Forthcoming Events

July
- Tuesday 21st: Year 12 Biology excursion to GTAC Melbourne
- Monday 27th: Secondary Winter Sports
- Thursday 30th: Yr 9, 10&11 Courage to Car & Careers Expo

August
- Monday 3rd: Parents Club Meeting - 7.30pm
- Tuesday 4th: Australian English Competition
- Thursday 6th: Australian Mathematics Competition
- Tuesday 11th: Physical Resources Meeting
- Monday 17th: Athletics Sports Field Events
- Wednesday 19th: Athletics Sports Track Events
- Monday 25th → Book Fair
- Wednesday 26th: School Photographs
- Tuesday 25th: Staff PD Literacy across the Curriculum - Joan Stewart - 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- Yr 7 Immunisations

September
- Friday 4th: Primary Athletics Sports - Donald
- Tuesday 8th: Secondary Interschool Athletics Rainbow
- Physical Resources Meeting
- Wednesday 9th: Yr 9 & 10 VET Taster Day
- Friday 18th: Last Day Term 3

October
- Monday 5th: First Day Term 4
- Tuesday 6th: Physical Resources Meeting
- Thursday 15th: School Council
- Monday 19th: Yr 6-7 Transition Meeting 7pm
- Thursday 22nd: Yr 12 Valedictory Dinner
- Friday 23rd: Last Day Year 12 students
- Monday 26th → Year 12 Swat Vac
- Thursday 29th: Transition Day 1
- Thursday 29th: Transition Day 2
- Friday 30th: Transition Day 2

Welcome Back
Welcome back to all students and staff for Semester Two. As usual, it has been an extremely busy week with two school camps: year 9 at Rubicon with Miss Meehan & Mr Knights and Years 10 & 11 students in Melbourne with Mrs Eileen Smith, Miss Heyden and Mr Delaney. Of course, it is also cold and wet but the mud is certainly more welcome than dust.

BCG Ag Expo
Thursday 2nd July 2009
This was an excellent day for our school. We banked approximately $6,400 from food stalls during the day with about $2,500 being expenses. Many thanks to rostered parents for their support of our school on the day. Special thanks to Trisha Lehmann, Angela Liston and Russell Christie who planned and worked long hours to ensure the day went smoothly.

Named Pavers In Front Of Library
Because the named pavers need to be lifted to allow for the installation of a new entrance ramp to the library, we are calling for interested people who wish to purchase named pavers to go in the new paved area. All existing named pavers will continue to be part of the area. This is now an opportunity for new named pavers. The cost of each brick is $30 including inscription. If you are interested please obtain the necessary form at the school office. Orders for new named pavers need to be made by the end of this term (Friday 18th September).
Building Projects

Our many and varied building projects will commence very soon. I ask for everyone’s co-operation during the building phase which will continue until at least the first half of next year.

As you can see the building list is extensive and the positive outcome of many submissions made by many people at the school. It will certainly transform our school and provide our students with greater learning opportunities for their education.

1. $500,000 Better School Today [BST] – includes the refurbishment of the mathematics rooms into a flexible ICT learning space, walled garden, refurbishment of room 9, locker facilities for Year 7, 8 11
   Onley’s Holdings Pty Ltd is the successful contractor for these works.

2. $125,000 Building the Education Revolution – National Schools Pride [BER-NSP]
   Includes installation of new library entrance ramp, automatic opening door, new borrowing counter, carpeting and some shelving
   Floor coverings in Rooms 7, 10, 13, 14
   Refurbishment of room 9
   Various painting of external walls
   Erection of new fence along Campbell Street boundary.

3. $71,000 Skills Centre - Commercial Kitchen – installation of stainless steel benches and various appliance. This will enable the school to deliver Certificates in Hospitality from 2010.

4. $223,258 Trade Training Centre [TTC] – Construction of shed and installation of various machines. This will enable the school to deliver Certificates in Engineering from 2010.

5. $16,000 National Secondary Schools Computer Fund [NSSCF] – purchase of new computers (plus $7,000 of own funds)

6. $70,000 National Solar Schools Project [NSSP] & State Solar Program – installation of 5kW solar electricity generation panels, solar hot water service, 250,000 litre water tank

7. $7,200 Refurbishment of fitness track - $6,000 from grant, $1,200 from Birchip Landcare – includes grading of track, filling sink holes, installation of exercise stations


TOTAL $1,862,458

Library Entrance

The Library entrance ramp will be installed in the next couple of weeks. During this time students, staff, parents and community members will need to enter the library from the south car part near the bike shed and enter via rear door. The named pavers will need to be lifted up during this construction. There will be a fence erected along the administration wing verandah indicating which way the walking traffic should go. Please be patient during this time.
**Maths is Marvellous – *You can count on it!***

**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)

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**Australian Vocational Student Prize**

The Australian Vocational Student Prize (AVSP) recognises Year 12 students who demonstrate exceptional skills, commitment and achievement while undertaking a vocational education and training program or an Australian School-based Apprenticeship.

The AVSP promotes VET as a valuable and desirable pathway for students and is the vocational equivalent of the Australian Student Prize. Each year, the AVSP recognises up to 500 Year 12 students. Students are nominated by their school principal and each winner receives $2,000 and a certificate.

Two students from the Birchip P-12 School have received an AVSP for 2008. These students are Brianna Smith for Vocational Education and Training in Hospitality and Gareth Cozens for an Australian School Based Apprenticeship in Engineering.

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**Sports Reports**

1. **Secondary Winter Sports Carnival**

   This will be held on Monday 27th July 2009. Birchip students will be competing against students from Rainbow and Hopetoun in soccer, badminton, golf, volleyball and netball.

   Some of these sports will be held in Birchip and others in Hopetoun. Teams will be finalised early next week and transport notes will be sent home for students travelling to Hopetoun.

2. **Golf Clinics**

   Next Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd July 2009, Graham Maddern from the Victorian Golf Association-VGA (with assistance from the Birchip Golf Club) will be conducting golf clinics for students in Yrs 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9.

   All students in these year levels will participate in the clinics which will run for 45 minutes each.

   These clinics are free of charge and all equipment will be supplied by the VGA.

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**Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 117th July 2009**

1. What is a narwhal tusk made of?
2. How many needles are usually used in knitting a pair of socks?
3. What's one third of one third?
4. What features are the auriculares muscles designed to move?
5. Which has more bones – an arm or a leg?
6. How many letter tiles must you play to score a scrabble in Scrabble?
7. Which Australian river was originally called the Hume?
8. What animals’ young are called shoats?
9. The yo yo originated from which country?
10. What colour ribbon is usually awarded for second place?

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**MISSING**

Still missing since end of Term 1, School Library bag - Buzz Lightyear print with handles and drawstring closure. Darcy Reid name on inside with 2 library books - hardcovers Madagascar & Fox in the Hound which are well overdue and now require payment for books. Please return to Darcy or Grade 1 room ASAP.
DO YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE CARD?

If So You Are Entitled To The Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist some families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:
• be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, and
• be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 1986 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (13 July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 7 August 2009 for the second payment.

The EMA is paid in two instalments. The arrangements for 2009 continue to provide parents with 70 per cent of their portion of the EMA in the first instalment, in recognition that families incur the highest educational costs at the start of the school year.

One half of each instalment is paid directly to parents (through the school or EFT payment) and the other half of each instalment is paid directly to the school.

The portion of the EMA, which is paid directly to the school, will be used on essential educational items for which parents are normally expected to provide or pay the school to provide. This portion will not be used to offset voluntary contributions unless authorised by the parent.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2009 through this school, will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after the first instalment and prior to the beginning of term 3, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Computer Technician

Mr Thomas Walker, the school’s computer technician will continue to visit Birchip weekly every Friday.

Thomas will work on school computers and peripherals from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each Friday.

From 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thomas will be available to people within the Birchip community who wish to utilize his IT skills. Thomas will work from the Birchip P-12 School and charges $60.00 per hour.

Lost

In Birchip/Watchem Football Shed - 1 black zip through jumper, size 10. Contact Kim Driscoll 5493 5342

For Sale

Daffodils - Yellow, double white, white red centre. $5. Per pot
Blue Iris. $2.50 per pot
Large Mirror. $50.00
Contact Rosalie Gould 9 Johnson Street. 5492 2260

Birchip P-12 School

Parents’ Club Meeting

Monday 3rd August 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Staff Recreation Room

Guest Speakers - Mrs Barb Smith and Mr Russell Christie.
They will speak on VCE, VET, VCAL and (ASBA) School Based Apprenticeships.
Supper will be provided.
Job Vacancies at the school

The school is seeking applications from interested persons for two vacancies; Relief Community Librarian and 0.4 EFT Integration Aide.

**Vacancy**

**Integration Aide**
(0.4 EFT)
Birchip P-12 School Library
Applications / Expressions of interest by 24th July 2009.
**Contact:** John Richmond on 0417 106 033

**Vacancy**

**Relief Community Librarian**
Birchip P-12 School Library
Applications / Expressions of interest by 24th July 2009.
**Contact:** John Richmond on 0417 106 033

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1.52KW of CEEGSST Solar Panels (8x190 Watt)
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2.04KW of CEEGSST Solar Panels (12x170 Watt)
SMA 2.5kw Inverter – Sunny Boy SB2500w

Both systems fully installed with nothing extra to pay
*Price is subject to Federal Government passing the new solar credit scheme in August. This offer is not means tested and is available to Business and Residential customers.

“For Locals, By Locals”
Contact Thomas on 0422 698 460
Contact Matt on 0409 236 769

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**Birchip Watchem Football Club - Junior Roster for Saturday 18th July 2009**

Birchip Watchem is away to Charlton

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**BB & LC Term 3 Exercise Classes**

starting next week.

Book today. Ph 54922735 or email birchipblc@bigpond.com

Freestyle Class Mon night 6-7pm 6 wks $40
Balance Class Weds night 5.45-6.45 6 wks $40
Men’s Class Weds Night 7-8pm 6 wks $40
Indoor Hockey Mon nights, start July 27th 1st game 7pm
Adult Exercise Classes Tues mornings 9.30am $4 per week

Term 3 brochures available online at
www.birchip.vic.au or at the centre

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**Netball Scoring**

**Versus Charlton**

| A | Simone Donnellon |
| B | Claire Brown |
| C | Jackie Tierney |
| JA | Cody Connelly |
| JB | Ros McClelland |
| U13 | Louise Lee |
Just Hockey Junior State Championships July 2009

Curtis Smith (under 15 boys), Dean Lovett (under 13 boys) and Stephanie McClelland (under 14 girls) were selected to play with the Country Cobras at the recent Junior State Hockey Championships held in Melbourne. The Championships were played at the State Hockey Centre from 29th June to 5th July. The teams playing in the championships came from four Melbourne Zones (Eastern Hotshots, Red Devils, Southern Sharks and Western Wildcats) and the Country Cobras. The Country Cobras were a combined Country Victorian team with players from all over the state. Junior hockey players attended trials in Melbourne in April this year. Once the teams were selected all players had to meet in Melbourne on a regular basis for training. The culmination of the training was to participate in the Junior State Championships.

Despite the cold weather and determination of the Melbourne teams, the members of the Country Cobra teams had a wonderful time and played incredibly well at the Championships. Although no team won their division, all players enjoyed their hockey and certainly had a great time playing at the State Hockey Centre. Stephanie’s team, under 14 girls, was awarded the “PLAY THE WHISTLE” Award. This award was introduced to encourage competing hockey teams, team officials and spectator groups to play in the “true spirit” of the game.
Birchip Watchem Football Club
Casserole Tea - Goods & Services Auction Night
Saturday 25th July 2009

Tea will commence at 6:00 p.m. sharp

Could the following people please supply casseroles:

4 Litres Beef
Julie Lowry, Cathy Milne, Sue Noonan, Jacinta Burke, Jo Lee, Janet Smith, Mandy Valentine, Margaret O’Keefe, Jarrod Tyler, Jenny G Noonan, Meg Walsh

4 Litres Chicken
Judy Bowen, Cathy Young, Sue Cozens, Joan Glen, Heather Hogan, Debbie McLoughlan, Kelli-Ann Sheahan, Ellié Reid, Rory Layton, Matthew Ryan

4 Litres Lamb
Colene Delaney, Marcia Mallia, Maureen Donnellon, Lyn Boyle, Di Thompson, Simone Christie, Kelly Matthews, Val Connelly, Bernadette Hogan, Gavin McRae, Maureen Trollope

Large Lasagne
Angela O’Donnell, Claire Cook, Noeline Hogan, Jenny Goldsmith, Bernadette Smith, Robyn Ferrier, Kellie McMillan, Angela Gleeson, Chris Richmond, Joshua Maloney, Helen Blencowe

Large Scrollop Potatoes
Kim Driscoll, Sue Turner, Janine Paley, Brenda Doran, Angela Liston, Pam McKelvie, Bev Koops, Daniel Coffey, Laurie Sands, Fiona Sayle

Large Fried Rice
Michelle Lee, Kerrie Walder, Patrice Richard, Keiko Nakamura, Tina Garcia, Jarrod Hogan, James Scambler, Shan Coffey, Helen Casey, Sharon Foott

Large Quiche
Can be ordered and paid for at the bakery
Jeremy Hayes, James Jess, Bernadette O’Donnell, Liam Coffey, Veronica Sullivan, Tara Lehmann, Lachlan Barber, Nathan Witherow

Workers in the Kitchen
Jenny & Peter Noonan, Zac Holmes, Jacob Noonan, Lincoln Lehmann, Jonothan Doran, Jay Fisher, John Tuthill, Dave Morrissey, David Ferrier

Please take casseroles HOT to the Birchip Community Leisure Centre by 5:00 p.m.
Please name all lids / bases or use aluminium containers.

Thanking you for your support from the Birchip Watchem Ladies Auxillary
Design the best SWL/VET Poster…….

Take Home a Nintendo Wii

Sound Easy? It is!

Collect the fact sheet from your Career Advisor or the front office.

Talk to employers or students about work placements.

Let your imagination go wild!

Offer closes 5pm Friday 18th September and conditions apply.

Entries must be posted to: Sue Hill  LCP Project Manager
P.O. Box 12, Charlton, VIC 3525 or e-mailed to: len2@bigpond.com
open day

10am-3pm

Sunday 9 August 09

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What: Read Aloud and Rhyme-time demonstration and activities
Where: Birchip Community Library
When: Fortnightly Thursdays
       August 6       August 20
       September 3    September 17
       October 15
Why: Add to your existing storytelling skills
   * learn new rhymes & chants for 2009
   * 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 Nikki Coatsworth at 5492 2230
**INDIVIDUAL NAME PAVERS**

We are refurbishing various buildings around the school at present. We will be lifting the present named pavers to make way for these works and will then re-pave these areas. This is an opportunity for other people and families to be part of the named paver project prior to the repaving taking place.

Purchase one or more pavers for **$30.00** each and have your child/children’s or family’s name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support and time spent at Birchip P-12 School. The pavers will be permanently laid in the entrance between the library and administration wings of the school.

A unique and lasting record of your support and time spent at Birchip P-12 School.

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (34 max)

‘AND’ is to be displayed as ‘&’.

For enquiries: please contact Birchip P-12 School on 03 54 922 287 - sample on view in school office.

To Order: Simply fill out this order form and return with full payment by cash or cheque *(made out to Birchip P-12 School)* to Birchip P-12 School, PO Box 9, BIRCHIP 3483.

Orders will be taken up until the end of term three, **Friday 18th September 2009**.

Contact Name:

Address: ........................................................................................................................................................................

Phone: ........................................................................................................................................................................

*Offer closes on the 18th September 2009*

Please photocopy and pass on to friends and all associated with Birchip P-12 School.
Habits of Mind

During semester one the year eight students constructed quilt blocks representing the habits of mind icons. They used lots of the habits to complete their work but particularly striving for accuracy and creating, imagining and innovating. With the help of Evelyn Reid the quilt was assembled, backed and bound.

When photographed yesterday the Year 8 class responded with wonderment and awe at their blocks and how great they looked in the finished piece.

To help us on the journey of becoming a mindful school, over the holidays we added some extra signage to inform visitors of our initiative.

Can you match the blocks to the icons?