**Forthcoming Events**

**May**
- Monday 4th → Year 10 Work Experience
- Friday 8th
- Monday 4th → Year 9 Advance Camp - Swan Hill
- Friday 8th
- Friday 8th → Primary Cross Country - St Arnaud
- Tuesday 12th → NAPLAN Testing for Yrs 3,5,7 & 9 students
- Physical Resources Meeting
- Monday 18th → Education Week
- Friday 22nd
- Thursday 21st → School Council Meeting
- Wednesday 20th → Education Week Activity Evening
- **June**
- Monday 1st → Parents Club Meeting - 7.30pm
- Monday 1st → Grade 6 Maldon Camp
- Wednesday 3rd
- Monday 8th → Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Tuesday 9th → VCE exams & GAT exam
- Thursday 12th
- Tuesday 9th → Physical Resources meeting
- Wednesday 10th → Australian Science Exam
- Friday 12th → Pupil Free Day - report writing day
- Friday 19th → Primary Winter Sports - Birchip
- Friday 26th → Last day of second term - 2.30pm finish
- **July**
- Monday 13th → First day of third term

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**ALPINE SCHOOL**

Report from Emily Smith, Laura Lee, Ashlea Potter & Jesse Smith

For the past two days it has been raining heavily and the temperature on both days has been below 10°C. This morning we woke to the amazing scenes of snow. It has continued to snow all day. We only had three staff members present for this morning’s session. The other staff members that were on duty got stuck in snow drifts half way up the mountain. The students all thought that it was quite funny but when the teachers finally arrived they didn't think it was so funny. We have attached a picture of the four of us before we went for a walk in the snow this morning. We are all having a great time and are very excited by the snow. Hope all is going well at school.

Today we went bridge building in our expo groups. We are teamed with Princes Hill Secondary College. The point of the exercise was to try and get us to work as a team. We did a very good job and made it across the river without getting wet. It proved a great challenge for all of us.

Over the weekend it snowed a lot. There is still plenty of snow lying around. Yesterday was our first rest day. Laura, Jesse and Emily spent the day completing the Introduction to Skiing. It was great fun and we all fell over a lot. The teacher told us that’s the only way to learn.

Emily Smith, Laura Lee, Ashlea Potter & Jesse Smith
Primary Cross Country Events
On Wednesday, 29th April 2009, the annual primary cross country events were held. On a track with some give in it, after our recent welcome rain, our students once again participated keenly and were rewarded with impressive performances. Whether they managed to run the entire way or whether they completed their run with a combination of running and walking it was tremendous to see so many students having a real go.

What was also impressive was the support given to the runners by their fellow students and the wonderful turn up of interested spectators also offering encouragement. Many thanks to those who assisted with tasks on the day, your help was greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Mr Greg Welton for his usual efficient organization of the event.

The senior events were held first with Royce Bennett and Claudia Lee being the overall winners in the 11-12 age groups. Joseph Reid and Nakita Turner recorded first placings in the 9-10 years event and Bill Lee and Caitlin Bidstrup were the leading performers in the junior section.

Age level results were:

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A squad of senior children will be chosen to represent our school at the District Cross Country at St Arnaud on Friday 8th May 2009. Being placed first in an age level does not necessarily mean automatic selection for this squad. Details will be issued early next week.
School Lunch Orders
Georgie’s Café (formally Bull ‘n Pine) provides a lunch order facility to our school community. Over the past few years, the Birchip P-12 School has sought to promote healthy eating options for our students. The lunch order list (which is available to all parents and students on our school’s website) lists the foods which may be ordered. This list is a compromise developed with parents, staff and supplier input.

NO OTHER FOODS WILL BE INCLUDED IN LUNCH ORDERS OTHER THAN WHAT IS LISTED IN THE LUNCH ORDER LIST. This includes lollies, soft drinks, snacks, etc., - e.g., smarties, coke, mars bars, chips, twisties etc.

I urge all parents to support the school in this matter for the overall health and wellbeing of our children.

Please DO NOT try to pressure Georgina Gould or her staff into supplying your son and/or daughter with these foods. Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me at the school office.

John Richmond

“Is our water use sustainable today, tomorrow and beyond?”

Mikaela Christie, Hugh O’Keefe, Conor Hogan and Nick Bales are investigating Birchip’s current water use and predicting future usage based on today’s practices. Mr Delaney has been working with the students as part of his Global Issues unit.

The students will present their findings at Ballarat University (Horsham Campus) on Tuesday 2nd June in front of an urban audience.

In order to successfully complete this project we require photos of the Birchip area. The idea is to compare the changes that occurred because of the drought. Photographs before the drought will be very useful.

Photos include:
- People working on the pipeline
- Crop
- Channels
- Tchum Lake North and South
- Golf course

If you are able to assist us please send your photos into Elisha Johnson at the school. They will be scanned and returned to you.

Primary Wimmera Zone selection trials in Horsham

Today four primary students attended the Wimmera Zone selection trials in Horsham. We wished Claudia Lee and Royce Bennett all the best at the hockey tryouts and similarly extended our encouragement to Sean Hogan and Riley Sayle with their football endeavours.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Due to a grant received and financial support from the Birchip Business and Learning Centre, we are able to offer P-6 students some fresh fruit each Friday. A small group of students from Years 3-6 will be involved in cutting up the fruit, but we are calling for parent volunteers to supervise and assist. If you are able to assist would you please contact Mrs Kelly at the school. We would be very grateful for any assistance.

Prep Notices

The red ‘Maths is Marvellous’ folders were developed by Mrs Welton and we will have more games and activities to add to them as time goes on. Would Prep parents please ensure that these folders are sent to school each Thursday to enable new material to be added if it is required/available.

The letters and numbers sheets which I sent home will make packs for games such as ‘Memory’, ‘Snap’ and ‘Fish’ when cut into individual pieces.

Merrilyn Kelly

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week will be celebrated by Victorian government schools and kindergartens from 18th – 22nd May 2009. During this week, schools and kindergartens are encouraged to hold activities that engage parent, students and community networks while profiling their learning opportunities and achievements.

The Birchip P-12 School will again be conducting an evening of activities for students, parents and friends on Wednesday 20th May 2009. The evening will consist of a BBQ at 6:30 p.m. followed by activities which will run from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A letter outlining the activities that are on offer will go home soon.
School Uniform

We have a two week changeover time from summer to Winter uniform. On Monday 4th May 2009 all students are expected to be in full Winter uniform. The uniform policy can be found under the information tab on the school’s webpage http://www.birchip.vic.edu.au. I have also included the winter uniform list below for your convenience.

P - 6 Winter Uniform

**Boys:**
- White polo shirt or gold skivvy
- Grey trousers or grey shorts or dark green track pants
- Dark green windcheater or fleecy top.
- Black or white socks
- Black shoes
- P6 students may wear sneakers

**Girls:**
- White polo shirt or gold skivvy
- Green tailored slacks or dark green track pants.
- Dark green 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 six-gore skirt or green tailored slacks
- Plain white socks
- Brown shoes

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.

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We wish all students a very successful and enjoyable work experience placement and thank Mrs Barb Smith very much for organizing these excellent placements.

**Girls Nite Out**

FRIDAY 8th MAY

7PM

BIRCHIP LEISURE CENTRE

Fundraiser for Kirby Smith’s trip to Kenya as a volunteer aid worker. Spinning wheel, lucky dips, raffles, quiz’s, entertainment. $5.00 entry. Plate of supper appreciated.
MIPS TIPS
Year 12s: Get ready for TIS Day!

Only 3 weeks to go until the North Central LLEN/LCP, host the annual Tertiary Information Service (TIS) event in Charlton (Tuesday 19th May 2009). All Year 12 students are invited to attend. Mr Christie will organize transport arrangements closer to the day. The day will include a general presentation covering the key aspects of transition from Year 12 into tertiary study, then an opportunity for students to visit stalls set up by over 20 tertiary providers! Now’s a great time to start making a list of places you’d like to investigate or questions you want answered by the representatives. The better prepared you are, the more you’ll get out of the event. Your Careers Teacher or MIPs Coordinator can give you some hints. There will not be a BBQ at this year’s event - students will need to have their lunch before they arrive.

Lizzie Wilde
Managed Individual Pathways (MIPs) Coordinator
North Central Local Learning & Employment Network
Mob: 0429 148 399
Ph: 54 911 144
Email: llen5@bigpond.com

Word Quiz
Words for this week: which is the odd word out?
1. war 2. premises
2. revenge 2. indigenous
3. kinship 3. abode
4. devastation 4. habitat
5. tyranny 5. Domicile

Maths is Marvellous – You can count on it!

Mapping
When travelling, provide children with a street directory or map and discuss directions. Point our speed limits, distances to towns, populations in towns, etc. When you are driving along in the car, ask children to guess how far it is to the next light post, the next town, etc. Involve the whole family. Measure the distance with your speedometer.

SACs next week
- Business Management
- Further Mathematics
- Biology

Grade Five and Six Homework Questions
due Friday 8th May 2009

1. In which continent is the Atacama Desert?
2. What are your carpi more commonly called?
3. How many red balls are there in a billiards game?
4. When will the next leap year fall?
5. Which child was the owner of A A Milne’s Winnie the Pooh?
6. What are kept in quivers?
7. Name New Zealand’s longest river.
8. What are young owls called?
9. In rowing, what is a repechage?
10. Which strait separates Sri Lanka from the Indian mainland?

Last Week’s Answers to Grade Five and Six Homework Questions

1. If you were in the Doldrums, would you be on land, sea or air? At sea
2. How many bones are there in the human body? 206
3. What is a trilby? Hat
4. What animals would you find in a byre? Cattle
6. Which animal is the symbol of the World Wildlife Fund? Giant panda
7. Which mountain is sacred to the Japanese? Mount Fuji
8. What’s the longest river in Britain? The Severn
9. How many stars are there on the US flag? Fifty
10. Cos and icebergs are types of what? Lettuce

Birchip CERT Tupperware Party
TUESDAY 5TH MAY
7.30PM
at Sharp’s Bakery

First Aid Management of Anaphylaxis
21659VIC with Neil Ritchie
(Wednesday 20th May2009 from 5.30-8.30 $100.00). Subsidies may be available for anaphylaxis & food handlers course if you are using these skills for volunteering. Contact Simone Christie at the Birchip Business and Learning Centre.

FOR SALE
2 x 2 twin pack Canon BCI-24 Black printer ink tanks, brand new, not compatible with updated printer (4 ink tanks) $20 each Amanda 54 922 365
## Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

### BIRCHIP WATCHEM HOCKEY CLUB

**MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON**

**BIRCHIP LEISURE CENTRE**

**SUNDAY MAY 10th**

**12.30PM**

**3 COURSE LUNCHEON**

BOOKINGS WITH SIMONE CHRISITE

PH 5492 2488ah or 5492 2735bh

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### MISPLACED

Grade 1 School Library bag - Buzz Lightyear print with handles and drawstring closure. Darcy Reid name on inside with 2 library books – hard covers Madagascar & Fox in the Hound which are due back to the library. Please return to Darcy or Grade 1 room.

### Austswim Course

An Austswim course will be held at Swan Hill on the 16th, 17th & 24th May 2009.

Upon completion of the course, successful candidates are qualified to teach swimming.

For those requiring points towards reaccreditation, a professional development component will be conducted both morning and afternoon on Sunday 17th May 2009.

Those wishing to do the course are asked to contact Brian Safe, phone 50 324 357.

Applications are to be in by 4th May 2009.

### LOST / FOUND

Black cooler bag left at presentation ball containing wine, glasses and blue cooler brick. Please claim from school office.

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### Birchip Watchem Football Club - Junior Roster for Saturday 2nd May 2009

Birchip Watchem is away to Wedderburn.

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**Habits of Mind**

**Year 12**

“I don’t like to read books but I have to achieve in English”  
*Ruben is showing persistence*

I like to find humour in situations  
*Madde Foott*

Striving for accuracy with maths  
*Stephanie Cooper*

These students were thinking interdependently and listening to others points of view with empathy and understanding.

“From what we learnt earlier about a referendum every state voted for the change except for WA. They excluded themselves.”  
*Jamie Lovett*

History class completing a mind map on Australian constitution demonstrating flexibly thinking and applying past knowledge.

**Striving for Accuracy**  
**Thinking & Communicating with Clarity & Precision**  
**Continuous Learning**  
**Creating, Imagining & Innovating**  
**Thinking Flexibly**  
**Finding Humour**  
**Gathering Data through all the Senses**  
**Questioning & Posing Problems**  
**Persistence**  
**Listening with Empathy & Understanding**  
**Taking Responsible Risks**