Best Wishes

Best wishes to Ian Fraser and Simon White who exited Birchip P-12 School recently.
Ian has commenced a full engineering apprenticeship with Mallee Steel whilst Simon is continuing his training in agriculture with Longerenong College.

JAPANESE TRAVELLERS
Our Middle Years Japanese class together with Ms Keiko Nakamura and Mr Travis Knights departed Melbourne Airport at 11:55 p.m. on Tuesday 4th May 2010.

I have received a couple of messages from Ms Nakamura and Mr Knights.

Early morning - Wednesday 5th May 2010
“Hi JR, We made it to Hong Kong!! We are all sitting down now looking at the Internet. Our flight leaves for Tokyo in around 45 minutes. All the students are well. Some of them, me included, got very little sleep.”

10:35 p.m. Wednesday 5th May 2010
“We are in Yokohama. Every student is with their host family and experiencing their first night. It will be interesting to see them come to Shoyo High School with their host students tomorrow morning. It's 10.30 pm Yokohama time. Travis has gone to sleep.”

Forthcoming Events

May
Monday 10th 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
Thursday 20th School Council Meeting - 8pm
Tuesday 25th Secondary Cross Country - period 4
Wednesday 26th Mental Health First Aid - 4th Session (Last)

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
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
Friday 18th Primary Winter Sports Carnival - Birchip

July
Monday 12th First Day of Term 3
Monday 12th Year 9 Rubicon Camp
Friday 16th Year 10 & 11 Canberra Camp
Friday 16th
Thursday 15th School Council Meeting - 8pm
Wednesday 21st Years 10 & 11 Uni of Ballarat Outreach Careers Day
Students include: Stephanie McClelland, Harrison Christie, Brylie Emonson, Laura Lee, Sarah Watts, Demi Donnellon and Sophie Noonan.

I spoke to Ms Nakamura and Mr Knights last night on Skype. The students really enjoyed their first day at Shoyo High School. They experienced their first calligraphy class. It is apparently very warm and humid and so the school ties may come off today.

NAPLAN

Next week on Tuesday 11\textsuperscript{th}, Wednesday 12\textsuperscript{th} and Thursday 13\textsuperscript{th} May 2010, the annual NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) will be conducted with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will sit four tests as listed in the table.

Please ensure your son/daughter gets to bed early on the night prior to these tests. Having a good breakfast is also a good idea.

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Yes, we do teach grammar, spelling, writing, comprehension, speaking and listening! But there are ways to teach the basics that are a bit different and interesting. Mrs Eileen Smith’s Year 7 English students wrote about how they didn’t want to invite the neighbours from hell to their birthday party. Students then acted their stories onto the program NewsMaker which allowed them to add an array of backgrounds to their speeches. The final entertaining product, along with their essays were saved onto a DVD. This was an entertaining way to encourage students to write creatively and speak confidently.

Meanwhile, other students in the class were challenging their listening and comprehension skills by individually listening to a story via a Rockstar adapter which was connected to an ipod. While listening to the story, students were also reading the story on an electronic whiteboard. The script for the story had been converted into pictures using the school’s state of the art photo copier.

There has been lots of negative press about technology but used creatively, there is no doubt that it enhances learning.

Building program

Just when most thought that our building program had come to a halt, we have received the good news that asbestos which is in the ceiling and eaves of two of the primary rooms will be removed within the next two weeks. This will mean some inconvenience for Mrs Coatsworth and Mrs Welton, who will have to vacate their rooms for a week while the renovations are being carried out but this problem will be accommodated.

This will mean that the $850,000 we receive to completely refurbish the existing primary wing of the school will go a little further as the asbestos issue will be carried out prior to the refurbishment.

We are presently exploring having the gallery revamped so that it is user friendly and not so hot in summer and so cold in winter. Classrooms will be gutted, painted and all will have electronic whiteboards. As an addition, we are investigating the possibility of having an outside decked classroom which is roofed and has three sides. To add a welcoming aspect to the primary section of the school, a new foyer to the building is being investigated. The staff is excited about the developments and while the refurbishment will mean some short term inconvenience, there will be lasting benefits.
Celebration of Boys’ Day

The Japanese celebrate Boys’ Day with a national holiday. It is customary for large and small paper fish to be displayed outside houses as a symbol of the various stages of manhood. Inside houses are decorated with masculine dolls to symbolise the growing strength of young males. At Birchip the primary boys dressed up, had special culinary treats and played games together. It was a fun day for all as even the girls were treated specially.

An education week extravaganza

Birchip P-12 School will be holding an evening activity for parents and students on Monday 17th May 2010. The evening is designed for parents/guardians to attend with their students and partake in an activity for an hour. The adults are to attend the same activity as their child and enjoy the interaction and thought processes with teachers, children and other parents.

The activities will last for one hour.
The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a free BBQ for participants.
At 7:00 p.m. parents and children will break off into different activities and finish at 8:00 p.m.
There is NO COST to the evening.
Some of the activities that will be on offer include
  • Ice cream making
  • Kite making
  • Drawing activities
  • Mathematics activities
A survey will go home with children to ascertain interest early next week.
Miss Catherine McKenzie is challenging her Art class to use digital technology creatively. Using the programs Photoshop and Picassa, students are learning that they can produce photographs that challenge the imagination. Students diligently prepared for their photo-shoots by organising costumes, makeup and imaginative locations. While taking photographs, students had to keep in mind the principles of art and their work had to be interesting to the eye in terms of composition, colour and line. After studying these principles and the basics of photography, students split into groups to film and model in their photographs. The groups then embarked upon finding that elusive local setting and then organising their photo-shoot. The final productions were impressive and showed dedication to detail and technique. High priest of photography, Max Dupain would have been excited by the art works produced from this Year 9 and 10 class.
Small Business Graphics Project

On Monday 3rd May 2010, the year 9/10 Graphic Art students completed their business advertisement assignment by inviting the business owners to come and view their presentations. In small groups, the students focussed on advertising a chosen business, including ‘Brad Ryan's Electrical’, ‘Georgie's Café’ and the ‘Birchip Motel & Caravan Park’. The students interviewed each of these businesses to determine the client’s needs and then made a number of promotional products including business cards, loyalty cards, uniforms, TV ads and slogans.

Some of the finished products were so successful, that the business wanted to use them. Miss McKenzie was very proud of her students’ dedication to the project and how well the morning went.

*Article by Zoe Weir and Jessamy Bennett*

District Cross Country at Donald

The Primary District Cross Country will be held at Donald, commencing at the Goff Lett’s Oval, on Friday 14th May 2010. The first event will be the 9/10 Girls at 10:15 a.m. followed by the 9/10 Boys at 10:35 a.m. The other age groups will follow at roughly 25 minute intervals and conclude with presentations at around 12:45 p.m.

Our representatives will be: Sarah Botheras and Caitlin Bidstrup (9/10 girls), Joseph Reid, Jesse Kemp and Bill Lee (9/10 boys), Nakita Turner and Chloe Rymer (11 girls), Sam Owa, Tom Hogan and Gus Walsh (11 boys), Shae Colbert (12 girls) and Royce Bennett and Joe O’Donnell (12/13 boys).

Transport arrangements will be issued next week. Could parents please discuss with their children over the weekend if they are intending to attend and if they are willing to take other passengers. Please inform Mr Welton at the school of your intentions.

Habits of Mind - This week’s winner

Congratulations to Tayla Connelly for ‘Finding Humour’ during a Biology SAC. Tayla was able to see the funny side during an experiment even when things were not going to plan.

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

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Revised Wizard of Oz rehearsal schedule

Please note - Rehearsals have been changed from Thursday lunchtime to Wednesday lunchtime. Some of the after school rehearsals have also changed.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 26 June - 11 July
Will be notified of schedule for these two weeks

Performance Dates
Full Dress Rehearsal Thursday 26th August at 2:00 p.m.
Opening Night Friday 27th August at 7:30 p.m.
Closing Night Wednesday 1st September at 6:30 p.m.

MATHS IS MARVELLOUS – YOU CAN COUNT ON IT!
Tossing a Coin
Ask, “How many times do you think a coin will land on heads if you toss it 20 times?” Write down your guess. Test your guess and record how the coin lands. Compare results.

Year 4 spelling words for Term 2, Week 5 – Miss Jessica Arnott’s class

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Grade Five and Six Homework Questions  
– due Friday 14th May 2010

1. On which part of the body would a bell topper be worn?
2. What is an orison more commonly called?
3. In the spectrum which color comes between orange and green?
4. Which continent is the natural home of the tiger?
5. What does Melba sauce consist of?
6. Is souchong a green or black variety of tea?
7. How is a pizzicato passage played on the violin?
8. Of which planet is Elara a satellite?
9. In which European river is the rock known as the Lorelei?
10. Where do pelagian creatures live?

Answers to last week’s homework questions

1. What was Ghana’s former name? **Gold Coast**
2. In which country would you find polders? **Netherlands/ Holland**
3. Who founded the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences? **Louis B Mayer**
4. What is the top colour on a rainbow? **Red**
5. How does a butler’s tray differ from an ordinary tray? **Collapsible table tray**
6. What kind of animal is a chamois? **Goat antelope**
7. What was spaceman Yuri Gagarin’s hometown renamed after his death - Gagarin or Sputnik? **Gagarin**
8. Which two colours appear on the UN flag? **White and blue**
9. What type of creature is a corncrake? **Small bird**
10. Who was the first president of Israel? **Chaim Weizmann**

Head Lice
There have been several cases of head lice reported in both sections primary and secondary. Please check carefully for lice or nits and if found, treat immediately.

**Once treated students may return to school.** It is not unusual for a parent to treat a child in the morning and have them back at school by 10.00 a.m.

In order to break the cycle, heads should be treated again in exactly 7 days to completely break the lice breeding cycle.

No students is immune and all student’s hair should be checked frequently.

Thank you to those parents who notify us at school and alert us to the severity of the problem.

For Sale
Excess to our needs.
2 gas ovens – Chef brand, Murray 90 Infra-ray model
In full working condition. $100.00 per oven

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 2488ah or 5492 2735bh
Parents’ Club News – May 2010

Welcome back to all students, staff, parents, and the wider school community. I do hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and are looking forward to term two.

The Parents’ Club held their general meeting on Monday 3rd May. Thank you to all those parents who continue to attend on a regular basis. We appreciate your time and commitment. It was really good to see some new faces and we hope, in time, more parents decide to join our meetings. We must not forget, we are the grass roots parents’ voice.

Our principal, Mr John Richmond attended the meeting and presented an abridged version of his report for school council. I would like to highlight the following items: It is very pleasing to see the continued improvements at our school developing and in some cases completed. Of particular note is the successful submission for funding for refurbishment of the primary section of the school. Congratulations to all students who are participating in the “Wizard of Oz” – may you all have a lot of fun and learn heaps along the way. We wish our small band of students, along with Ms Nakamura and Mr Knights a wonderful trip to JAPAN and look forward to hearing from them on their return. Thank you to Mr Kevin Reid for all the work he has done to enable the school to water the main oval and hockey field. Lastly, the continued funding for programs such as the “QuickSmart” – a mathematics intervention program for students in years 5, 6, 7 & 8.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the recent catering activities - in particular the School Presentation Ball. The Ball was a wonderful night for all those who attended. The Parents’ Club would like to say congratulations to all the students involved, whether they were part of the presentation set or behind the scenes.

Dates to watch for: BCG AG EXPO first week June holidays.

From time to time we invite a guest speaker to Parents’ Club meetings. On Monday Mrs Cathy Bales presented a talk on School Based Immunizations. Namely: Hepatitis B, Varicella, Gardasil and Boostrix. Cathy was able to highlight the reasons for continuing to immunize and also to present the problems we have with immunizations. A reminder to all parents, carers and particularly grandparents – we still need to keep up to date with our immunizations. The talk was most informative and gave those parents present a chance to have their questions answered. Thank you Cathy for your wonderful presentation.

Before I sign off, thank you to Mrs Janine Paley for providing the beautiful pumpkin soup and bread buns for the meeting – very much appreciated.

NEXT PARENTS CLUB MEETING: Monday 2nd AUGUST.

Ros McCallum
Secretary Parents Club
50 772 218
Reminder to Netballers

Pie drive order forms have been distributed, so please make sales next week and hand your order form in to Tara or your coach at the home match on 15th May 2010.
 Helpers available on Thursday 27th May to help sort pies in the tennis rooms would be appreciated.
 Pink Saturday in support of Cancer Foundation, tomorrow at Wycheproof - pink netballs and footballs being used and people are encouraged to wear a touch of pink and donate to this cause.

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] Installments & 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.

VCE SACs next week

D & T Wood

Year 7 Spelling

Week Four

- Interview
- Tattoo
- Captured
- Accommodation
- Violence
- Tolerate
- Surprised
- Although
- Demanded
- Especially
- Mascot

Birchip and District Pre-School

Supp Lotto Fundraiser – Week 2, Saturday 1st May 2010

1st: 5 Russell Christie
2nd 44 Noeline Hogan

Thanks to all who bought a ticket.

Winner of the Birchip Friends of the Library Mothers Day Raffle Painting
- Palm Valley 2
  Jackie Cartwright

Birchip Watchem Hockey Players

Can all players (junior and senior) please ensure they have a roster for Mother’s Day and provide the requested food and help. If anyone would like to order a purple skirt please contact Simone ASAP

Birchip Watchem Football Club - Junior Roster for Saturday 8th May 2010

Birchip Watchem is away to Wyche N/P

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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
Parenting Expo
Birchip Community Leisure Centre
Tuesday May 11th 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The day’s 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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“Technology and Children” Workshop
The Internet opens a new world of information, socialising and entertainment for children but it also presents new risks such as cyber bullying, online predators, personal information disclosure, exposure to inappropriate content and an obsession with social networking sites.

Online social networking sites such as MySpace, Facebook and Bebo have become increasingly popular with children, especially young teens, as a place where they can meet other people, communicate and exchange information. Teenagers are increasingly communicating in ways that are often unknown by adults and away from their supervision. They organise their social lives through these mediums and many times their friendships are made and broken over these mediums.

Parents have major concerns for their children’s safety on-line, the time they are spending on-line and the potential for bullying through information and communication technologies, like mobile telephone text messages, eMails, telephone calls, Internet chat rooms, instant messaging and the social networking websites.

Don’t be in the dark about your children’s online lives. Come along to the “Technology and Children” Workshop at the Parenting Expo in Birchip on Tuesday 11th May 2010. The parenting day commences at 9:30 a.m. with the opening address from Amanda Cox (aka Mad Cow) and concludes at 3:00 p.m. A champagne luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon and guest presenter Kaz Cooke will speak at 12:45 p.m. There are a number of workshops on offer in the morning and afternoon that address a range of topics for parents with children of all ages from newborns through to teenagers. The “Technology and Children” session will be on offer in the afternoon block between 1:45 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. so if you aren’t able to attend for the whole day, come to part of it.

Education and awareness is the key so come along and learn how to support your children to use technology safely. Parents need to understand the issues and understand the technology so they can show as much responsibility in the online world as in the offline world. To book into the parent expo, contact the Birchip Business and Learning Centre on 54 922 735 or eMail birchipblc@bigpond.com
Birchip Historical Society Inc together with Birchip P-12 School VCAL Class invite you to an open night at The Birchip Museum

Come along & enjoy a BBQ tea, viewing of the Museum displays and Hall of Records

Date: 11/5/2010

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

RSVP: Birchip P-12 School office (54922287) by the 10/4/2010

Gold coin donation to Birchip Historical Society
Parents Victoria Online Conference
16-22 May 2010  (from 6.00am)  Registration & Participation are free

- No special software is needed just an internet-connected computer and a browser.
- The online discussions are very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate will be provided.

Register online at http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv1_10/pv2010registration.php

Seven ‘live’ daily online discussions on the following topical issues:

- **May 16th - Transition** - What could be done to improve transition from one level of schooling to the next, i.e. kindergarten to primary, year 6 to secondary? Do you as a parent know how you can be involved at each level?

- **May 17th - Bullying & Discipline** - Are we making any progress in successfully dealing with bullying in schools? In general, what are the most effective ways of achieving appropriate behaviour?

- **May 18th - Regeneration in Victorian Government Schools** – A regeneration project is designed to enhance the education provision in a local area. It may mean the amalgamation of schools, the relocation of early childhood/community facilities on to one site or the transformation of curriculum programs and pathways. For many parents this has been an issue of great concern. Discuss with us your thoughts and experiences.

- **May 19th - Food & Schools** – How do you feel about the timing of meal breaks? Is there a place for junk food in school canteens? What about party food, chocolate drives etc.

- **May 20th - Disability** – Are schools supportive and inclusive of children with disabilities? What more could be done?

- **May 21st - School costs** - What do parents need to pay for?

- **May 22nd - Party safe** - As a parent, do you know your responsibilities when hosting under-age parties? Do you have some good advice or warnings for other parents?

- Week-long online discussion - **My School** – What information do parents really want to know about their child’s school? This discussion will also have the option of starting new threads if you have an issue you would like to discuss.

Prizes for participation

Contact the Parents Victoria
Office for further information:
office@parents.victoria.asn.au
Phone: 9380 2158
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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
Habits of Mind

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Striving for accuracy is also important when correcting and collating the results to avoid errors as is finding humour when we have had a disastrous round and didn’t get any winners. Sometimes when students have had an exceptional result and tipped very well when all others have failed both them and the rest of the class respond with wonder and awe.

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