**Forthcoming Events**

**March**
- 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: Parents’ Club Meeting - movie night
- Monday 2nd → Thursday 5th: Year 9 Advance Activity
- Friday 6th: Year 10 Work Experience
- Friday 6th: Mothers’ Day Stall for all students
- Thursday 5th: Immunisations for Year 7 Girls
- Tuesday 10th: NAPLAN Testing 3, 5, 7, 9
- Thursday 12th: North Central Cross Country - Wedderburn
- Tuesday 10th: Physical Resources Meeting
- Wednesday 11th → Thursday 12th: Grade 6 Maldon Camp
- Friday 13th: Secondary House Cross Country
- Friday 13th: Primary Cross Country - Donald
  - Cultural Performance - Tony Bones
- Monday 16th: Education Week
- Friday 20th: Primary Netball, Football, Hockey trials - Stawell
- Friday 20th: Primary Cross Country - Donald
- Thursday 19th: School Council
- Thursday 26th: North Central Cross Country - Wedderburn

**June**
- Monday 6th: Primary State Cross Country - Bundoora
- Tuesday 7th: Physical Resources Meeting

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**2011 School Fete**

Another huge success thank you to all!

The afternoon was sunny and warm, the evening and setting wonderful. We continue to be extremely lucky as in past years to have a wonderful evening for fete night. The theme of St Patrick’s Day saw the colour green replicated many times over. Many thanks to our parents and friends and community members for again supporting our school, whether it be by turning up at the fete, or buying a raffle ticket; your support is very much appreciated.

A large crowd of students, parents, staff and very supportive community members enjoyed the offerings of many stalls, raffles, spinning wheels and roast meal. Approximately 200 meals were served.

A profit of approximately $8,000 was realized.

The fete involves a huge effort by many including student, parents and staff. The excellent works by many ensured a most successful evening both socially, enjoyably and profitably. The Red Faces acts were terrific with many students thoroughly enjoying themselves and entertaining the crowd. Thanks to Mrs Donnellon for her co-ordination of this event and to the students for their enthusiasm.

Many thanks to the Parents’ Club for providing the beautiful roast meal for all to enjoy which was...
again followed by coffee and cake to complete the meal.

The fete organizing committee of Mrs Eileen Smith, Mrs Jenny Hogan and Mrs Trish Lehmann must be congratulated and commended for their excellent preparations and organization for the fete. Many thanks to Eileen, Trish and Jenny for their leadership and excellent co-ordination of the event. It is very much appreciated. Thanks to Dave Valentine for his efforts in setting up the venue and ensuring various items are at the ready. Thank you to Ian Smith for the lighting. Thank you to staff members for their willingness to organize students with various exciting activities for our students to enjoy. And finally, thank you to all our students who are always prepared to set up, enjoy the activities and then clean up when the ‘party’ is over.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts – all in all – a magnificent effort and enjoyable evening.

**Prize and Raffle Winners include:**
Lollies in a jar - Guess of 244 lollies Maureen Donnellon

**Maths is Marvellous – You Can Count on it!**
After playing ask your child to estimate how many toys they have out. Count them as the toys are put away. Sort toys into piles such as cars, dolls or soft toys and see what pile is the largest/smallest. Use a variety of words to describe the piles E.g. Big, bigger, biggest, large, small, fewer, most etc.

**Year Nine Activity Program**
The Year Nine Activities Program continued again this week with sessions including Boxercising and Girl Talk. Mrs Brenda Doran ran the Boxercising activity while Mrs Patrice Rickard delivered the ‘Girl’s Talk’ session.

Next Wednesday 23rd March 2011, the year nine students along with Mr Knights and Rhonda Allan are travelling to Bendigo for their Activities Day.

The bus was originally scheduled to depart Birchip P-12 School at 8:15 a.m., however we now need to depart the school at 8:00 a.m. sharp to allow for more time in arriving and navigating through the city.

The Activity Day will be ‘student communication free day’ and so mobile telephones are not permitted. Mr Knights will be taking the school telephone. The school telephone number is 0418 320 454.

Students will have limited opportunity to purchase snack food on the day and so spending money should be kept to a minimum.

Students are reminded that they may wear casual clothing, however they must wear enclosed shoes. Socks are also required for ten-pin bowling.

The group should return to the school by approximately 6.30pm.

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**BirchipP-12 School Newsletter**

Baby photos competition
Sue Cozens, Anne Blencowe and Cathy Bales

Mini Golf
1st – Joe O’Donnell, 2nd - William Botheras, ladies winner- Lyn Boyle

Major Raffle Winners:
- Hi Fi System: George Ray
- Camera: Judy Living
- Video camera: Nicholas Bales
- Rice Cooker: Leonie Naylor
- Michael Hussey bat: Dianne Lehmann
- Michael Hussey signed cap: Pat Colbert

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Parents, grandparents and friends congratulated the new band of school office bearers for 2011 at the induction ceremony last Friday. This year the tradition was changed dramatically as the institution of the SRC as the voice of the students, gave way to a Student Board of twelve students from year seven to twelve. It is hoped that the Board will become more active in the direction that the school takes and that students will have more of a say in such matters as curriculum and subject choice.

School Council president, Mrs Wendy Watts addressed the audience and spoke about leadership stating that leading is not just a position one holds, but an action. Great leaders, she affirmed don’t just lead, they bring out the best in everybody else too as they have the ability to connect with and communicate with others. As such, Mrs Watts encouraged all students, from Prep to Year 12, staff, parents and interested community members to take on a spirit of leadership. Mrs Watts also illustrated how our school values of understanding, integrity, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility and the striving to aim high are all characteristics that notable leaders work towards.

• Leaders need to be understanding and show insight and sympathy toward other’s feelings and points of view. The most basic of all human needs is to be understood and the best way to understand people is to listen to them. A Turkish proverb says, “If speaking is silver, then listening is gold.” Communication, Mrs Watts acclaimed is an essential tool of leadership, and this involves both speaking and listening. Communication involves understanding and working with others to achieve goals together.

• Good leaders must show integrity. They must demonstrate personal honesty by being exemplars and setting high standards as leaders because our integrity filters down to those we lead. What we are and what we do communicate more than anything we say.” Good character is more to be praised than outstanding talent as most talents are to some extent a gift that doesn’t have to be worked for. Good character, by contrast, is built piece by piece—by thought, choice, courage and determination.”

• To be admired as a leader one must be trustworthy. They must be reliable, dependable and truthful. A leader needs to be listened to and thus he must be persuasive but believable; and to be believable, he must be credible and to be credible a person must be truthful and trustworthy.

• Leaders both show and command respect. They show consideration and regard to those around them while acknowledging individual differences in others. But before one can respect others, it is necessary to respect yourself as this is what is central to building sound relationships; and this is at the heart of leadership.

• Leadership is not only about what you do. It’s about what you can encourage and inspire others to do. Leaders are people who aim high and inspire other people also to aim high. Leadership and learning go hand in hand, as does taking pride in your work and always putting in your best effort.

Mrs Watts encouraged her audience to aim for excellence in all that they do as artist and scientist Michelangelo warned, “The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.”

Leadership success, on any scale, Mrs Watts stated, requires us to accept responsibility and be inspired to be leaders in life. In small communities there is an abundance of opportunities to show leadership; in the classroom, on the sporting field, in how you behave with your friends, in your workplace, in your community, in your school and in how you treat your fellow human beings.

Being a leader will involve taking others with you, however at other times, it may mean standing alone for what is right and true and upholding the values that are sacred to us.

School captains for 2011, Nicholas Bales and Mikaela Christie were suitably honoured at being elected to the highest position a student can attain. In their address they both agreed that they wanted to be approachable and assist their fellow students. The captains, spoke about how lucky they were to be completing their education at the Birchip P-12 School where their education is personalized, where they are given many opportunities to take part in a myriad of experiences and where facilities are outstanding.

The presentation was a celebration of student achievement and a testimony to the many ways that students can take on roles of responsibility in a small school. The bus captains and monitors were acknowledged for the way they assured the safe passage of students to and from school each day and for the meticulous manner in which they look after the bus rolls. The House Captains have a very important part to play in the organizing of sport throughout the school. They are responsible for motivating students to give their best no matter how talented students are and to contribute to sport. The House Captains are also responsible for organizing the various sporting programmes and their teams on sport days.
The Junior SRC is important in running student activities during the school year and to achieve their position, each student delivered a short speech, stating clearly why they should be voted as the best person for the various jobs.

All students who were elected to various positions should be extremely proud of their achievements and we wish them well for their year in office.

The School Board met the next day with senior staff members for lunch. At this meeting Tayla Connelly was elected the inaugural President; Hugh O'Keefe was elected vice president, Claire Boyle its secretary and Laura Lee its publicity officer. Over the lovely two course lunch cooked by Mrs Kristy Knights, Mrs Barbara Smith, Hayden Collins, Gerhard Egerer and Branden Atkinson, the board had preliminary discussions about the direction that the board should take. We look forward to some enterprising initiatives from our new school leaders.

**Junior SRC**
- **President**: Elise Bales
- **Vice President**: Joe O'Donnell
- **Secretary**: Tom Hogan
- **Treasurer**: Sarah Botheras
- **EO & OHS Officer**: Jessica Bidstrup

**House Captains**
- **Young House**: Chantel Emonson & Conor Hogan
- **Fraser House**: Evelyn Reid & Gerhard Egerer

**Bus Captains**
- Jil Jil Winston
- Watchem Wilkur
- Beulah
- Curyo

**P – 6 Bus Monitors**: Jessica Bidstrup, Sophie Reid, Luana Baird, Seamus Lowry, Jack Lee, Zac Bennett
School Captains
Mikaela Christie & Nicholas Bales with Mrs Wendy Watts and Mr John Richmond

2011 Student Board
Nicole Clark, Shae Colbert, Claudia Lee, Georgia Lee, Harrison Christie, Courtney Gleeson, Sophie Hogan, Claire Boyle, Tayla Connelly, Laura Lee & Hugh O’Keefe with School Captains Mikaela Christie and Nicholas Bales and School Council President Mrs Wendy Watts.

Wanted
Furniture including a bed and kitchen appliances and utensils needed to furnish a one bedroom flat. If able to assist, please contact John Richmond 0417 106 033
**SACs Next Week**

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**Tennis**

The Birchip team plays in the semi final at Charlton, tomorrow, and players need to please bring a plate of afternoon tea and to be at the courts ready for 1:00 p.m. commencement of play. Cars leave café at 12 noon.

Team – Colin Kemp, Ian Smith, Warrick McClelland, Brendan Gleeson, James Goldsmith, Jacob Gleeson, Eileen Smith, Julie Coffey, Sharee Dobson, Wendy Buteux, Belinda Randall, Laura Lee, Kellie Matthews, Kim Driscoll, Louise Lee, Jenny Goldsmith

**Saturday morning tennis** – tomorrow is the last session at 10:00 a.m.

Championship matches will be played over the next week in readiness for Grand Final on Wednesday 30th March 2011 followed by a breakup with the Cricket Club.

**Basketball**

**Juniors**

The first finals between 1st and 4th (White and Blue at 6:30 p.m.) and 2nd and 3rd (Green and Red at 7:30 p.m.) will be played on Friday night. The two winners will play in a grand final on Friday 25th March at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to Catherine McKenzie, Ronald Turner and everyone who has umpired and scored for the juniors. Thank you also to Harrison Christie, Courtney Gleeson, Jake Hogan and David Casey who have coached the junior teams.

**Mens**

The finals will be played between 2nd and 3rd (Yellow and Red at 7pm) 1st and 4th (Blue and Green) on Friday night. The two winners will play in a grand final on Friday 25th March at 7:00 p.m. Please ensure your team provides a good quality umpire and a scorer for the game your team is not playing in.

**Womens**

The Grand final will be played between Pink-White and Blue at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd March.

**General**

Thank you to everyone who played, umpired and scored for the basketball competitions this season. It has been good to see the resurgence of basketball in Birchip. The competitions will resume again early in fourth term when the hectic winter sports season is complete.

A reminder to everyone who hasn’t paid their subs to pay the BB & LC (or Simone) $15.00 by next week (or organise $90 for your whole team if you have used a mix of players).

**WANTED**

Score board attendant for all home games of football.
Beginning with under 13 ending with seniors.
This may be a paid position.
If interested please see Russell Christie
0429 922488

Registration now at the Birchip Business and Learning Centre
77 Cumming Avenue Birchip

email birchiblc@bigpond.com
or phone 5492 2735
WEEKLY QUIZ QUESTIONS

Last week’s answers – Round #6:


1. What is the name of the city most affected by the Japan earthquake and tsunami?
   a. Sendai
   b. Shanghai
   c. Chennai

2. Which of the following is not true about the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami?
   a. It was the largest EQ ever recorded in Japan
   b. It was of the Top 10 largest earthquakes ever recorded
   c. It measured 6.3 on the richter scale

3. How high was the tsunami in Japan estimated to be?
   a. 10m  b. 30m  c. 60m

4. Julia Gillard spoke to the US Congress on her visit to America. Which of the following is not true about her speech?
   a. She is the first female leader to speak to the US Congress.
   b. She is only the fourth Australian PM to speak to Congress
   c. She received 6 standing ovations during the speech

5. Which member of the Royal Family is planning to attend ceremonies and visit the areas affected by the Queensland floods.
   a. The Queen
   b. Prince Charles
   c. Prince William

6. There is concern that Libya is heading for a war between groups within its own country. What is this called?
   a. a cold war
   b. a civil war
   c. a cultural war

7. What product has recently broken records as the fastest selling electronics device in history?
   a. Microsoft Kinect
   b. iPad2
   c. iPhone

8. How many refugees have escaped from the Christmas Island detention centre since Friday?
   a. 4
   b. 12
   c. 210

9. A politician with controversial views on race relations is trying to get elected to the NSW state government. What is her name, Pauline ________?

10. London’s Natural History Museum has agreed to return what to the people of Australia’s Torres Strait Islands?
    a. ancient carvings
    b. ancient human remains
    c. ancient coins

11. A Melbourne train overran a track at a station and crashed into ...
    a. a local bank branch
    b. a game of AFL
    c. another train

12. A charity rugby match between the Classic All Blacks and the Classic Wallabies raised $400 000 for what event?

13. One of NASA’s space shuttles returned to earth after its final voyage. What was its name?
    a. Voyager
    b. Discovery
    c. Atlantis

14. After English, what is the next most spoken language in the United States?
    a. French
    b. Spanish
    c. Italian

15. What is the longest river in Australia?
    a. The Murray River
    b. The Darling River
    c. The Flinders River
Weekly Quiz - Visual

What recent event does this map relate to?

Julia Gillard recently met with this woman last week. What is her name?

Last week this girl announced plans to lead the youngest team ever in which sporting event?

Name this vehicle that was halted immediately after the Japan Earthquake due to safety concerns.

What Australian city was this photo taken in?
Birchip Racing Club Membership

Memberships can be purchased online or given to Jenny Goldsmith. Jenny will be down the street on Saturday morning if you would like to join personally. Memberships are $40 normal or $100 for Gold. There will also be a raffle down the street for a marquee at the races for 8 which includes a chicken and champagne luncheon. Tickets are $1.00.

Birchip Racing Club invites you to a

Birchip Cup Eve Cocktail Party
Birchip Leisure Centre
Friday 25th March 2011

Meals available from 7:30 p.m.
($2 meal discount for BLC & BRC members)
Cup Calcutta and fun racing activities
$5 entry – all welcome – dress to impress!
(BRC members free entry)

Quiz Night

Friday 18 March 2011
7:00 p.m.
Birchip Community Leisure Centre

• Tables of 6
• Names to Simone Christie, Fiona Best or Andrew Sayle
• $10 per head including hot supper
• Byo nibbles for your own table
• Lots of prizes to be won

Come along, have fun and test your general knowledge
A comprehensive range of questions from sport to music, politics & local news

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.
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Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

EMERGENCY ASTHMA MANAGEMENT TRAINING
[Ideal for coaches, parents, first aid officers for sporting clubs]

As a result of the training, individuals be legally able to purchase and administer asthma medications like Ventolin in the event of a suspected asthma attack amongst one of its club members. The training is provided in a friendly format and doesn’t require the participants to have any previous medical or first aid training. A statement of attainment will be provided to participants on successful completion of the course.

The training is being held as follows:
Wycheproof Community Resource Centre
28th March 2011
6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
Cost: $20.00 per person

Bookings by 24th March 2011 Phone Rhonda Allan, Mallee Sports Assembly. Ph. 54 937 796
Email: rhonda@malleesportsassembly.org.au

LEVEL 1 SPORTS TRAINERS COURSE

When: Sunday March 27th and April 3rd 2011 - Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Cost: $185.00
Re-Accreditation: Sunday April 2011 - Times: 6:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
Cost: $95.00

Venue: Northern District Community Health Service, 24 Fitzroy St, Kerang

Registrations: Rhonda Allan, Mallee Sports Assembly Ph 54 937 796
Email: rhonda@malleesportsassembly.org.au
Habits of Mind

Last week the year 7s went to Hall's Gap for camp. It was an action packed four days with lots of exhilarating activities. On day one the afternoon was spent fishing on Lake Bellfield which required lots of persistence as the only thing we caught consistently were snags, much to Mr Tyler’s disgust. Tuesday we abseiled, rock climbed and canoed for the day. The students had a brilliant time with most conquering their fear of heights and taking responsible risks. Wednesday we climbed Boronia Peak, a round trip of 6.2kms. Upon reaching the top the students responded with wonderment and awe at being so close to the clouds. Mini Golf concluded our camp on Thursday with all finding humour at the different skill levels required to finish the course. Cajun was especially happy to beat Mr Joshua Richmond by one stroke overall. We can’t say the same for Mr Richmond. Overall the students and staff had a fun and enjoyable camp.