing, abseiling and even fishing organized by Mr Tyler. The students will also enjoy a trip to McDonalds and the movies in Ararat. Good luck to all involved.

Student Leaders Induction Ceremony
Our Induction Ceremony will be held next Tuesday 8th March 2011 at our School Assembly at 9:00 a.m. in the stadium. Our school council president Mrs Wendy Watts will attend and congratulate our student leaders as they commence their office for 2011. Parents and friends are very welcome and indeed encouraged to attend.

Parents’ Club Annual General Meeting – Monday 7 March 2011
Parents are encouraged to come along and celebrate the past year’s achievements and plan the 2011 school year’s activities at the Parents’ Club Annual General Meeting on Monday 7 March 2011. The meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m. in Learning Studios 11 & 12.
**Year 9 Activities Program**

On Wednesday 2nd March, our year nine students continued their activities program with a waterskiing session at Tchum Lake. Despite it being a sunny day, students were confronted with a very cool wind. Simone Christie and Heather Hogan provided boats for the day which enabled all students to use skis, kneeboards and biscuits over the course of the activity. Mr Knights and Rhonda Allan ensured students were well fed with salad rolls for lunch. All students thoroughly enjoyed their waterskiing, with some wanting to stay at the lake for the rest of the day. A big thanks must go to Russell and Simone Christie and Colin and Heather Hogan for kindly allowing our students access to their boat and skiing equipment. Next week students will learn about strength training and drugs and alcohol.

**Work Experience**

Year 11 students reported on their experiences at general assembly and it was obvious that while some students had found their niche in the work place others had reservations about continuing in their field chosen for work experience.

Demi Donnellon completed her week’s work experience in Mildura at a beauty salon. Here she learned how to tint eyelashes and eyebrows and watched as the experienced beauticians tanned, waxed and manufactured nails from resin. Demi really enjoyed her experience and hopes that she will do a course in beauty therapy.

While Demi was working with those who like being pampered, Brenten Delaney worked with local builder, Paul Messer. Brenten helped Paul construct a wooden deck and did some plastering. From this Brenten learned that he definitely did not want to take up the trade of plastering. Over the week, Brenten was involved with ripping out a bathroom and walls, replacing tiles, fixing doors and flywire. The week was so interesting for Brenten that he realised that he would like to go into the building industry once he leaves school.

Many students try to combine their passion with work and hence Emily Smith went to Huntingdale Golf Club which is one of Melbourne’s most prestigious clubs. Just getting to work was an experience as Emily had to negotiate the vagaries of the public transport system. Emily spent the majority of her time in the pro shop, serving customers, answering phones, booking tee times and driving the cart that collects the golf balls from the driving range. She even participated in the staff putting competition. Emily enjoyed her week as it taught her what went on behind the scenes at a golf course.

Melbourne is home to many nationalities and Sarah Watts worked with Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre which is an organisation formed to cater for the needs of newly arrived and established migrants and refugees. The organisation’s aim is to ensure that new migrants and refugees arriving in Australia feel comfortable, understand important information, are able to reach their full potential. Sarah was involved in many tasks that included her observing client consultations and helping with a dance class for people with disabilities. She also helped deliver a basketball program to Africans and assisted with an elderly Italian group. Sarah really enjoyed her time with Spectrum and has an understanding of the issues involved with integration. However, Sarah hasn’t made up her mind what field she wants to work in when she leaves school.

**VCE INFORMATION EVENING**

**Rescheduled** - Tuesday 8 March 2011 commencing at 7:30 p.m. – due to clash with Parents’ Club AGM

Mr Russell Christie, Later Years Manager, will conduct a VCE Information Evening on Tuesday 8 March 2011 commencing at 7:30 p.m.

The information evening is for all parents and students in years 10, 11 and 12 who are currently enrolled in a VCE course.

The meeting will take place in Learning Studios 11 & 12.

Students and parents are urged to attend this meeting to hear about rules and regulations of VCE along with new changes and expectations.
YEAR EIGHT PORTLAND CAMP

Year 8 students were excited to be heading south to the beaches of Cape Bridgewater for their coastal camp experience. The pace of the camp was lively as students were up out of bed at seven each morning for a dip or run along the beach. Students learned how to canoe and became so skilled that at the end of the session they could play canoe ‘tiggy’ with a ball.

The students’ resolve was tested when they went caving. But these were no caves with cathedral type ceilings, these caves were small and winding and to experience them, students had to crawl through dark spaces on their hands and knees. It was only afterwards that the group found out that they were in fact crawling through bat poo!

Learning how to surf was a challenge and most of the fit crew thought that they would immediately be able to stand aloft their board. But this was not to be. However, by the end of the lessons, students were happy that they could proficiently navigate the waves.

The Cape Bridgewater area is known for its thriving seal colonies and the students really enjoyed going out to rocks in an inflatable boat to view the seals.

The intrepid travellers returned home weary but having great memories of their walks along the coast and pride in knowing that they had learned how to prepare, cook and serve all meals.
Year 7 Ancient Number Systems Assignment

Over the past four weeks, our year seven students have been researching how ancient civilisations formed numbers and counted as part of their mathematical studies. The class was divided into six groups, each group investigating the Babylonian, Egyptian, Mayan, Chinese, Greek and Roman civilisations. Each group made use of their Netbooks to research online material with the aim to produce a presentation, an information sheet and a worksheet for other year seven students to attempt.

This task was designed to make students think about how humans learnt to count over thousands of years and start to develop an appreciation for the Hindu-Arabic Number System – the universal language used to form numbers in today’s society.

Find below instructions of how the Ancient Chinese formed their numbers:

The Chinese had symbols for the same nine decimal digits: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as well as the powers of ten, 10, 100 and 1 000. Because they didn’t have a symbol for zero, the Chinese had to write how many 10s, 100s and 1,000s in each number they wrote. This method of forming numbers is referred to as a multiplicative process.

A couple of examples:

The decimal number 432 is written as 4 100s, 3 10s and 2 i.e. 四百三十二
The decimal number 6058 is written as 6 1 000s, 5 10s and 8 i.e. 六千五百八
The decimal number 111 is written in a shorter way as 100, 10 and 1 i.e. 百十一

Have a go at converting the following Chinese Numerals to Decimal Numbers!

a) 二千八十三
b) 九百十七
Birchip P-12 School Fete - St Patrick’s Day
Thursday 17th March 2011

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
05:00 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. and parents, family and friends are most welcome to come and watch the children perform.
- Sausages will be ready for children to eat at 5:00 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 Irish and green as our fete falls on St Patrick’s Day.

The Monster Raffle will have five(5) prizes:
1st prize  Hi-Fi system
2nd prize  Video camera
3rd prize  Digital camera
4th prize  Home wares
5th prize  Commonwealth Bank Series cricket bats signed by Australia and England
Maths is Marvellous – You Can Count on it!

Play ‘Monopoly’ to help teach children about money sense, strategy and chance.
‘Monopoly Deal’ is a new exciting card game you may like to try.

SCHOOL VISIT FROM SERGEANT ANDREW DOWNES

Next Wednesday 9 March 2011, Sergeant Andrew Downes from the Swan Hill Police District will visit our school and speak with various groups of students on varying subjects including: developing and maintaining respectful conversations, bullying, ‘stirring’ one another, consequences, exclusion, cyber safety, Facebook issues, ‘sexting’, drugs and alcohol etc.,

Sergeant Downes has visited our school many times and students, parents and teachers have found him to be an excellent presenter on issues affecting our young people.

2011 Birchip P-12 School Presentation Ball

The Presentation Ball is a big one this year. Twenty students will be involved with Mrs Barb Smith leading the group. Ken & Glenys Rickard along with Connely Barclay are again filling the dance trainer roles. The Presentation ball is set down for the last Friday of term, Friday 8 April 2011.

The next training times:
Monday 7th March – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Monday 14th March – 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Birchip P-12 School
2011 Student Board

The Student Board takes the place of the SRC. The aim of the Student Board is to increase the student voice in decision making within the school. It is proposed that 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 newly formed 2011 Student Board. Our school captains, Mikaela Christie and Nicholas Bales will also sit on the Student Board.

Nicole Clark, Shae Colbert, Claudia Lee, Georgia Lee, Harrison Christie, Courtney Gleeson, Sophie Hogan, Claire Boyle, Tayla Connelly, Laura Lee and Hugh O’Keefe

The inaugural meeting of the Student Board will be held on Thursday 10 March 2011 at 12:45 p.m.

A finger food lunch will be provided for student board members and the Staff Leadership Team capably catered for by our Certificate II (Hospitality) students and Mrs Kristy Knights.

Lost

Black, Bart Simpson pencil case last Thursday. See William Naylor if found.
Last week’s answers – Round #4:
1. Bahrain
2. Cyclone Carlos
3. Vietnam
4. Apple
5. a crocodile was discovered there
6. Iran
7. Prince Harry
8. Carnarvon
9. South Australia
10. Eddie McGuire
11. Rugby Union
12. Brazil
13. Lance Armstrong
14. The Beatles
15. a boy
16. Cricket World Cup
17. Delta Goodrem
18. Kevin Rudd
19. Lady Gaga
20. Japan

9. What must people make sure they have in their household emergency kit?
   a. walkie talkies
   b. a cell phone
   c. a transistor radio

10. Julia Gillard has introduced a tax that she believes will have a positive environmental impact. What is the name of this new tax?

11. What is the name of the US Space Shuttle that has just launched on its final journey into orbit?
   a. Galactica
   b. Enterprise
   c. Discovery

12. Western Australia has experienced a surge in tourist numbers since a special visit in December. Who made the visit that brought international attention to the state?

13. Which car company has just had to recall 2 million vehicles worldwide due to problems with carpet jamming the accelerator pedal?
   a. Toyota
   b. BMW
   c. Holden

14. Debate continues to occur over whether or not Australia should be exporting uranium to India. What type of power generation uses uranium?
   a. solar
   b. nuclear
   c. coal

15. Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi has accused the people who are currently clashing with his forces of being...
   a. weak and cowardly
   b. thugs connected with Osama Bin Laden
   c. traitors connected with Barak Obama

Special focus: Christchurch Earthquake
1. Which island of New Zealand is Christchurch located in?
   a. North Island
   b. South Island
   c. Stewart Island

2. What was the magnitude of the quake?
   a. 4.4
   b. 6.3
   c. 7.1

3. What date did the Christchurch earthquake occur on?

4. Approximately how many survivors have been successfully pulled from collapsed buildings?
   a. 70
   b. 170
   c. 700

5. Police made people leave the central city area by 6.30pm and did not let them return until 6.30am the next day. What is this procedure called?
   a. a curfew
   b. trespassing
   c. a cordon

6. Which country is sending its largest ever team of rescue personnel to help New Zealand in their efforts?
   a. United Kingdom
   b. Japan
   c. Australia

7. One of Christchurch’s tallest buildings is on a lean and threatening to collapse. What type of building is it?
   a. a cathedral
   b. a hotel
   c. an office tower

8. What is the estimated cost of repairing the damage and rebuilding parts of Christchurch affected by the quake?
   a. $16 billion
   b. $61 billion
   c. $116 billion
Weekly Quiz - Visual

1. Who is the man on the left looking towards the camera? (his name or his job)

2. Actress Jessica Marais has announced that she is leaving which popular TV show?

3. This man has been in the news a lot. What country does he come from?
   a. India  b. Libya  c. Zimbabwe

4. What Australian city is this event held in?

5. What organisation are these people helping in Christchurch from?
**Head Lice**

There have been several cases of head lice reported.

Please check carefully for lice or nits and if found, treat immediately.

Once treated students may return to school. It is not unusual for a parent to treat a child in the morning and have them back at school by 10.00 a.m.

In order to break the cycle, heads should be treated again in exactly seven days to completely break the lice breeding cycle.

Secondary students are not immune and should be checked frequently.

Thank you to those parents who notify us at school and alert us to the severity of the problem.

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**Shake Rattle & READ**

**What:** Read Aloud and Rhyme-time demonstrations and activities

**Where:** Birchip P-12 School Community Library

**When:** Fortnightly on Thursdays

17th March 2011 - starts at 11:00 a.m. (school fete)

31st March 2011

7th April 2011

10:00 a.m. for all ages

**Why:**
- add to your existing storytelling skills
- learn rhymes & chants for 2011
- stimulate brain development
- borrow books from the library
- socialize with other babies and parents

If you know someone with a child aged 0 – 5 in the area please invite them to come along with their child.

For more information contact either Diona Cooper or Kaylene James at the Library on 54 922 230

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**SACs Next Week**

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**Birchip Junior Cricket**

In the last game of the regular season - White 159 defeated McKay 119

**White**

Jake Hogan 35 retired
Harrison Christie 32 retired and 2 wickets for 6 runs
Jacob Christie 35 retired
Sean Hogan 22 retired

**McKay**

Riley Doran 46 retired
David Casey 23
Ben Milne 2 wickets for 4 runs

The result of this game meant that the same two teams played off in the Birchip Junior Cricket grand Final

**Grand Final Result**

McKay 80 were defeated by White 99

**White**

Sean Hogan 32 retired
Royce Bennett 20 retired
Harrison Christie 13 and 3 wickets for 10 runs
Ben Hogan 2 wickets for 2 runs

Congratulations to all players who took part in the Birchip Junior Competition this season.

Well done to older boys for their positive encouragement and coaching of the younger cricketers.

A special mention to Mark Bowen for his coaching and coordination of the Birchip Cricket Club’s Kids cricket program. These will be the next batch of junior cricketers.

Thank you to all parents who assisted with umpiring duties and supported their children throughout the season.

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Parents’ Club Fete Catering
Thursday 17th March 2011

The March Fete is fast approaching and we will be relying on your generosity of donations of food to one of our main fundraisers for the year.

**Workers from 5.30pm**
Jenny Hogan, Trish Lehmann, Wendy Watts, Bev Forrester, Prue McCredden.

Salads can be delivered to school during the day, or sent with students in the morning. We would appreciate Salads to be at school by **5.30pm**.

**Tomato and Onion salad - 4litres**
Amanda Reid, Sonia Phelan, Diona Cooper

**Rice Salad - 4litres**
Belinda Randall, Wendy Watts, Brooke Morris, Sharlene Connelly, Roanne Darcey

**Potato Salad - 4litres**
Patrice Rickard, Carol Reid, Claire Cook, Jacinta Connelly, Danine Brody

**Noodle Salad - 4litres**
Cate Milne, Jenny (G) Noonan, Helen Casey, Heather Hogan, Colene Delaney

**Tossed Salad - 4litres**
Georgina Hogan, Rachel Owa, Michelle Lee, Rachel Col bert, Tracey Bennett, Noeline Hogan, Jackie Tierney, Renae Dingley

**Coleslaw - 4litres**
Kim Driscoll, Leonie Naylor, Carly Sharp, Kylie Walsh

**Own Choice Salad - 4litres**
Jenny (P) Noonan, Jenny Atkinson, Annette Bennett, Katherine Southall, Tina Garcia, Janelle James, Cassie Robinson, Ellie Reid, Margaret O’Keefe, Nora Egerer, Tammie Tait, Wendy Bidstrup.

**Beetroot 2 x 425g tins, or Beetroot salad**
June Thorogood, Denise Baxter, Florence Jones

**Slushie Machine - Workers 5.30pm**
Rhonda Bell, Sam Kemp, Janine Paley, Deanne Both eras, Sharon Flowers, Panchami Santhosh

**Coffee and Cake to be served after dinner**
A cake from the following would be great.
Barb Smith, Sam Kemp, Brenda Clark, Nicole James, Louise Lee, Brenda Doran, Janine Paley, Trish Lehmann (can you please let Jenny Hogan or Trish Lehmann know your preference of cake so we get some different ones)

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Birchip Racing Club Membership
Member $40 or $100 gold member
Special member benefits, Gold receive extra including an exclusive Disco Gold Dinner Party
Cup Eve Cocktail Party & Cup Calcutta – Friday March 25th
Members admitted free
Meals available.
Memberships available from Jenny Goldsmith and at street table next three Saturdays.
Or online at birchipracingclub.com.au

**Birchip Leisure Centre**
Meals tonight
Roast meat and salad
Lasagne, Fettuccine.
Kids meals

**SATURDAY MORNING**
**Pee Wee / Primary Tennis**
Continuing on 5th, 12th (long weekend) and 19th, 10 a.m.

Birchip Tennis & Cricket Club
**QUIZ NIGHT**
Friday 18th March
Birchip Leisure Centre
Book your tables now with Andrew Sayle

You are invited to a free dinner and Beyondblue presentation
**Tuesday 29th March 2011**
Birchip Cropping Group conference room
6:16pm - 10pm
GET IN QUICK - LIMITED SEATS
REGISTER WITH PAM ILES 0428 348 293 OR LISA SCHMIDT 5382 5430

**Topics covered include:**
What are depression and related disorders and how common are they?
What are causes of depression and how can it be effectively managed?
What is it like to live with depression?
How to recognize depression and related disorders.
How to approach someone you may be concerned about.
Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
Flood Relief 'Bash'

20/20

in conjunction with ALL WACA clubs

WIMMERA MALLUM CRICKET ASSOCIATION

in partnership with ALL WACA clubs

PRESENTS

DJ DYLAN

RED INK

20/20

WACA Under 17s - Curtain Raiser at 12:30 noon

Main Game - 2:30 pm

Football Match at Cricket Ground

Sunday, March 6th

Flood Relief 'Bash'

WACA Under 17s - Curtain Raiser at 12:00 noon

Main Game - 2:30 pm

Football Match at Cricket Ground

Sunday, March 6th

BBQ & Refreshments available all day

Who will join WACA clubs for this great event?

Come along and support the local government in need!