Forthcoming Events

**July**
- Monday 12th: First Day of Term 3
- Monday 12th: Year 9 Rubicon Camp
- Friday 16th: Year 10 & 11 Canberra Camp
- Monday 12th: Year 10 & 11 Canberra Camp
- Friday 16th: School Council Meeting - 8pm
- Thursday 15th: 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 - 2.30 finish
- Sunday 26th: France Belgium Trip
- Sunday 10th: October

End of Semester One

A busy week to finish the term and semester one.
Student reports go out today. Teachers have spent much time and effort on these. After reading and commenting on each one I am pleased with the progress most students are making. It is terrific to see the progress made by students each year. I encourage parents to sit down with their son/daughter and have a conversation about their report. Teachers have made many comments and suggestions for your sons and daughters to continue to improve. Students in years 7 → 10 will need to return their reports to school early in term 3 to develop their semester two learning goals based on their reports from semester one.

Year 9 students will attend Rubicon Camp from Monday 12th – 16th July 2010.
Year 10 & 11 students will attend Canberra Camp from Sunday 11th – 16th July 2010.

All the best for a relaxing and enjoyable winter break.
Term 3 will commence on Monday 12th July 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

The school community wishes Mrs Nikki Coatsworth all the very best as she takes maternity leave prior to the birth of her twins. Mrs Carol Taylor returns to Grade 2/3 following six months leave.

Mrs Barb Smith takes six weeks leave to travel and explore the north-west sections of Western Australia. Mrs Smith’s classes will be covered by Mrs Kristy Knights and Mrs Claire Ison.

Farewell to the Walsh Family

This weekend we farewell the Walsh family who will return to Western Australia where Michael joins the University of Western Australia and Meg to teaching. Rowley and Gus
will return to John 23rd College in Perth.
We wish Michael, Meg, Rowley and Gus all the best for the future and thank them very much for the way in which they added to our community whilst they were in Birchip.

**International Students**

Next term we will welcome some international students to the school. Sara Sydengen (Norway) and Emma Steidl (Italy) are part of the STS High School Foundation International Student Exchange program. Sara and Emma will be hosted by James and Jenny Goldsmith for periods of 11 months and 6 months respectively. Both Sara and Emma will join our year eleven cohort of students. Sara will commence in the first week in August whilst Emma will commence on Monday 19th July 2010.

**VSSSA Cross Country**

Congratulations to Hayley Hogan and Hugh O’Keefe who have qualified for the VSSSA Cross Country to be held in Melbourne on Tuesday 13th July 2010.

Both ran very well in the recent Northern Zone Cross Country held at St Arnaud and have been rewarded for their efforts. If anyone is looking for a little bit of exercise over the holidays, give Hugh or Hayley a call and become a training buddy. Good Luck to both of these students.

**Body Image Grant**

Birchip P-12 School is happy to announce that it has been successful in securing a Healthy Body Image grant for $5,000. The grant will enable the school to run healthy lunches during the year, finish the fitness track that runs around the perimeter of the school and make a film that exposes how the media encourages young people to lead unrealistic lives and have unrealistic expectations of how they should look.

The grants were formally presented at the Royal Women’s Hospital on Monday. During the day the audience was exposed to a range of topics that included how to include young people effectively in planning procedures so that they feel some ownership of projects and how to develop young people’s confidence in their abilities.

Danni Watts from the Butterfly Foundation spoke about being involved with young people who have eating disorders. Eating disorders range from those who eat very little to be overly thin to those who eat excessively and have no control over their compulsion. Ms Watts related that it takes between 5-7 years of therapy to cure an eating disorder or someone who takes up a punishing exercise regime in order to have a ‘perfect body.’ There was lots of discussion of how materialistic our world has become and that people need ‘to have stuff’ in order to feel of value.

A lot of emphasis was placed on the value of respect. Those present were encouraged to surround themselves with people who appreciate and respect them just as they are. In times of tension and uncertainty it is difficult for people to respect their bodies but the participants were reminded that this is the only body you will get so look after it and use it and most of all, don’t compare it to others. It was acknowledged that there is a fine line between having self pride and being self obsessed about how one looks to others.

It was a very interesting day but we were all reminded that the language we use is important and used unwisely careless words are enough to tip someone who is having self esteem and body image issues to go down the path of having an eating disorder.

**Observational Rounds**

Education is changing rapidly and the emphasis is on using data to improve student performances. To this end, three of our principal class teachers attended a regional discussion on what is called Instructional Rounds. Practically, this will involve a group of perhaps thirty principals going to a school which is seeking to improve performance in one or two aspects of their performance. Once at a school, the group would split into perhaps six smaller groups and visit a range of classes to observe what students are doing within their
classes. Each class may have two to four visits on the one day before the larger group reconvenes at the end of the day to discuss their findings. The emphasis is not on criticising a teacher but observing what students are doing within classes so that a pattern of teaching and learning in the school can be observed. From these observations, change and improvements can be planned and subsequently implemented.

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.

Year 9, 10 & 11 Laptop Program
Reminder to parents paying for laptops by instalment payments that this term's instalment $110.00 and insurance of $50.00 are due by Friday 25th June 2010 please.

The BFG
The Year 4 class has been reading Roald Dahl’s novel the BFG and they have been very creative. Not only have they read the novel but they have made their own assignment on giants and created their own marking system. The group decided that if their written work was to be classified as ‘Great’ then they must have gathered five different media pieces about giants. Their writing must have at least eight descriptive words with no spelling or punctuation mistakes. Their writing must also be spiced with colourful drawings. Once the writing component was complete, students constructed their own magnificent giants and what fun they are having making their monsters.
Wimmera Zone Sports Carnival - football

As a result of topping the pool at last week’s North Central Winter Sports Carnival held at Birchip, our football team travelled to Coughlin Park, Horsham, to take part in the Wimmera Zone Lightning Premiership.

Our team played four games for the day and acquitted themselves tremendously. Although not a big team in terms of physical stature, the players from grade 4, 5 and 6 more than made up for this in terms of skill, courage and determination.

Game One was against Horsham West B and the scene was set early with some fierce tackling and great teamwork. The final score was Birchip 8.6.54 to Horsham West one solitary behind. The defence repelled advances with aplomb and Jayden McGinnis capped off fine work upfield by registering four goals.

Game Two was against Horsham Rural and once again Birchip proved too strong, running out victors 6.10.46 to no score. Joseph Reid played a blinder and kicked two goals as well. James Paley chipped in with two goals and Sam Owa and Bill Lee also scored majors.

Dunmunkle was our next opponent and the first half was an even contest, with scores at half time virtually locked together. In the second stanza however Birchip broke away, being admirably lead by William Naylor’s strong efforts around the ground and in particular his tireless ruckwork. In the victorious score of 4.6.30 to 1 goal, Joe O’Donnell recorded two goals and elusive half forward Ben Hogan kicked two goals as well.

The final came against Southern Mallee Lakes pitted the two undefeated teams in a play off for the title. Our opponents were a much bigger combination and it proved to be a titanic struggle. In a low scoring affair we scrapped and battled hard for a win. Sam Owa’s effort in the ruck against a much bigger opponent was a terrific performance. Leading by three points in the dying stages of the match a goal was snapped to put Southern Mallee Lakes ahead by 3 pts. This proved to be the final kick of the match as the siren blew as the ball was being ferried back to the centre. The final score was SML 2.6.18 to Birchip’s 2.3.15. Joe O’Donnell and Joseph Reid both scored our goals.

Joe O’Donnell’s efforts resulted in him receiving a medallion as our player of the carnival.

Well done to all members of the team for their efforts and a special thank you to coach Aaron Valentine, who extended his win/loss record to seven one, and to trainer Luke O’Donnell for assisting on the day. Thanks to Mr Greg Welton for his overall co-ordination of the day. Also the team was most appreciative of the supporters who turned up on the day.

A collage of photographs from the Zone Winter Championships at Horsham

Photographs courtesy of Mrs Amanda Reid
Wimmera Primary Schools Sports Association - Netball Carnival

Birchip netballers represented the North Central primary schools at the lightning premiership held at Central Park Horsham on Wednesday. The team consisted of eight girls from Year 5 and 6: Ashlee Tierney, Rebecca Botheras, Madeline Paley, Amy Bennett, Cheryl Kemp, Shae Colbert, Tori Hogan and Georgia Lee. Michelle Lee attended as coach and Heather Hogan as umpire.

This year, the carnival was split into two division 1 sections and a division 2 section. North Central played three other teams in their section of division 1, winning two of their three games against Murtoa Primary School and Horsham Lutheran. They were beaten by St Michaels & Johns and as a result this placed them second in their division. It gave Birchip the right to play against the second placed team in the other division section 1 division, Warracknabeal Primary School.

The tall and fast Warracknabeal side were posing a strong and competitive opposition and at half time Birchip were two goals down. After being reminded of the importance to keep working hard and not giving in, the girls clawed their way back to finish the game 3 goals in front. It was a fantastic effort by all involved and a great spectator’s match.

A medal for each participating team was distributed to be awarded to the best player in each team as voted for in our case by the various parents in attendance for Birchip, after each game. Georgia Lee polled the most votes and was presented with the medal. Well done Georgia. The vote counter also informed the girls that everyone polled a vote. A terrific effort!

Thank you to Heather Hogan for attending as umpire, Horsham West Primary School for helping out with our umpiring and our many parents who came along to support and barrack for our team. Thank you to Mrs Michelle Lee for her overall organization of the day. Our girls thoroughly enjoyed the day and experience.
Our students at the Richmond Football Club Clinic held at Donald during the week.
A collage of photographs from the primary winter sports held at Birchip last Friday.
Good Luck to our Under 15 School Boys representatives

Good luck and congratulations to Riley Doran and Harrison Christie who made selection into the Under 15 North Central Mallee football team to play in the School Boys Carnival in Melbourne during the holidays.

**BIRCHIP PRE-SCHOOL UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENT.**

Family photos by Vision Portraits
Watch this space for further details.

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To Give Away
1 male guinea pig – 6 weeks old, to good home
Phone Kim McInerney on 5492 2928

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**Habits of Mind – This week’s winner**

Congratulations to **Cooper Benfield**, this week’s winner of the Habits of Mind Award.

Cooper thought flexibly during food technology. Cooper had to find alternative ingredients to complete a dish as the listed ones were unavailable.

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.

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**Birchip Cropping Group Ag Expo**

On Thursday 1st July 2010 the Birchip Cropping Group is holding their annual Expo at the Birchip P-12 School. This day provides our students with an excellent opportunity to attend and wander around the exhibitors to observe and discuss the myriad of career options available to young people considering a career in agriculture and related industries. Please take the opportunity to attend and further your exposure to career opportunities.

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**Parents’ Club News**

NEXT PARENTS CLUB MEETING: Monday 2nd AUGUST 2010

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**Lost**

One USB drive. If found please return to Justin Naylor
VIC ROADS Meeting
Re: Log Books etc
Expressions of interest for an Information meeting with Vic Roads re log books etc. Anyone interested phone Chris Colbert 0427 981 268

Minkey Hockey
There will be NO Minkey Hockey during holidays, game on Saturdays though.

Mallee Netball Association
Under 15 netball carnival
Venue: Beulah
Start: 9am
Date: July 25th 2010
$40 a team

Medallions for winners
$100 prize money
Canteen – special guests – cake and cappuccino
Special Treats for parents and supporters
All teams welcome to register (make up own team or register as a club)
Expressions of interest and forms to Trish Lehmann 0417 357 850

Birchip Auskick
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

Birchip Uniting Church and BWNC Catering
Thank you to everyone for your efforts last week at the McClellands engagement party. It was a fantastic result.
Just a reminder, we have our next catering function next Wednesday night, 30th June 2010 at the Birchip Leisure Centre. Rosters are out.
Please check.
Any concerns, please phone Michelle Lee on 0427 922 758

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 invite you to the BCG Industry Dinner on 30 June at the Birchip Leisure Centre. Cost: $40 (farmer members $30)
RSVP 28 June. (02) 5492 2787
Visit: www.bcg.org.au

Birchip Cropping Group Ag Expo  
Thursday 1st July 2010  
(First week of the school holidays)

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, Diona 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
Holiday activities

Members of the youth group and friends (Grade 4 and up) are invited to assist with Show Bagging at the Birchip P-12 School on Monday 28th June 2010 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Young people will be packing Show Bags for the BCG Ag Expo. Money made will go towards the purchase of new equipment in the youth room.

**Shake Rattle & READ**

What: Read Aloud and Rhyme-time demonstrations and activities

Where: Birchip P-12 School Community Library

When: **Fortnightly** Thursdays

- July 22nd
- August 5th
- August 19th
- September 2nd
- September 16th

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
Rehearsals are well under way for this year’s production, and the actors are beginning to have some real fun with the script. Sets have been designed and backdrops planned, so make sure you lock in Friday the 27\textsuperscript{th} of August and Wednesday the 1\textsuperscript{st} of September for a great night’s entertainment.

**Munchkin People**

Grades P-4 students will be chorus munchkin people for the performances. Munchkins will be asked to wear bright, rainbow coloured clothing in the style of Hi-5. Munchkins could also dress up as flowers, bees or wear their pyjamas.

**Emerald City citizens**

Students in grades 5 and 6 will be Emerald City citizens, and as such will be required to wear all green; green t-shirts, green pants, green EVERYTHING!

**Call out for costumes**

To help sort out the costumes for the Wizard of Oz, we are on the lookout for the following costumes. If you or anyone you know has any of the following and are willing to lend them to the school, please send them in clearly labelled.

- Ballerina and fairy costumes for girls under the age of 10.
- Green accessories
- Bright clothing
- Anything else you think we might find useful!

**Term 3 rehearsal schedule**

Once holidays are over, scripts will be down and there will only be 7 weeks until our first performance. As such, rehearsals will be stepping up a gear.

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<td><strong>ALL DAY REHEARSAL</strong> At the Hall Whole Cast Backstage Crew Lighting Musicians/ Music</td>
<td><strong>SINGING PRACTISE</strong> At the Hall Dorothy, Glinda, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Guard.</td>
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**Full Dress Rehearsal:** Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} August Dress/ Makeup/ Rehearsal 9:00-11:00am

Full Dress Rehearsal School Viewing 1:00-3:00pm

**Opening Performance:** Friday 27\textsuperscript{st} August Cast: Dress/ Makeup/ Rehearsal 3:30 - 5:30pm

Dinner Provided, Primary Performers Arrive 6:00pm in costume Performance 6:30-8:30pm

**Closing Performance:** Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} September Dress/ Makeup/ Rehearsal 3:30 - 5:30pm

Dinner Provided, Primary Performers Arrive 6:00pm in costume Performance 6:30-8:30pm
# 2010 BASKETBALL COMPETITION

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The Junior Basketball competition will commence on Monday 12th July 2010, the first day of term 3.
Could all players please be at the stadium at 5.00 p.m. on the first night.
The first game will commence at 5:15 p.m. and the second game at 6:00 p.m.
Cost of the competition will be $12.00 per player.
Trophies will be donated by ‘Mick Turner Hardfacing’.
This is not a school activity but there will always be adult supervision and umpires.
Please contact Co-ordinator Sue Turner (54 922 564) with any queries and notify a.s.a.p. if your name is not supposed to be on the list.

## Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

## Old hard drives, monitors, keyboards, cables, to give away!

As of today we have 3 older hard drives, monitors, keyboards, but no mice to GIVE AWAY. These are never to be returned to the school.
If interested phone Mr Richmond 0417 106 033 today.
Reverse Casual Day

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Habits of Mind

Thanks to Miss McKenzie

Year 9/10 Art got their creativity, imagination and innovation on when they were asked to make a formal dress out of anything they could find in the art room. The students were enthusiastic in their attempts to address the design criteria and with only 30 minutes to complete the task, it was impressive how well the groups worked together. Group 4 made a Lady Gaga'esq piece with a very elaborate head piece and 3D spotty skirt. Group 3 was an oriental inspired piece with a strapless bodice and a number of red and silver fans to complete the outfit. Group 2 took a completely different track and found inspiration in the Victorian era. The circular skirt was a nice mixture between old and contemporary. But it was Group 1's piece that made the class respond with wonderment and awe, and absolutely stole the show. The fitted piece made out of dish clothes was made to measure for the one and only male in the class. His peers and the judges were impressed with the dedication to the cause and the attention to detail. Some people may argue that the current school system is killing our children’s creativity, but by the response to this task, it would seem that Birchip P-12 School is bucking the trend.