Forthcoming Events

June
Tuesday 24th  Secondary Winter Sports Carnival Practice
Wednesday 25th  Year 9 & 10 Cirque de Soleil trip
Thursday 26th  P-6 Emergency Services Day
Friday 27th  Jump Rope for Heart - JUMP OFF DAY
 Reports available at home group assembly from 2:15 p.m.

July
Monday 14th  First Day Term 3
Monday 14th  → Yr 9 Rubicon Camp
Friday 18th  → Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 18th  Physical Resources Meeting
Thursday 17th  P-6 Farm Safety Day
 School Council Meeting
Tuesday 15th  7 – 11 Drug & Alcohol Talk #1
Monday 28th  Secondary Winter sports at Birchip & Hopetoun
 P6 Cultural Performance – Night Garden
Thursday 31st  Australian Mathematics Competition

August
Friday 1st  Rock Eisteddfod – local performance
Tuesday 5th  7 – 11 Drug & Alcohol Talk #2
Friday 8th  Rock Eisteddfod – final performance at Vodafone Arena
Tuesday 12th  Australian English Competition
Monday 18th  House Athletics Sports - Field Events
Tuesday 19th  7 – 11 Drug & Alcohol Talk #3
Wednesday 20th  House Athletics Sports – Track Events
Tuesday 26th  SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Wednesday 27th  Drug & Alcohol Parent Evening
Thursday 28th  Hepatitis B - Immunizations

September
Tuesday 2nd  7 – 12 Personal Safety Talk
Wednesday 3rd  Keys Please – Driver – Road Safety Talk
Friday 5th  P6 Athletics Sports – Donald
Tuesday 9th  Secondary Interschool Athletics Sports - Rainbow
Tuesday 16th  → Grade 3 & 4 Camp & Grade 5 Camp
Thursday 18th

Report Writing
Reports will be distributed on the last day of term Friday 27th June 2008 from 2:15 p.m.

Early Dismissal from school next Friday 27th June 2008
Next Friday 27th June 2008 is the last day of Term 2. We will finish school at 2:30 p.m. on this day.

Watchem Wilkur Bus travellers are reminded that the Clockwise route will be in operation next term. A schedule will be sent home next week.

Drug & Alcohol & Personal Safety Program
A Drug & Alcohol & Personal Safety Program for our secondary students is planned during term 3. The program will commence on Tuesday 2nd July 2008 and will be conducted fortnightly. There will be a Drug & Alcohol Parent Evening on Wednesday 27th August 2008. Please keep this night free on your calendar!

Rock Eisteddfod update
A rehearsal will be held for all Rock Eisteddfod performers on Thursday 26th of June 2008 during periods 6 and 7.

Mr Brock Lynch, a dance teacher from Warracknabeal, will assist us to ‘nail down’ our dances and choreograph the finale.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Johnson at the school.
Primary Winter Sports Carnival

Last Wednesday our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students participated in games of football, netball and Minkey hockey as part of the North Central Primary winter Sports Carnival.

Competition was keen but healthy and there were many great examples of fine sportsmanship and team play.

Our netballers battled hard in both grades, being placed fifth in ‘A’ Grade and fourth in ‘B’. The hockey team registered two wins and two draws for a final ranking of third and our footballers, although small in stature, scored two meritorious wins to also be placed third.

Many thanks to all who contributed to making the day a success – our players, coaches, umpires, scorers, spectators and those who helped with prior preparation. Thanks to Mr Welton for his excellent organization and smooth running of the day.

Steven Reid
U19 Vic Academy for Cricket – 1 or 18

Congratulations to School Captain, Steven Reid who continues to shine in the world of cricket. Steven is a member of the Victorian High Performance Academy. This academy replaces the Victorian Institute of Sport. He has also gained entry into the Under 19 Victorian state squad. He will need to travel to Melbourne for various sessions, continue to play club cricket in Melbourne and try out for the National Under 19 team. We wish Steven All the very best with his cricketing career.

P – 6 EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY

Please complete your son’s and/or daughter’s permission form to return to the school office ASAP.

School Council Ratifies Birchip P-12 School Uniform Policy

Last night the school council ratified the Birchip P-12 School Uniform Policy. It is compulsory for all students from year prep to year 12 to wear the appropriate school uniform as stated in this policy. This policy is attached to the newsletter for your reference. Also refer to the school’s website for update policy.

Updates on the school’s website

Following last night’s school council meeting, the school’s website has been uploaded with some current documents including the School Uniform Policy and the Semester Two Calendar for 2008.

Successful School Review
Mr Doug Robb for the Monash University Education Faculty delivered his findings and report to the staff and school council members yesterday. He congratulated the school council and staff on their excellent achievements over the review period and highlighted the many strengths of our school including its caring and student focused learning environment. Mr Robb suggested that our data compared favourably with statewide and like-school benchmarks. Our VCE and AIM data continue to be strong. He suggested that it was evident that we had excellent programs in place and that a variety of intervention strategies were used to maximize student learning.

School Council President Mr David Smith thanked Mr Robb for his work during the review and presented him with some school pens.

Bell’s Concentrated Course on the Bard

Birchip P-12 English teacher Mrs Megan Lord has just arrived back from her four day intensive course on teaching Shakespeare. Bell Shakespeare Education came up with the Regional Teacher Scholarship short course to encourage and build the capacity of country teachers who were relatively new to the profession. With sponsorship from the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, Bell Shakespeare organised travel and accommodation to Sydney for 12 teachers from around Australia. The course included practical and interactive workshops devised and delivered by Bell’s Resident Artist in Education Matt Edgerton who was helped by Bell Shakespeare Arts Educators’ James Evans, Belinda Hoare and Huw McKinnon.

The workshops covered topics such as teaching Shakespeare in practical ways to increase their appreciation and understanding of the text. Matt Edgerton also included many language analysis activities using performance to help students understand the effect and meaning of the language in Shakespeare’s plays. Mrs Lord said, “It was an amazing experience. The workshops were brilliant and provided heaps of ideas for classroom activities. The added bonus was meeting wonderful teachers from some really isolated places. The collective enthusiasm of the group for teaching country kids was inspiring.” Mrs Lord is required to complete a unit of work to be posted on the Bell Shakespeare Education website as part of the course and plans to collaborate with the only other Victorian teacher, Mrs Julie Riley of St Augustine’s Kyabram, on a whole school Shakespeare project next year.

Healthy Hearts, Healthy Minds

Birchip P-12 Students have been busily preparing for their end of semester ‘Jump Rope For Heart’ day next Friday 27 June. Mrs Michelle Lee has organised the day which will raise money for the National Heart Foundation. Mrs Lee has planned several skipping activities including a ‘Jump Off’ with Mr Andrew Sayle’s secondary students and a healthy lunch prepared by Mrs Barb Smith’s food class.

Primary SRC has also been actively organising lunchtime games for primary students. These games are designed to build the leadership skills of student representatives and provide opportunities for social and physical play. Students have been playing games like bombardment, boot ball and dodge ball.

Display of Computer Work Years 1 & 2

There is a colourful display of student work from Grades One and Two in the shop beside Sharp’s Bakery. The work includes student’s computer generated art and stories. Please take the time to read about the happenings described in them. Thankyou to the Sharp family for generously allowing us to display the work there and for Karleigh Weir, Mrs Weir and Mrs Donnellon for their help with the display.

Year 11 Outdoor & Environmental Education
I had the good fortune to experience some of the outdoors today by taking Mr Marchesi’s Year 11 Outdoor & Environmental Education class. Students constructed tow rope bridges using knots they had previously learnt and practiced. Students were required to navigate their way across the rope bridges which were erected over the lagoon area.

General Knowledge Questions

**Friday 20th June**

1. If you made a flambé dish, what would you do when you served it?
2. What is another name for kismet?
3. Where on your body is your scapula?
4. Which country is also known as Nippon?
5. What did Jesse W Reno invent in 1892?
6. When did James Gibb invent the game of Table Tennis?
7. Which is the highest waterfall in the world?
8. In Greek mythology, Zeus had two brothers. Who were they?
9. K2 is the second highest mountain in the world. What do the Chinese call this mountain?
10. Who is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?

**Answers to above questions:**

1. Pour over alcohol and set alight
2. Destiny or fate
3. Shoulder blade
4. Japan
5. Escalator
6. 1890
7. Salto Angel Falls, Venezuela
8. Poseiden and Hades
9. Mount Qogir
10. Gordon Brown

There have been several cases of head lice reported in the past weeks. Please carefully check your child’s head for these each week. It is easiest to detect the nits (eggs) in sunlight. They will normally be fairly close to the scalp and will be ‘stuck’ to a hair shaft.

There are two methods of treatment.

1. The conditioner and comb method is time intensive and requires the hair being covered in conditioner, and combed thoroughly every second day until **no live lice have been found for ten days**.
2. Head lice products require 2 applications, exactly seven days apart. The first application kills all live lice, but not necessarily the lice inside eggs. **The second treatment seven days later** kills any lice which hatch before they are mature enough to lay eggs. If you are using a head lice lotion, apply to dry hair and rub it through the entire head. Head lice shampoo is applied to wet hair but use as little water as possible to wet the hair. Massage the shampoo thoroughly through the hair.

Please be vigilant and notify the school if you find any of these pests in your child’s hair. **Remember, it is no insult to you. Head lice actually prefer clean hair.**

I noticed a new product at Birchip Pharmacy this week, which may interest some. It is designed to assist in the detection of nits (eggs). When sprayed, it highlights the nits in a bright fluoro pink.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, IT EQUIPMENT THROW OUT**

Next Tuesday 24th June 2008 **from 3.30pm**

Many and various old computers, printers and IT equipment will be available to students and parents. These are free and **never to be returned to the school**. **No technical support is offered.**

Computers and printers are in various states of functionality.

Merrilyn Kelly - Primary Welfare
It is terrific to hear many students still practicing their skipping at home. Well done.

JUMP OFF DAY is next Friday June 27th. This day will also be a casual clothes day with the theme of Dress as favourite sports person or in favourite sports colours. (Must be suitable jumping attire and covered footwear. i.e. Runners and NOT thongs or crocs.) There will be no charge for dressing in casual clothes on this day however, a healthy lunch organized and provided by the VCAL students and Mrs. Barb Smith will be available. Orders are attached to this newsletter.

FAMILY SKIP KITS: There are 5 Family Skip Kits in the library for anyone to borrow as from today. The kit contains skipping ropes of various lengths together with a booklet of skipping activities to try at home. Each kit is available for ONE week loan only. Please ensure you look after the items and return them promptly so other borrowers may enjoy them.

REMEMBER: On average, every year more than 46,000 Australians die from heart disease, stroke or blood vessel disease; that’s a life lost almost every 10 minutes! Donations by you help the Heart Foundation continue the fight against cardiovascular disease (a disease affecting 2 in 3 Australian families). Many families in our school community have had their own personal experiences with family members suffering heart complaints. If you would like to make a donation, online donations can be made directly through the Heart Foundation website by credit card www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart or by phoning the Heart Foundation on 1300 72 48 04.

Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

Marbel billiard table, 214cm x 107cm with accessories. Excellent condition. $1,200.00.
Phone 5399 0507/0400 177 184

For Sale

Cricket Coaching Super Clinic
July 1st 2008
Warracknabeal Football Ground
10:00am-11:00pm
Former Australian player, Ray Bright and current Bushrangers Aiden Blizzard and Andrew McDonald,
Victoria Spirit captain and Australian player Sarah Edwards will be in attendance.

This super clinic is available for any child aged 5-18 and will be free of charge.

BIRCHIP CROPPING GROUP AG EXPO

Thursday 3rd July 2008
(first week of the school holidays)

We are hoping the following families can provide an adult member to work at the Ag Expo. It is a huge fundraiser for our school. We need your help to ensure that adequate people are in attendance to assist. It is vital that replacements are found by those unavailable to work. We thank all of those listed, in anticipation, especially those on the early shift. If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact Mr Richmond so that a suitable replacement can be found.

Set Up: 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Angela Liston, Trish Lehmann, Jennifer Mae Noonan, Debra Emonson, Gaye Bardell, Colene Delaney, Sue Cozens, Sam Kemp.

Breaky Crew: 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Eileen Smith (Head Chef), Murray Paley, Owen Reid, Chris Botheras, Tony Lehmann, Jim Rickard, Chris Hogan, Leigh Hogan, John Bales.

Lunch Time Crew: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Doug/Annette Bennett, Keith/Bev Forrester, Colin/Kim Kemp, Nathan/Cassie Kemp, Keiko Nakamura, Danny/Julie Lowry, Brian/Carmel Rumbold, Mick/Sue Turner.

Afternoon Crew: 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Julie/Leigh Weir, Chris/Rachel Colbert, Russell/Maureen Trollope, David/Mandy Valentine, Helen Platz, Warrick/Ros McClelland, Chris/Louise Lee, Kevin/Carol Reid, James/Lyn Boyle, Peter/Jenny Noonan, Claire/Chris Cook.

Food Trolleys x 2 (around Expo site)
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Marcia Mallia/Nicole James and Jackie Tierney/Rhonda Bell
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Helen Casey/Simone Donnellon and Michelle Lee/Kellie-Ann Sheahan.

Cooking required for Ag Expo: Needed by 7:30 a.m. Thursday 3rd July 2008 or by prior arrangement with Angela Liston or Trish Lehmann.

5 Litres of Vegetable or Chicken Soup: Trish Lehmann, Brenda Doran, Val Connelly.

Slice - Own Choice (to cup up to 12 pieces)
Wendy Collins, Carly Sharp, Renae Dingley, Joan Glen, Fiona Sayle, Noeline Hogan

Square Cake (for easier cutting) - Own Choice
Rhonda Bell, Diona Cooper, Colene Delaney, Sharon Fott, Debra Emonson, Jenny Mae Noonan

BCG Grains Research Expo

Thursday 3rd July 2008

‘Changing Climate – Changing Practices’

General admission to the 2008 Expo is free
Starting 9.00am with breakfast sponsored by Monsanto at the Birchip P-12 School
Excellent opportunity for farmers to access researchers & industry representatives
Over 80 exhibitors on site!

- Insect identification
- Nitrogen strategies
- Spray Technology
- Disease Identification and Management
- Soils Research
- Grain Storage
- Herbicide Resistance Management
- A New Phosphorus Test
- Grain Marketing
- Varieties
- Communicating Climate Change to Agricultural Industries
- Precision Agriculture
- Finance & negotiation skills
- BCG Research
- GWI Water
- Machinery ...

Grains Research Expo Dinner

Wednesday 2nd July, 6.30pm at Birchip Leisure Centre

Always a terrific night of socialising, entertainment & fun!
Special guest speaker is Professor Timothy Reeves
$40 p/p and $30 p/p for BCG Farmer members. RSVP by 26th June is essential.

Contact BCG on 03 5492 2787 or info@bcg.org.au
HABITS OF MIND

Creating, Imagining and Innovating
Try a different way
Alternatives, Possibilities, Choices

A.P.C is the process of deliberately trying to find alternatives to achieve the same purpose. Often when we are looking for solutions, we only look at one or two. However, if you put your mind to it, you can often find further solutions and alternatives. A.P.C helps to generate and produce many ideas and alternatives.

Use a graphic organiser to do an A.P.C. The graphic organiser shows you that you have different alternatives or different possibilities. Remember that alternatives always need to keep the purpose in mind.

Year 8 students in Ready, Steady Cook and Textiles tried to find many alternatives to the problems outlined in their design briefs.
Laura Lee and Sophie Noonan with their pie, Matthew Gladman’s design option for his singlet and Megan Naylor in her creative track suit pants.

Purpose

A.P.C
Healthy Heart Soup and Sandwich Lunch

On Friday 27th of June 2008, we will be having a Healthy Heart Soup and Sandwich lunch day. It will be offered to all students and staff. Home made vegetable soup and a wide variety of breads and sandwich fillings will be offered. Students will make their own selection.

Please note children should still bring a recess snack, drink etc.

VCAL students will prepare and serve the fillings as part of their Personal Development Unit.

Please return the order form, together with payment, no later than Tuesday 24th June 2008, to enable time for ordering.

Mrs Barb Smith
VCAL Co-ordinator

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Emergency Services Day

On Thursday, 26th June 2008, all P - 6 students will be involved in an Emergency Services Day at Woomelang Recreation Reserve. The day has been organised by Leading Senior Constable David Kelly of Victoria Police (Woomelang). He has secured funding for the buses needed to transport our students. The day is starting to gather momentum and at this stage he will have between 14 and 19 exhibitors, hopefully including the SES, CFA x3, Ambulance Service, Army, DSE (snakes), Parks Victoria, Traffic Police, Mounted Branch, Water Police, Air Wing, Youth Resource Office, The Road Safety Unit, Drag Cars and the Motor Cycle Police.

We are very much looking forward to this day, and commend Leading Senior Constable Kelly's initiative and organisational skills. Due to the funding which he obtained, the day will be cost free. Students will need to take their own lunch and recess snack, and water bottle.

Students will travel to and from Woomelang on one of three buses driven by Lynn Blair, Patricia Connelly and Greg Welton. Buses will leave after 9.00am and return by 3.00pm.

Please complete both parent consent forms and return to the school office ASAP.

Parent consent - SCHOOL COPY

I have read all of the above information provided by the school in relation to the Emergency Services Day at Woomelang on Thursday, 26th June 2008.

I give permission for my son/daughter ____________________________ (full name) to attend.

Parent/guardian: ____________________________________________ (please print full name)

_________________________________________ (signature) ____________ (date)

In case of emergency I can be contacted on:

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or ________________________________________________________________

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Parent consent - EXCURSION COPY

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