Forthcoming Events

March
Monday 10th  Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 11th   Physical Resources Meeting
Thursday 13th  School FETE
Friday 14th    Primary Summer Sports - Donald
Tuesday 18th   Easter Parade in Gallery
Wednesday 19th Secondary Northern Zone Swimming Sports
Thursday 20th  Last Day Term 1 - 2.30 finish

April
Monday 7th     Friday Day Term 2
Tuesday 8th    Physical Resources Meeting
Thursday 17th  Summer Sports - Hopetoun
Fronday 18th   Presentation Ball
Tuesday 22nd   Parent Teacher Evening - Prep→Year 12
Friday 25th    Anzac Day
Monday 28th    Grade 6 Maldon Camp
Thursday 1st   May

May
Monday 5th    Years 10/11 Canberra Camp
Friday 9th     Year 9 Advance Camp
Tuesday 6th   Physical Resources Meeting
Friday 9th     Primary Cross Country - St Arnaud
Tuesday 13th  National Assessment Program for Years 3, 5,
Thursday 15th 7 & 9 students
Thursday 15th  School Council

Mallee Secondary Schools Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all Birchip P-12 Swimmers for their efforts last Friday in the Interschool Swimming Sports.

Once again it was the positive approach of all swimmers to gain valuable points for the school which was encouraging and a major contributor to Birchip retaining the swimming shield.

Birchip P-12 School’s Individual Championship results

U13 Boys  Harrison Christie 2nd, Tim Phelan equal 3rd
U14 Girls  Laura Lee 1st
U15 Boys  Jake Hogan 2nd, Matthew Gladman equal 3rd
U15 Girls  Tayla Connelly 2nd, Karleigh Weir 3rd
U15 Boys  Brenten Delaney 1st, Tim Walder 3rd
U16 Girls  Kate Watts 3rd
U16 Boys  Marshall Connelly 1st
U17 Girls  Laura Bales 2nd
U21 Girls  Alicia Emonson 2nd
U21 Boys  Steven Reid 1st, Nicholas Milne equal 3rd

New Records

Brenten Delaney - U15Boys 33m Freestyle 19.2 seconds (beating a record set in 2001)

Aggregate Result

Birchip  527 points
Hopetoun  445 points
Rainbow  434 points

Thank you to Mr Sayle, Miss Langley & Mr Delaney and indeed all staff for their efforts in organising and conducting a successful carnival.

Under 13 freestyle relay winners

Riley Doran, Harrison Christie, Matthew Rickard, Tim Phelan
**New primary toilet block for our school**

The school council has entered into a school council contract with John Wilson Builder to build the new toilet block for the primary students. Work is scheduled to commence on Tuesday 11th March 2008. John is an ex-student of our school who has built up a very successful building business. We look forward to the completed job in approximately 10 weeks time.

**Birchip P-12 School’s Miss Digby - guest speaker at the Victorian Applied Learning Association (VALA) Conference**

Miss Helen Digby spoke at the Victorian Applied Learning Association Conference held in Melbourne last Friday. Miss Digby was invited by Victorian CFA and spoke on the engagement of students in her Advance classes, team building and survival skills. She focused on ‘TEAM’ and what constitutes a well functioning team and how students gain skills in this area. Birchip is very proud of the quality of its teachers and we thank Miss Digby for making the effort to inform other teachers on Birchip’s successes.

**Birchip P-12 School Intervention Strategies**

On Wednesday we welcomed Anne Walstab from University of Melbourne who was completing a research on various intervention strategies used by schools to assist students with their learning. Birchip’s student data in this area is excellent and we were identified by the region as an exemplar school in this area. It is always pleasing to receive positive comments relating to our core business of teaching and learning.

**Year 11 VCE Outdoor and Environmental Education**

Mr Marchesi and 11 year students travelled to Mildura yesterday to participate in a canoeing activity with ‘Wild Side Outdoors’ instructors. The heat of the day made for some extra water activities that were not necessarily in the curriculum however students gained many canoeing and water safety skills. Thanks to Mr Marchesi for organising the first of many adventures this year.
Hinamatsuri (Girls’ Day)

Primary students enjoyed Hinamatsuri (Girls’ Day) on Monday 3rd March 2008. Thank you to Ms Nakamura for organizing the many activities.

Sophie Hogan, Chelsi Kemp, Jasinha Yarde, Ashleigh Baird, Darcie Tierney, Hayley Hogan, Kellie James & Molly Hogan enjoy the fun of Hinamatsuri Day.

Congratulations Brianna

Last Sunday, School Captain Brianna Smith and her family travelled to Warracknabeal. Having won the Birchip Lions Youth of the Year title last year, Brianna represented the Birchip club at the next regional level. Brianna performed most creditably and won the public speaking section of the contest. Well done Brianna.

Congratulations Brenten

Brenten was awarded the Intermediate champion medallion at the Warracknabeal Swimming Club wind up last night. Brendan represented the club in the 2007-2008 swimming season and was runner up in the Wimmera Regional Swimming Championships at Horsham recently. He is of course a member of our school’s swimming team and will represent us at the Northern Zone Swimming Championships in Swan Hill on Wednesday 19th March 2008. Well done Brenten.

FETE DAY

THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2008

Late Start – The school day will commence 2 hours later than normal on Fete Day.

The normal 7 classes are scheduled for the day but the school day will begin at 11:00 a.m. and finish at 4:30 p.m. School buses will deliver children to school by 11:00 a.m. but there will by NO homeward bound buses in the evening. Parents of bus travellers should adjust pick-up times to be 2 hours later in the morning to what is currently occurring.

Primary school students will finish classes at 4:00 p.m. which allow RED FACES to commence at this time. Parents, family and friends are most welcome to come and see the Red Faces performances. These will be held in the gallery with the best acts also performing later in the evening in the quadrangle.

Following the Red Faces acts BBQ sausages will be available at 5:00 p.m. for primary students. Parents are asked to provide $1.00 per sausage for their children.

The Fete is scheduled to commence at 5:30 p.m. with the sit-down roast meal commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Please refer to the individual letter attached to the newsletter for all activities at the fete.

Mini Red Faces

The Junior SRC will be holding a mini Red Faces competition for primary students at 4:00 p.m. on Fete Day in the Gallery or Room 20 (depending on temperature). All spectators welcome.

There will be a lolly stall again this year. All contributions gratefully received.

Head Lice

There have been 2 new cases reported this week. Please remember to repeat treatment exactly 7 days after the first treatment.

Presentation Ball

A meeting of all Presentation Ball parents will be held during training commencing at 7:30 p.m. this coming Monday 10th March 2008 to discuss and plan preparations for the ball. The ball will be held on Friday 18th April 2008.
Birchip J-12 School Newsletter

General Knowledge Questions

This week’s questions
1. Name Tanzania’s highest mountain. - Mt Kilimanjaro
2. How many watts are there in a kilowatt? - 1000
3. What is jugged hare? - Hare stewed in a pot
4. Where is your femur? - Thighbone
5. What does veni, vidi, vici mean in English? - I came, I saw, I conquered
6. Is jai-alai a board, ball or card game? - Ball
7. In Greek legend how did the wife of Orpheus die? - Snake bite
8. Name the Mediterranean Sea’s second largest island? - Sardinia
9. What three letter word can mean either a champion shearer or a portable firearm? - Gun
10. The falabella is a breed of which animal? - Pony

Thank you!

A big thankyou to everyone who helped cater and work at Bridget’s and Nathan’s Wedding.
It was a great effort and fantastic to see young and old working so well together.
Heather Hogan President BWNC & Danny Lowry President BWFC

An Invitation to a
Three Day School Holiday Kids’ Club
on Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th March
at Birchip Uniting Church Hall
with John and Ros Patterson from Adelaide
from 9:30am - 12 noon.
Games, puppets, stories, songs, craft and snacks.
Everybody welcome.

Pee Wee Tennis

There will be no Pee Wee and Junior Tennis this Saturday, due to the long weekend.
The last day of Pee Wee and Junior Tennis will be held on Saturday 15th March 2008.
There will be a BBQ to finish up.

Stitchums Craft Group

Next meeting Wednesday March 12th
Birchip Uniting Church Hall
8pm
Activity - BYO article - craft of any sort - need to discuss plans for 2008
All Welcome - Supper available
Contact Ros McCallum 5077 2218

Birchip Junior Cricket Grand Final

Binga 106 defeated Haydos 101

Binga
Shota Nakamura 32 retired
Isaac Noonan 22
Harrison Christie 19 retired
Jackson Sayle 2/5
Jacob Christie 2/6

Haydos
Aaron Valentine 32 retired
Marshall Connelly 23
Nicholas Bales 2/11

Thank you to captains, Isaac, Aaron and Ruben for their organisation, assistance and guidance of the younger players this year.
Thank you to all parents that umpired and supported their children and the Junior Cricket Competition.
Congratulations to all players for their efforts and the pleasing improvement shown.
Well done to Binga for their win in the Grand Final.
Andrew Sayle

Birchip Quarterhorse Race Weekend - Come along and kick up your heels!

(A bus will be available from town, to and from both of the following events.)
Birchip Irish Green Night and Calcutta
Saturday March 15th at old Birchip Racecourse.
$5 entry for lots of irish jig music, fun and entertainment. Drinks and food available all night.
Come along and bid on a quarter horse in the Birchip Cup Calcutta - you could be rich and famous

Birchip Quarterhorse Race Meeting and Family Picnic Day
Sunday March 16th at old Birchip Racecourse
Gates open at 11.30 and first race at 12.30 - Are you a member yet? It only costs $25 to become a member and receive lots of great benefits which are for members only! Benefits include your $10 entry into the races, a race book, a free drink on arrival and lots and lots of prize draws leading up to the day and on the day - for members only! There will also be other benefits available on the day which you will find out about in the members newsletter next week. To become a member contact Jenny Goldsmith at 10 Watson Street or Margaret O’Keefe at the Birchip Cropping Group. You must pay up your $25 on registration to be eligible for pre race day prizes.
## Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

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**The Premier’s Active Families Challenge**

It’s fun, it’s free and a great way to be healthy and active

9 March - 20 April 2008

**about the challenge**

We all know that every little bit helps when it comes to the health of your family.

The Premier’s Active Families Challenge is a new program run by the Victorian Government as part of the ‘Go for your life’ initiative, to improve the physical activity levels, health and wellbeing of families.

Families can complete the Challenge by doing at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days between 9 March and 20 April 2008. You can do the activity on your own or as a family.

As a registered participant you’ll get ideas on things to do, events to get involved in, a chance to win prizes and a completion certificate. You will also receive offers such as free visits to YMCA and discounts at Rebel Sport.

**register to participate and your school can win!**

By participating, not only will your family benefit, your school can too. Nominate your school when you register and they will go into the draw to win one of eight $3,000 sports equipment packages.

**how to get involved**

To participate, register online at [www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au](http://www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au) or call 1300 33 98 98, then collect your free Challenge booklet in the Herald Sun on Tuesday 4 March.
Parents Club Fete Catering
Thursday 13th March

The March Fete is fast approaching and as always Parents’ Club will be relying on your generosity of donations of time and food to our main school fundraiser of the year.

Cake and produce stall workers
5.30 - 7.00 Lyn Boyle, Carol Kemp, Veronica Ryan, Bev Forrester

Dinner workers 5.45pm onwards
Gaye Bardell and Rhonda Bell (Coordinators)  Kerry Barker, Jan Barbetti, Carmel Rumbold, Helen Casey, Brenda Doran, Sharon Foott, Geraldine Gladman, Joan Glen.

Salads (can be delivered to school during the day, or sent with students in the morning)

Tomato and onion salad, 4 litres.  Amanda Reid, Sonia Phelan, Diona Cooper, Pam McKelvie, Barb Pellegrino
Feta Salad, 4 litres.  Sharlene Connelly, Simone Christie
Rice Salad, 4 litres.  Emma Bennett, Gail Smith, Nicole James, Claire Cook
Potato Salad, 4 litres.  Patrice Rickard, Carol Reid, Jacinta Connelly, Ros McClelland, Pia Coffey
Noodle Salad, 4 litres.  Cate Milne, Jenny (G) Noonan, Mandy Moloney, Heather Hogan, Rachael Lovett
Tossed Salad, 4 litres.  Carmel Rumbold, Kelli-ann Sheahan, Michelle Lee, Rachael Colbert, Tracey Bennett, Noeline Hogan, Cathy Young, Jackie Tierney, Kim Driscoll, Leonie Naylor
Coleslaw, 4 litres.  Carly Sharp, Sue Cozens
Beetroot, 2 x 425g tin.  Katherine Southall, Keiko Nakamura, Donald Cooper, Greg Martin.
Ice, 10 bags.  Angela Liston

Also we have some amazing prizes for our Raffles this year, and we would like the following people to spend a couple of hours selling raffle tickets down the street before the fete which would be greatly appreciated.

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If anyone is unable to perform the set task, we would be grateful if you could arrange your own replacement or please contact me on 5085 4204

We are aware that a lot of people work and are busy, but if I have put you under undue pressure please let me know.

Many thanks, Trish Lehmann
Dear Parents,

As you are aware Fete Day is scheduled for Thursday March 13th 2008.
To assist you, below is a list of the activities that will be conducted at the fete. The Parents’ Club is again running a produce stall and they will be very grateful for donations of cakes, slices, plants etc.
The primary students have organised a lolly stall and your generosity in supplying lollies is sought. Year 7 students have been asked to bring confectionary to put in the Monster Lolly Raffle, Year 12 students have been asked to supply 6 pieces of fruit and Year 8 students are each filling small bottles with gifts.
All raffle books whether sold or unsold are due back at school on Tuesday 11th March 2008. Please ensure your son or daughter has their raffle ready on Tuesday to avoid follow up.

Food prices on the day:
Sausages will be available for primary students throughout the evening at a cost of $1.00.
Sav in a roll $ 2.50
Roast meal $10.00
Fruit salad and ice cream $ 3.00
Cordial $ 0.20
Soft drink $ 1.50

Year Level Activities include:

**Primary - Quilt Raffle**
All primary classes are running a lolly stall.
Lollies in a jar-20 cents
Cordial- 20 cents
Wonka’s Sweet Factory- 50 cents
Treasure Chest

**Year 7- Monster Lolly Raffle**
Coin Flick- 50 cents
Mini Golf-3 for $1.00

**Year 8- Flat Screen Television**
Show Bags- $5.00
Bottled Gifts-$2.00

**Year 9- Flat Screen Television**
Popcorn- $1.00
Footy bullseye-3 for $1.00

**Year 10- Swag Raffle**
Quoit throw- $1.00
Barbecue- sausages $1.00
Ice Cream cones- 50 cents

**Year 11- Swag Raffle**
Music-50 cents
Savs-$2.50
Pet Show-free prizes awarded
Face Painting-$1.00
Throwing down the stumps 3 for $1.00

**Year 12- Swag Raffle**
Jumping Castle-$2.00
Balloons

Students in their Home Groups have organised lots of activities that start at 5:30 p.m. A sit down roast meal will be served from 6:00 p.m.
Please note, normal classes are scheduled for the day but the school day will begin at 11am and finish at 4:30 p.m. School buses will deliver children to school by 11:00 a.m. but there will by no homeward bound buses in the afternoon.
Primary students will have 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. so if you want your child to eat before you come to the fete, could you please supply your child with $1.00 per sausage.

If you have any inquiries about the running of the day, please contact the school.

Fete Day Schedule

11:00 a.m.  Home Group Assembly #1
11:05 a.m.  Period 1
11:41 a.m.  Period 2
12:17 p.m.  Period 3
12:53 p.m.  LUNCH
01:18 p.m.  Yard Duty Bell
01:43 p.m.  Home Group Assembly #2
01:46 p.m.  Period 4
02:22 p.m.  Period 5
02:58 p.m.  AFTERNOON RECESS
03:18 p.m.  Period 6
03:54 p.m.  Period 7 – End of school day for Primary Students
04:00 p.m.  Round One of Red Faces - gallery – parents, family & friends most welcome
04:30 p.m.  END OF SCHOOL DAY
05:00 p.m.  Sausages will be ready for the primary children to eat.
05:30 p.m.  Fete commences
06:00 p.m.  Roast meal served

If parents wish to pick up their child/children at 4:30 p.m. could you please fill in the form below and return it to school with your child/children by Thursday morning, please. **Children will not be allowed to leave school if they haven’t returned this form.**

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I wish to pick up my child/children from school on Thursday after school.

I allow my child to walk home alone after classes on Thursday.

Student Name: ..........................................................

Grade: ..........................................................

Parent Name: ..........................................................

Parent Signature: ..........................................................

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