## Forthcoming Events

### June
- **Monday 20th**: Years 9, 10 & 11 examinations
- **Tuesday 21st**: Years 9, 10 & 11 examinations
- **Wednesday 22nd**: Cyber Safety Talk - Susan McLean
- **Thursday 23rd**: Years 9, 10 & 11 examinations
- **Friday 24th**: Years 9, 10 & 11 examinations
  - "Jump Off" Day Primary Students
  - Excursion to Aladdin - Tyrrell College 12noon
- **Monday 27th**: VCAL Driver Education to Charlton
- **Tuesday 28th**: VCE Biology trip to Ballarat
- **Wednesday 29th**: Outdoor Education overnight to Grampians
- **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
- **Japan Fundraising Day**

### August
- **Monday 1st**: Secondary Winter Sports Carnival
- **Tuesday 2nd**: Australian English Competition
- **Wednesday 3rd**: Year 12 RACV talk at 11.45am
- **Thursday 4th**: Australian Mathematics Competition
- **Monday 15th**: "Book Week"
- **Friday 26th**: "SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS"

### September
- **Friday 26th**: Primary Athletics Sports - Donald

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**Welcome Jed Connelly**

Welcome to Jed Connelly who commenced in grade 2 on Tuesday this week. Welcome also to his parents Dean and Jo Connelly and their family. Dean is no stranger to Birchip of course. Many of the older teachers remember Dean fondly when he was a student at the school in the 1980s.

**AND THE MOVE CONTINUES!**

We are now using the new refurbished wing. We only have one class left to move over. The grade four & five class will move next week.

We also took delivery of the 120 new lockers for the primary children and new ottomans for the gallery and wheelie chairs for the computer hub areas. The new learning areas look fantastic. You are very welcome to come and have a look at our new building.

**Examinations**

Our VCE students experienced their first taste of external examinations this week. They can now put their efforts behind them and move on to the next phase of learning.

Examinations for students in years 9, 10 & 11 will occur next week from Monday to Friday. Please find the examination timetable later in the newsletter. *Of course, it is only twenty weeks to final end of year examinations.*
Good Luck to our Primary Cross Country Competitors

We wish our primary students who are competing in the regional cross country at Stawell on Monday all very the best. Good luck to Caitlyn Bidstrup, Will Sheahan, Sarah Botheras, Joseph Reid and Jessica Bidstrup.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – NAVY BLUE SCARVES ARE IN!

School Council last night moved to add a navy blue scarf to the school uniform. This means that should a student wish to add a scarf to their normal daily attire to school then a navy scarf is the one of choice. The wearing of a scarf is not compulsory but if one is worn it must be a navy blue scarf. The scarf will be available from the uniform shop when orders are received. The navy blue scarves will be $13.00 each. This addition to the school uniform will commence from the start of term 3, Monday 18th July 2011.

Japan Fundraising Day

The Student Board is organizing a fundraising day for Japan. It will be held on the last day of term Friday 1 July 2011. There will be about six activities with groups of students rotating through these activities.

Year 12 students and Student Board will coordinate the activities with staff overseeing each activity. Hospitality students will be catering for the Japanese luncheon.

There will be NO classes during periods 3 & 4 so that activities can proceed.

Jump for Heart Day

‘Jump Rope for Heart’ day, sponsored by the Heart Foundation, will be on Friday June 24th at the school. The day starts off at 9.15am when students will do their warm up and ‘Healthy Heart Tag.’ Then it is into ‘Fruit Salad’ running which will be followed by a showcase of various skipping techniques and games that students have practised this term. After this event are a set of skipping challenges, one of which is ‘Who can perform a basic double bounce skip the longest?’ This challenge is open to adults and students. After all this exercise, what would be better than
to eat a lovely fresh fruit salad and healthy muffins prepared by the Cert II Hospitality students? Community members are most welcome to come and see the students’ skipping skills. Please see the ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ day & Aladdin excursion elsewhere in the newsletter.

BOG Expo

Thursday 7 July 2011

The BOG Expo day will be held on Thursday 7 July 2011 during the first week of the holidays. A parent roster was sent home during the week. Please return the reply slips to the school office so that we can continue planning. We are hoping for maximum parental assistance with this day. The day is an excellent money raiser for the school.

Cyber Safety Student Talks - Tuesday 21st July 2011

Susan McLean will visit our school on Tuesday 21st July 2011 to deliver Cyber Safety talks to students and teachers.

In the evening, the parent and teacher talk will be delivered at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre.

There will be hot finger food provided.

All parents are strongly urged to attend this most informative talk.

Schedule:
09:30 – 12:45 Years 9, 10 & 11 students
11:05 – 12:45 Years 7 & 8 students
01:45 – 03:25 Grade 5 & 6 students
07:00 – 08:30 Parents and teachers at BCLC.

Please see parent invitation letter later in the newsletter.

Maths is Marvellous
You Can Count on it

Super sums.

Each player writes numbers 1-12 on a piece of paper. The object of the game is to be the first one to cross off all the numbers on this list. Use only the cards 1-6. Each player picks two cards and adds up the numbers on them. The players can choose to mark off the numbers on the list by using the total value or crossing off two or three numbers that make that value. For example, if a player picks a 5 and a 6, the player can choose to cross out 11, or 5 and 6, or 7 and 4, or 8 and 3, or 9 and 2, or 10 and 1, or 1, 2, and 8. If a player cannot cross off a number, the player loses the turn. The first player to cross off all the numbers wins.
Making Music  
Monday 18 – Friday 22 July 2011

Jane Thompson & James Rigby – musicians will enthuse our children with making music, writing music, playing music and enjoying music during the first week of term three.

Mrs Andrea Phelan will organize the week’s schedule.

There will be six sessions per day: Grades P&1, Grades 1&2, Grades 3&4, Grades 4&5, Grades 6, Years 7&8

There will be an evening performance from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. to highlight and showcase the skills and talents acquired by the children during the week.

Parents and friends will be warmly welcome to attend and join the celebration of music.

The activity will take place in the stadium.

Art Display
There will also be an opportunity to showcase the school’s art, crafts and other displayables.

Art displays and student work will be on display on the walls of the stadium during this event so that parents and community members can view the displays.

Grade prep, 1 & 2 excursion to ScienceWorks

Students love learning away from school and this year Mrs Kelly’s excursion to Melbourne’s Explore-a-saurus at ScienceWorks, surpassed all expectations. Prep to grade 2 students were so excited to be travelling to Melbourne by coach and train and for many of the youngsters, it was the first time that they had been on a train.

Explore-a-saurus includes many animatronic models of the world’s most famous dinosaurs. Students and the teachers were amazed by the sheer size, colour and enormity of the dinosaurs that moved and bellowed and seemed so real. The exhibition was interactive and students were able to try their hand at being palaeontologists by brushing away sand to find bones and fossils. The youngsters were able to test their strength against the might of a T-Rex jaw and look through the eyes of a carnivore or herbivore dinosaur. They were able to compare the types of plants that dinosaurs ate, examine insects under microscopes, recreate the sounds of various dinosaurs and see how they digested their food.

For some students it was the first time they had been to Melbourne and some thought that the North Melbourne escalators were better than any show-ride they had been on. It was a fantastic day and many commuters commented at how well behaved our children were as there was no yelling and screaming and students put their rubbish in bins.

Thank you to Mrs Merrilyn Kelly for her excellent organization and leadership of the excursion and to Mrs Maureen Donnellon, Miss Samantha Stacey, Mrs Bernadette Smith, Mrs Emma Bennett and Mrs Kelli-Ann Sheahan for their willingness to be involved and ensure the day was a highlight for our children.

Auskick Program

There will be an Auskick game held at half time of the football this Saturday, 18th of June. Any child wishing to participate should meet outside the Birchip-Watchem change rooms at ¼ time of the Senior match.

Rostered Helpers for Wednesday, 22nd June 2011

Jack Randall, Chris Colbert, Aaron Lewis, Hugh O’Keefe, Gerhard Egerer

Could children participating in Auskick, please bring their football passport that was in their Auskick pack, to Auskick next week. Rewards can be received by bringing the passport and collecting stamps each session.

Birchip & District Pre-School Supp Lotto Winners Week 1

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SACs Next Week

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Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will commence their Mid-year examinations this Monday.

Students are expected to be at school in full school uniform each day in readiness for their examinations. Please be sure to bring along your pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, math-o-matts, calculators and study notes for the examinations. Students should also bring along a book to read and/or other subject material to study should they finish their exam early. Please find the examination timetable below.

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**Recess**

| **Periods 3 & 4** | Normal Classes | 11 General Maths VCAL Lit/Num 9 Mathematics 10 Mathematics | Normal Classes | Normal Classes |

**Lunch**


**The Calendar for the rest of the term:**

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Are you worried about the misuse of technology or cyber bullying?
‘Keeping your child safe in Cyberspace’

Keeping children safe in this cyber world is very difficult for parents and the school has engaged cyber expert, Susan McLean to give a community presentation on Cyber Safety at the Birchip Leisure Centre on Tuesday 21st June 2011 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Susan was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cyber Safety and young people. She now has her own company that assists parents to be pro-active in the area of cyber education. The theme of the evening is ‘Keeping your child safe in cyberspace’ and it is designed to be an informative session for parents and carers of children.

Presently, cyber bullying and ‘sexting’ is an emerging issue confronting the well-being of young people and the wider community. Other topics covered in the presentation include: popular sites for young people, what do kids do online? where they go? the use of passwords and keeping them safe, misuse of technology and the legal consequences and possible charges associated with this. Sexting - What is it? Who does it and what are the real consequences? Other areas covered in Susan’s presentation; potential dangers and known risks, safety tips, learning the lingo, how to manage your child’s online behaviour, setting sensible boundaries and question time.

We would love an excellent response to an issue that many parents talk and are concerned about. Parents’ Club will be catering for the evening. There is no cost to attend as Wimmera Uniting Care is funding the event and we encourage you to persuade your friends to come along and listen to what Susan has to say.

To assist with the organisation of the evening, whether you are attending or not, could you please fill in the form below and return it to school with your child/children tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued interest in the school and its programs.

John Richmond
Principal

CyberSafety Meeting – Birchip Leisure Centre – Tuesday 21 June 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

We will be attending the cyber bullying talk on Tuesday 21st June 2011 at the Birchip Leisure Centre from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Names

Please return to the Birchip P-12 School office by Friday 17 June 2011.
Dear Parents,

As a conclusion to our Jump Rope for Heart program, we will be having a JUMP OFF DAY for all students in Prep – Grade 6 next Friday morning, June 24th from 9:15 until 10:15am in the stadium. This will involve students and some staff participating in skipping activities and challenges to promote active and healthy living. Some groups of students from Years 3 to 6 will showcase their skipping routines developed in their PE classes. Following the activities in the stadium, students will be treated to healthy snacks prepared by the Year 11 Hospitality class and the usual Fresh Fruit Friday group during an early recess.

It is a casual dress day for all students with the theme being “dress as your favourite sports person or team.” Students must wear appropriate jumping footwear. (Football boots and ballet shoes or slip-on shoes are not permitted.)

The cost for each student is $2.00 with all proceeds going to the Heart Foundation. This fee includes dressing in theme for the day and the healthy recess snacks. Please complete the attached order envelope and return to school by next Monday 20th June 2011.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend. If any parents are able to offer assistance with activities, your help would be appreciated. Please let Mrs Lee know as soon as possible by contacting her at school. For safety reasons, no preschoolers to assist with parents please.

At 11:00 a.m., students from Prep to Year 8 will board buses and travel to Tyrrell College in Sea Lake to view their school’s production of ALADDIN. On arrival at Tyrrell College, students will receive a BBQ lunch and bottled water prior to the performance. All students will return to Birch P-12 School during Period 6 in time for the end of school.

Students dressing in theme must ensure they have extra suitable clothing to keep them warm such as tracksuit pants, coats etc.

Thank you for your support.

Michelle Lee
Physical Education Co-ordinator

Catherine McKenzie
Theatre Studies Teacher

Excursion to Tyrrell College to see Aladdin performance
Friday 24 June 2011

I give permission for my child / children to attend the Tyrrell College performance of Aladdin on Friday 24 June 2011. Buses will leave at 11:00 a.m. and return to the school prior to 3:30 p.m.

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Please return to the Birchip P-12 School office by Monday 20 June 2011.

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Birchip Watchem “Bulls” Rosters
Saturday 18 June, 2011

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Under 16 Boundary
Reserves Waterboys
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Seniors Waterboys
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Vs Wyche-N’Port
June 18, 2011

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

U 13
Timekeeper
U 13
interchange
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umpire
U16
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U 16
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Vs Wyche-
N’Port
June 18, 2011

NETBALL

A
Grade
Scorers
B Grade
Scorers
C Grade
Scorers
Junior A
Scorer
Junior B
Scorer
13 A
Scorer
Cleaning
of rooms

Vs Wyche-
N’Port
June 18, 2011

HOCKEY

Gate
11:00-
1:30
Lining
Umpire
Lining
Umpire
U 13
Write
Up Mens
Write
up Women
Write
up U 15
Write
up U 13

Vs Wyche-
N’Port
June 18, 2011

SENIOR FOOTBALL

Gate Keeper
9-11, 11-1, 1-3
Gate Raffle
9-10am
Gate Raffle
10-11.30am
Get Raffle
11.30-1pm
Gate Raffle
1-2pm

Vs Wyche-
N’Port
June 18, 2011

SENIOR FOOTBALL

Water Boys
Juniors
Interchange
Stewards
Goal Umpires
Time Keepers

Vs Wyche-
N’Port
June 18, 2011

Birchip-Watchem vs Wycheproof-Narraport played at Birchip.
There will be a 13B match this coming Saturday against Wycheproof-Narraport on Court 2 at normal time. (10:30 a.m.)
Weekly Quiz - Visual

1. Which country has the largest land area?
   - China
   - Russia
   - Canada
   - Australia

2. Which country has the highest population?
   - China
   - India
   - United States
   - Indonesia

3. Which country is the largest exporter of electricity?
   - China
   - Germany
   - Brazil
   - India

4. Which country is the largest producer of renewable energy?
   - China
   - Germany
   - Canada
   - Norway

5. Which country is the largest consumer of oil?
   - China
   - United States
   - Russia
   - Saudi Arabia

6. Which country is the largest producer of coal?
   - China
   - Australia
   - India
   - Russia

7. Which country is the largest consumer of coal?
   - China
   - United States
   - India
   - Russia

8. Which country is the largest producer of natural gas?
   - Russia
   - Norway
   - Qatar
   - United States

9. Which country is the largest consumer of natural gas?
   - China
   - United States
   - India
   - Russia

10. Which country is the largest producer of renewable energy?
    - China
    - Germany
    - Brazil
    - India
Dear Ladies,

Many thanks for your support of the BCG Cocktail Party for the farewell of Alex Gartmann in April 2011. Both clubs made a profit of $950.00 from this event. The Birchip Cropping Group has asked us to cater for the annual Expo dinner on **Wednesday 6th July 2011** at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre and we would again appreciate your assistance.

If you are unable to work or provide food please endeavour to arrange your own replacement or contact Frances Lee on 54 922 358 or Louise Lee on 54 922 576.

All workers to wear black. Orange aprons will be provided to cater for this function.

Food is to be delivered no later than **5:30 p.m.** to the Birchip Community Leisure Centre.

### Roster

#### Savouries:
- **Chicken Sausage Rolls (with Satay Sauce)** – 3 Doz
  - F. Lee, K Walder, S Flowers, D Thompson
- **Rice Paper Rolls** – 3 Doz
  - Barb Smith, M Christie, C Cook
- **Savoury Puffs** – 3 Doz
  - G Rickard, B Doran, D Reid, V Lee
- **Mushroom En Croute** – 3 Doz
  - M Rickard, S Donnellon, R Colbert
- **Chicken Balls (In Chilli Sauce)** – 3 Doz
  - M Lee, S Foot
- **Club Sandwiches** – 3 Doz
  - E McCallum, J Coffey, B O’Donnell, C McKenzie
- **Cherry Tomatoes** - 3 Doz
  - S Chamberlain
- **Brushetta** – 3 Doz
  - C Brown, D Price, C Bales, Bec Wright
- **Sausage Rolls** – 3 Doz
  - H Barber, B Horton, M Nicholls, B. Dickie
- **Own Choice Savoury** – 3 Doz ea
  - Nora Egerer, Tina Garcia

#### Sweets:
- **Choc Balls – 3 Doz**
  - A Gleeson, F Lee, N Frank
- **Meringue Cases – 2 Doz**
  - Bern Hogan, J Tierney, E Bennett
- **Brandy Snaps – 3 Doz**
  - P Rickard
- **Lemon Tarts – 3 Doz**
  - R Ferrier, J Rymer, K Bales, F. Lee
- **Apple Slice – 3 Doz**
  - H Hogan, D Botheras, B Ryan
- **Rum Balls – 3 Doz**
  - K Driscoll, L Cook
- **Choc Cheesecake Slice or Jelly Slice – 2 Doz**
  - L Boyle, N Hogan, P Juergens, C Reid

#### Work:
- **1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- **6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
Habits of Mind
Thanks to Miss Jessica Arnott

Grade 3/4 have been working on a Willy Wonka assignment all term. Nearing the end of their assignment students create their own Willy Wonka creation chocolate bars.

Using creating, imagining and innovating to write a recipe and then make the chocolate bar to sell - Red Marshmallow, Rocking Raspberry, Brainy fun, Sprinkle chocolate are just some of the creations.