**Forthcoming Events**

**March**
- Monday 28th: Questacon For Years 8→11

**April**
- Monday 4th: House Athletics Field Events
- Tuesday 5th: Healthy Living Expo for years 9&10
- Tuesday 5th: Parent/Teacher interviews
- 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 8th: Debutanete Ball
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**May**
- Monday 2nd: Parents’ Club Meeting - movie night
- Monday 2nd: Year 9 Advance Activity
- Friday 6th: Year 10 Work Experience
- Friday 6th: Mothers’ Day Stall for all students
- Friday 6th: Immunisations for Year 7 Girls
- Friday 6th: Mothers’ Day Stall for all students
- Tuesday 10th: NAPLAN Testing 3, 5, 7, 9
- Thursday 12th: P-6 Cultural Activity - Tony Bones
  - Physical Resources Meeting
- Wednesday 11th: Grade 6 Maldon Camp
- Friday 13th: Secondary House Cross Country
- Friday 13th: Primary Cross Country - Donald
- Monday 16th: Education Week
- Friday 20th: Primary Netball, Football, Hockey trials - Stawell
- Tuesday 17th: 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

**Busy end to the term**

The calendar is full for the last two weeks of school. Monday 4th April 2011 is the House Athletics field events which will be held on the school grounds. This will be followed by the track events on Wednesday 6th April 2011 at the Birchip Recreation Reserve. Students in Years 9 and 10 will be attending the Buloke Health Expo in Birchip on Tuesday 5th April 2011. Parent-teacher interviews are also scheduled for the evening of Tuesday 5th April 2011.

**Best wishes to Tom Shirley**

Tom Shirley, a year eight student, underwent surgery yesterday to remove a carcinoid tumour from his lung at the Royal Children's Hospital. Doctors and specialists are very pleased with the surgery and believe the prognosis is very good. Tom is recovering well. Tom’s parents Marg & Pete are in Melbourne and are pleased with his progress.

The school community, students, staff and parents, wish Tom all the very best for a speedy and successful recovery.
LODDON MALLEE SWIMMING CARNIVAL – SWAN HILL

Last Wednesday Brenten Delaney, Curtis Smith, Jake Hogan, Gerhard Egerer, Jacob Christie, Claudia Lee, Tahlia Noonan, Nicole Clark, Georgia Lee and Shae Colbert accompanied by Mr Travis Knights and Mrs Michelle Lee headed over to Swan Hill to compete in the Loddon Mallee Zone Swimming Sports. Students had come from schools as far away as Mildura and Kyneton to compete in overcast conditions. While our students tried extremely hard, the competition was excellent. We were fortunate enough to get good results in a couple of events. Congratulations go to Brenten Delaney who finished second in both the U/17 Boys 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly. Thank you to Mr Knights and Mrs Michelle Lee for accompany our students on the day.

Parent Teacher Student Interviews

Tuesday 5th April 2011 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All families will receive a ‘Parent Teacher Student Interviews Schedule’ early next week inviting them to come along on Tuesday 5th April 2011 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Stadium.

Families have been allocated one or two of three hour blocks.

- Session 1: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Session 2: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Session 3: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Should your allotted time be inconvenient, please contact Mr Cameron Whelan at the school for an alternative time.

Most teachers will be in attendance. Please take the opportunity to come and discuss your son’s and daughter’s progress with their teachers. Interim Reports will be distributed on the night.

Thank you from Keiko

Thank you so much to everyone for thinking of the terrible tragedy taking place in my home country, Japan. Since it happened, I have received many telephone calls, eMails and lots of comforting words from many friends in the workplace and community which made me feel so supported. It is comforting to know that Australians are thinking of the Japanese people on the other side of the world as they recover from this disaster. Japan’s earthquake and tsunami are still making the news each day. I am just hoping it will get better soon.

Thank you also to the students who have participated in the photograph, movie and origami activities at school to ‘Pray for Japan’. The wonderful things you are doing to support Japan and its people are very much appreciated. I am sure your symbols of support are appreciated.

Thanks again and I believe Australia and Japan, are one.

Ms Keiko Nakamura

Maths is Marvellous – You Can Count on it!

Investigate fractions by using dry biscuits that can be broken into halves or quarters. What happens when you add or take away portions of the snack?

Thanks

Many thanks to Greg Rymer who willingly lopped the two Desert Ash trees between the science wing and the newly refurbished classrooms over the past weekend. Your efforts are very much appreciated Greg. The school really does have terrific support from parents and the wider community.

YEAR 12 HISTORY EXCURSION

On Tuesday 22nd March 2011, year 12 history students and Miss Wright went on an excursion to Sovereign Hill. Students were provided with information relevant to their first Area of Study: the development of the Port Phillip District / present day Victoria. The trip was helpful for students as it provided them with some useful information, including the development of Squatters’ runs in the Port Phillip District. Of particular interest was the story of the Learmonth brothers and their extravagant property, Ercildoune near Learmonth. Despite an adventurous effort to find the estate on the way home, we couldn’t find it and headed back to Birchip but will be a worthwhile visit for another time.

Unnamed Bowls from the School Fete can be collected from the school office.

Are you missing a school jumper? We have two unnamed secondary school jumpers size 20 & 18 at the school office. Come and collect them if they belong to you.
Tickets are available from the school office

Presentation Ball
Friday 8 April 2011, Debutantes presented at 8.30 pm
Admittance:
Adults $15.00
Tertiary students $10.00
Secondary students $5.00
Upstairs viewing $2.00

School Uniform – changeover for Term Two

Students are expected to wear winter uniform during second and third terms. There will be a two week changeover period from Wednesday 27th April 2011 until Friday 6th May 2011 where students may wear either summer or winter uniform – not a combination of both. **On Monday 9th May 2011 all students are expected to be in full Winter uniform.** I have included the winter uniform list below for your convenience. I urge you to organize your son’s and daughter’s school uniform in readiness for term two now.

**P - 6 Winter Uniform**

**Boys:**
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers or grey shorts or dark green trackpants
- Navy blue windcheater or fleecy top.
- Black or white socks
- Black shoes
- P6 students may wear sneakers

**Girls:**
- White polo shirt
- Green tailored slacks or dark green trackpants.
- Navy blue windcheater or fleecy top.
- Plain white socks
- Brown or black shoes
- P6 students may wear sneakers

**7 - 12 Winter Uniform**

**Boys:**
- Navy jumper with collar and school logo
- White **tailored** shirt with **stiff collar**
- School tie
- Grey trousers or grey shorts
- Black socks
- Black shoes

**Girls:**
- Navy jumper with collar and school logo
- White **tailored** shirt with **stiff collar**
- School tie
- Green tartan skirt or green **tailored** slacks
- Plain white socks or navy tights
- Brown or black shoes

**Birchip Quarterhorse Cup**

Birchip Racing Club have asked Birchip P-12 School Parents’ Club to help cater for the Quarterhorse Cup which is to be held this **Saturday 26th March** I have spoken to most helpers, but here are the times.

School Representative is Jenny Hogan, and Angela Liston is Racing Club representative

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<td>4pm - 6pm</td>
<td>Bern Smith, Chris /Rachel Colbert, Chris/Louise Lee, Dave/Kylie Walsh</td>
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Some of our Helpers have offered to stay over their shift and we thank you for that, if you have any problems don’t hesitate to contact Jenny

Many thanks, Trish Lehmann

**SACs Next Week**

**Year 12**

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YEAR NINE ACTIVITY DAY – BENDIGO
St Patrick’s Day Fête

St Patrick’s Day was the perfect day for the Birchip P-12 School’s annual fête. Students, staff and parents had worked for days preparing for the festivities. Parents had cooked traditional fête food of toffee apples (which were green of course!), marshmallows and sumptuous cakes. Students had prepared games and puzzles, guessing games, dart and basketball competitions and Mr Tyler had modified the front lawn into an immaculate mini golf course. Students braided hair, painted faces, cooked sausages and hot dogs, organised a chocolate fondue fountain and made an assortment of different flavoured ice cream.

Parents, friends and community members ate a delicious roast meal of pork, beef and turkey and were entertained by the students’ performances. Students had rehearsed for weeks, preparing their dances and songs and their performances on the night were outstanding.

The school wishes to thank all parents and community members who came along to support the school’s major fundraising event for the year.
Tuesday 29th March April 2011
Under 16 and Under 21 Boys and Girls 1500 metres events will be held at 1:00 p.m. along King Street.

Thursday 31st March 2011
Under 16 and Under 21 Boys and Girls 800 metres events will be held at 1:00 p.m. along King Street.

Monday 4th April 2011: Field Events (Grades 5/6 Yrs 7-12)
- School ovals - Beginning 11:00am.
Field Events (approximately 84 events) will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Field events include discus, shot put, javelin, long jump, triple jump and high jump.
Vortex throw for Grade 5&6 instead of javelin.
All students will be encouraged to participate and achieve points for their house.
Students will be expected to eat lunch when they are not scheduled to be participating in events.
No student will leave the sporting area.

Wednesday 6th April 2011: Track Events
- Birchip Recreation Reserve (George Cartwright Oval)
- Gr P-4 – 40m-100m sprint – distances increase with age.
- Gr 3/4 200m
- Grades 5/6 & Yrs 7-12 – 100m 200m 400m
- Relays Gr 3/4, 5/6, U14, U16 & U21
We will work 3 shortened periods and move to the oval at 11:30 am. after a recess.
Any heats (required if there are large numbers in each age group) will take place from 11:50am.
Track Events will be held from 12:00 noon. – 3:20 p.m. Commencing with the 5&6 year old boys and girls.
All students will be expected to participate in the shorter sprint events for their age group.
Relay participants will be chosen from the 4 best 100 metres sprint times from each House.
Grade P-2 students will return to school after their sporting events have finished.

Friday 29th April 2011 - Secondary Interschool Athletics Sports at Charlton.
The team selected is based on performances - first in each event; also extra runners for 100m and relay.
There may also be a maximum number of individual events a student may compete in.

Friday 26th August 2011 - Primary Interschool Athletics Sports at Donald

2011 House Captains:

**Young House**
- Girls: Chantel Emerson C  
  Tayla Connelly VC  
  Ms K Tellbach, Miss R Wright
- Boys: Conor Hogan C  
  Brady Milne VC  
  Mr C Whelan, Mr J Richmond

**Fraser House**
- Girls: Evelyn Reid C  
  Sara Sydengen VC  
  Miss C McKenzie, Miss A Lewis
- Boys: Gerhard Egerer C  
  Nicolas Bales VC  
  Mr J Tyler, Mr G McRae

Parents and friends are most welcome and encouraged to attend and support students.

Parental assistance to conduct field events will be appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Sayle at the school on 5492 2287.

Programs will be available closer to the scheduled dates.
Catering Roster for Presentation Ball
Friday 8th April 2011

The continuation of the traditional sumptuous supper at the Presentation Ball is reliant upon the generosity of our Parent Body.

If unable to work or provide food, we would appreciate it if you could please find a replacement, and then notify Trish Lehmann coordinator 0417 357 850.

Food to be delivered to the Birchip Public Hall by 600pm or by prior arrangement.

Workers: 5:30pm at Hall preferably Black and White
Emma Bennett, Caroline Hogan, Rhonda Bell, Mandy Braine, Wendy Buteux, Andrea Phelan, Sharon Flowers, Bern O’Donnell, Margaret O’Keefe, Melissa Woods, Maureen Trollope, Marcia Mallia, Carol Reid.

Small Cream Puffs, 2 Doz.
Sam Kemp, Terri King

Yo Yo’s, 2 Doz.
Rosalie Gould

Eclairs, 2 Doz.
Tracey Bennett, Fiona Knight, Jodie Lyons, Caroline Hogan

Hedgehog, 2 Doz. cut
Wendy Buteux, Rhonda Bell, Debbie Riggall

Jelly Slice, 2 Doz. cut
Susie Turnbull, Jacinta Lewis, Maureen Trollope

Fruit Medley, 2 Doz. cut
Mandy Braine, Carol Reid, Sharon Flowers

Own Choice Slice, 2 Doz. cut (excluding those already mentioned)
Wendy Bidstrup, Fiona Sayle, Cassie Robinson, Emma Bennett, Deanne Botheras

Sausage Rolls, 2 Doz.
Wendy Collins, Amanda Reid, Claire Cook, Jackie Rymer, Wendy Collins, Carly Sharp, June Thorogood, Annette Bennett, Debra Emonson, Karoline Tellbach, Julie Weir

Mini Quiches, 2 Doz.
Sue Turner, Nicole James, Rachel Owa, Arlene Phelan, Kate Lyons, Marcia Mallia, Leanne McGinnis

Own Choice Savouries, 2 Doz. (excluding those already mentioned)
Panchami Santhosh, Melissa Woods, Jacinta Connelly, Michelle Merolli, Veronica Hogan, Angela Higgins, Tanya Hogan, Kim Driscoll, Pipa Bradey, Helen Platz

4 Litres Milk
Greg Martin
WEEKLY QUIZ QUESTIONS

Last week’s answers – Round #7:

1. Sendai
2. 6.3 on the Richter scale
3. 10 metres
4. First female leader to speak in US Congress
5. Prince William
6. Civil war
7. Microsoft Kinect
8. 210
9. Hanson
10. Ancient human remains
11. A local bank branch
12. Christchurch earthquake
13. Discovery
14. Spanish
15. Murray River
16. Japan earthquake
17. US Secretary of State
18. Jessica Watson
19. Bullet Train
20. Adelaide

1. What distance around the nuclear power plant have authorities evacuated Japanese residents?
   a. 20km
   b. 50km
   c. 80km

2. What distance have foreign governments suggested (including USA and NZ) evacuation of their people?
   a. 20km
   b. 50km
   c. 80km

3. Japanese are referring to the workers at the plant as the Fukushima Fifty. This is because...
   a. Their average age is 50
   b. 50 workers operate per shift
   c. It is only safe for them to work for 50mins at a time

4. What is the current estimate of missing people and deaths from the Japanese earthquake and tsunami?
   a. 2000
   b. 20000
   c. 200000

5. How many Australian’s are still listed as missing in Japan?
   a. 7
   b. 17
   c. 71

6. Which of the following places is Prince William not visiting on his tour?
   a. Cardwell and Tully (Cyclone)
   b. South-East Queensland (Flood)
   c. North-West Victoria (Flood)
   d. Western Perth (Bushfires)

7. Which organisation has Prince William included in a charitable fund that guests to his wedding can pay into instead of buying presents?
   a. RSPCA
   b. The Flying Doctors
   c. School of the Air

8. Which of these Middle Eastern countries is **not** having public protests against the government?
   a. Qatar
   b. Yemen
   c. Bahrain

9. What restriction are foreign armies enforcing to stop the Libyan government from attacking civilians?
   a. No-fly zone over the country
   b. 6pm curfew in cities
   c. Armed escorts for refugees

10. In what sort of facility did riot break out on Christmas Island last week?
    a. Detention Centre
    b. Hospital
    c. Prison

11. Professor Ross Garnaut - the government’s climate adviser, has said that carbon should be taxed at...
    a. $20-30 a tonne
    b. $100-200 a tonne
    c. $1000 a tonne
    (Note: the average car creates 3 tonnes per year)

12. Which country will Australia play in the Quarter-finals of the Cricket World Cup?
    a. India
    b. South Africa
    c. West Indies

13. In which state or Territory did wildlife officers rescue 11 stranded pilot whales last week?

14. What event takes place on the 25th of April?

15. What country is St Patrick’s Day associated with?
    a. Wales
    b. Scotland
    c. Ireland

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Weekly Quiz - Visual

1. Name the organisation represented by this flag.

2. What sport is this person involved in?

3. In which country was this photo taken?

4. Name this Australian city.

5. What are these people checking for?
BIRCHIP TENNIS & CRICKET CLUB BREAKUP
Wednesday March 30th, 7.00 p.m. at the Leisure Centre.

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)

VHS Video Recorder Wanted
Has anyone a working VHS video recorder that they would like to donate to school.
If you have one, could you please drop it off at the office.

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.

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 or contact him on 0429 922488

MEALS TONIGHT !!!!!!!!
At the Leisure Centre from 7p.m.

Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
Grade 1/2 Talk about Fire Safety

Recently Mr Whelan came to our class to teach us about fire safety.

First of all, Mr Whelan showed us his uniform. He showed us his jacket and helmet. We realised his helmet had a light on it. He put on his flash hood and told us about how it is used. Lots of us had not seen one before. He could not show us his boots because he left them behind.

Then, Mr Whelan talked about fire safety and we looked at a CFA book.

Next we did a quiz and we got prizes. Some of the prizes were rulers, pencils, rubbers, tattoos and wrist bands.

After that, we put on Mr Whelan’s jacket and looked at his helmet. The jacket was big, heavy and warm.

We were glad Mr Whelan told us about fire because if there was a fire we would know what to do.
The VCAL numeracy students, as part of their study measured and built a scale model of Dave’s maintenance shed. Although the students found this task challenging they continually sought encouragement and inspiration from many of the habits of mind, which enabled them to successfully complete the task.

**Persistence:**
At times when they discovered that there were problems with measurements and design, they realised that they could not give up and so they reworked their calculations and refined their drawings until they experienced success.

**Striving for accuracy:**
If the scale model was to reflect the real life measurements, near enough was not good enough. They soon realised that you just have to be right with no room for inaccuracy!

**Continuous learning**
The practical skills learned through this activity should enable the students to confidently tackle similar tasks in the future. There will be occasions in the future when they will need to apply maths in everyday situations and this task represented a wonderful experience for them, which should put them in good stead.

**Applying past knowledge**
The mathematics skills acquired in previous classes allowed them to make use of prior knowledge to help them manage the different parts of the activity.

**Questioning and posing problems**
The task presented a number of problems and challenges.
- Deciding on a scale that fits onto a piece of A4 paper.
- Calculating the total surface area of the shed to estimate the amount of paint required.
- What type of material should be used to build the scale model of the shed.