Forthcoming Events

April
- Monday 19th: VCE Studio Art Excursion, Melbourne
- Monday 19th: Year 10 Work Experience
- Friday 23rd: Year 9 Advance Camp - Swan Hill
- Thursday 22nd: Year 9 Level 2, First Aid
- Friday 23rd: OH&S Audit
- Thursday 22nd: International Story Telling - P6 activity in Library
- Friday 23rd: VCE Business Management excursion, Melbourne

May
- Monday 3rd: Parents Club Meeting - 7.30pm Staff Rec Room
- Wednesday 5th: Japan Trip
- Thursday 6th: P-6 Cultural Performance
- Friday 7th: Primary Cross Country - Donald
- Tuesday 11th: Physical Resources Meeting - 8pm
- Monday 17th: Education Week
- Friday 21st: Education Week Expo Night
- Wednesday 19th: Grade 6 Maldon Camp
- Friday 21st: School Council Meeting - 8pm

June
- Tuesday 8th: VCE Physics & Accounting exams
- Wednesday 9th: VCE Psychology & Chemistry exams
- Thursday 10th: VCE GAT examination
- Friday 11th: Pupil Free Day - Report Writing Day
- Monday 14th: Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Thursday 17th: School Council Meeting - 8pm
- Friday 18th: Primary Winter Sports Carnival - Birchip
- Friday 25th: Last Day of Term 2 - 2.30pm finish

July
- Monday 12th: First Day of Term 3

Welcome Back
Welcome back to Term Two. I hope you all had a happy and restful holiday and spent some quality time with both family and friends. I hope we are refreshed and revitalized as we head into yet another very busy term.

PRESENTATION BALL – FRIDAY 23RD APRIL 2010
The 2010 Annual Presentation Ball will be held, Friday 23rd April 2010, commencing at 8:00 p.m. in the Birchip Public Hall.

Tickets are available at school or at the door: Adults $15.00, Tertiary Students $10.00, Secondary Students $5.00, Viewing upstairs - $2.00, Primary Students – Free.

The presentation ball is an official school event and therefore appropriate behaviour will be expected. Students have been learning to dance for some weeks now and the presentation ball is the grand finale for these students to showcase their skills and abilities on the dance floor.

Year eleven students will not be expected to attend school on Friday 23rd April 2010.

Whilst alcohol will be able to be consumed at the presentation ball by adults, it is NOT APPROPRIATE for any student of the Birchip P-12 School (irrespective of their age) to do so. This will be strictly enforced and we request parent co-operation in this matter.
Parent Teacher Student Interviews

Thank you parents who attended the semester one Parent Teacher Student interviews last Tuesday 13th April 2010 to discuss their son’s and daughter’s progress. Thank you also to the teachers who willingly gave up their time to enable worthwhile discussion to take place to ensure student progress is maximized.

Parents who were unable to attend on Tuesday night and wish to meet with teachers please contact Mr Richmond at the school to arrange a meeting.

Mid-year Examinations

Mid-year VCE examinations will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 8th June 2010  Physics & Accounting

Wednesday 9th June 2010 Psychology & Chemistry

Thursday 10th June 2010 VCE GAT Examination

The year 9, 10 & 11 mid-year examinations will be held during the week Tuesday 15th June 2010 – Thursday 17th June 2010. This is the week commencing Queen’s Birthday Holiday. As Friday 11th June 2010 is a pupil free day (report writing day) this will allow year 9, 10 and 11 students four days to prepare thoroughly for their mid-semester exams. Miss Stacey Hicks will organize the exam timetable for students which will be communicated shortly.

MATHS IS MARVELLOUS – YOU CAN COUNT ON IT!

Who Can Make 15?

Play with a partner. Write the numbers 1 to 9 across the top of a piece of paper. The object of the game is to be the first person to cross out three numbers which add up to 15. In turn, players cross out one number at a time. A number can only be crossed out once and only three numbers can be crossed out to make 15. Write down the numbers as you cross them out.

FantaSea in the Textiles Room

Year 9 and 10 Textile students created a runway of avant-garde fashions based on the topic of FantaSea. Their brief was basic. They had to design and construct fashionable pieces of clothing that were constructed from recycled fabric or clothing and the garments had to be inspired by the ocean.

Students worked in pairs and had a great deal of fun experimenting and creating patterns. They also enjoyed sashaying around the school in their designer creations. Experimenting on inexpensive material was an excellent way to develop the skills needed for when they make their own garment.

Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 23rd April 2010

1. The Tyrrhenian Sea is a part of which larger sea?
2. What sort of bird is a widgeon?
3. On which continent is the country of Gabon?
4. What unit of currency is used in Russia?
5. Which way does Arabic script run?
6. In 1947, what sort of camera did Edwin Land introduce?
7. What eight letter word beginning with ‘q’ means a quarter of a circle?
8. Which indoor sport did James Naismith invent in 1891?
9. Which religion does a swami teach?
10. What painful childhood disease has the medical name parotitis?


With the extravaganza ‘Madagascar’ still fresh in students’ minds, there is a definite buzz about the next production to be launched later in the year. This year’s production is ‘The Wizard of Oz’ and interested students will this week be watching the film so they can audition for parts in the coming weeks.

Welcome to the Egerer family

The school welcomes the Egerer family to our school community. Gerhard has met his new classmates in year 11 while Carl and Shema have settled into years 6 and 3 respectively. Welcome also to parents, Hans and Norah. We hope you have an enjoyable and rewarding experience at Birchip P-12 School.
Matters Financial

[A] School Levies & Primary Requisites
School Levies & Primary Requisites charge sheets will be sent home with students next Monday. Please pay these at the school office ASAP.

[B] Student notebook instalment payments
A reminder that the $110.00 years 9, 10 & 11 student notebook instalment and $50 insurance payment will be due by 25th June 2010.

[C] Instalments & periodic payments
A reminder that parents are able to make instalment and periodic payments for all upcoming camp costs at any time. Camps must be paid for by departure date, so instalment payments will ease a large payment.

Request for assistance from Grade four parents
The grade four class requests parent assistance with the hearing of readers from next week, Monday 19th April
The reading times for those parents who are available are as follows:
Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (straight after huff and puff)
Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (straight after huff and puff)
Please contact Miss Jessica Arnott for further information.

School Uniform
Students are expected to wear winter uniform during second and third terms. There will be a two (2) week changeover period from Monday 12th April 2010 until Friday 23rd May 2010 where students may wear either summer or winter uniform – not a combination of both. On Tuesday 27th April 2010 all students are expected to be in full Winter uniform. I have also included the winter uniform list below for your convenience. I urge you to use the holiday period to organize your son’s and daughter’s school uniform in readiness for term two.

P - 6 Winter Uniform
**Boys:**
- White polo shirt or gold skivvy
- Grey trousers or grey shorts or dark green track pants
- Navy blue windcheater or fleecy top.
  - (Dark green windcheater or fleecy top may still be worn)
- Black or white socks
- Black shoes
- Primary students may wear sneakers

**Girls:**
- White polo shirt or gold skivvy
- Green tailored slacks or dark green track pants.
- Navy blue windcheater or fleecy top.
  - (Dark green windcheater or fleecy top may still be worn)
- Plain white socks
- Brown or black shoes
- Primary students may wear sneakers

7 - 12 Winter Uniform

**Boys:**
- Navy blue 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 blue jumper with collar and school logo
- White **tailored** shirt with **stiff collar**
- School tie
- Green skirt or green **tailored** slacks
- Plain white socks
- Black or Brown shoes

Habits of Mind – This week’s winner

Congratulations to Hugh O’Keefe this weeks winner of the Habits of Mind award.
Hugh responded with wonderment and awe when completing gel electrophoresis as part of the ‘Get into Genes’ day.
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.
Get into Genes

On Thursday 15th April 2010, Belinda and Andrea from La Trobe University, Bundoora came to Birchip to run a genetics workshop for students from years 9, 10 and 11.

The session began with Belinda providing a brief outline on how genetic manipulation is utilised in agriculture. Following this, students had the opportunity to extract DNA from wheat germ, conduct gel electrophoresis and learn how restriction enzymes are used to ‘cut’ DNA at specific locations.

By undertaking an experiment, students learnt how gel electrophoresis is used by biologists to identify identical genes from different organisms and by forensic scientists to apprehend criminals. The workshop provided students with an opportunity to access equipment that is not readily available in secondary schools. From this experience it is hoped that we now have many more aspiring scientists among our student population.
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YEAR 4 SPELLING WORDS FOR TERM 2, WEEK 2 - MISS ARNOTT’S CLASS

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Year 10 Work Experience

During the forthcoming week students in Year 10 will be undertaking work experience. The following is a list of their placements. We wish all students a very successful and enjoyable work experience placement and thank Miss Stacey Hicks very much for organizing these excellent placements.

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Year 9 Advance Program

On Monday 19th April, the Year Nine students will be heading off to Swan Hill for the Advance camp. Whilst on camp they will be completing their theory component of the Advance subject which will be run in second semester this year. Students will be learning about their community and volunteering. During the camp students will spend time speaking to volunteers at the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement. They will be returning on Wednesday 21st April in time for the buses. Mr Knights and Miss Meehan are the teachers going on this camp. Miss Meehan is going to cook up a feast while on camp as Mr Knights assured me that he can’t cook! Then on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd, all Year Nine students will be back at school to complete their Level 2 First Aid Certificate. Good luck to all students as they complete these studies.

For Sale

Cubby house - $700

Constructed by Birchip P-12 School

VCAL students

Contact Barb Smith at the school
ph: 03 5492287 or home ph: 03 53990536
VCE SACs next week

Accounting
Business Management
Chemistry
Further Maths
Japanese
Psychology

BIRCHIP AUSKICK
Auskick will commence next Thursday 22nd April 2010 at the Town Oval

Birchip Watchem Football Club - Junior Roster for Saturday 17th April 2010

Birchip Watchem is away to Boort

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YOUTH ALLOWANCE

Student Start-Up Scholarship:
Students who are already receiving income support provided through Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy will receive a Student Start-Up Scholarship this year of $1300 - paid in 2 x $650 payments at the start of each semester (except for those already receiving a Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS) or Indigenous CECS). The Scholarship will be paid at the full value whether a student is receiving the maximum rate of payment or a part payment. In 2011, the Student Start-Up Scholarship will increase to $2128.

Relocation Scholarship:
From 1 April 2010, University students receiving Youth Allowance and ABSTUDY who have to live away from the family home for study will be assisted by a Relocation Scholarship which will be provided in addition to the Student Start Up Scholarship. The Relocation Scholarship will provide $4000 for students in their first year at university and $1000 in each year thereafter (for up to 4 years). This Scholarship will be available to dependent students living away from home as well as independent students who are disadvantaged by personal circumstances and are unable to live in the parental home (except for those already receiving a Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (CAS) or Indigenous CAS).

So, for those who are not yet receiving a payment, they can make a claim - and Steve can assist with this if needed - and if they are eligible for the payment, they can become eligible for the Scholarships. As a guide only (because it is not always this straightforward), in order to be eligible for the scholarships in Semester One 2010, the person must be undertaking an approved scholarship course (full-time) on April 1 2010, and must qualify for income support by 29 July 2010 (following the changes to the Parental Income Test on 1 July 2010).

For more information, www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/Programs/.../FS3Scholarships.rtf

Birchip Junior Golf
Opening Day 30th April 2010 at 3:30 p.m.
New junior golfers are very welcome.
Enquiries to Beryl Fietz on 5492 2636.

Ladies Golf
A nine hole event will be held on Tuesday 20th April 2010 with hit off at 12:30 p.m.
Please ring names through to the golf office on 5492 2339 between 9:40 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
All enquiries please phone Lyn on 5399 0550.
Shake Rattle & READ

What: Read Aloud and Rhyme-time demonstrations and activities

Where: Birchip P-12 School
Community Library

When: Fortnightly Thursdays

April 22\textsuperscript{nd}
May 6\textsuperscript{th} & May 20\textsuperscript{th}
June 3\textsuperscript{rd} & June 17\textsuperscript{th}

10:00 a.m. for all ages

Why: Add to your existing storytelling skills
* learn rhymes & chants for 2010
* 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 on 5492 2230
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

Friends of the Library

Art Show meeting

Tuesday 20th April - 4pm
All Welcome
Parents’ Club News

The next ‘Parents’ Club’ meeting will be held Monday 3rd May 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Staff Recreation Room.

Mrs Cathy Bales will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be immunizations.

All parents and friends welcome.

A reminder that the ‘Mothers’ Day Stall’ will be conducted on Friday 7th May 2010.

The ROSTER for Presentation Ball can be found later in this newsletter.

Dates to remember:
- Presentation Ball: 23/04/2010
- Parents’ Club Meeting: 03/05/2010
- Mothers’ Day Stall: 07/05/2010

Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

HORSHAM GOLF CLUB
JUNIOR GIRLS AND BOYS UNDER 18 9 HOLE AMBROSE COMPETITION
SUNDAY 2 MAY 2010 — 9:30 a.m.
ENTRY is $4.00 with VARIOUS PRIZES
Please telephone the pro shop on 5382 3312 to enter
or Steven Leith 5382 1970 or Joyce Mills with any queries 5383 2224
Non members and non handicap players ALL WELCOME

Squash Competition
Starts Wednesday 21st April
Last chance to join the competition. Please give names to Eileen Smith or Mark Bowen by Sunday 18th April
Catering Roster for Presentation Ball
Friday 23rd April 2010

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

Food to be delivered to the Birchip Public Hall by 6:00 p.m. (or to the school during the day).

If you are unable to work or provide food, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

Workers: Coordinator Emma Bennett
Belinda Randall, Carol Reid, Mandy Braine, Kerry Barker, Deanne Botheras, Marcia Mallia, Veronica Hogan, Julie Weir, Hanneke Ball, Jackie Rymer.

Small Cream Puffs - 2 doz: Same Kemp, Jenny Atkinson, Margaret Shirley, Roberta Spicer

Eclairs - 2 doz: Tracey Bennett, Michelle Lee, Deanne Botheras, Bev Forrester

Hedgehog - 3 doz: Wendy Buteux, Hanneke Ball, Tammie Tait

Jelly Slice - 3 doz: Susie Turnbull, Helen Casey, Pam McKelvie, Maureen Trollope

Fruit Medley - 3 doz: Bern Hogan, Lyn Boyle, Mandy Braine, Carol Reid

Own Choice Slice - 3 doz: (excluding those already mentioned) Lindy Fraser, Wendy Bidstrup, Cassie Robinson, Melissa Rickard, Debbie Riggall, Fiona Sayle.

Sausage Rolls - 3 doz: Amanda Reid, Colene Delaney, Claire Cook, Jackie Rymer, Val Connelly, Carly Sharp, Bern Smith, Barb Smith, June Thorogood, Patrice Rickard.

Mini Quiche - 3 doz: Tanya Hogan, Carolyn Hogan, Nicole James, Ros McCallum, Emma Bennett, Kate Lyons, Marcia Mallia.

Own choice savouries - 3 doz: (excluding those already mentioned) Jenny (Peter) Noonan, Michelle Meroli, Kim McInerney, Rachel Colbert, Leanne McGinnis, Bern O’Donnell, Julie Lowry, Jacinta Lewis, Trudy Mathieson.

2 bunches parsley - Helen Platz

4 Litres Milk - Greg Martin

Sandwiches - 1 packet of bread - sandwiches to be UNCUT please
Wholemeal/tomato and onion: Bissy Ajithkumar, Wendy Collins
White Bread/egg and lettuce: Brenda Doran, Annette Bennett
Wholemeal/ham and mustard: Kim Driscoll, Diona Cooper, Leonie Naylor
White/cheese and gherkin: Renae Dingley, Jacinta Connelly
Wholemeal/grated carrot and cheese: Noeline Hogan, Katherine Southall
White/own choice (not listed above): Simone Donnellon, Louise Lee, Terri King
Wholemeal/own choice (not listed above): Rosalie Gould, Kerry Potter, Rhonda Bell

If anyone has questions or concerns, please contact Trish Lehmann 5085 4204 or Jenny Hogan 5492 2672
A very big Thankyou to everyone involved in helping - it is much appreciate
Birchip P-12 School Council

Presentation Ball

Friday 23rd April 2010
Habits of Mind
Birchip P-12 School Community Library
[Thanks to Diona Cooper]

Using the Habits of Mind is slowly becoming second nature in the Library, especially after the hectic first term that the new Library team has endured.

The Library staff has embraced the new computer system “Oliver” with wonderment and awe and persistence. We have all had to strive for accuracy to ensure that Oliver worked correctly. Many times we have had to find humour when dealing with system glitches. Several times I have had to manage my impulsivity and not throw the computer out the window, but by thinking flexibly and taking responsible risks we have overcome many issues that have arisen.

Kelly and Kaylene have remained open to continuous learning, as have I. They have had to learn not one, but two totally different computer systems. We have all applied past knowledge to our new situations and both Kelly and Kaylene have posed questions and problems when using both computer systems. All this has made me think about my thinking. Making sure that we think and communicate with clarity and precision ensures that our jobs are made easier.

Kelly, Kaylene and I are thinking interdependently to achieve the common goal of having a great facility for all to use and enjoy.

The Library staff will continue to work together to give the Birchip P-12 School staff, students and the Birchip community, the best possible service. Using the Habits of Mind will continue to be part of this service.

Diona Cooper, Kelly McMillan, Kaylene James