Forthcoming Events

May
Monday 25th 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

August
Monday 3rd Parents Club Meeting - 7.30pm
Tuesday 25th School Photographs

SECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

Tuesday was a beautiful day for the running of the inter-house cross country. Students tried hard and some excellent times were achieved. The final result was a 260 point win to Young while Fraser came a close second on 213 points. The age group results were:

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Education Week Activity

Education Week was celebrated with a family evening at school. Students brought along their parents, grandparents and friends to a barbeque and activity night at school. There was lots of laughter as adults and children tried to master a huge array of fun activities. Mr Sayle and Mr Welton had parents in fits of laughter as they played blanket volleyball. Miss Heyden had a room full of enthusiastic tilers, all making colourful mosaics while beautiful aromas emanated from Mrs Barb Smith’s Home Economics’ room as biscuits, quiches and cakes were cooked. Mr Christie, main organiser of the event, encouraged a spirit of competition as parents and children strove to build the tallest tower construction out of spaghetti. In another Science room, Miss Barclay and Miss Meehan’s participants built hovercrafts from balloons and CDs. Some activities were more sedate; Miss Hicks introduced her group to a range of board activities while Miss Johnson motivated her group to answer a range of psychological questions and puzzles. Mr Whelan showed his eager band how to make key rings from Perspex.

Two bikes were given as prizes on the evening and the lucky winners were: Cloe Robinson and Cameron Whelan. Cloe was very eager to go for her first ride on her new bike.

It was an amusing, cheap family entertainment that encouraged conversations to take place and new skills to be learned.
Many thanks to Mr Russell Christie for his overall organization of the evening; another huge success for all involved.
Exam Period

The following examination schedule will be conducted from Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} June – Thursday 18\textsuperscript{th} June 2009. Students should ensure they are aware of what exams they have, when and where.

I encourage all students in years 9 – 12 to prepare well for these examinations.

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Grade 6 students will be departing from school at 9:30 a.m. on Monday 1\textsuperscript{st} June 2009 for their three day camp at Maldon. A special reminder is issued about bringing bike helmets and lunch and drinks on Monday. Sandra Naughton, Jarrod Tyler and Greg Welton will be accompanying the students. We wish the Grade 6 Camp crew all the best for an enjoyable time.

School Nurse Visit

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on June 9\textsuperscript{th} and 19\textsuperscript{th} 2009. The purpose of this visit is to undertake health assessments and discuss health concerns that parents and/or teachers may have with their children/students.

Prep Health Assessments: All parents of prep grade children will be requested to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the forms to the school office by June 9\textsuperscript{th} – prior to the school nurse visit. (Thanks to those who have returned their forms already.)

Referrals (All Grades): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behaviour and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office by June 9\textsuperscript{th} 2009. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form. Please note: You can talk to the school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.

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 7 and 12 buddies

This Wednesday 3rd June a BBQ will be held for to in year 7 and 12.

At the beginning of the year a buddy system was created where students in year 7 were matched with a student in year 12. It is hoped that a good relationship will develop between the year levels during the year.

Primary Wimmera Zone Cross Country

Ten students from our Birchip P-12 School represented the North Central district at the Wimmera Zone Cross Country in Dimboola yesterday. Eight districts from across the Wimmera region fielded strong competition and after the recent rain, a spongy track was well received by all competitors. Our students performed admirably in all sections with many running excellent times. The first four placings in each section will now represent the Wimmera Zone at the State Cross Country in Melbourne in July. Congratulations to Joseph Reid who came fourth in his event and who has qualified for the State Cross Country. Other placings include:

10 years and under girls: 44 competitors in event
Sarah Botheras 6th
Nakita Turner 15th
Jessica Bidstrup 27th
11 year old girls:
Georgia Lee
12 years and over girls: 34 competitors in event
Claudia Lee 11th

10 years and under boys: 44 competitors
Joseph Reid 4th
11 year old boys:
Joe O'Donnell 9th
12 years and over boys: 40 competitors in event
Royce Bennett 7th
Jake Gleeson 17th
Sean Hogan 21st

Well done to all students on their performances and thank you to all parents for transporting and supporting all of our students yesterday. Special thanks to Mrs Michelle Lee for her organization of our students and for officiating.

Red Shield Appeal - Go Red Day

Excellent response again from Birchip. Thank you to all who assisted in any way especially the parents and students from the football, netball, hockey and golf clubs who assisted with the Sunday doorknock.

Town collection - $950, School Casual Day - $220, SRC BBQ - $250 TOTAL - $1,420
Senior SRC Fundraiser
SRC representatives have decided to fundraise within the school community to assist with the building of a shelter over the school BBQ. This BBQ was constructed from SRC funds last year and built by Gareth Cozens. All primary and secondary SRC representatives have decided to sell chocolates to help kickstart the fundraising. Boxes of Maltesers, Mars Bars, Sunbursts and M&Ms are for sale at $4.00 per packet.

Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 5th June 2009
1. What are the five “ks” that are important to Sikhs?
2. What is the maximum number of spikes on a standard running shoe?
3. Bonsai is the art of what?
4. In which sport did Barry Sheen make his name?
5. Surtsey is a volcanic which appeared off the coast of which country in 1963?
6. What did Gary Sobers do in Glamorgan in 1968?
7. What is piano short for?
8. What type of pear is the main ingredient of the Mexican dish guacamole?
9. The Tyrrhenian Sea separates Italy from which island?
10. What colour were Model T Fords?

Last Week’s Answers
1. Which god is Thursday named after? Thor
2. Which sea separates Britain and Eire? Irish
3. Who discovered America in 1492? Christopher Columbus
4. Which male singer has the highest voice: a bass, a baritone or a tenor? A tenor
5. Do peanuts grow above or below ground? Below
6. What is measured in phons? Sound
7. Vaduz is the capital of which tiny European country? Liechtenstein
8. How did troubadours entertain people in medieval times? Writing poems and songs
9. Who designed St Paul’s Cathedral? Sir Christopher Wren
10. What kind of hat did Sherlock Holmes wear? deerstalker

Attention Parents of Prep & 4/5 Students
Year 10/11 Psychology students will be conducting an experiment to test Piaget’s theory of cognitive development of students in prep and grade four. The experiment will be conducted in your child’s class in one week’s time as part of the Psychology students’ assessment.

In the experiment students will be asked to judge the amount of liquid in a glass, compare the size of two balls made out of play dough and arrange straws to resemble a diagram. All results will remain completely confidential and they will be presented as group results only. We have found that most children find the experiment interesting and enjoy being involved.

If you object to your child participating in this experiment, please contact me by phone or through a note to your child’s classroom teacher.

Elisha Johnson - VCE Psychology Teacher

Word Quiz
In each column pick the two words that don’t fit. Some of these words have been discussed in Year 7 English.

Mindless mutilate
Unintelligent beautify
Discerning embellish
Astute mar
Imbecility lacerate
Oafishness maul

Birchip & District Pre School
PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF A CAKE STALL
Friday June 26th 2009 in Cumming Avenue, Birchip

Auskick
On 30th May 2009, Birchip Watchem plays Charlton at home. There will be an Auskick match at half time of the seniors game. All Auskickers will be able to play and are encouraged to attend. If you have any queries please contact Janine Paley (Auskick Coordinator) 5492 2767

SACs next week
- Biology
# Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
Birchip P-12 School
Parents’ Club Meeting
Monday 1st June 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
Staff Recreation Room

All Parents and Carers welcome

Please bring along vouchers to redeem coffee at the meeting (included in last week’s newsletter)

Items for AGENDA include:

- Refrigerated bubble tap placement
- Parents’ Club meeting attendance - what we can do for you and your children
- Volunteer work at Birchip P-12 School
- School Council report
- Principal’s report

If anyone has other items to be discussed - please contact Ros McCallum 50 772 218 for inclusion for meeting.

Let’s make 2009 a year for participation in Parents Club.

Ros McCallum
Secretary Parents’ Club

Parents’ Club Catering
Thank you very much to Jenny Hogan, Carol Reid, Louise Lee and Chris Hogan who helped at the O’Connor’s awards night at the Leisure Centre a couple of weeks ago. It was greatly appreciated.

We have been asked to cater for a Buloke Council Dinner on Wednesday 10th June 2009. The following mothers have kindly said they will provide casseroles. Many thanks to Debbie Riggall, Debra Emonson, Arlene Phelan and Marjorie Mattschoss. If these could be brought to school on the Wednesday morning it would be great.

Many thanks for your support to the Fund Raising as it allows us to help contribute to our great school. Many thanks.

Trish Lehmann
The Education Week evening provided plenty of opportunity for members of our school community to practise many of the Habits of Mind. In the food room five families took up the challenge to create healthy snacks. Mrs Weir commented on how well Mrs Barb Smith managed her impulsivity to jump in and take over when working with children. It was pleasing to see parents and grandparents thinking interdependently while taking responsible risks.

The response to the evening indicated the parent community is very happy to remain open to continuous learning by attending such events.