First term is now over!

Term one is now behind us. We have certainly finished the term off with a bang. We have experienced beautiful weather which allowed students to compete in the Interhouse Athletics Sports on Monday for the field events and then Wednesday for the track events. Both days were perfect for good competition.

Years nine and ten students attended the Buloke Shire Health expo and then tonight we gather to view the year eleven girls being presented along with their partners to a large crowd which will gather at the Birchip Public Hall.

Refurbished Building - What are we up to?

At the site meeting held yesterday, Monday 9th May 2011 was identified as the day in which we can start the ‘move in’ from temporary accommodation.

Carpet, blinds, whiteboards, pinboards, lockers and some electrical items are still to be installed in the new facility.
COMPUTERS FOR STUDENTS
It is proposed to order netbook and notebook computers for students in years five through to year nine very shortly. For students in years five through to year eight there will need to be a co-payment made for their student learning devices. A co-payment of $200.00 per notebook with payments spread over a twelve month period is proposed. Not all year seven students will need to make a purchase as they already have their 10.1” ACER Aspire netbook. This will then mean 1:1 computers for all students from year five to twelve.

It is proposed to purchase the ACER Aspire 753 11.6” netbook for students in years five, six and seven while students in years eight and nine will get a Lenovo ThinkPad L412, 14.1” notebook. More on the details of the purchases, delivery and issuing to students later as these become known.

Parent Teacher Evening
Thank you to the many parents who came along to discuss their child’s children’s progress with teachers on Tuesday evening. The activity was well attended and teachers were kept busy from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. providing valuable feedback to parents on the progress of their children. It is most important that we continue to value communication between home and school and parent teacher interviews are one of the best places for this to occur. If you were unable to attend the parent-teacher evening, please contact the school to arrange for a suitable time or for a conversation to be held over the phone if need be. Mr Welton and Mrs Emonson will be happy to make themselves available should parents wish to discuss their child’s progress with them.

Best wishes for a safe and happy Easter holiday period. I look forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday 27th April 2011.

Old CDs & DVDs for Primary Science
Still required for a science activity early next term are old CDs or DVDs. If you have any of these, I would be very grateful if you could forward them onto me at school or leave at the school office.

Thank you
Mrs Michelle Lee - Years 3-5 Science

Maddison McCredden’s Weekly Reading suggestions
Madde is in Year 7 and is an avid reader who loves to share with others the books that she reads. Each week in the newsletter, Madde will be giving her recommendations.

Madde loved The Chinese Cinderella and the Secret Dragon Society by Adeline Yen Mah. The novel is a fictional play on Adeline’s abusive childhood. As a young girl, she was kicked out of her house by her father. To survive, she joins a kung fu group and goes on various missions to help China during World War 11.

The Baby-Sitters Club Series by Anne M. Martin is an old favourite that Madde recommends. The Baby-Sitters Club is a series of novels based on seven girls who form a club called; you guessed it, The Baby-Sitters Club. During the series, they encounter heaps of dilemmas and problems but in the end, the girls are always the best of friends.

FUN, SET, GO
Starts first day of Term 2, Wednesday 27th April 2011 from 3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. This will be a shortened session and a REGISTRATION evening. A reminder all registration forms must be completed front and back and forwarded with money for registration to be complete.

Michelle Lee
Fun, Set, Go co-ordinator.

Bike Education
In preparation for the upcoming Maldon Camp, the Grade 6 students will be undertaking a series of Bike Education lessons at school. The first session will be held at school on Wednesday, 27th April, the first day of term 2. A roadworthy bike and an approved helmet (standards sticker 2063) will be required at school for this activity. Arrangements can be made to safely store bikes at school if required. It will save a lot of time if bikes are in a sound condition and helmets are properly fitted.

Maths is Marvellous – You Can Count on it!
When travelling in a car, assign each passenger a colour and count the number of cars for each colour.
House Athletics

This year we held our House Athletics in term one as a result of the change in sporting regions.
The change from term three to term one has many advantages and disadvantages, but the big bonus for this
year was the weather. The fine warm conditions, combined with the fantastic effort put in by the students to
gain points for their house resulted in a very successful house athletics carnival for 2011.

It was most encouraging to see the students participate so positively in the athletics events. As a result, many
achieved personal bests and there were a number of records broken. All students should be pleased with their
efforts.

It was also good to see so many parents supporting the students in their efforts.

Thank you to all staff who efficiently carried out their duties as officials and ensured that both days ran
smoothly. Special thanks to Mr Andrew Sayle for his planning and attention to detail to ensure that the
sports ran smoothly at all times.

Thanks also to Trish Lehmann, Brenda Doran and Heather Hogan for ensuring everyone was well fed with a
barbecue last Monday.

Interschool Athletics will be at Charlton on Friday April 29th. Notes were distributed and hopefully returned
to Mr Knights today.

Age Group Champions

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Fraser was the overall winner on 1524 to Young 1382 points.

There were quite a few records broken over the carnival including:

- Marnie Lehmnn 15 years girls High Jump of 1.45 metres
- Marnie Lehmann 15 years girls 100 metres sprint in 13.7 seconds
- Talei Brooks 8 years old girls 60 metres sprint – 10.6 seconds
- Caitlin Bidstrup 10 year old girls 100 metres sprint – equal record 16.5 seconds
- Caitlin Bidstrup 10 year old girls 200 metres – 36.5 seconds
- Curtis Smith 17 years boys 100 metres sprint – 11.9 seconds
- Courtney Gleeson 16 years girls 200 metres – 29.1 seconds

Congratulations to Marnie, Talei, Caitlin, Curtis and Courtney on their fine achievements.
Online Safety

Technology may be opening up a wide and expanding world for us to explore but in so many ways it presents a world of confusion and a massive invasion of privacy, the like of which we have never experienced before.

On April 5th, Birchip P-12 students from Year 9 and 10, along with Tyrell, Charlton and Wedderburn College students, watched a play called ‘Who Stole the Sole’ performed by acting troop, ‘Phunktional’. The performance was held at the Buloke Health Expo at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre.

In the afternoon, Birchip P-12 School, Year 7 and 8 students too were fortunate to have the play performed at school. The performance was entertaining on many levels as it encouraged students to discuss the realities of posting inappropriate material on mobile phones and on social virtual communities like Facebook. Students were urged to consider the damage that can be done to a person’s reputation when out of foolishness, rather than malice, inappropriate material is posted. The play explored the hurt, shame, sadness and despondency that occur when errant photographs or slanderous material is published on the internet.

The internet while invaluable for sourcing a plethora of information, can, with the click of the ‘enter’ key, ruin a person’s reputation for ever. Sadly, once a reputation is tarnished, it is almost impossible to restore its shine.

On another level, the play discussed the inane nature of many of the postings on such social networking sites as Facebook. Does anyone really care if you have just done your shopping, come in from netball training or had a minor tiff with your parents?

The play sharply focussed on the way some people use aggression to solve their problems. Too often and all too frequently it seems that people resort to unbridled aggression to solve differences of opinions. The result is never a win as the victims are left feeling dispirited and lacking in worth. Likewise, the perpetrator may think that he or she has many friends but in reality, all he or she has is a soulless and weak group of followers.

The troupe was excellent in delivering the message that once a violent path to a solution is undertaken, there is no going back as the pain and hurt is imprinted forever.

The Birchip Year 7 and 8 students were given a special treat at school as the two male actors in the troupe were also dancers who excelled in hip-hop and rap. This was just the opportunity that many of our budding hip-hop dancers needed to strut their stuff. So after the serious performance, Ty Buteux, Mason Bland and Nikko Garcia took to the floor to showcase their dancing skills.

Thanks to Susan Griffiths and School Youth Focussed for all their initiative in bringing this group to Birchip.

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Student Netbooks
I am concerned that some students are not valuing or looking after their notebook computer. Six notebooks have been damaged to date. The Insurance Company have contacted the school indicating they will no longer provide insurance cover for these notebooks. The damage to the computers is due to closing notebooks with items left inside, dropping the notebook out of un-zippedpered bags and others reasons unexplained. They are not manufacturer’s faults; these would be covered under warranty. Replacing a screen costs $1,200 so it is cheaper to purchase a new notebook. I suggest that parents take out their own insurance coverage from today, 01.04.2011 as they will no longer be covered by the school’s insurers.

For Sale
Football Boots – size 4.
In good condition: $15.00
Contact Kim Driscoll 54 935 342

PRESENTATION BALL – TONIGHT – FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2011
The 2011 Annual Presentation Ball will be held tonight, commencing at 8:00 p.m. in the Birchip Public Hall. The debutantes will be presented at 8:30 p.m.
Tickets are available 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.
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.

BEAT THE BITE: SCHOOL NEWSLETTER CONTENT
If you’re planning to go on holidays over the break, here is some important information to know from the Department of Health.

BEAT THE BITE!

It’s holiday time and lots of families will be heading to areas where mosquito activity has been high – and they’re not just annoying; some mosquitoes can transmit serious diseases.

There are simple ways you and your family can protect yourselves and Beat the Bite:

- Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing when outdoors.
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET or picaridin on exposed skin.
- Try to limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about. Dusk and dawn is when most mozzies are active.
- Make sure there is no stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed around your accommodation.
- On holidays make sure your mosquito netting or screens are properly fitted.
- If you’ve got a baby in your family, it’s safer to spray or rub insect repellents on their clothes rather than directly onto their skin.

For more information www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
School Uniform – changeover for Term Two

Students are expected to wear winter uniform during second and third terms. There will be a two(2) 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

LOST PROPERTY

There is a growing list of items in lost property. We also have six un-named blue school jumpers valued at $80.00 each.

I am perplexed that valuable school jumpers continue to be un-named and go missing with no follow up.

The next Parents’ Club Meeting is scheduled for Monday 2nd May 2011. This will be a meeting and movie night. A movie on social networking will be shown to stimulate discussion. Supper will be served following the meeting.

Many thanks to Trish Lehmann, Brenda Doran & Heather Hogan for cooking the barbecue at Monday’s athletic field events sports day.

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

Holiday Kids Club

An Invitation to a three day Holiday Kids Club.
Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th April 2011 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Birchip Uniting Church Hall, Duncan Street, Birchip with John and Ros Patterson from Adelaide.

Games, puppets, stories, songs, craft and snacks. Everybody is very welcome to join in and attend.
The Birchip Lions Club together with the Birchip P-12 School will be holding a ‘Coins for Kids’ day activity on Thursday 28th April 2011. This charity event supports the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation along with a charity of the school’s choice.

Commencing at 12:30 p.m. a barbecue will be enjoyed by students, Senior Citizens, Adult Day Care and members of the community. Parents and friends are also very welcome and encouraged to attend.

Following the barbecue, students and community members will be able to place their coins in lines to see which class creates the longest and possibly the richest coin line.

Sausages will be available for $2.00 and hamburgers $3.00.

Complete the attached form below and return to school on the first day back, Wednesday 27th April 2011 so that orders can be made.

I encourage all students, staff and parents to bring along their coins to support this most worthwhile appeal.

‘Coins for Kids’ - Thursday 28th April 2011
Barbecue Order

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Money enclosed: $ ........................................
WEEKLY QUIZ QUESTIONS
Last week’s answers – Round #9:
1. turn of their electricity
2. contaminated water leaking
3. Republican Party
4. Illawarra
5. False
6. Elizabeth Taylor
7. 119
8. Western Australia
9. Madonna
10. Adelaide
11. Philippines
12. saved someone’s life
13. Water treatment plant
14. Dubai
15. Banjo Patterson
16. France
17. Ricky Ponting
18. London
19. Premier of NSW
20. Asia

Weekly Quiz

1. Why did a hot air balloon carrying nine passengers crash land near Perth on the weekend?
   a. the balloon caught fire
   b. the pilot had to avoid power lines
   c. they ran out of fuel

2. In which country has there been violent protest in response to an American pastor burning a copy of the Koran (Holy book of Islam)?
   a. Afghanistan
   b. Iraq
   c. India

3. Which team won the Cricket World Cup?
   a. India
   b. Sri Lanka
   c. Pakistan

4. The Victorian Government is worried about the rapid growth of Melbourne’s population. How many extra residents move to the city each week?
   a. 50
   b. 150
   c. 500
   d. 1500

5. In which Asian country have some Australian tourists been caught up in major flooding?
   a. Thailand
   b. Singapore
   c. Indonesia

6. In which city did authorities arrest a security guard on suspicion of possessing explosives near the Olympic Stadium site?

7. Which of the following does not change their time for Daylight Savings?
   a. South Australia
   b. Tasmania
   c. Northern Territory

8. The name ‘Princess Ashika’ has been in the news recently because:
   a. it was a ferry that sank in Tonga and courts are deciding who was responsible
   b. it is a racehorse that has not yet lost a race in Australia
   c. she has fled to England after escaping violent protests in Yemen.

9. Residents of the Kimberley region are bracing for a potential tropical cyclone. What state is the Kimberley region in?
   a. ACT
   b. Queensland
   c. Western Australia

10. Politicians are discussing the idea of raising GST. What does GST stand for?
    a. General Sales Tax
    b. Goods and Services Tax
    c. Government Sales Tax

11. Why has the Prime Minister’s computer been in the news recently?
    a. it is a customised one direct from the headquarters of Apple
    b. it was sold on eBay to raise money for charity
    c. it was targeted by internet hackers

12. In which state or territory is Uluru National Park?

13. Which American entertainer was in the news last week after making some negative comments about their trip to this country last year.

14. What year did World War Two end?
   a. 1945  b. 1960  c. 1985

15. What sport did Dawn Fraser become world famous in?
Weekly Quiz - Visual

1. Which city was this photo taken in?

2. Name this singer that has been in Australia’s news recently.

3. In which country did this rescue take place?

4. Which Pacific country has this flag?

5. This man is the Minister for School Education, and Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Arts. What is his name?
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 6:00 p.m. or by prior arrangement.

Sandwiches will be made up at the hall on the night.

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

Small Cream Puffs, 2 Dozen
Sam Kemp, Terri King

Yo Yos, 2 Dozen
Rosalie Gould

Éclairs, 2 Dozen
Tracey Bennett, Fiona Knight, Jodie Lyons, Caroline Hogan

Hedgehog, 2 Dozen cut
Wendy Buteux, Rhonda Bell, Debbie Riggall

Jelly Slice, 2 Dozen cut
Susie Turnbull, Jacinta Lewis, Maureen Trollope

Fruit Medley, 2 Dozen cut
Mandy Braine, Carol Reid, Sharon Flowers

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

Sausage Rolls, 2 Dozen
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 Dozen
Sue Turner, Nicole James, Rachel Owa, Arlene Phelan, Kate Lyons, Marcia Mallia, Leanne McGinnis

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

4 Litres Milk
Greg Martin
SACs Next Week

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Endless praise Return Tour

“Australia’s Own Vocal Band”
Wheatlands District Church
28 Bowman Street, Warracknabeal
Saturday April 9: Youth Concert at 7pm
Sunday April 10: Church Service at 10am

Birchip/Watchem Football Club
Junior Roster for Saturday 16th April

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Birchip Golf Club
Sunday Golf - every Sunday
12:30p.m. - Names In
1:00p.m. - Hit Off

$5 non member  $3 member
All Welcome. You don't need a handicap to play.
Any queries please call Heather on 5492 2430

Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
Habits of Mind
Thanks to Mrs Debra Emonson

Grade 4&5 reflected this week on what the Habits of Mind were, which ones they thought they were good at and which ones they wanted to learn how to use better. We then brainstormed ideas about people who used Habits of Mind and how they used them as well as how the students themselves had applied different Habits of Mind to working at the Fete, sports training and in everyday life. To conclude we looked at how Tashi, a character we have been reading about during the term, uses Habits of Mind throughout his adventures.

The children thought we use our Habits of Mind both in and out of school and that all people around the world use these in everyday life. Some occupations that they pinpointed included umpires, teachers, AFL players and coaches, netballers, army personnel, librarians, NBA and NFL players, earthworms, hockey players, dogs, adults, boys and girls, cricket players and themselves.

At the Fête they thought that they had to apply their Habits of Mind to help others. They had used past knowledge to add money and give the correct change and worked interdependently with others on the stalls; they saw humour in the red faces acts, had to think flexibly to attract customers and show persistence when waiting in line and dancing on stage.

When training for different sports the students thought that they have to apply past knowledge about how to play the game, persist in trying to get a goal, think flexibly and apply humour to be a good winner and good loser. You also have to control your impulsively and not swear on the field, work interdependently to not get into an argument with someone on the court or field and get on with the umpires and persist to try to be a good sport and never give up. It is important to try and find the funny side when you make a mistake and think flexibly so you can have fun on and off the court or on the ground.

The grade thought that Tashi used the Habits of Mind to trick his enemies and work out things before other people did. He applies past knowledge to work out how to beat the enemy, plans before he begins a task, shows courage, tries new ideas, thinks outside of the box, is creative and innovative and persists.

To conclude our brainstorming and reflective session everyone drew someone who they thought used Habits of Mind effectively. We hope you enjoy their choices.