Forthcoming Events

**June**
- Monday 21st: Certificate II (Hospitality) invite luncheon
- Wednesday 23rd: Lawmakers excursion to Swan Hill Court
- Thursday 24th: Primary Emergency Services Day at Woomelang
- 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: 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
- Monday 9th: **Pupil Free Day** - ULTRANET Day
- Monday 16th: House Athletics Sports - Field Events
- Wednesday 18th: House Athletics Sports - Track Events
- Thursday 19th: School Council Meeting 8pm
- Monday 23rd: Book Week
- Saturday 28th: School Photographs
- Thursday 26th: ‘Wizard of Oz’ - Full Dress Rehearsal
- Friday 27th: ‘Wizard of Oz’ - Opening Night

**September**
- Wednesday 1st: ‘Wizard of Oz’ - Closing Night
- Friday 3rd: Primary Athletics Sports - Donald
- Tuesday 7th: Secondary Interschool Athletics Sports - Rainbow
- Thursday 16th: School Council Meeting 8pm
- Friday 17th: Last Day of Term 3 - 2:30pm finish
- Sunday 26th: France Belgium Trip
- Sunday 10th: October

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**Thank You**

Last weekend a working bee was held to laser level the expansive area to the south of the stadium. This has really cleaned up the area with all the rubbish and debris removed and the uneven ground levelled.

A big thank you to Peter James, Darren Hogan, Sauce Hogan and David Smith who worked from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. last Sunday to ensure the site was ready for the school week. Thanks also to Colin Hogan and Peter James who brought truck loads of class 4 quarry stone from Ballarat to spread on the site. The Ag Expo this year will actually position their big marquee on this site. They will then be able to utilize our new facilities for the Ag Expo as well.

**A busy week!**

Years 9, 10 and 11 students have experienced end of semester examinations with each unit. Staff reports suggest these examinations were conducted very formally with students responding appropriately to ensure their test marks were maximized.

Staff completed student reports during the week – these are now being checked and printed. Reports will be available next Friday 25th June 2010 at 2:25 p.m. during Home Group Assembly.

The school will be host to the annual BCG Ag Expo on Thursday 1st July 2010. This is usually a terrific fundraiser for the school. Later in
this newsletter parents will find a roster for this day. Thank you to rostered parents in anticipation of your willingness to give up your time to support our school.

Early Dismissal Next Friday
25th June 2010

As it will be the last day of Term 2, school will dismiss students at 2:30 p.m. next Friday 25th June 2010. As such buses will drop students off at their respective bus stops approximately one hour earlier than normal.

Wilkur Watchem Bus
A new schedule for term 3 will be sent home next week. Parents and students are reminded that the anti-clockwise route will be in operation.

Takashi Okada
Thank you to Diona, Ron, Darcie, Ethan and Leslee Cooper Family and Barb, David and Emily Smith Family for hosting Takashi this term. Takashi is now staying at Mr Gavin McRae’s home in town. He is enjoying the footy and plans to have a great winter holiday in Australia. Takashi is travelling along the Great Ocean Road on his way to Adelaide before he heads north to Alice Springs on the Ghan.

Congratulations Emily
Year 11 student, Emily Noonan has been awarded a prestigious scholarship from the Melbourne Theatre Company to study acting in Melbourne during the school holidays. Emily was one of twenty Victorian students to win this scholarship that will allow her to develop her craft under the tutelage of three directors and actors.

The culmination of the group’s theatrical experience will be show-casing a production that they have worked on during their time in Melbourne.

Emily’s passion in the dramatic arts started when the school took part in the Fairfax production in Swan Hill in 2009. After learning so much in a week, a group of students decided to form their own company called the Swan Hill Youth Theatre Ensemble. Emily trains with the group every Wednesday and every second Friday and they are working towards presenting at the Adelaide Fringe Festival in 2011. Presently, they have adapted the script of Macbeth and have shown a segment of it at the Malthouse Theatre in Melbourne. Incidentally, Emily has the part of Lady Macbeth and it was from her performance at the Malthouse that Emily was awarded the scholarship.

New Students
Over the past few weeks our school has welcomed some new students.

Dianne Wineera from New Zealand commenced recently. Dianne is in year 8 and lives with her grandmother Matu and her cousins, the McGinnis family.

We also welcome Fiona & James Knight who come to us from Beaconsfield. They have decided on a ‘Mallee Change’. Fiona and James have three children; Boyce (8) in Grade 3, Tate (4) and McKeller (2). Fiona is employed as a Real estate Agent for North West Real Estate.
Northern Zone Cross Country

A hardy team of twelve secondary students braved the icy winds of St Arnaud to compete in the Northern Zone Cross Country yesterday. The Northern Zone ranges from schools like Kyneton, south of Bendigo to Echuca and Mildura in the north of the state.

The Birchip team consisted of Claudia Lee, Sean Hogan, Jacob Gleeson, Hayley Hogan, Sophie Hogan, Jacob Christie, Connor McGinnis, Emma Hogan, Courtney Gleeson, Brylie Emonson, Jarryd Hogan and Hugh O’Keefe.

Each student enjoyed the challenge and are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Age groups often had 50 or more competitors and our students performed well.

Better performers included:

Claudia Lee 16th / 60
Hayley Hogan 7th / 64
Jacob Christie 17th / 62
Hugh O’Keefe 5th / 40

Well done to everyone!

Thanks also to parents who assisted with transport, cheered on the students and collected results. Thank you to Mr Sayle for his organization of the Birchip team and management on the day.

Year 9, 10 & 11 Laptop Program

Reminder to parents paying for laptops by instalment payments that this terms instalment $110.00 and insurance of $50.00 are due by Friday 25th June 2010 please.

Year 10&11 Camp forms and payments

Medical forms are due back next week and a reminder that payment is required before departure.
Mid Year Examinations

Students in years nine, ten and eleven are busily studying and undertaking their mid year examinations. Practising the discipline of studying and actually sitting quietly and concentrating for ninety minutes is a useful skill for students who intend to study at Year 12 level.

Art

Part of the skill of being a competent artist is to have sharp observational skills. Here Miss McKenzie’s Year 7 graphic students are drawing something that they see every day but don’t necessary take in. Students had to use rulers to draw proportional dimensions of the school administration block and work towards achieving accurate perspective drawings. Even though the weather was bleak and the wind was gusty, the students managed to complete sketches.

Habits of Mind – This week’s winner

Congratulations to Marnie Lehmann, this week’s winner of the Habits of Mind Award.

Marnie thought flexibility whilst preparing coffee for a number of visiting guests at the school.

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.

Hot Lunches for the Secondary Section Next Week

The Certificate II Hospitality students are catering for the year 10, 11 and 12 students on Monday. They have called it an end of exams celebration lunch. Students who have placed orders and have not paid are asked to remember to bring $7.00 on Monday. The menu included a choice of 3 noodle boxes and a piece of cake.

On Thursday the VCAL students are preparing lunch for the year 7, 8 and 9 students. Order forms have been sent home. The menu is a choice of pumpkin or tomato soup and a baked potato with filling ingredients of coleslaw, sour cream and grated cheese. Students are asked to return money and order forms by Monday.
Year 7 Spelling

Week Ten

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- reduce
- disappointing
- treatment
- advantage
- confidence
- abrasive
- destination
- recognition

Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 25th June 2010
1. How many years are celebrated by a paper anniversary?
2. *It was twenty years ago today* is the first line of which Beatles tune?
3. What is consommé?
4. Pisciculturalists rear what?
5. What were the first names of the comedy duo Abbott and Costello?
6. Name the third planet from the sun.
7. Which is smaller, the North or South Island of New Zealand?
8. Who created Blinky Bill?
9. The breed of dog known as the schipperke is what colour?
10. What was Ottawa’s original name?

Answers to last week’s homework questions
1. What is an apiarist? Beekeeper or honey farmer
2. Which town near Exeter in the UK is famous for carpets? Axminster
3. The word *ketchup* comes from which language? Chinese
4. What is a *marimba*? Percussion instrument
5. The band called *The Band*, were the backing group for which famous musician? Bob Dylan.
6. The notorious US prison Alcatraz stands on a rock in which bay? San Francisco Bay
7. In 1961, the Unimate was the first example of what? An industrial robot
8. If you shoot a clout, what sport are you playing? Archery
9. The musical *Cats* was based on which book? *Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats* by T S Eliot
10. What is the focal point of an earthquake called? Epicentre

Maths is Marvellous – You can count on it!

Number Plates
When travelling in a car, look at number plates. See how many one, two or three digit numbers can be made from the one number plate. Decide if the number is odd or even. What number comes before or after it? What would be 2/10/100 more? What number would be 2/10/100 less?

Old monitors, keyboards, mice, cables etc., to give away!
We have a variety of older monitors, keyboards and mice to GIVE AWAY. These are never to be returned to the school. If interested you can turn up from 4:00 p.m. **Wednesday 23rd June 2010** to take your choices away.

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: Parent on duty. Sue Turner – Monday 21st June 2010
Parents’ Club News
NEXT PARENTS CLUB MEETING: Monday 2nd AUGUST 2010

Birchip and District Pre-School
Supp Lotto Fundraiser – Week 8, 12th June 2010
1st – 35 – Gavin McRae
2nd – 20 – Owen Reid
Thanks to all who bought a ticket.

BIRCHIP YOUTH ROOM
The Keys for the Birchip Youth Room can be collected from Christie’s but they must be signed for.

Users must ensure the youth room and the computer room are left tidy, furniture is in order, bins are emptied, lights and heaters are turned off and the key is returned.

The youth room is available on weekdays between 3.30-10pm. Saturday 5.30pm-midnight and Sundays 10am-10pm.

If there are any concerns please contact Mikaela Christie (President Birchip Youth Group) 0488 570 867.

Junior Hockey, Football and Netball Pie and Quiz night
Next Tuesday 22nd June 2010, Sharp’s Bakery has again generously donated food for a pie night.

This night is open to all junior players who play under 13 or higher junior sport of a Saturday.

The night will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Under 13 & 15 hockey training MOVED to Tuesday Quiz night, training and tea with netball & football. All players and parents welcome There will be NO Wednesday Under 13&15 training 23rd June 2010

Birchip Watchem Minkey Hockey
A reminder to players and parents that children must be in grade 2 to play in the Minkey games on Saturdays.

Birchip Watchem Netball Club
Scorers for Charlton matches – A Grade Kerrie Walder, B Grade Lyn Boyle, C Grade Jenny (Sophie) Noonan, Junior A Tayla Connelly, Junior B Sam Kemp, 13 & Under Jackie Tierney

Saturday night catering – food items can be delivered to the school home eco centre this evening until 6.30p.m. or to the Uniting Church Hall tomorrow afternoon or to Michelle Lee’s kitchen on way to Charlton.

Please return Lightening Premiership forms for Hockey and Football to school by Monday 21st June 2010.

Birchip Pre-school
Upcoming fundraising event.
Family photos by Vision Portraits
Watch this space for further details.

Birchip Cricket Club Meeting
Tuesday 22nd June 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
Commercial Hotel Dining Room
The purpose is to decide our structure and involvement in the WMCA this coming season.

If you cannot attend this meeting but would like some input please contact Andrew Sayle or Gary Living

Birchip Auskick
Auskick for this term will conclude on Thursday 24th June 2010. We will be continuing with Auskick for next term, starting the first week back.

During the holidays, when we play Wycheproof at home we will have an Auskick match at half time.

For all children who are interested they are asked to meet out the front of the senior change rooms at quarter time.

If any parents have any questions please telephone Janine 0458 315 234
Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

Birchip Watchem Football Club - Junior Roster for Saturday 16th June 2010

Birchip Watchem is away to Charłoż

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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

Birchip Angling Club

Birchp 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.

Birchip Golf Club Social Golf
Come & Try Day - Sunday 20th June 2010

Game – Ambrose – 14 Holes
Teams of 3 or 4
Single entries will be fitted in teams.
Hit off 12 noon sharp
Entries by 11:30 a.m.
Telephone 5492 2339
Members please bring a plate of afternoon tea
What: Read Aloud and Rhyme-time demonstrations and activities

Where: Birchip P-12 School Community Library

When: Fortnightly Thursdays

- July 22\textsuperscript{nd}
- August 5\textsuperscript{th}
- August 19\textsuperscript{th}
- September 2\textsuperscript{nd}
- September 16\textsuperscript{th}

10:00 am for all ages

Why: Add to your existing storytelling skills
* learn rhymes & chants for 2010
* stimulate brain development
* borrow books from the library
* socialize with other babies and parents

** If you know someone with a child aged 0 - 5 in the area please invite them to come along with their child.

For more information contact either Diona Cooper or Kaylene James on 5492 2230
BCG Grains Research Expo

1 July 2010

Thursday 1 July 8.30am - 4.00pm Birchip P - 12 School

Discussion sessions:

- Locusts: the good, the bad and the ugly
- Reading the weather
- Pools vs direct marketing
- Planning for the next-gen
- Loving livestock
- Technology trends
- New chemistry investigated
- Integrated pest management

More than 80 industry exhibitors will showcase the latest in weed management, varieties, grain storage & marketing, climate & weather, precision agriculture & more.

We would be grateful if the following families could provide an adult member to work at the BCG Ag Expo. This is a major fundraising event for our school and your support is vital to ensure that adequate people are in attendance to assist with the catering. We thank in anticipation, all of the people listed, especially those on the early shifts. It is vital that replacements are found by those unavailable to work. If you are unable to find a replacement, please find a replacement or swap for yourself and inform John Richmond on 0417 106 033.

**Breakfast Crew in kitchen 7.30-10am**  
Trish Lehmann, Simone Donnellon, Rachel Colbert, Colene Delaney, Sharon Flowers, Kerrie Walder, Brenda Doran, Norah Egerer

**Breakfast Crew 7.00-10am**  
Kevin Reid, Colin Hogan, Chris Hogan, Jenny and Leigh Hogan, John Bales, Graeme Connelly, Leigh Weir, Andrew Sayle, Greg Martin, Peter Walder, Jacinta and Adrian Connelly

**Lunchtime Crew 10am-1pm**  
James Boyle, Andrew and Wendy Bidstrup, Mandy Braine, Keith and Bev Forrester, Chris and Andrea Phelan, Claire and Chris Cook, Debbie and Shane Riggall, James and Arlene Phelan, Peter and Margaret Shirley, Wendy and Jamie Buteux.

**Afternoon Crew 12.30 3.30pm**  
Kim McInerney, Bernadette O’Donnell, Colin Kemp, Noeline Hogan, Jackie Tierney, Wendy Watts, Denita Donnan

**Food Trolley x 2 (Around Expo Site) 9.30-12.30pm**  
Cassie Robinson, Debra Emonson, Ellie Reid, Dionaa Cooper, Georgina Hogan

**Food Trolley x 2 (Around Expo Site) 12.30 – 3.30 pm**  
Helen Casey, Michelle Lee, June Thorogood, Kerrie Barker, Tina Garcia

**5 Litres of Vegetable or Chicken Soup:**  
Trish Lehmann, Brenda Doran, Val Connelly, Sharon Flowers, Margaret O’Keefe, Bernadette Hogan

**Slice – Own Choice (to cut up to 12 pieces)**  
Wendy Collins, Carly Sharp, Renae Dingley, Fiona Sayle, Noeline Hogan

**Muffins – Own Choice (1 dozen)**  
Tracey Bennett, Jackie Rymer, Debra Emonson, Annette Bennett, Ros McClelland

All cooking for the Ag Expo is required at the school by 7.30am Thursday 1st July 20 or by prior arrangement with Trish Lehmann or Eileen Smith.

Thank you for your support.

John Richmond  
Principal
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Habits of Mind

We constantly use our clever monkeys in 1/2, from finding humour, striving for accuracy and persisting.