Forthcoming Events

June
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
                Secondary Northern Zone Cross Country - St. Arnaud
Friday 18th  Primary Winter Sports Carnival - Birchip
            Exam Day #3 for Years 9, 10 & 11
Monday 21st  Certificate II (Hospitality) invite luncheon
Thursday 24th  Primary Emergency Services Day at Woomelang
                VCAL students school lunch
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
Friday 16th
Thursday 15th  School Council Meeting - 8pm
Wednesday 21st  Years 10 & 11 Uni of Ballarat Outreach
                Careers Day
Thursday 29th  Secondary Winter Sports Carnival

August
Monday 2nd  Parents’ Club Meeting
Tuesday 3rd  English Competition
Thursday 5th  Mathematics Competition
Thursday 26th  ‘Wizard of Oz’ - Full Dress Rehearsal
            ‘Wizard of Oz’ - Opening Night
Friday 27th

September
Wednesday 1st  ‘Wizard of Oz’ - Closing Night
Sunday 26th  →  France Belgium Trip
Sunday 10th  October

Mid-year VCE examinations are over and next week years 9, 10 and 11 students will sit their mid-year examinations. Please see the examination timetable later in the newsletter. Mrs Barb Smith has also gathered some handy study hints for you to consider.

Students have a four day weekend starting this evening with a pupil free day tomorrow Friday 11th June and then Queen’s Birthday holiday on Monday 14th June 2010. I suggest Year 9, 10 and 11 students use this available time wisely and prepare for their exams.

Teachers are busy with correction and report writing. **End of semester reports will be distributed to students from 2:20 p.m. at home group assembly on Friday 25th June 2010.**

New alternative school uniform for girls

The school has a collection of various new skirt sizes for girls in years 7 → 11 to try on. We encourage a parent to accompany their daughter when they are fitting their skirt. The FINAL initial order will be made on Friday 18th June 2010; this will ensure supply of the ordered skirts by the first day of term three Monday 12th July 2010. Full payment must accompany the order. Skirts are $60.00 each.
European Battlefields Trip

Students and two lucky staff members from the Birchip P-12 School are preparing for a trip of a life time to France and Belgium.

Students have been studying the many brave men of Birchip who gave up their lives for their country. Each student had to research two soldiers and find out where these men fought and how they died. While in France and Belgium, they will take photographs of these soldiers’ graves and on returning to Birchip, students will make photo frames to display the photographs of the monuments.

Students Nicholas Bales, Conor Hogan, Hayden Collins, Jesse Buteux, Emily Smith, Riley Doran, Courtney Gleeson along with teachers, Mr Cameron Whelan and Miss Stacey Hicks are looking forward to tasting the culture of France and Belgium. The group is looking forward to seeing the Eiffel Tower, the icon of French ingenuity that was built in 1889. They are looking forward to perusing the designer shops that line the Champs Elysees and having their photograph taken at the Arc de Triomphe at the top of the Champs Elysees; they may even be amazed that the intersection at the top of the Arc de Triomphe averages eleven accidents an hour!

No visit to Paris would be complete without a tour around the most famous art gallery in the world, the Louvre which was built in 1793 for the Sun King, Louis XIV. Our intrepid travellers will be nine of the 8.5 million who visit the palace each year. If they have time, they will try to visit the bowels of the Louvre which was built the late twelfth century or they, like millions of others, will make a point to see the Mona Lisa.

But the focus of the trip is to tour the battlefields and all are looking forward to viewing the Menin Gate in Ieper. The Menin Gate is famous for its local buglers who have since 1928 played the Last Post each evening to honour the memory of soldiers of the British Empire who died. The only time when the Last Post was not played was in World War 2 when the area was under German occupation. The group feels privileged to be given permission to lay a wreath at the Gate.

Amazingly, around the town of Ieper there are 150 smaller cemeteries. The town boasts that it has an amazing museum which has an interactive ‘No Man’s Land’ and field hospital that brings the horrors of the battlefields to life. The travellers are bound to be in awe of what the soldiers had to endure far away from their homelands.

The group will visit the site of Hill 60 where the allies dug 19 tunnels right under the German trenches. Fromelles is a tiny village that the Birchipians will be visiting because it was here that 2,000 young diggers were killed in one single night in 1916. However, the mystery was that 170 Australians vanished without a trace and it has not been until recently that their bodies were found in mass graves.

Wherever the group goes, it will be seeped in history. They will visit the medieval town of Amiens, famous for being the birthplace of science fiction author, Jules Verne but also famous for its caves, of which there are more than 300 which the British used in World War One and the Germans used in World War Two.

The group have done a basic study of the battlefields but nothing will prepare them for seeing the 950 headstones at the Adelaide Cemetery on the outskirts of Villers Bretonneux. A visit to the Somme memorial Thiepval will strike home the sheer waste of lives when they see that the memorial bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and soldiers of the UK and South Africa who died in World War One in the Somme sector before 20th March 1918 and who have no known grave.

A visit to the Pozieres Windmill is on the itinerary as in this area the AIF suffered more than 23,000 casualties in the six weeks between July 23rd and September 5th 1916. Of this frightening figure, 7,000 were killed, died of wounds or were declared missing.

The group is really excited about their European visit which starts on 26th September and is enthusiastically studying many aspects of war, language and culture.
Recycling old mobile telephones

I encourage you all to consider recycling your old mobile phones and assist Geordy Spicer and his family to raise funds for Youth Cancer Centres. Please refer to the advert later in the newsletter.

NORTHERN ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Thirteen students have accepted the invitation to compete in the northern Zone Cross country to be held in St Arnaud next Thursday 17th June 2010. Final details regarding transport and other details will be sent home to parents early next week.

Primary Winter Sports Carnival

Next Friday, 18 June 2010, all Grade 4, 5 & 6 students will be participating in the North Central Primary Winter Sports Carnival which will be held in Birchip. Sports being held will be Minkey hockey, netball and football. Games will be conducted between 10:00 a.m. and around 2:00 p.m.

LOST

1 Blue Secondary Jumper – named – Riley Sayle

Birchip Junior Golf

No golf tomorrow, Friday 11 June 2010 due to pupil free day at school.

VCAL CFA Excursion

On Friday 28th May 2010 the VCAL students from Birchip joined the VCAL and Year 10 students from Kaniva College at the CFA Wimmera Field Training Ground to complete the basic fire fighting skills training.

The morning session took place in the classroom going over the relevant theory interspersed with humorous and not so humorous visual footage on fire fighting rights and wrongs. After lunch Branden, Ray and Brady then went onto the pad and enjoyed putting out kitchen and petrol fires, watching how smoke behaves in a house fire and crawling around the interior of a dark structure trying to find their way out. The day was very interesting and the students came away with a lot of new knowledge and skills. A pertinent message from the day was that using your mobile phone while it is on the charger is a very large fire risk. Always unplug your phone from the electricity source before you use it.
Coffee School

On Monday 7\textsuperscript{th} June 2010, 12 students together with Mrs Barb Smith attended an ‘\textit{Introduction to Coffee}’ workshop held in the new commercial kitchen. Tracey Ling from the Bendigo Coffee School conducted the sessions. Students learnt the importance of choosing beans, grinding textures, texturing milk and preparing a variety of coffee drinks. Words such as tampering, texturing, aerating, folding in and crema gained new meaning. Tracey’s gentle and persistent manner made it easy to grasp the new concepts and everyone enjoyed the sessions. Thanks to Simone Christie and the Birchip Business and Learning Centre for organising the day.

Maths is Marvellous – You can count on it!

\textbf{Snap}

Play “Snap” using playing cards. To win the pile a pair must be made. The winner is the player with the most cards. Alternatively to win the pile the two or more consecutive cards must add up to 10. (Ace = 1, Picture cards = 0)
Studying for Exams

“We learn....
10% of what we read
20% of what we hear
30% of what we see
50% of what we see and hear
70% of what we discuss
80% of what we experience
95% of what we teach others”
Quote - William Glasser

So some hints for studying:
• Work with a study buddy and discuss the topic. Ask each other questions
• Use a graphic organiser to prepare summary notes in topics (magic books, mind maps, fish bones) You can Google graphic organisers for lots of ideas
• Use sound recorder on your computer to make a podcast on various topics. Put them on your ipod and listen to it often. (on the bus, walking to school)
• Demonstrate to your parents and siblings what you know!!
• The earlier you start exam preparation the more likely you are to remember.

Ask staff for more ideas if you are stuck on how to study.

2010 Semester 1 Exam Timetable
Examinations will take place in Learning Studios 11 & 12

Tuesday
15th June 2010
9:00 – 10:40
Orange
60 Minute Exams
Certificate II Hospitality (10)
9/10 Forensic Science (8)
Certificate II Engineering (9)
9/10 Information Technology (9)
90 Minutes Exams
11 Chemistry (7)
9/10/11 Literature (10)

11:00 – 12:40
Pink
60 Minute Exams
9/10 Environmental Science (7)
11 Wood (6)
90 Minute Exams
11 Physics (4)
9/10 War Files (18)
9/10 Japanese (8)

1:40 - 3:20
Blue
60 Minute Exams
9/10 Art (14)
9/10 Business Management (17)
9/10 Global issues (6)
90 Minute Exams
11 English (15)

Wednesday
16th June 2010
9:00 – 10:40

Thursday
17th June 2010
9:00 – 10:40
Mauve
60 Minute Exams
9/10 Biology (14)
9/10 History (11)
9/10 Law Makers and Breakers (12)
90 Minute Exams
11 Physical Education (5)
11 Maths Methods (5)

11:00 – 12:40
Green
60 Minute Exams
11 Business Management (5)
9/10 Horticulture (7)
90 Minute Exams
11 Studio Art (2)
11 History (7)
9/10 Lights, Camera, Action! (13)
9/10 Textiles (12)

1:40 - 3:20
Yellow
60 Minute Exams
9/10 Graphic Art (7)
9/10 Physical Education (14)
11 Ag & Hort (3)
90 Minute Exams
11 HD (9)
11 Biology (7)
9/10 Wood (4)

Friday
18th June 2010
9:00 – 10:40
Red
90 Minutes Exams
11 General Mathematics (13)
10 Maths (17)
9 Maths (20)

11:00 – 12:40

60 Minute Exams
9/10 Art (14)
9/10 Business Management (17)
9/10 Global issues (6)
90 Minute Exams
11 English (15)
Habits of Mind – This week’s winner

Congratulations to Jessamy Bennett, this week’s winner of the Habits of Mind Award.

Jessamy displayed empathy and understanding whilst completing a visual analysis task about the Holocaust during History.

Thank you to all students who have been nominated this week. ALL nominated students will go into the running for the end of year prize of the iPod touch.

| Year 4 spelling words for Term 2, Week 10 – Miss Jessica Arnott’s class |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| passes | manners | basically | violet | advantage |
| ocean | caught | theme | glitter | especially |
| opened | television | holding | vehicle | injured |
| cupboard | plasma | field | guard | near |

Students can also access a highly recommended website to assist: www.spellingcity.com

Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 18th June 2010

1. What is an apiarist?
2. Which town near Exeter in the UK is famous for carpets?
3. The word ketchup comes from which language?
4. What is a marimba?
5. The band called The Band, were the backing group for which famous musician?
6. The notorious US prison Alcatraz stands on a rock in which bay?
7. In 1961, the Unimate was the first example of what?
8. If you shoot a clout, what sport are you playing?
9. The musical Cats was based on which book?
10. What is the focal point of an earthquake called?

Answers to last week’s homework questions

1. In what year did Australia win the Davis Cup for the first time? 1939
2. What was American general George Patton’s nickname? Old Blood and Guts
3. Thomas Edison patented roughly how many inventions- 100, 500 or 1000? 1000
4. Under whom did William Bligh sail before being given command of The Bounty? James Cook
5. Albert Park and Emerald Hill joined forces in 1867 to become which AFL club? South Melbourne
6. With which song did Abba win the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest? Waterloo
7. A more common name for hypertension is ... High blood pressure
8. Which gas does the atmosphere around Mars mainly consist of? Carbon dioxide
9. Over which Pacific kingdom did King Tupou 4 rule? Tonga
10. In which country would you spend shekels and agorot? Israel

West Side Crew: Hip Hop - Break Dance Classes

A very talented group of interested students are holding a ‘Hip Hop - Break Dance’ Dance School.

Where: Birchip Indoor Recreation Centre (School Stadium)

When: Mondays from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: $1.00 per student

Who: Dance classes are for students in grade four and up.

Supervision: There will always be a rostered parent on duty. Please see duty list below.

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Year 7 Spelling

Week Nine

available
contain
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squad
accident
jewellery
hostile
restaurants
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**WASM CAREERS ASSOCIATION**

**CAREERS EXPO 2010**

Tuesday 15 June  5.30 - 9.00 pm  
Wednesday 16 June  9.30 - 2.00 pm  
Wimmera Machinery Field Days Site, Longerenong

**LOOKING FOR CAREER OR COURSE DIRECTION?**

**COME AND VISIT THE CAREERS EXPO 2010.**

*The Careers Expo 2010 offers a broad range of career and course information and the opportunity of "Trying a Trade"*

*The Careers Expo 2010 celebrates 24 years of bringing vocational information to Western Victorian students, families, school leavers, job seekers and people considering a career change. The Expo is a major annual event organised by the Wimmera & Southern Mallee Careers Association, the Wimmera Development Association and the WSM LLEN. It is expected that over 2000 students from 15 Secondary Colleges will be in attendance.*

**Tuesday 15 June  5.30 - 9.00 pm (ideal for parents)**
- Career and course exhibitors displays
- Tertiary Transition (UI, Deakin & Centrelink) specifically for parents (7-8pm).
- Apprenticeship and employment Information at WorkCo stand in exhibitors hall.

**Wednesday 16 June  9.30 - 2.00pm**
- Career and course Exhibitors displays
- Comprehensive Seminar program
- Manufacturers and Trade “Hands-on” opportunities
- Tertiary Information Session (conducted by TIS) specifically for Year 12 students. Year 11 students welcome

Participants will have the opportunity to talk to a wide range of career, industry and course advisors on a one-to-one basis. Parents and job-seekers are also encouraged to attend. An extensive list of Exhibitors and Seminars available will be available from your local school or will be in the Wimmera Mail Times in the week prior to the Expo. Please contact WMFD Management on 53847210 for further details.

The WASM Careers Association looks forward to seeing you at this year’s Expo.

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**Birchip Angling Club**

Birchip Angling Club are conducting a fishing competition at Tchum Lake on Sunday 20th June 2010. Fishing starts at 12:00 noon and a barbecue will follow at 4:30 p.m.

All current and new members are most welcome. This is a shore/bank competition with some fantastic prizes up for grabs.

$5.00 entry for seniors and $2.00 for juniors.

For further information please contact Jarrod Tyler.

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**Homework!**

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
Geordy Spicer and his family have organized a collection to recycle unused and old mobile phones. If you have any old mobile phones, please bring them to the school office for recycling and help raise funds for Youth Cancer Centres. More information can be found at: www.youcan.org.au

Thanks for your support.
Birchip Watchem Football Club - Junior Roster for Saturday 12th June 2010

Under 16 Boundary Umpires
Reserves: Jake Gleeson, Jordan Galway, Harry Christie, J McGinnis, Mikko Garcia
Seniors: Sam Owa, Nikko Garcia, Gerhard Egerer, Spencer Weir, Joe Reid

Could Boundary Umpires please wear a white shirt, not an inside out jumper.
Also if parents or players are unable to do their duty could they please organise a swap.

Under 13 Team Manager - Andrew Sayle
Under 16 Team Manager - Russell Christie

3rd Annual Wycheproof Chamber of Commerce
TOWN GARAGE SALE / MARKET DAY
SUNDAY, 20th JUNE 2010
9am to 2pm
Garage Sales, Car Boot Sales, Market Stalls and end-of-financial-year Sales!!
Come along and get yourself a bargain or three!!
Site Bookings and Enquiries to: Resource Centre on 5493 7455

Sports Trainers Course IN Birchip
Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June 2010
Cost: $185.
Fees can be waived if you are willing to use these skills as a volunteer in the Birchip community.
Need 8 people for this course to run so please give names to Simone Christie ASAP.
Birchip Business and Learning Centre
Telephone: 54 922 735
eMail: birchipblc@bigpond.com

OPEN DAY DATES
Attending Open Days is a great way to find out more about universities and TAFEs, see facilities, find out about courses and collect information. Put these dates in your diary.

Saturday 31st July
- Monash University (Berwick Gippsland and Peninsula campuses)

Sunday 1st August
- Monash University (Caulfield, Clayton and Parkville campuses)

Sunday 8th August
- Deakin University (Geelong)
- RMIT University /TAFE
- Gordon TAFE (Geelong)
- Victoria University /TAFE (Footscray)

Saturday 14th August
- Holmesglen TAFE

Sunday 15th August
- Australian Catholic University (ACU) (Melbourne)
- Deakin University (Warrnambool)
- La Trobe University (Bendigo)
- Swinburne University /TAFE
- Melbourne University
- Sunraysia TAFE (Swan Hill)

Sunday 22nd August
- Box Hill TAFE
- Deakin University (Melbourne)
- La Trobe University (Albury/Wodonga)

Sunday 29th August
- ACU (Ballarat)
- Ballarat University
- La Trobe University (Bundoora)
Binge drinking, drugs, anxiety disorders, depression, issues of body image and self esteem are universal problems. They occur right here in Birchip and have the potential to cause any kid to lose their way.

We all need to understand the problems, recognise the symptoms and learn how to give appropriate support.

You are invited to a workshop that will focus on depression and anxiety disorders

**Guest Speaker:** Nathan Thompson (former Hawthorn & North Melbourne player)

**Where:** Charlton Football Club Social Rooms, Charlton

**When:** Wednesday 16 June at 7:00pm

**Host:** North Central Football League

**RSVP:** Russell Christie 0429 922 488
The North Central Junior Lightning Premiership

Football Hockey & Netball Juniors

Lord Nelson Park, St. Arnaud on Sunday July 18th 2010

This year's North Central League Junior carnival, (the Under 12 Lightning Premiership) for football, netball & hockey will be held at St Arnaud on Sunday 18th July. Players will need to be under 12 years of age at 1st January of this year to play football and in hockey there are two grades, under 12 and under 10.

The rules for the round robin competition will be the same as the minkey competition, played across the field in one 23m section of the field with modified goals, only pushing, no hitting. Football also plays on a modified size field with reduced playing numbers.

This is a good opportunity for children to play a few games on one day and is usually a well organised fun day. It starts at 10 am and finishes about 3pm. Teams usually play about 5 games for the day. Some children will have to decide if they want to play football, netball or hockey so please have this discussion at home asap so we can organise teams.

There is no pressure on your child to play, but if your child is interested please complete the form and return. Children don’t have to be playing footy or hockey already, any new players are welcome in football and hockey. If there are too many players teams will be selected by age.

*Netball is restricted by the number of players they can enter so anyone interested in playing netball should talk to Heather Hogan and not include their name on this form.*

Should you have any queries, please contact Noeline & Leon Hogan for football 5498 1261 and Simone Christie on 5492 2735 wk or home 5492 2488 asap. for hockey. Please return this form to Simone, Noeline or the front office at school by Saturday 19th June.

A note will be given to students prior to the carnival with more details about starting times etc. Players will need to organise their own transport to St Arnaud.

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Parent’s Signature ________________________________

Parent’s Mobile Contact ________________________________
During Term 2, Primary PE students explored many elements of gymnastics. Gymnastics is often seen as an Olympic sport but the school gymnastics program encourages students to development muscular strength, endurance, joint flexibility, balance and coordination and good posture required for everyday living. Most importantly it is aimed at fostering enthusiasm for physical activity that will hopefully encourage students to maintain this in their daily lives. Students often had to think flexibly and creatively when performing movements that were challenging to make sure they were performed safely but effectively. This often resulted in humorous situations as students developed confidence and took responsible risks to discover different ways of moving their body in space. Students worked interdependently to plan and perform a simple gymnastics routine to an audience. They had to persist and strive for accuracy during their practice to ensure their performance was polished and captured the attention of the audience.

This is a collection of photos from the Year 4 PE class as they practised for their group routine.