**Forthcoming Events**

### May

**Wednesday 25th**
*Courage to Care*-Year 8, 9 & 10 History
students to Kerang
Austech Industry Tour for Engineering and
D&T students

**Thursday 26th**
North Central Cross Country - Wedderburn
Gnurad Gundidj Information Night at Rainbow
Secondary College - 7pm

**Tuesday 31st**
Uni of Ballarat visit - talk for Yr 10 & 11

**June**

**Monday 6th**
Early dismissal from school - 2pm due to Staff
Professional Development
Primary State Cross Country - Bundoora

**Tuesday 7th**
Physical Resources Meeting

**Wednesday 8th**
Australian Science Competition

**Friday 10th**
Report Writing Day - pupil free day

**Monday 13th**
Queen’s Birthday holiday

**Tuesday 14th**
VCE examinations - Biology, Physics

**Wednesday 15th**
VCE examination - Chemistry

**Thursday 16th**
VCE GAT examination
School Council - 8pm

**Friday 17th**
Primary Winter Sports - Grade 5&6

**Monday 20th**
Years 9, 10 & 11 examinations

**Tuesday 21st**
Years 9, 10 & 11 examinations
Cyber Safety Talk - Susan McLean

**Thursday 23rd**
Years 9, 10 & 11 examinations

**Friday 24th**
Years 9, 10 & 11 examinations

**Thursday 30th**
Years 10&11 Careers Expo - Horsham

### July

**Friday 1st**
Last Day Term 2 - 2.30pm finish. Reports
distributed at 2:25pm at Home Group Assembly

**Thursday 7th**
BCG Ag Expo

**Monday 18th**
First day of Term Three

**Monday 18th**
→ Year 9 Rubicon Camp

**Friday 22nd**

**Monday 18th**
→ Year 10 & 11 Melbourne Camp

**Friday 22nd**

### September

**Thursday 15th**
Immunisations Yr 7

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**Welcome**

Welcome to Rangi & Vanessa
Nikora and their daughter Hinerangi
(Year 2). Welcome also to Michelle
and John WHERTA and their
children Tane (Year 8), Reef (Year
7), Kiriana (Year 6) and Isaiah (Year
5). We hope you have an enjoyable
stay with us and find our education
system valuable. I’m sure the
Birchip Watchem under 13 and
under 16 football teams along with
netball and hockey teams welcome
our new arrivals with much
enthusiasm too.

**School Council Notes**

School Council approved several
initiatives last night including:

**Years Prep, 1 & 2 excursion to Science Works to view the Explore-a-saurus**

The Explore-a-saurus exhibition has been developed by Science Works to
demonstrate the ways in which
palaeontologists use fossil evidence
to learn about how dinosaurs lived;
from what they ate and how fast
they ran, to what colour they may
have been and even how they cared
for their young.

Students will travel by bus to
Bendigo, train from Bendigo to
Melbourne and then suburban train
to Science Works. The ratio of staff
to students will be 1:6.

**School Canteen**

Following a letter from a concerned
parent and suggestions from
students, school council agreed to
continue the discussion on this subject. The idea of a school canteen of course is to offer healthy alternatives to our students. School Council would like to hear from parents, students and staff on this topic so that a more informed decision can be made. Please direct your comments to school councillors or feel free to write or eMail your comments to me at jr@birchip.vic.edu.au.

**Student Board**

The Student Board have formed various sub-committees including: Fundraising, Curriculum and Projects. The students are working towards holding a fundraising day with funds going towards the Japan Earthquake Appeal. The day would have a Japanese theme. Students would also like to build a verandah and decking on the East end of the technology wing so that students can sit and relax during recess and lunch times. The decking would also have a ramp so that older persons can more easily enter the technology building. School Council endorsed these two excellent suggestions at last night’s meeting.

**Staff Work Room**

During the vacation, the staff work room had a communications cabinet installed with all internet connections now arriving at this site before emanating out to all student and staff users of the Internet. More power points and data points were installed to allow for this. Last night, School Council also approved the purchase of new staff desks. These desks are wider and deeper than the older less desirable desks and are more ergonomically friendly meeting appropriate Occupational Health and Safety Standards. There will be a gradual transition of these over the next couple of months.

**Staff Professional Development Day – Monday 6 June 2011**

Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on Monday 6 June 2011 so that teaching staff can attend a professional development workshop at Stawell relating to “powerful teaching”. Buses of course will run ½ hours earlier than normal on this day.

**Maths is Marvellous – You Can Count on it!**

How many places can you find numbers at your house? Check for numbers on clocks, calendars, kettle, stove, microwave oven, fridge, letter boxes, etc. What is the biggest number you can find at home?

**School for Student Leadership – 2012 Applications**

Students in year eight have the opportunity to apply to attend the “School for Student Leadership” in 2012. We are able to apply for all three campuses: Term 1, 2012 - Gnurad Gundidj, Term 3, 2012 – Snowy River Campus and in Term 4, 2012 – Alpine School Campus.

Any student in the current year eight class who wishes to be included in Birchip’s application for 2012 should let Mr John Richmond know by Friday 20th May 2012. The cost to families for the nine week stay is $1,000.

**Lost Last Week**

One purple 8GB 5th Generation iPod Nano in dark blue skin.

If found please return to Caitlin Bidstrup or the school office.

**1:1 Student Computers – Netbooks & Notebooks**

On Wednesday evening parents and Grade 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 students signed their agreements and took possession of their netbooks or notebooks. Many parents were keen to view the actual agreements as well as signing them. I have included these for your reference. Parents of students in years 5, 6, 7 and 8 were requested to make a co-payment of $200.00 for their netbook and notebook. There is NO cost to parents for students in years 9 and above however. Mrs Coffey will send out accounts after next week.

I do request students and parents to ensure that great care is taken of their netbooks and notebooks so that maximum life is given to these machines. Students should ensure that netbooks and notebooks come to school FULLY CHARGED. It is best to leave the power supply cables at home. Mrs Coffey will engrave all netbooks and notebooks next week including all batteries so that the rightful owner can be found if the asset is ever lost.

**Drum Muster**

Remove all your chemical drums off your property For drop off details contact Nathan Kemp on 0438935286
Mid Year Examinations

Students in years 9, 10, 11 and 12 will experience mid-year examinations.

For year twelve students, this is only three weeks away. I encourage our VCE students to devote appropriate amounts of time for study to ensure they are giving themselves every opportunity to do well. I have included the examination timetable for planning.

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Yesterday morning the VCAL students began this year’s Adopt a Highway program. With dry and brisk conditions they ventured out to the Sunraysia Highway site and spent period one and two collecting rubbish from the roadside. The students recorded the following reflections after the experience:

Michael – “I was surprised that there was that much rubbish”
Megan – “It was interesting to note that the majority of the rubbish was alcohol containers, stubbies and cans.
Branden – “The grass was really long compared to last year and we missed a lot of rubbish the first time we walked through.”

SACs Next Week

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Day One – Wednesday 11 May 2011

On a cold freezing day grade six were travelling down to a police camp in Maldon. We were travelling down with Mr Welton, Mr Tyler and Mrs Connelly. On our way down we had to take a detour around Maldon and at the detour we met a Chinese couple who had to get to Maldon too. So they followed us down a gravel track to Maldon. A minute later they just vanished. But we just left them.

Our first visit was the Maldon cemetery. At the cemetery Mr Welton gave us a task. The task was to find the oldest person in the cemetery. Chloe found the oldest person in the cemetery which was a 96 years old. After we went to have lunch under the cemetery rotunda just before it started hailing.

About half an hour later we found the Chinese couple that were following us on gravel track. The story was that they had crashed into a tree and they were only going 40kph. They said that they were flying.

After the talk with the Chinese people we were heading towards Maldon. When we had got to the camp place which was on Derby Hill we started unloading our bags out of the trailer. Once we did that we headed towards the camp owner called Denise. She told us some basic rules about the camp.

After that we met the local policeman called Rick. He allocated a bike for our size and comfort. After that we did bike riding around the camps bike track. After our laps around the bike track we headed for the Maldon BMX track. It was a long and slippery down the gravel road. At the BMX track it was really muddy. After the BMX track we had afternoon tea which was apples and water and then we headed back to camp. We were going to have a tour of the town but it got too wet, so we didn’t go.

About half an hour later we had tea. For tea we had delicious spaghetti bolognaise and topped it off with chocolate mousse.

After tea we were allowed to have free time. Most of the boys played pool and the girls went into their rooms to chat. When free time was over we had a games night which was monopoly, Kelly pool and chicken foot. We split into three different groups. In my group there was Oliva, James, Joseph, Sophie, Chloe and Nakita. We had half an hour on each activity. In chicken foot Sophie and Oliva won chicken foot. In Kelly pool Nakita, Chloe and Joseph came a draw and in Monopoly I won and then some people had showers and then at ten o’clock we went to bed.

Joe O’Donnell

Day Two – Thursday 12 May 2011

In the morning we got up had breakfast then set off to Ron and Mandy’s farm. We rode for six and a half kilometres but it was enjoyable. They showed us their batteries and their type of sheep. The types of sheep they have are Lincoln. James opened the gate for the sheep to run out and Seamus chased the sheep out and there was one sheep that didn’t run out and when Seamus tried to chases it out the gate it jumped and James was as scared as a little baby. When we got back to town we had lunch.
After lunch we rode our bikes to Carman’s tunnel and when we got to the end of the mine there was a ghost. The ghost’s name was White Finger Jack. Jack waved to us and George figured out that the guide was pulling a string. On the way out we got to blow out a candle. We got back to camp at about 4:00. We had free time until tea.

For tea we had crumbed chicken and chips. After tea we went back to the cabins and a few of us had a shower. The night activity was Karaoke and a DVD. The DVD was Bedtime Stories. For karaoke James won and the song was Achy Breaky Heart. In my group there was Joe, Nick and myself. In the song Nick got distracted by the girl on the screen then we watched Bedtime Stories and went to bed.

Jack Lee

Day Three – Friday 13 May 2011

On Friday 13th the grade 6s got up nice and early to pack. After we had packed it was 7:30 that meant the duty people who were Olivia, Joe, Joseph, Sophie, Chloe, Nakita and me had to go to the dining room to set up for breakfast which was bacon and eggs. After breakfast the duty people had to stay and clean up. After breakfast we went and got our bags and loaded up the trailer. After we had loaded we had 30 minutes free time before our first activities which were Archery and the Rock Climbing wall. In the time most of the boys went to play pool.

The first activity I did was Archery. Only Joseph got a bullseye in our group. When it got back to Josephs turn, Joseph and Mr Tyler had a game. The game got closer and closer but Joseph won. After a while we changed over to the climbing wall. Rock climbing wasn’t as easy as we thought, it got harder and harder but most of our group made it to the top stone and back. The last one I did was a challenge because it had 3 big lumps in it. I was the last person to finish them all.

Then it was time for lunch. We had sausages. They were very nice. Most of the class went back for seconds.

Then it was time for the Amazing Race. Jacinta and the Wednesday people left first followed by Mr Tyler and the Thursday group then it was time for Mr Welton and the Friday group to leave. When the Friday people got to the first destination we caught up to the Thursday group. Then on our way to our second destination we got one of our answers from the posty. After the race we went to the Lolly Shop.

At the Lolly Shop we could only have 7 people at a time. This was Mr Welton’s group and a bit of Mr Tyler’s group. They spent about 10 minutes in there before they changed with Jacinta’s group. When everyone had finished at the Lolly Shop we had a bit of free time.

When we got back, we went to the toilet had a drink then we took the bus out to the dredge before we headed home. We were at the dredge for 5 minutes. Then it was time to head home. We got home at 5:30.

I would like to thank Mr Welton for booking the camp. Mr Tyler for driving the bus and Jacinta for looking after us. I would love to go back.

James Paley
EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week Expo Night was another huge success with many parents, students and family members enjoying the many and varied activities on offer. Thank you to staff members for their continued enthusiasm in ensuring fun and educational activities are offered for all to enjoy.
**CROSS COUNTRY**

It was fantastic to see so many parents and friends of primary students cheering and supporting the students as they ran the annual cross country. All students tried their hardest and some excellent times were achieved.

The individual placings were: 5 year old girl champion was Erika Payne while Maggie Wilson came second. In 6 year old age group Bridie Reid came first and Chloe James was runner up and in the same age group in the boys, Lachlan Randall won and Ty Colbert was second. In the 7 year old girls Ella Hogan took out the championship while Hannah Cook came second. In the boys Tadhg Lowry ran strongly to win the event from Patrick Sheahan. The 8 year old girls’ event was won by Phoebe Paley while Niamh Lewis came second. In the boys Darcy Reid was the champion from Daniel Braine. Rosie Hogan won the 9 year old girls’ event from Katie Bennett and in the boys Will Sheahan was the winner and Bodie Colbert was runner up. Caitlin Bidstrup won the 10 year old event from Olivia Rickard while Bill Lee ran strongly in his event to win the boys from Lachlan Braine. The 11 year old girls’ event was won by Brittany Hogan and Britney Robinson came second. Joseph Reid battled with Jesse Kemp to win the 11 year old boys. In the 12 year old girls, Jessica Bidstrup was champion and Chloe Rymer runner up. In this event Tom Hogan won the boys from James Paley. The 13 year old boys’ race was won by Joe O’Donnell and Seamus Lowry came a close second.

The secondary cross country was run around the perimeter of the town and there were some outstanding performances. The competition was very close and Young eventually won the event 269 points from Fraser House’s 251 points.

Hugh O’Keefe was the clear winner in the 18-20 year old age group from Nicholas Bales. In the girls’ section Chantel Emonson narrowly defeated Sara Sydengen. Gerhard Egerer ran a quick race in the Under 17 age group to defeat Jake Hogan while in the girls’ section; Bridgette Hogan was the winner and Sophie Hogan the runner-up. Jarryd Hogan was the under 16 champion and Tim Phelan came second. Brylie Emonson won the girls’ under 16 race from Emma Hogan. In the under 15 age group, Jacob Christie ran convincingly to win from Aaron Riggall. The under 15 girls was an all Hogan affair with Hayley winning from Molly Hogan and Sophie Hogan coming third. Royce Bennett ran a smart race to win the under 14 age group from Sean Hogan who came second. Claudia Lee was the under 14 girls’ champion. The 12-13 boys age group was one of the most highly contested events of the day. Sam Owa defeated Jayden McGinnis by a touch. In the girls’ 12-13 age group, Nicole Clark won the honours from Georgia Lee who came second.

**COOKING CLASSES**

**Italian - Wednesday 25th May 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

(risotto, homemade pasta dishes & sauces, meats & vegetables)

**Indian – Friday 3rd June 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

All cooking classes are at the Birchip P-12 School

$25.00 per course (or $50 for 3) includes a meal and recipes.

Bring along your own drinks or a bottle of wine to share (try to bring drinks in theme)

Come along and enjoy a different cuisine each week, and increase your culinary repertoire and impress your family and friends at your next dinner party

Please register with Birchip Business and Learning Centre "At the Shamrock" at the contacts above.
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.

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

This is an excellent novel about the First World War and the soldiers who fought in it. As it says on the front cover, it’s a book of ‘innocence and love, courage and cowardice’. It is told from the point of view of Tommy Peaceful, and is very cleverly written, as he is looking back from the trenches at his life before that point. Tommy does this in the space of one night.

A paragraph at the start of each chapter is about the present (what he is doing now) and the rest is Tommy remembering. The reminiscence starts off with his first day at school. His older brother Charlie is leading him into the building. Charlie’s character is very well portrayed as someone who isn’t afraid of anything and as Tommy’s role model. Both images start to take shape when Charlie doesn’t squeal when the teacher hits him. Tommy meets a girl called Molly in school who is very kind and whom Tommy fancies. She starts to become a regular guest at his house, getting to like Big Joe, Tommy’s disabled brother, while his mum treats her like ‘the daughter she never had’. As life goes on, it is Charlie and Molly who want to marry, even though Tommy really loves her. He starts to become very jealous, especially when Molly becomes pregnant. When the war starts, Tommy is afraid to join up at first, but finally does, along with Charlie, even though he is underage. They were sent off to France together with some old friends from home. There they encounter a horrible sergeant called ‘Horrible’ Hanley, who immediately has it in for Charlie and gives him a field punishment. But when Charlie refuses to go to battle because he wants to care for Tommy who is seriously ill, ‘Horrible’ Hanley charges Charlie with desertion. This is the night that Tommy is remembering; the night before Charlie is due to die.

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The story takes place during three years of the Great Depression in the fictional “tired old town” of Maycomb, Alabama. The narrator, Scout Finch, lives with her older brother, Jem and their father, Atticus, a lawyer. Jem and Scout befriend a boy named Dill who visits Maycomb to stay with his aunt for the summer. The three children are terrified of, and fascinated by, their neighbour, “Boo” Radley. The adults of Maycomb are hesitant to talk about Boo and, for many years, few have seen him. The children feed each other’s imagination with rumours about his appearance and reasons for remaining hidden, and they fantasize about how to coax him out of his house. Following two summers of friendship with Dill, Scout and Jem find that someone is leaving them small gifts in a tree outside the Radley place. Several times, the mysterious Boo makes gestures of affection to the children, but, to their disappointment, the stranger never appears in person.

Atticus is appointed by the court to defend Tom Robinson, a black man who has been accused of raping a young white woman, Mayella Ewell. Although many of Maycomb’s citizens disapprove, Atticus agrees to defend Tom to the best of his ability. Other children taunt Jem and Scout for Atticus’ action, calling him a ‘nigger-lover’. Scout is tempted to stand up for her father’s honour by fighting, even though he has told her not to.
Year 12 Studio Art Excursion to Melbourne

Last Friday the Year 12 Studio Arts class travelled to Melbourne to view two contemporary exhibitions.

After a long morning in the car, we arrived at the Australian Centre for Contemporary Arts at Southbank to see “New11”. This exhibition occurs annually and is a showcase for up and coming Australian artists. Each exhibition at ACCA is unique because the layout of the building changes each time; walls are removed and room heights are changed. We were amazed at the calibre of works. There were ice sculptures, video art, paintings made out of car oil and even a piece made of nothing but audio snippets of distorted raindrops. But the piece that struck us the most was an installation. Viewers walked into a cleaners store and through a cupboard door to arrive on a desert island. All the pieces were aptly able to transport viewers to another world, away from the stressors of day to day life.

After a delicious lunch and a bit of window shopping in the city, we went to TopArts, which is an exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria of the best Year 12 Art and Studio Art pieces of 2010. A former student of Birchip P-12 School was short listed for this exhibition, and we were keen to see the types of works that made it through. Needless to say, we were pretty biased and easily found faults in a lot of the works!

This trip was needed in order to complete the theory side of Studio Arts, where students will learn the main differences between public and private art spaces, as well as help develop the art language needed to complete the exam.

Birchip P-12 School Joins McCAIN Veggie Patches

Show Your Support

Birchip P-12 School urges local community to donate points for its School Veggie Patch

Birchip P-12 School has registered for the McCAIN School Veggie Patches program, and is urging local community, businesses and families to show their support by collecting barcodes.

Every barcode from McCAIN frozen vegetable or McCAIN Purely Potato packs purchased will provide points that Birchip P-12 School can redeem for gardening tools, seeds and equipment such as wheelbarrows, water tanks and compost bins for their school veggie patch.

This is a great opportunity for Birchip P-12 School students to be involved in an educational program that aims to teach children about the benefits of healthy eating in a fun, outdoor environment.

McCain School Veggie Patches will allow Birchip P-12 School to play an active role in engaging children in an interactive and entertaining way to learn more about the foods they eat, and the world around them.

The McCain School Veggie Patches program equips students with invaluable knowledge and hands-on experience that will continue to grow with them well into the future.

To show your support and earn points for the Birchip P-12 School, simply collect barcodes from any pack of McCAIN frozen vegetables or McCAIN Purely Potato and drop them into the front office.

NOTE:

The Birchip P-12 School is in no way encouraging parents to go out and buy McCain frozen vegetables. However, if parents do purchase these products then the school would be very grateful of your support by collecting the barcodes and taking them to the school office for processing.

Prizes include: wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, etc.,
Birchip P-12 School – Netbook / Notebook Agreement

1 Lease Arrangements

a. Birchip P-12 School shall lease the netbook / notebook to the Lessee during the lease period. The Lessee shall pay the lease fees set out in Schedule One. The lease fees must be paid by the due date without any deduction.
b. The lease fee does not include any consumables such as paper, ink or toner that may be required to be used with the netbook / notebook.
c. The Lessee shall have the option to purchase the netbook / notebook at the end of the lease.

2 Termination

a. This agreement comes to an end:
   i. At the end of the lease period – a period of four years (or two years if a current year 8 student)
   ii. In the event of default as defined in subclause (b) hereof.
b. Default occurs if:
   i. Lease fees are not paid by the due date/s.
   ii. The Lessee is subject to insolvency or other proceedings which place the Netbook / Notebook at risk for loss or seizure by others.
   iii. The student leaves Birchip P-12 School prior to the end of the lease period.

3 Netbook / Notebook Cost

The total cost payable under the lease is $200.00. This may comprise one single payment of $200.00 paid on or before Friday 27 May 2011 or 4 separate payments of $55.00 paid on or before Friday 27 May 2011 and the last Fridays of each school term in 2011 (Friday 1 July 2011, Friday 23 September 2011 and Friday 22 December 2011) as set out in Schedule One.

4 The Netbook / Notebook

The Lessee and the Student will operate, maintain and store the netbook / notebook computer with due care, in compliance with the instructions and recommendations of the supplier and manufacturer of the computer, pursuant to any directions given by the school.

NETBOOK
ACER Aspire One 753 11.6” Netbook, 50Ghz
Intel Celeron U3600 Processor
6 hour battery
5 in 1 card reader, 3 USB Ports, VGA Port, HDMI Port
Two built-in stereo speakers, built-in microphone
Wireless, Bluetooth 2
Integrated ACER Crystal Eye Webcam
320 Gb Hard Drive
4 GB RAM
11.6” Hard Case
4 year onsite warranty

NOTEBOOK
ACER TravelMate TM8572T, 15.6”WXGA, Core i3
Intel Core i3 Processor
8 hour battery
Multi in 1 card reader, 4 USB Ports, VGA Port, HDMI Port
Wireless, Bluetooth 2
ACER Video Conference
320 Gb SATA Hard Drive
4 GB RAM
DVD Super Multi-drive
Slimline polyester carry bag
4 year onsite warranty
5 Insurance

- The school will not take out insurance for these netbooks and notebooks. It is the responsibility of the lessee to take out the appropriate insurance for the netbook / notebook.
- It is important to take out insurance policy to cover accidental damage, non warranty repair, loss or theft during the life of the lease.
- Insurance cover could become part of the usual household items but it is important to contact your insurer to ensure the netbook/notebook is specified in your usual cover.

The lessee takes full responsibility for the netbook / notebook and undertakes to replace in full should it be lost, stolen or damaged.

6 Ownership

The netbook / notebook will remain the property of the Birchip P-12 School for a period of four years after which they can be purchased for a sum of $1.00. This avoids issues with software licensing, warranty, GST etc.

7 Software

Each netbook / notebook will have appropriate software pre-loaded for educational use including the eduStar image which includes MS Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access, Publisher), Adobe Photoshop, FileMaker Pro, Graphmatica, Casio Classpad 300 and various other software for students to use. There will also be virus protection software installed.

8 Connection to Birchip P-12 School’s network

Each netbook / notebook will be wireless capable and be able to connect to the Birchip P-12 School network.

9 User Agreements

Prior to each student being issued with their netbook / notebook, the following MUST be completed.
- Netbook / Notebook User Agreement
- Student Netbook / Notebook Protocol
- Internet Usage Agreement
- Netbook / Notebook Payment Plan

Lease Arrangements

I have read the above information about leasing arrangements for the use of a netbook / notebook at the Birchip P-12 School during 2011 – 2014.

I understand the terms and conditions of this lease and agree to the payment of lease fees. I also agree to take out appropriate insurance cover for the netbook / notebook or alternatively am prepared to replace in full should it be lost, stolen or damaged.

Parent/Carer Signature: .................................................................

Date: .................................................................
2011 INTERNET USAGE AGREEMENT

The Birchip P-12 School believes the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing our network is to promote educational excellence in our school by allowing resource sharing, innovation and communication throughout the world. Access to the Internet is provided primarily for the educational benefit of students. Any behaviour that interferes with this objective will not be tolerated and will be considered an infringement of the students’ Internet Usage Agreement.

Introduction
All students are able to access what it known as the Education List; a limited list of sites chosen and vetted by Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. (DEECD) This Internet Usage Agreement has been developed for students who wish to make more extended use of the Internet. It will allow them unsupervised access to the Internet and sets out the code of behaviour that we expect them to follow.

All access will still be filtered through our Internet Service Provider - Netspace. We have systems in place that will keep track of student activity.

Students will be given a school eMail address that will allow them to communicate with anybody else who has an eMail address. They must familiarise themselves with the ‘Netiquette’ overleaf for using eMail.

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges.

Passwords
Students must NOT reveal their password to another person.
Students must NOT use another user’s login name and password

Chat Rooms
NO chat sites and chat rooms are to be accessed.

WebMail
Your Birchip P-12 School eMail can be checked by you via the Internet anywhere in the world. The link is on the Birchip P-12 School home page. Your eMail address is usually derived from the first initial of your given name followed by the first three letters of your family name followed by @birchip.vic.edu.au. e.g., jric@birchip.vic.edu.au

Games
The playing of games on Internet sites is generally NOT permitted unless directed by your classroom teacher to do so for curriculum reasons.

Students:
• requiring computer access for academic purposes have priority over those using it for non-academic activities;
• should not adjust the settings of any of the Internet program, or in any way change or attempt to change the computer software or hardware. This includes vandalising the data of other users or gaining unauthorised access to resources;
• should not access Internet areas which are marked as suitable for adults only or for those over the age of 18. This includes adult chat rooms that may be accessible;
• should not access or use ‘free’ web mail sites such as Hotmail and sites that provide games;
Electronic Mail ‘Netiquette’
With electronic mail (eMail), students should:
- always be professional, polite and careful about what they say. Students should not abuse others in messages;
- be careful when using sarcasm and humour. Without face to face communications jokes may be viewed as criticism;
- not reveal personal addresses and telephone numbers, or that of other students;
- note that eMail is not private. People who control the system have access to ALL eMail.

Cyber-bullying
- note that hate mail, harassment, chain letters, ‘bombing’ or ‘spamming’ other eMail users, discriminatory remarks and other antisocial behaviour are prohibited on the system, and may be illegal.

Please detach and return to Mr John Richmond. Keep this section for your future reference.

2011 INTERNET USAGE AGREEMENT

Student undertaking
I have read the Birchip P-12 School student Internet Usage Agreement. I understand the rules and will abide by them. I further understand that any violation of the rules is unethical and may constitute a criminal offence. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and further disciplinary action taken by the school including confiscation of the notebook. Violations may result in legal action being taken.

Student Name (please print): .................................................................

Signature:................................................................. Date:.........................

Parent/Carer
As the parent/carer of this student, I have read the Birchip P-12 School student Internet Usage Agreement. Birchip P-12 School has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognise it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold the Birchip P-12 School responsible for materials acquired via the network. I hereby give permission for my child to have unsupervised access to the Internet. I also acknowledge that should my son/daughter commit any violation, their access privileges may be revoked and further disciplinary action taken by the school including confiscation of their notebook. Violations may result in legal action being taken.

Parent/Guardian’s Name (please print): .................................................................

Signature:................................................................. Date:.........................
Birchip P-12 School
Student Netbook / Notebook Protocol
2011

As a student at the Birchip P-12 School participating in the current notebook project I will:

- bring my netbook / notebook to school each day
- ensure my netbook / notebook is always fully charged each day
- not damage or mark my netbook / notebook in any way
- ensure any personalisations to my netbook / notebook are not permanent
- ensure my netbook / notebook is always stored in the carry case provided while travelling to and from school.
- not allow any other person to use my netbook / notebook
- not take my netbook / notebook out and use it on the school bus
- ensure my netbook / notebook is stored safely e.g., car boot and not in full view on the car seat
- not download or upload any inappropriate images or files.
- not download any file which is subject to copyright
- only use the Internet when appropriate

NOTE: This protocol may change during the netbook / notebook lease period.

.................................................................  ................................................
Student Signature  Date
News Flash

Primary Interschool Cross Country Results

9 & 10 year old Girls - Caitlin Bidstrup 1st, Olivia Rickard 3rd, Cloe Robinson 4th, Rosie Hogan 5th.
9 & 10 year old Boys - Will Sheahan 3rd, Lachie Braine 5th, Bill Lee 6th
11 year old Girls - Sarah Botheras 1st
11 year old Boys - Joseph Reid 1st, Jesse Kemp 3rd
12-13 year old Girls - Jessica Bidstrup 3rd, Chloe Rymer 4th
12-13 year old Boys - Tom Hogan 2nd, James Paley 3rd.

Birchip Watchem “Bulls” Rosters for Saturday 21 May 2011

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Birchip Watchem Under 13 side to play Boort at Boort. Saturday 21st May


To be in rooms at 9.30am
If your child is unavailable please contact Jake Hogan 0458 071 305

Year 7 Spelling, Week Four, Term Two 2011

calendar  disease  column  embarrass  foreign  humorous
misspell  restaurant  until  competition  fascinating

Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
Weekly Quiz

1. Australia has laid a complaint against Japan at the International Court of Justice. What was this complaint about?
   a. the handling of the nuclear disaster
   b. whaling
   c. unfair trading practices

2. What is the name of the Government’s annual plan for how taxes will be spent?
   a. The Financial Summary
   b. The Budget
   c. The Costings

3. Why are Qantas pilots angry about the new ‘Wallabies’ plane?
   a. It has been painted in green and gold instead of the usual colours
   b. There were several faults found in the plane which made it unsafe to fly
   c. It’s a New Zealand plane with NZ pilots and crew

4. In which airport was a man caught trying to smuggle live endangered animals in his suitcase last week?
   a. Sydney
   b. Singapore
   c. Bangkok

5. Why did Melbourne’s weather make the news headlines this week?
   a. It had the wettest weather recorded in the last 40 years.
   b. It had the hottest day recorded for this time of the year in the last 40 years.
   c. It had the coldest temperature recorded for this time of the year in 40 years

6. Which Australian city is bidding to host the 2018 Commonwealth Games?
   a. Gold Coast
   b. Newcastle
   c. Hobart

7. A Jewish newspaper in New York had to apologise after it did what?
   a. erased Hillary Clinton from a photo of a government meeting
   b. claimed President Obama is anti-Jewish
   c. published the same news two days in a row

8. Which Qantas airline staff members went on strike on Friday?
   a. Cabin crew
   b. Cleaning crew
   c. Engineers

9. Apa Sherpa has just extended his record by scaling Mount Everest for the 21st time. Who was the New Zealander that was the first person to climb Everest?
   a. Edmund Rutherford
   b. Edmund Hillary
   c. Edmund Snell

10. Why has the NSW Food Authority issued fines for both Woolworths and Coles?
    a. describing imported foods as being Australian grown
    b. unnecessarily raising prices of items that are considered essential items
    c. selling items that are past their recommended use by date

11. Microsoft has recently made one of its biggest buys so far when it purchased…
    a. Google
    b. Facebook
    c. Skype

12. For what unusual reason was an Australian Rules footballer sent off the field during a weekend match?
    a. he had the wrong uniform
    b. a bee stung him and he had an allergic reaction
    c. the umpire decided his mohawk was too dangerous

13. Which state or territory is Kangaroo Island part of?

14. Global oil prices have slumped in the past week. This is likely to cause...
    a. petrol prices to rise
    b. petrol prices to decrease
    c. petrol stocks to decrease

15. What is the capital of Ireland?
    a. Belfast
    b. Dublin
    c. Edinburgh
Weekly Quiz - Visual

1. Which country experienced two major earthquakes last week?

2. What is this person's name?

3. Name this bridge that was the site of a one-man protest last week.

4. Name this past Prime Minister.

5. Which major river is this recent photo linked to?
Photographs to show their best and most interesting photos.

- All open entries booked in to exhibit by May 27th.
- All open photos per entry (to any other photographs).

SECTION 03 = OPEN

(7) photos per student

SECTION 02 = Birchip P-12 School Students

This section sponsored by Birchipp Lumber.

(5) photos per entry.

SECTION 01 = Environment photographs

Photographs from Home. Photos will be judged for winning photo by
- Birchip's Council
- Photographers
- Teachers
- Residents
- Photographers from Hosrah council

The OPEN sections below will be judged for winning photo by
- Birchip Council
- Photographers
- Teachers
- Residents
- Photographers from Hosrah council

Friday Night: June 10th, 2011

Photographers by invitation

Program

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

JUNE 10th & 11th, 2011

Exhibition

Photographers by invitation

Birchip Public Hall

June Club of

Birchip 12 School Newsletter
Habits of Mind
Thanks to Mrs Michelle Lee

A New Invention To Catch Mice?

Does it come with a guarantee? The answer is no, but now that we have your attention let us share with you what we are really doing!

Years three, four and five science classes are currently very busy constructing mouse trap cars. No, it is not a new type of mouse catching device, but a vehicle powered solely by the energy of one single mouse trap. Once assembled, we will test the mouse trap cars to see how far they travel or how quickly they travel without being pushed! Some cars may be more successful than others. We will need time to play with our car, sometimes on our own and sometimes with others (working interdependently). This will give us thinking time (metacognition) so we can find out ways to improve our car, hopefully to find solutions (posing questions and problem solving). At times this may require great persistence and patience and even some humour!

But, we are up for the challenge! We look forward to our launch in the weeks to come; fingers crossed the WOW factor will be experienced.