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**Secondary Interschool Swimming Sports**

There was speculation that the sports may be washed out but the gods smiled down and the rain stayed away. The carnival ran like clockwork and the Birchip students formed a competitive and cohesive group that vigorously cheered on their fellow school mates.

Birchip P-12 School won the standardised aggregate and also the overall trophy on a score of 614 points to Hopetoun’s 496 points and Rainbow’s 275 points in the Mallee Secondary School Sports Association Interschool Swimming.

Birchip won six of the twelve individual champion medals. The place getters were:

Claudia Lee won the 12-13 year old girls’ championship. Sophie Hogan came second in the 14 year old girls’ championship and Marnie Lehmann came third in the event. Cooper Benfield came second by a mere point in the 14 year old boys’ championship. In the 15 year old girls, Zoe Turnbull came second and Riley Doran was the champion in the boys 15 year old events. Birchip swimmers were predominant in the 16 year old events. Laura Lee and Sophie Noonan came second and third respectively while Brenten Delaney and Jake Hogan came first and second in the boys’ event. Tayla Connelly came third in the 17 year events.
old girls’ championship while Tim Walder was the champion boy with Hugh O’Keefe coming third. Ashlee Donnan was the 18-20 year old champion swimmer and Kate Watts came second. In the boys event Marshall Connelly won the event and Nathan Bennett came third.

Brenten Delaney was in fine form and broke records in the 16 year old boys’ freestyle and butterfly. Many thanks to Mr Sayle, Mr Knights and all staff for their preparation, organization and efforts in ensuring these sports were another excellent activity for all.
Northern Zone Swimming – Swan Hill – Wednesday 17th March 2010
A team has been selected to represent the MSSSA at the Northern Zone in Swan Hill next Wednesday 17th March 2010. Mr Sayle has sent a letter home today detailing travel and sport arrangements for the day. Please return the reply to the school office by Monday 15th March 2010.

Secondary Summer Sports Carnival – Thursday 11th March 2010
Students enjoyed the good weather yesterday to take part in the Secondary Summer Sports Carnival against Hopetoun and Rainbow.
- Birchip won the boys and girls tennis
- Birchip came second in girls basketball and third in the boys basketball
- Birchip were defeated by Hopetoun in the cricket
- Birchip won the lawn bowls
- Birchip was defeated by Rainbow and Hopetoun in boys and girls softball

Primary Summer Sports Carnival – Friday 12th March 2010
Today, our grade five and six students competed in the Primary Summer Carnival at St Arnaud against Donald and St Arnaud Primary schools. We will endeavour to provide comprehensive reports for all the sports in next week’s issue of the newsletter. Students will play T-ball and cricket during the day’s competition.

Personal Learning Goals - Improving performance
How does one improve performance? The answer is simple: look back and reflect on what you have done in the past, read comments made about your work in a positive light and develop new goals. This is exactly what Birchip students were doing this week. Students revisited their last year’s reports and took heed of the suggestions made. These helpful hints become part of this year’s learning goals. Students were asked to formulate at least two learning goals that they will work on this year. They were also asked to include two ‘habits of mind’ areas that they want to improve upon.

These learning goals will be published within the students’ end of semester reports. Please ask your sons/daughters about their learning goals.
How is fog made?

Mrs Nikki Coatsworth’s year two and three class is studying how fog is made. The theory sounds simple. Fog occurs when cold and warm conditions meet and in most instances it is when warm air meets the cold ground. To simulate these conditions the class placed warm water in a bottle, put a little ethanol on the top and then sealed the bottle with an ice cube. The result was a very foggy bottle. Mrs Coatsworth’s next experiment is to make it rain but perhaps she should leave this trick until well into the growing season.

Habits of Mind - Parent Forum – Monday 22nd March 2010

Commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre

The Birchip P-12 School has for the past four years been working towards becoming ‘A Mindful School’ – a school where thinking is encouraged and a school where the 16 Habits of Mind are continually being developed and strengthened within our teaching and learning.

This forum is designed to extend the Habits of Mind into the wider school community. Habits of Mind leader, James Anderson, will again visit our school and speak to students and staff on this day and then present the Habits of Mind to parents and lead discussion at the Parent Forum.

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the evening forum. We hope that at least one parent from each family can attend.

There will be various door prizes including an iPod touch.

Supper will be served by Senior SRC students. The evening will be free of charge.
Early Warning Meetings

Last Tuesday 9th March 2010 staff members discussed student progress at ‘Early Warning’ meetings. Home group teachers will have conversations with students following these meetings to indicate how they are progressing and if they need to improve in certain areas. Parents may be contacted if required or if improvements are not seen during the following week.

Notebook Information Evening

Wednesday 10th March 2010

Almost all students in years 9, 10 and 11 have been allocated their new Lenovo ThinkPad L410 following a very well attended meeting on Wednesday evening. Mrs Julie Coffey will distribute invoices to families according to their payment plans. The first Full payment or $400 of the first instalment payment of $110 is due and payable on Friday 26th March 2010. A $50.00 insurance fee will also be charged as explained on the night.

Ride to school & wear green day

Wednesday 17th March 2010

The Ride2School Program is a behavior change program which aims to increase the number of students walking and riding to school. Ride2School encourages healthy lifestyles by increasing students' physical activity levels.

It's good for:
- their health
- their education
- the environment
- and the family budget.

National Ride2School Day is Australia’s largest celebration of walking and riding to school. Don’t miss any of the action on Wednesday 17 March 2010.

- National Ride2School day aims to raise awareness of the health, economic and environmental reasons for encouraging children to have an active commute to school.
- There are many benefits to participating in National Ride2School Day including:
  - Children feel fresh and more alert at the beginning of the school day.
  - There are fewer cars on the road, reducing congestion and greenhouse gases.
  - Children can work towards completing the recommended ‘60 minutes of moderate activity each day’ on the way to and from school.
  - Children feel happier, are healthier and perform better at school.
  - Easing the family budget

Students will also be encouraged to come dressed in green, this will highlight or make the students and parents aware of:
- the need for ongoing conservation of energy in classrooms i.e. air-conditions and lights etc
- promote a healthy lunch option. Students will be encouraged to bring only healthy food to school for the day.

Walking buses with parent supervision are encouraged to walk students to school on this day.
**Cert II Hospitality**

After completing the Occupational Health and Safety aspect of the course the students finally took part in their first practical session. The BBQ was prepared and some students grilled vegetables and chops while others made bruschetta and salad.

The students were pleased to be cooking and made use of the school BBQ and staff room oven. We still anxiously await the completion of the new commercial catering facility.

Mrs Kristy Knights also visited the students last Wednesday to demonstrate knife sharpening skills using a stone and steel. Thank you Kristy for your continued involvement with the hospitality program.
Student Attendance at School

I have been concerned for some time about student attendance at the Birchip P-12 School. In general, our student attendance data is acceptable but there are some students who, I believe, miss too much school.

If a student is absent frequently it is almost impossible for them to keep in touch with work or friendship groups. After prolonged absences these children often disrupt learning in the room and need reminding of classroom rules, routines and expectations.

Please consider taking family holidays during the designated school holiday periods.

Attendance Standards – per semester (half year)

0-5 days absent This attendance rate is within the normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them.

6-10 days absent This attendance rate is below the average. A child missing this many days each semester could miss over one year of schooling between Prep and year 10.

11-20 days absent This is a poor level of attendance. A child missing this many days each semester could miss over ½ years of schooling between Prep and year 10.

20+ days absent This is a very poor level of attendance. A child missing this many days each semester could miss over 2½ years of schooling between Prep and year 10.

Remember:

Ensure that your child attends school on all designated school days.

Only allow your child to be absent from school if there is a legitimate reason such as illness.

Immediately notify the school if your child is going to be absent or send a note to school the day your child returns explaining the reason for the absence.

There is a link between school attendance and achievement later in life.

Poor attendance makes it difficult for children to form positive relationships with their peers.

If a child has poor attendance in the Early Years they can have poor patterns of attendance through the rest of their schooling.

A student who is half an hour late each day can miss over 16 days of learning each year.

MATHS IS MARVELLOUS – YOU CAN COUNT ON IT!

Collections

Encourage children to build up collections of old buttons, shells, cards, plastic toys, etc. Counting, sorting, grouping and classifying collections is a valuable activity.

VCE SACs next week

English
Business Management
Chemistry (10:00 a.m.)

Sunsmart Policy

Parents and students are reminded of the School’s Sunsmart Policy. The recommended hat should be a broad brim, bucket style or legionnaires style hat. Broad brim and bucket style hats in the school colour (green) are available from the school at low cost. Baseball caps and sun visors are not recommended as they leave the ears and back of the neck exposed.

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 7 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.

Merrilyn Kelly

Computers to go!

We have recently upgraded many computers at the school and therefore have several older computers to give away to students and their families.

If any students and families would like to take a desktop computer (computer, monitor, keyboard and mouse) please contact the school to put one on hold. We will inform you all when they are ready to be collected.
YEAR NINE – YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Session four of the year 9 Activities program occurred on Wednesday with sessions from Senior Constable Roberta Barry of Birchip Police and Brenda Doran. Students completed a circuit of Boxercise with Brenda which gave them a vigorous workout. Roberta spoke to the students about the issues of Drug and Alcohol Awareness and Cyber Safety. All students commented on the fact they learnt much from these sessions. Thanks must go to both Brenda and Roberta for providing their time and knowledge to run these activities.
**Grade Five and Six Homework Questions**  
**– due Friday 19th March 2010**

1. How did George II’s eldest son die?  
2. An ampersand is a sign for which word?  
3. What is topiary?  
4. In which country was boxer Joe Bugner born?  
5. What instrument did Nat “King” Cole play?  
6. How many zones does an archery target have?  
7. A curved stick called a caman is used in which activity?  
8. In Swiss cooking what is a leckerli?  
9. What was a Sopwith Camel?  
10. Who or what live in a holt?  

**Answers to last week’s Homework Questions**

1. Which hemisphere has the greater area of land, Northern or Southern? **Northern**  
2. In 1864 John Wisden published his first reference book for which sport? **Cricket**  
3. Alligator pears are better known by what name? **Avocado**  
4. Brimstone is an old name for what? **Sulphur**  
5. Politically, to which country did the term Bamboo curtain refer? **China**  
6. What breed of apes live on Gibraltar? **Barbary**  
7. What type of bird does a poult become when it is fully grown? **Fowl, turkey, pheasant**  
8. Who was the reigning British monarch when Captain Cook claimed Australia for the crown? **George 3**  
9. Duke Kahanamoku excelled at which sport? **Surfing**  
10. Which is faster - a sailfish or a cheetah? **Sailfish**

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**World’s Greatest Shave – Shave for a Cure’**

In conjunction with this environmental initiative, the SRC are holding their ‘World’s Greatest Shave – Shave for a Cure’ to raise money for cancer research. Miss Howard will have her hair shaven off if $1000.00 is raised, Mr. Delaney (who is still sporting his Movember beard) will denude his hirsute countenance for the sum of $500.00 and there are many others who have volunteered to have their very hairy legs waxed.

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**Habits of Mind – This week’s winner**

Congratulations to Jack Lee, this week’s winner of the Habits of Mind Award. Jack has been Striving for Accuracy whilst working on his spelling, and his results on spelling tests have improved as a result.

Thank you to all students who have been nominated this week. ALL nominated students will go in the running for the end of year prize of the iPod touch.
Colouring Competition

The Grade Four class is running a colouring competition. It is 20cents an entry. Winners from Prep, 1 & 2, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 will be judged on fete day. Great prizes to be won.

Easter Presentation of Musical and Creative Items

Parents and friends are invited to a presentation of musical and creative items on Tuesday 23rd March 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Primary students will present these items in the school gallery.
This will be a celebration of Senior Citizens week and Easter.

At the conclusion of the items, the Junior SRC will serve morning tea in the Staff Recreation Room.

All are very welcome and encouraged to attend.

Year 7 Spelling

The Future
optimistic
pessimistic
bright
opportunity
realistic
ambition
career
profession
situation
insight
benefit

Birchip Watchem Netball Club - Car Rally & Family Day

Sunday 11th April 2010 (after first game)
Free children’s activities
Roast Beef rolls & Sausages and Drinks at Bar prices at Birchip Community Leisure Centre
More information closer to date. Contact Brooke Morris or Louisa Ferrier for more information

Birchip Watchem Football Club
Junior Committee

The Birchip Watchem Football Club – Junior Committee desperately requires a trainer for the under 13 side. Please contact Russell Christie if you can assist.
OPEN DAY DATES
Attending Open Days is a great way to find out more about universities and TAFEs, see facilities, find out about courses and collect information. **Put these dates in your diary.**

**Saturday 31st July**
- **Monash University** (Berwick Gippsland and Peninsula campuses)

**Sunday 1st August**
- **Monash University** (Caulfield, Clayton and Parkville campuses)

**Sunday 8th August**
- **Deakin University** (Geelong)
- **RMIT University /TAFE**
- **Gordon TAFE** (Geelong)
- **Victoria University /TAFE** (Footscray)

**Saturday 14th August**
- **Holmesglen TAFE**

**Sunday 15th August**
- **Australian Catholic University (ACU)** (Melbourne)
- **Deakin University** (Warrnambool)
- **La Trobe University** (Bendigo)
- **Swinburne University /TAFE**
- **Melbourne University**
- **Sunraysia TAFE** (Swan Hill)

**Sunday 22nd August**
- **Box Hill TAFE**
- **Deakin University** (Melbourne)
- **La Trobe University** (Albury/Wodonga)

**Sunday 29th August**
- **ACU** (Ballarat)
- **Ballarat University**
- **La Trobe University** (Bundoora)

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**Working with Children Checks**

The Wycheproof Post office staff will be in Birchip on Wednesday 24th March at 6pm at The Shamrock to allow people to get their working with children check. Potential applicants will need to book in with BB & LC and collect an application form prior to the 19th March. Passport photos will be taken on the night, but original copies of identification as specified on the applicant form will need to be provided. There is no charge for people requiring working with children’s check for volunteer roles. **Any parent who assists in any way at the school (sports, camps, reading etc.,) is also encouraged to obtain a working with children check.**

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**Birchip Watchem Hockey Club Training**

Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. at the hockey field (U 15s and seniors)
Minkey & under 13s will commence during the first week of term 2 at 4:30 p.m.
Intending and interested players welcome
Enquiries to Simone Christie 0429 922 488

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**V/Line Information night at St.Arnaud - Depression**

An information night for students aged 14 to 18 years (and all parents)
Date: Friday 19th March
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Venue: St.Arnaud Sporting club (Lord Nelson Park)
Topic: Depression - by Beyondblue
Ambassador: Ranae Hallinan (Melbourne Vixens)
Cost: Gold coin donation If there are any problems or enquiries please don't hesitate to contact me.
Kind regards Tanya Clohesy from the St Arnaud netball club on 0427 526 347
Annual School Fete

As you are aware Fete Day is scheduled for Thursday 18th March 2010.

The theme this year is the ‘Mad Hatters’ Tea Party’. All students, parents and friends are encouraged to come along in theme. There will be various prizes on offer during the evening.

It will once again be an evening fete with activities kicking off at 5:30 p.m.

Parents’ Club are running a succulent and drought tolerant plants stall and request all parents to assist in this area please.

ONE BIG RAFFLE
There will only be ONE big raffle with up to 12 prize draws including: bicycle, quilt, 5 x food hampers, wheelbarrow of household items, 2 x iPod docking stations, Sherrin football, a signed Michael Hussey T-shirt. Tickets are only $1.00 and families are asked to sell a booklet of 20 tickets. There were distributed today. **Please ensure ALL raffle tickets and books whether sold or unsold are returned by Monday 15th March 2010**

There will be the usual roast meal (turkey, beef and pork) available for $10.00. Fruit salad and ice-cream will also be available. Parents’ club are again running their coffee and cake café after the evening meal.

Students in their Home Groups have organised many activities that start from 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 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 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. 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 enquiries about the running of the day, please contact the school.

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<td>Round One of Red Faces - gallery – parents, family &amp; friends most welcome</td>
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This year CFA, CERT, SES, Hearing Van and Salvation Army Bus will be in attendance for all to enjoy and seek information.
Potted Plants Please
Potted plants - all shapes and sizes are still required for school fete. May be delivered to school on day of fete. All donations appreciated.

Mad Hatters’ Tea Party  School Fete
Come, join in the fun of the Mad Hatters’ Tea Party and wear your hat to the school fete. Prizes will be awarded for the:
- best creative hat
- children’s hat
- family group hat
- ugly hat

Other dates to remember:
- Quarter Horse Races: 13/03/2010
- School Fete: 18/03/2010
- Habits of Mind Seminar: 22/03/2010
- Presentation Ball: 23/04/2010
- Parents’ Club Meeting: 03/05/2010
- Mothers’ Day Stall: 07/05/2010

Parents’ Club will be catering for these events and rosters are included in the school newsletter. Please arrange a swap if your rostered time or activity does not suit.

Ros McCallum
Secretary
Parents’ Club
Parents Club Fete Catering - Thursday 18th March 2010

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 5:30 p.m.
Jenny Hogan, Cathy Bales, Trish Lehmann, Wendy Watts, Bev Forrester, Deanne Botheras, Janine Paley.

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 5:30 p.m.

Tomato and Onion salad, 4litres:
Amanda Reid, Sonia Phelan, Diona Cooper, Pam McKelvie.

Rice Salad, 4litres:
Belinda Randall, Wendy Watts, Janet Smith, Val Connelly, Sharlene Connely.

Feta Salad, 4litres:
Emma Bennett, Deanne Botheras, Mandy Braine, Kerry Barker.

Potato Salad, 4litres:
Patrice Rickard, Carol Reid, Claire Cook, Jacinta Connelly, Danine Brody, Tammie Tait, Wendy Bidstrup, Cheryl White.

Noodle Salad, 4litres:
Cathy Milne, Jenny (G) Noonan, Helen Casey, Heather Hogan, Colene Delaney.

Tossed Salad, 4litres:
Georgina Hogan, Rachel Owa, Michelle Lee, Rachel Colbert, Tracey Bennett, Noeline Hogan, Jackie Tierney, Renae Dingley.

Coleslaw, 4litres:
Kim Driscoll, Leonie Naylor, Carly Sharp.

Own Choice Salad, 4litres:
Jenny (P) Noonan, Jenny Atkinson, Annette Bennett, Katherine Southall, Julie Weir, Hanneke Ball, Tina Garcia, Trudy Mathieson, Lindy Fraser.

Beetroot, 2 x 425g tins or Beetroot salad:
June Thorogood, Louise Lee, Roberta Spicer.

Drought Tolerant Plants Stall and Slushie Machine:
(Donations to our stall would be greatly appreciated)
Workers 5:30 p.m:
Rhonda Bell, Ros McClelland, Janine Paley, Deanne Botheras, Denita Donnan, Rosalie Gould.

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

Raffle down the street. Dates and ticket sellers.
Tuesday 9th March 2010 9am - 1pm: Rhonda Bell/Sam Kemp
1pm - 5pm: Sue Turner/Helen Casey

Friday 12th March 2010 9am - 1pm: Julie Weir/Rosalie Gould
1pm - 5pm: Sharon Flowers/Heather Hogan

Tuesday 16th March 2010 9am - 1pm: Julie Lowry/Belinda Randall
1pm - 5pm: Denita Donnan/Colene Delaney
Birchip Quarter Horse Cup – Parents’ Club roster of workers

Parents Club has been invited to supply parents to work at the annual Birchip Quarter Horse Cup on Saturday 13 March 2010.

This event provides a major fundraising opportunity for our school and your support is necessary to ensure that adequate people are in attendance to assist in the catering marquee. We thank in anticipation all parents listed and request that a replacement is found by those volunteers who are unavailable to work. If a replacement is unable to be found, please contact Mr Richmond or Trish Lehmann.

We would be pleased if the following parents could be in attendance:

Coordinators: Trish Lehmann and Angela Liston

10am - 2pm
Tony Lehmann, Gus and Jenny Noonan, Kelli-Ann and Jim Sheahan, Russell and Simone Christie, Kevin and Carol Reid, John and Cathy Bales, Jenny and Leigh Hogan

2pm – 6pm
Angela and Brendan Gleeson, Peter and Kerry Walder, Andrew and Denita Donnan, Ken and Jackie Tierney, Greg and Jackie Rymer, Heather and Colin Hogan, Cameron and Sharon Flowers

6pm – 10pm
Graeme and Cathy Milne, Michael and Meg Walsh, Peter and Jenny Noonan, David and Barb Smith, Carly Sharp, Andrew Sayle, Greg Martin

10pm onwards
Jenny Hogan, Jackie Tierney, Bern Smith, Louise lee, Brenda Doran

All volunteers are required to pay upon entry at the gate but may request a refund if they wish to leave directly following the completion of their shift.
WANT TO LEARN HOW
to assist young people
experiencing mental health problems?

A Youth Mental Health First Aid Course
is now available

Youth Mental Health First Aid is a 14-hour course which teaches first aid skills for mental health crisis situations and the early stages of mental health problems.

Where: Birchip P-12 School
When: 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th May 2010
Cost: Free; however participants must register
Contact Name: Rebecca Bennett or John Richmond
Number: Rebecca: 03 5477 2177  JR: 0417 106 033
Email: rebecca.bennett@ewhs.org.au   jr@birchip.vic.edu.au
RSVP: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 28th April

For further information visit our website at www.mhfa.com.au
It is that time of the year again where all budding AFL footballers (boys and girls) can join in the fun of Australian Rules Football by becoming a participant at your local Auskick centre.

To find out information about your local centre just visit: www.aflauskick.com.au

Participants can register and pay (or re-register if you have participated in Auskick previously) online at the above address.

The AFL in conjunction with the NAB bank offers a large range of incentives to kids just by being a part of Auskick 2010.

The AFL Club Connect package provides free tickets to watch your favourite AFL team play to all those participants who register and pay online prior to March 26th.

To find out your nearest centre and to take advantage of the Club Connect Package. Please visit the website.

BIRCHIP TENNIS NEWS

Presentation Evening will be held Thursday 25th March 2010 at the Birchip Leisure Centre following the finals of the championships. Families please bring a salad and there will be a $5.00 charge for steak or schnitzels and sweets will be provided. Chips and salad for children if not having steak or schnitzel.

Tonight is the last evening for tennis coaching. Championship draw is being distributed. Players please play your matches through the rounds ready for grand final on Thursday 25th March. Please make early arrangements to contact your opponent and play matches.

Junior Championship matches commence tonight with girls. Players (mostly boys section) will be notified of further matches to be played early next week and next Friday.

A reminder that the two Birchip teams will play each other next Sunday 14th March.

Outstanding club subs need to be paid a.s.a.p. to Heather Hogan or Louise Lee.
Back to School Asthma Checklist

Back to school time presents a phenomenon called the ‘Back to School Spike’, which is a well-documented occurrence of an increase in asthma hospital admissions in children. This trend occurs two weeks after school goes back, with the spike generally occurring in mid to late February. Ensure your child with asthma is prepared for the new school year by following this simple back to school asthma checklist.

- Doctor Review
- Updated Asthma Action Plan *(advise the school of any changes to their plan)*
- Medication Review
- Preventer medication scripts
- Technique Review *(good device technique will ensure more medication reaches the small airways)*
- H1N1 Vaccination

*(A person with asthma who gets any type of flu has a greater chance for developing serious health complications from the infection. Anyone with asthma is recommended to get both the seasonal flu vaccine and 2009 H1N1 vaccine.)*

- School Asthma Action Plan returned
- Blue Reliever Medication & Spacer *(ensure your child has their blue reliever medication and spacer device available at all times. Remember to check the expiry date and amount of medication left in the canister)*

- Your child is aware of their asthma triggers

For further information please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email advice@asthma.org.au

Asthma and Anaphylaxis Quick Facts

- There is a strong link between asthma and allergy with 80% of people with asthma also has an allergy
- Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that occurs when the body is exposed to a certain allergen
- The most common allergens are foods, insect venom, medications, and latex
- 1% of all food allergies are life threatening
- Death from anaphylaxis is very rare with only approximately 10 deaths reported in Australia per year
- Death from anaphylaxis is most likely in adolescents and adults with uncontrolled asthma
- 8-16% of anaphylaxis occurs in the school/childcare setting

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## Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

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Meals tonight at Leisure Centre from 7pm.
Bring the family out to eat before the Cup Calcutta at O’Donnell’s Bar.

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birchip racing club presents:
birchip quarter horse cup
saturday 13 march 2010

birchip race track opens 11.30am
5 races
on-course entertainment program concludes 5pm
evening entertainment to follow races:
todd cook, brodie glen, loaded dice & disco gold

$10 race entry, $15 evening entry
strictly no byo
information: 0419 342 106
Year 2 and 3 students try to use the habits of the Clever Monkeys (Habits of Mind) regularly throughout their day.

During a science experiment to create fog in a bottle students thought of new ideas and came up with other experiments to try to create fog.

They are currently practicing to Stop and Think (manage impulsivity) before they come to the listening area so they make a good choice of where to sit so they can be good listeners and not get distracted by friends.

When beginning a unit of study on the weather we created a “Weather Web” using our past knowledge to list everything we know about the weather. We are using the web to determine what we still need and want to learn about the subject.

Students respond with awe and wonderment. Mrs Phelan brought in a spider carrying hundreds of spiderlings on her abdomen and all students were brave enough to get close and have a look.