**Forthcoming Events**

### May

- **Monday 3rd**
  - Parents Club Meeting - 7.30pm Staff Rec Room
- **Wednesday 5th**
  - Mental Health First Aid - 1st session
- **Wednesday 5th**
  - Japan Trip
- **Friday 21st**
  - P-6 Cultural Performance
- **Tuesday 11th**
  - Physical Resources Meeting - 8pm
- **Wednesday 12th**
  - Mental Health First Aid - 2nd Session
- **Friday 14th**
  - Primary Cross Country - Donald
- **Monday 17th**
  - Education Week
- **Friday 21st**
  - Education Week Expo Night
- **Wednesday 19th**
  - Mental Health First Aid - 3rd Session
- **Wednesday 19th**
  - Grade 6 Maldon Camp
- **Friday 21st**
  - School Council Meeting - 8pm
- **Tuesday 25th**
  - Secondary Cross Country - period 4

### June

- **Tuesday 8th**
  - VCE Physics & Accounting exams
  - Physical Resources Meeting - 8pm
- **Wednesday 9th**
  - VCE Psychology & Chemistry exams
  - Australian Science Competition
- **Thursday 10th**
  - VCE GAT examination
- **Friday 11th**
  - Pupil Free Day - Report Writing Day
- **Monday 14th**
  - Queen's Birthday Holiday
- **Tuesday 15th**
  - Exam Day #1 for Years 9, 10 & 11
- **Wednesday 16th**
  - Year 10 & 11 Careers Expo in Horsham
- **Thursday 17th**
  - School Council Meeting - 8pm
  - Exam Day #2 for Years 9, 10 & 11
- **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
- **Monday 12th**
  - Year 9 Rubicon Camp
- **Friday 16th**
  - Year 10 & 11 Canberra Camp

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**Winter Uniform**

The weather has certainly turned cooler this week, just in time for winter uniform. It is pleasing to see so many students proudly wearing their winter uniform. The new VCE tops have arrived and can be collected at the office. Frances Lee, from Just You Casuals, informs us that uniform stocks will arrive shortly for those still waiting on particular sizes.

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**Primary Schools for the Twenty-First Century Project**

As reported in last week’s newsletter, Birchip was successful in convincing the BER team and DEECD officials that a refurbishment was the better option. This option will enhance what we have with an outdoor learning area, usable and flexible gallery space and more aesthetically pleasing primary entrance. The consultant architect visited the school during the week, taking measurements and ideas away so that drawings can be proposed for Birchip to consider. The process is moving in the right direction.

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**Library Storyteller**

Storyteller and author, Andy Wright held his audience spellbound as he painted vivid stories with words. Andy’s love of words and the power they have for stimulating the imagination came from his mother who was blind and could only tell him stories. Andy explained the
meaning behind the words and actions of the Huka and primary students were extremely animated in their acting of the dance. Year 7 and 8 students were treated to the scary tale of Mr Fox. Andy’s rendition of the English folk tale was detailed and left nothing to the imagination. His presentation of the gore that is often a major part of English folk tales caused Miss Hicks to cringe in fear. Andy Wright was an exceptional storyteller because both the Year 7s and 8s came into the session believing they were too old for story telling but walked out having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Solar Cars

Miss Connely Barclay’s Environmental Science students have studied how to make efficient solar powered cars. Students produced models of cars and initially made a balloon powered machine to learn about axels and wheels. This learned, they widened their experience by manufacturing wind propelled cars that were powered by solar panels. Students learned how to solder essential car components together to achieve a working solar powered car.

Bon Voyage

Our Middle Years Japanese class together with Ms Keiko Nakamura and Mr Travis Knights depart at 11:55 p.m. from Melbourne Airport on Tuesday 4th May 2010. Students include: Stephanie McClelland, Harrison Christie, Brylie Emonson, Laura Lee, Sarah Watts, Demi Donnellon and Sophie Noonan. We wish you well for your Japanese experience. The itinerary shown includes many cultural experiences along with a homestay with families from Shoyo High School in Yokohama.

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Grade One & Two
Anzac Day

At the completion of a unit of work on ANZAC Day the grade One & two students welcomed Mr Cameron Whelan to their class last Friday. He shared with them some of his knowledge about ANZAC Day and the Australian Defence Forces.

After reading about the slouch hats being made from rabbit fur and wool felt the children were able to see and feel a real slouch hat with its leather strap and rising sun badge. Nicholas Rickard proudly put on the hat and an army tunic while Patrick Hogan tried some army trousers on for size. The children asked Mr Whelan many interesting thoughtful questions and now have a deeper understanding of ANZAC Day.

Bike Ed

In preparation for the upcoming Maldon Camp, the Grade 6 children will be undertaking a series of Bike Education lessons at school. The first session will be held at school on Tuesday, 4th May 2010. A roadworthy bike and an approved helmet will be required at school for this activity. Arrangements can be made to safely store bikes at school if required.

Japanese Boys’ Day

Primary Boys will be able to dress up and bring their favourite toy. A Japanese lolly will be offered to all children (including girls).

Date : Tuesday 4th May
Time : Recess
Venue : Gallery

MATHS IS MARVELLOUS – YOU CAN COUNT ON IT!

I Spy!
I Spy with my little eye something that is longer than my pencil but shorter than a belt, etc. Other concepts could be used, e.g. taller/shorter, heavier/lighter, more than/less than, few/many, etc.

VCE SACs next week

Maths Methods
Further Maths
Studio Art
Accounting
Business Management
Biology
World Vision

World Vision representative, Robert Waddell visited the school to personally thank the Year 10 students for participating in the 40 Hour Famine in 2009 and for raising the sum of $1,035.26. Most of the students raised this money by giving up food for the time period but one student who needed to have a steady intake of food, creatively decided to give up using furniture.

Mr Waddell explained that the students had raised a significant amount of money as it meant that averaged, every student in the school donated $5.00 to the cause. The amount was even more significant as nearly one in six people today are living in poverty which equates to over 1 billion people. These 1 billion people live on less than $2.00 a day. That is less than the cost of a can of soft drink!

Mr Waddell was amazed that students from a small school could be so caring and altruistic and he was genuinely thankful for what the students had done to make the lives of so many poor people just that little bit better.

Current Year Ten students accepting the World Vision ‘High Achievement Award’ from Robert Waddell

Habits of Mind – This week’s winner

Congratulations to Brett Barker for applying past knowledge to a new situation.

Brett applied his knowledge from Chemistry to new concepts taught in Physical Education

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.

Year 4 spelling words for Term 2, Week 4 – Miss Jessica Arnott’s class

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## 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 in the week following the Queen’s Birthday Holiday.

- **Monday 14th June**: Queen’s Birthday holiday
- **Tuesday 15th June**: 3 examinations will be held during Periods 1&2, Periods 3&4 and Periods 5&6
- **Wednesday 16th June**: All year 10 & 11 students will attend the Careers Expo in Horsham
- **Thursday 17th June**: 1 examination will be held on this day during Periods 1&2
- **Friday 18th June**: 3 examinations will be held during Periods 1&2, Periods 3&4 and Periods 5&6

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.

## 2010 Semester 1 Exam Timetable

Examinations will take place in Learning Studios 11 & 12

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Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 7th May 2010

1. What was Ghana’s former name?
2. In which country would you find polders?
3. Who founded the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences?
4. What is the top colour on a rainbow?
5. How does a butler’s tray differ from an ordinary tray?
6. What kind of animal is a chamois?
7. What was spaceman Yuri Gagarin’s hometown renamed after his death - Gagarin or Sputnik?
8. Which two colours appear on the UN flag?
9. What type of creature is a corncrake?
10. Who was the first president of Israel?

Answers to last week’s homework questions

1. In what country did gorgonzola and parmesan cheeses originate? Italy
2. From what type of plant is sago obtained? Palm
3. What were composer Tchaikovsky’s given names? Petr Ilich
4. Which international language was created by Dr Ludwik Zamenhof in 1887? Esperanto
5. What word is used to describe the width between railway lines? Gauge
6. Name the three channels that will broadcast the AFL games this year. Seven, Ten and Foxtel (Fox Sports3)
7. Who was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1938 and what was the title of her book? Pearl Buck - The Good Earth
8. Name the dog who featured on the label for HMV gramophone records? Nipper
9. In the Arthur Upfield series of novels who is the main character? Napoleon Bonaparte
10. What was the name of Bill Haley’s band? The Comets

BIRCHIP WATCHEM HOCKEY CLUB
MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON
BIRCHIP COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE
SUNDAY MAY 9TH-12.30PM
3 COURSE LUNCHEON - SOUP, ROAST & DESSERT
$22.50 ADULT, $12.50 SECONDARY STUDENT & $5 CHILDREN
TABLES OR INDIVIDUAL BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE WITH CLAIRE COOK OR SIMONE CHRISITE PH 5492 2488 or 5492 2735bh

Cast List 2010

Dorothy Gale - Sophie Hogan (T, S, D)
Toto - Shannon Southall (D)
Scarecrow/Hunk (farmhand) - Maryanne Bell (T, S, D)
Tinman/ Hickory (farmhand)-Stephanie Martin (T.S,D)
Lion/ Zeke (Farmhand)-Stephanie McClelland (T.S,D)
Wicked Witch/Miss Almira Gultch-Molly Hogan (T,D)
Glinda good witch of the north: Chelsi Kemp (T, S, D)
Oz/ Professor - Zoe Weir (T)

Munchkinland
Mayor Munchkin City- Amy Bennett (S, D)
Coroner- Tahlia Flowers (S, D)
Barrister- Elise Bayles (S, D)
City Father 1- Sarah Botheras (S, D)
City Father 2- Jessica Bidstrup (S, D)
City Father 3- Chloe Rymer (S, D)

Three Tough Kids:
Dammy Owa (S, D)
Claudia Lee (S, D)
Jahneva McGinnis (S, D)

Lullaby League:
Sophie Reid (S, D)
Nakita Turner (D)
Tori Hogan (D)

Emerald City
Emerald City Guard: Jessamy Bennett (T, D)
Emerald City Woman: Hayley Hogan (T, D)
Emerald City Man: Ty Buteux (T, D)
Winkkie General- Laura Phelan (T, D)
Winkkies Side kick- Justin Naylor (D)
Niko (head of monkeys)- Darci Teirney (D)

Three Tough Kids:
Dammy Owa (S, D)
Claudia Lee (S, D)
Jahneva McGinnis (S, D)

Lost
Purple trainer netball top. Size 10 - from last weeks game. Name Claudia Lee on tag
Primary Cross Country

Yesterday our primary cross country events were held. It was quite heartening to see the effort our children put in, endeavouring to produce their best. Many results also reflected the benefits of our daily Huff ‘N’ Puff sessions. As can be seen from the results below there were close margins in a number of sections. Please note that the District Cross Country at Donald has been rescheduled for Friday 14th May. Our squad will be selected in the near future. Coming first in an age level does not automatically qualify for Donald. Please see results outlined below.

Thank you to Mr Welton and staff for their efforts in ensuring good competition on the day.

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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

Birchip and District Pre-School
Supp Lotto Fundraiser – Week 1,
Saturday 24th April 2010
1st:  37  Sarah Barber
2nd: 7   Stacey Hicks
Thanks to all who bought a ticket.

BIRCHIP WATCHEM NETBALL CLUB
MEETING 8.00p.m.
MONDAY 3rd MAY 2010 at LEISURE CENTRE
Topics to be covered include court works and hold-ups, fundraising, pie drive, presentation night and other general business.
All players and parents are urged to attend.
Queries to Heather on 54 922 430 or Lyn 53 990 550.
Parents’ Club News

Mothers' Day Stall
Friday May 7th
Articles for sale for Primary and Secondary students.
Maximum price $5.00

Birchip P-12 School - Parents’ Club General Meeting
Monday 3rd May 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Mrs Cathy Bales
Topic: Vaccinations 2010
All parents and friends welcome.

What is Parent Club - you may ask?
Parents Victoria state: “A Parent Club is a group of parents within a school who work together for the benefit of the students of that school. Clubs often encompass three different foci: educational issues; fundraising; and social activities. All aspects are valid within the definition providing that the club’s purpose is to work for the benefit of the students and the school. The Parent Club provides a forum for all parents to discuss issues, exchange and share information and concerns. Parents also support one another through pooling of knowledge. The Parent Club works in co-operation with the School Council in ensuring quality education provision for the school and students. The Parent Club stimulates interest in the school and encourages participation in all elements of school life.”
All welcome – come, share your thoughts and use your voice
Contact: Ros McCallum / Jenny Hogan / Deanne Botheras

Parenting Expo
Birchip Community Leisure Centre
Tuesday May 11th 9.30am–3pm

The days program has been funded by Centacare, Flora and Frank Leith Charitable Trust & a private donor. There will be small charge of $10.00 (to cover champagne lunch, orange juice & morning tea)
For more information or to register please contact Simone Christie at the Birchip Business & Learning Centre on telephone: 5492 2735 or Email birchipblc@bigpond.com

Parenting Expo Program

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Birchip Business and Learning Centre

Mixed Indoor Hockey
Starting Mon 3rd May 2010 (6 weeks) $20.00 each
Enter individually or your own team of six.
Names and money must be paid to BB&LC prior to commencement of the classes or activity.
Telephone: 5492 2735 or email birchipblc@bigpond.com

Year 7 Spelling
Week Three
Ambush
Security
Dependent
Business
Fatal
Instrument
Banned
Unable
Budget
Initially
Temptation

Matters Financial

[A] School Levies & Primary Requisites
School Levies & Primary Requisites charge sheets have been sent home with students. 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.

Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
Several weeks ago our students were invited to take part in painting a mural depicting “The Importance of The Pipeline to Birchip”. When a large piece of plastic corrugated material and five containers of house paint arrived I was struck with “wonderment and awe.”

We decided to depict Tchum Lake and surrounds. All Year 5 Art students contributed and they strived to “present with accuracy” many aspects such as birds, trees, fish, boats and patrons as we could.

Last Thursday Georgia Lee, Ashlee Tierney and I went to Horsham with Mr Eddie Lee to represent our school at the Opening of The Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Celebrations. We responded with “wonderment and awe” when we saw the completed mural, all 51 panels, reaching nearly 50 metres and assembled on a fence – spectacular!

We listened with “empathy and understanding” as various speakers told us the story of the Pipeline. We examined the equipment used on the old channels, learning about how “applying past knowledge” was used. We watched with “wonderment and awe” as politicians listened to one another. We “gathered data through our senses” by patting the Clydesdales and we “posed and considered problems and questioned” the costs involved, and the affect of the lack of open water on flora and fauna. But we realised that “persistence” with water – saving and management will benefit us all in the future.

“Creating, imagining and innovating” with a “touch of humour” and “continuous learning” thrown in are why I think I am still enjoying teaching.

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