Forthcoming Events

July
Monday 28th  Secondary Winter sports at Birchip & Hopetoun P6 Cultural Performance – Night Garden
Wednesday 30th  VCE Genetics Excursion to Melbourne
Thursday 31st  Australian Mathematics Competition Year 10 & 11 students attend Wimmera Careers Expo - Horsham

August
Friday 1st  Rock Eisteddfod – local performance
Tuesday 5th  7 – 11 Drug & Alcohol Talk #1
Wednesday 6th  Parents’ Club Meeting - 7.30pm
Friday 8th  Rock Eisteddfod – final performance at Vodafone Arena
Tuesday 12th  Australian English Competition Athletics: 1500 metre events at 1pm VCE Unit 3&4-Parent Teacher afternoon 4-5.30pm
Thursday 14th  Athletics: 800 metre events at 1pm
Friday 15th  Casual Day for ‘Chances for Children’
Monday 18th  House Athletics Sports - Field Events
Monday 18th →  Book Fair
Friday 1st Sept  7 – 11 Drug & Alcohol Talk #2
Tuesday 19th  House Athletics Sports – Track Events
Wednesday 20th  Radiance Program Yrs 9,10&11-Leisure Centre
Tuesday 26th  SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Wednesday 27th  Drug & Alcohol Parent Evening
Thursday 28th  Hepatitis B - Immunizations Year 10 & VCAL -0 North Central Careers Day - Charlton

September
Tuesday 2nd  7 – 11 Drug & Alcohol Talk #3
Wednesday 3rd  Keys Please – Driver – Road Safety Talk
Friday 5th  P6 Athletics Sports – Donald
Monday 8th  P6 Cultural Performance - ‘It’s a mad World’
Tuesday 9th  Secondary Interschool Athletics Sports - Rainbow
Tuesday 16th  7-12 Personal Safety Talk
Tuesday 16th →  Grade 4 & 5 Camp to Wesley Point - Lake
Thursday 18th  Eppalock
Friday 19th  Term 3 ends at 2.30pm

Achiever of the Month
Congratulations to Brianna Smith – the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority VCE Achiever of the month for July 2008. Brianna has many successes and is an outstanding ambassador for our school. Well done Brianna. Brianna’s award was featured in the HeraldSun last Tuesday 22nd July w2008. Her entry will go in to the main award for VCE Achiever of the Year.
BirchipP-12 School Newsletter

Old Primary Toilet Building Moving to Bacchus Marsh Secondary College

Next Tuesday, workers with cranes and large machinery will come to lift the old primary toilet away and transport it to its new home at Bacchus Marsh Secondary College. It is important that all students stay away from this area on this day. We will have orange bunting/fencing up to stop entrance to the area. It is hoped that the area will be filled with concrete. This will increase the play area for the primary children.

Drug and Alcohol program

Unfortunately, due to an accident, Senior Constable Andrew Downes was unable to commence this program as scheduled last Tuesday 5th August 2008. Instead, the program will commence on Tuesday 5th August 2008 at the following times.

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Parent Drug & Alcohol Information Evening
Wednesday 27th August 2008

All parents are asked to keep this night free please. *A casserole tea will be provided free of charge.* Srn Constable Andrew Downes and Srn Constable Roberta Barry will then deliver an address on Drug and Alcohol issues within our communities along with aspects of the Party Safe program.

VCE Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 12th August from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. we will conduct a VCE Unit 3 & 4 – Parent Teacher afternoon. This will give parents and students the opportunity to catch up with teachers early enough to identify and communicate any issues about student progress. Interim reports for these students will also be available at this time. Please keep this time free.

Secondary Winter Carnival

On Monday 28th July 2008, students from Yrs 7 - 12 will be participating in sports against Hopetoun and Rainbow.

Science Competition

On 29th May 2008, 51 students sat the ‘International Competitions and Assessment for Schools’ - Science Competition. Students from all over Oceania were involved. The Birchip P-12 School received 9 credits and 2 distinctions. Congratulations to the following students on their excellent results.

Credit Certificates:

- Year 4: Leslie Cooper, Colin Hill, Samuel Owa and Ashley Tierney
- Year 7: Jessamy Bennett
- Year 8: Ethan Cooper
- Year 9: Karleigh Weir
- Year 10: Darcie Cooper

Distinction Certificates:

- Year 4: Georgia Lee and Madeline Paley

Well done to all students who took up the challenge.

Students will sit for the Australian Mathematics Competition next week on Thursday 31st July 2008. Best wishes to all students involved.

Thank you to Mrs Emonson for her thorough organization of these examinations.

Primary Library Sessions

The primary students have library on the following days:

- Grade Prep & 1: Wednesdays
- Grade 1 & 2: Fridays
- Grade 3: Fridays
- Grades 4 & 5: Fridays
- Grades 5 & 6: Fridays

Please ensure your child/ren return their books in an appropriate carry bag.
YEAR 9 RUBICON CAMP

Birchip Year 9 students are reinvigorated after a challenging five days at Rubicon Camp last week.

Rubicon Outdoor Centre is an outdoor education camp located at Thornton in North-East Victoria. Students were accompanied by teachers Miss Carly Langley and Mr Matt Marchesi. Rubicon offer an enormous range of activities from skiing to white water rafting and Mr Marchesi admired how well these were executed when he said, “The staff at Rubicon camp are amazing in challenging our students.”

This year the Year 9 students combined with students from Gisborne and participated in mountain bike riding, rock-climbing, cross-country skiing, abseiling, high-ropes and rafting. Students were both mentally and physically challenged by these activities and showed enormous strength when faced with these programs.

Several students expressed a fear of heights during the rock-climbing activities and Miss Langley explained that, “Many students stepped well out of their comfort zone, and all students were excellent in response to this.” In addition students supported one another with much encouragement. Both Miss Langley and Mr Marchesi were extremely impressed with the exemplary social conduct of both schools.

Skiing was a particular highlight for the Birchip students as many were seeing snow for the first time. Year 9 student Timothy Walder said that, “It was awesome to have the opportunity to ski on about 30cm of freshly fallen snow.” In fact, the snow was so fresh that students jumped at the chance to make snow angels.

Overall Rubicon was once again a resounding success and the Year 9 students would like to thank Miss Carly Langley and Mr Marchesi, and the Rubicon Outdoor Centre staff for a wonderful and memorable experience.

Farm Safety a Priority for Primary

Thanks to a partnership between WorkSafe and the KIDS Foundation we had a visit, on Thursday 17 July, from Leonie Miller who spoke to P-6 students on the topic of Farm Safety. We were privileged to have this opportunity as only six schools in our region were given the opportunity.

It is staggering to note that in Australia, there is about one farm-related child death every ten days. In addition to this, more than 10 children are admitted to hospitals each week with farm-related injuries. The KIDS foundation mascot ‘See More Safety’ helped to raise awareness about safety issues that many children are regularly exposed to on farms.

Students were taught to identify hazards that are commonly found on farms and were provided with strategies to put into practice to prevent themselves from sustaining injury.

At the conclusion of the presentation each student received a drink.
bottle and the school received a ‘See More Safety’ mascot.
It is hoped that students will adopt an attitude to safety and risk management that becomes part of their lifelong learning.

**Rock Eisteddfod**

*Only TWO weeks to go!!!*

There is a rehearsal this Sunday in the school stadium from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **All must be present.** Students are reminded to have their green bag and all costumes ready by this Sunday.

Thank-you to Ms Johnson's History (Mysteries) class for painting some props for the Rock Eisteddfod. Thanks also to Mrs Barb Smith for directing costume production.

**DATES**

Sunday 27th July  
Rock Eisteddfod rehearsal in the stadium. Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday 1st August  
Birchip Performance of Rock Eisteddfod following the Chinese Cultural event celebrating the opening of the Beijing Olympics

6:00 p.m.  
Chinese food will be available in the school quadrangle

7:00 p.m.  
Performances including band, Chinese dragon and lion dancers

7:30 p.m.  
Opening ceremony featuring our school’s Rock Eisteddfod entry

8:00 p.m.  
Finish - Tea, coffee and Chinese almond cookies will be available free at the conclusion of the performances.

Thursday 7th August  
Students in Rock Eisteddfod travel to Melbourne and stay at the Miami Hotel. We will leave school between 3.30 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Friday 8th August  
Show day

8:00 a.m.  
Performers and crew arrive at Vodafone arena

7:00 p.m.  
THE PERFORMANCE!
Chinese Cultural Evening

Friday 1st August 2008

On the Birchip ‘Olympic Opening’ night students may choose to wear the colours of the countries. Parents may wish to assist their children dress according to their chosen country.

Year Prep & 1 Australia Year 7 Sweden
Year 1 & 2 Fiji and New Zealand Year 8 Japan
Year 3 China and Brazil Year 9 Canada
Year 4 & 5 Swaziland and Spain Year 10 El Salvador
Year 5 & 6 Portugal and Israel Year 11 Eritrea
Year 12 Kenya

VCE Food & Technology Class

As I was doing my daily walk around the school today, I checked in with Mrs Barb Smith’s VCE Food & Technology class. Students were given a task which involved designing and creating a 2 or 3 course meal. Students were incredibly creative with Brianna making Gnocchi and a meal with pigeon and Anthony was sauté onions for his pumpkin pie. Cassie & Virginia were making a chicken creation. All students were most industrious and confident with their task.

The following pictures illustrate various wood and metal projects our years 9 and 10 students are working on with Mr Cameron Whelan.
Homework Research Questions

1. What color is platinum?
2. Foie gras is the liver of which creatures?
3. What type of pen did Lewis Waterman invent?
4. Which country’s national flag is a green rectangle?
5. Who recorded the original version of *Love Is All Around*?
6. What is the more common name for a dactylogram?
7. Sherlock Holmes lived in which street?
8. Cornice and Bon Chretin are types of which fruit?
9. The Rock of Gibraltar is found off the southern coast of which country?
10. What did the letter O stand for in ELO?

Answers to Research Questions - due 25 July 2008

1. What is the name of the Irish Parliament? the Dail
2. On what part of your body would you wear a homburg? Head
3. Riyadh is the capital of which country? Saudi Arabia
4. What flavour do ratafia biscuits have? almond
5. Who or what is halitosis? Bad breath
6. Which musical instrument did Yehudi Menuhin play? Violin
7. How many years are celebrated by a silver anniversary? 25
8. What color is heliotrope? Mauve
9. Which John starred in Fawlty Towers? Cleese
10. What name is given to an adult male seal? Bull

Wanted to buy:
There are a number of students studying Crime and Punishment who would like to buy the play ‘Twelve Angry Men’ that was studied two years ago. If you have this book and wish to sell it, please attach the price you wish to sell for and give to Mrs Eileen Smith.

Testing and Tagging of Electrical Equipment

If you need electrical equipment tested and tagged please contact Simone at the BB & LC phone 54922735 or email birchiplc@bigpond.com

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 eligible 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 2004 or
be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (14 July 2008).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 1 August 2008 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $215 for primary students and $430 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Schools receive the school portion electronically twice a year and parents/guardians receive their portion via two cheques. Students turning 16 years in 2008, will be paid on a pro rata basis and not on the 70/30% basis.

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Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2008 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 29 February 2008 and prior to or on 1 August 2008, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Birchip Watchem Football Club Ladies Committee

Thank you to all families for their generous donations of casseroles last week end. There are quite a few casserole dishes still left at the leisure Centre. Please call in to collect these.

CALL TO ARMS

The Birchip Watchem Football Club will conduct a gate raffle tomorrow Saturday 26th July 2008. Monies raised will directly assist the Cancer Council’s research, education and support of this programs. Please ensure you buy a raffle ticket at the gate tomorrow.

Birchip Watchem Netball Club

Lightning Premiership

Congratulations to our under 13 premiership team.

On Sunday we travelled to Boort to participate in the Lightning Premiership along with the Football and Hockey teams.

After playing 7 games, the girls ended up with one loss and one draw, and 5 wins, placing them 2nd on the ladder, and giving them the chance to play off in the Grand Final as underdogs. Wedderburn had won all day. The Girls from Birchip Watchem pulled out all stops and played like a team of champions to win against Wedderburn 4-2. It was a fantastic effort, and they certainly will be our stars of the future.

Our team consisted of - Hayley Hogan, Sophie Hogan, Molly Hogan, Chelsi Kemp, Darci Tierney, Marnie Lehmann, Claudia Lee, Georgia Lee and Ashlee Tierney. Coaches Heather Hogan and Madde Foot.

A big thankyou to Trish Lehmann for Umpiring for us, Jenny Hogan our First Aid Officer, and too all the mums that helped score. Well done Girls!!!

New Tops

The Birchip Watchem Netball Club are ordering new Purple Training tops. They will be approx. $35. (hopefully less). If you are interested in ordering one, please see Heather by next Thursday 31st July. I have shirts to try on for size, as they are very small sizing.
**Birchip Watchem Netball**

**Donald at home**

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**Junior Football Roster**

Saturday 26th July at Birchip

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**Digital Photography**

Do you have a digital camera and would love to know how to use it better

Come to a class on Sunday (27th) in Birchip with Adrian Cook from Maryborough

10am-3pm At the Shamrock

**Horsham Golf Club**

Golf for Girls and Boys - Term Three Clinic

Dates - $5 per session - Phone the pro shop 53823312

Tuesday July 29 4.30 – 5.30 pm

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Tuesday August 5 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Tuesday August 12 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Tuesday August 19 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Tuesday August 26 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Tuesday September 2 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Tuesday September 9 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Tuesday September 16 4.30 – 5.30 pm

**Rainbow FReeZA**

Rainbow Secondary College will be holding a FReeZA event on the 8th August 2008. It will be held at the Rainbow Secondary College. There are several other schools invited, and if enough people from Birchip and the surrounding area are interested, the Rainbow organizers will be happy to organize a bus for the night. The theme for the night is ‘Op-Shop’. ‘The Benchwarmers’ (one of the regions leading Cover Bands) will be playing. The committee have also organised a mechanical bull for the night. As like all official FReeZA events, the Rainbow Secondary College FReeZA is a drug and alcohol free event. The event commences at 7:30 p.m. and finishes at 11:30 p.m. Students from years 7-12 are most welcome. Posters will be sent out during the next week. It will be a fun and exciting night. Hope to see you there!!

**Chinese Heritage in Birchip**

In the very early days of our town, several Chinese market gardens supplied vegetables to the townsfolk. These gardeners had probably come to the area following the gold petering out at Ballarat, Bendigo, Wedderburn, Stawell and St Arnaud. Many Chinese lived around St. Arnaud until the 1940s and there is a cemetery at St Arnaud North called the New Bendigo Chinese Cemetery. There are several vertical concrete columns in it noting those buried there. Donald had Georgie ah Ling and his garden at Donald until recent years and still have his little farm and home near the racecourse. Many of his artefacts are displayed in their museum.

Up until the end of 1891, Birchip had no resident doctor, but was served by visiting doctors from other towns who called once a week. In 1891, Ah Tie, a Chinese herbalist advertised in the paper that he was available for consultation daily at his rooms next to Messrs Sheehan and Coffey’s Coffee Palace. This building was once on the site of Lou Martin’s Garage. One of the aspects most neglected in the 1880s in Birchip was Health. In 1889 a very serious scarlet fever epidemic broke
out resulting in several deaths, particularly among small children. The Advertiser reported that “an epidemic has broken out among the youth of our small village, so much that the attendance at the local State School has been reduced from thirty to about ten scholars.” Typhoid fever was also prevalent during those times. The population in 1890 was 250 with 14 businesses.

Tuberculosis was also widespread. Deaths amongst nursing mothers and babies were the most common as were blood poisoning and pneumonia.

Later Dr Showman set up his practice. One of his predecessors had left after facing assault charges of a patient. Birchip did not have a hospital and urgent cases had to be taken to St Arnaud by horse and buggy and after 1893, by train. Many did not survive the journey and others died there.

Several Chinese people had market gardens on the outskirts of the town in swampy or low ground. The last of these was on Goodwin’s property, where the channel crosses near the big silver tank. A shed which was part of this survived until recent times. Another garden was situated near Mrs Kath Smith’s farm and there was supposed to be another near Pat Connelly’s farm. There was also a garden on the North East corner of the reserve in which Lake Marlbed used to be. These more swampy parts of the district were also places where Aborigines used to camp for a while on their treks North and South following their food search as the seasons changed. Mr George Cartwright remembers his mother buying vegetables from the Chinese garden near Goodwins.

During one bad epidemic in 1921, the school was closed to students and used as a makeshift hospital. Some private hospitals were conducted by midwives and nurses, but it wasn’t until 1945, that the present hospital was opened. Funds were raised for years before this.

Poor sanitation, poor drainage and water supply were breeding grounds for serious diseases and of course there were no antibiotics, injections for children or antiseptics known today. Working bees were held to help clean animal manure from the main street and to deal with stagnant foul smelling puddles of water.

In 1895, the first trees were planted in the main street to help with drainage. Chinese market gardens were a great source of healthier food in those early times.

In 1893 a cowardly attack on a 60 year old Chinese market gardener employed at Marlbed was reported. The old man was standing quietly opposite Lockwood’s Store when the attack was made upon him by a drunken fellow who had come across the street from the Hotel. A Court case was held and the offender was held in the new local jail for a short while.

Gangs of Chinese labourers were employed in the area before the town was built. They are reputed to have built some of the early sheds, including the large shearing shed at Morton Plains and the one at Tottington. These sheds were built without using nails, but later had repairs which meant nails were used.

Many farms used Chinese labourers during the Boer War and First World War, when 550 men from the district went to War.

Same Chinese folk came overland from South Australia and didn’t even get to the goldfields. They came from Robe where they had embarked from ships and walked all the way, to avoid paying the 5 pounds which they would have been required to pay if landing in Victoria by ship. They worked at isolated farms along the way and some stayed.

When I was small there was one called Percy who was a gardener and ‘odd jobs man’ at McLoughlan’s farm at Birchip West. There are still some road names around St. Arnaud that have Chinese heritage.

Mrs Maureen Donnellon – our resident historian
Homework!

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Child’s Car seat, 12 months & up. Contact Julie Coffey. Thankyou.

SECONDHAND THESAURUSES NEEDED.
If you wish to sell or donate thesauruses to school, please send them to the school office or contact Eileen Smith.
HABITS OF MIND

As part of VCAL Work Related Skills students are reflecting on the Habits of Mind observations at work.

Here are some of their reflections

**Persistence – Zoe Barbetti**
At my workplace at ‘Carinya Pre-Training and Breaking Stables’, I have witnessed my boss many times never giving up and sticking with things. He always reminds me that no matter how hard something is or how impossible it seems just keep going and work it through. There is always a way and to give up is letting the horse win and that is defeat. A good breaker never gives up!

**Thinking Interdependently – Cody Connelly**
In my work place my boss is very keen on working together with other workers. Most jobs that need to be done are jobs that need more than one person. Working in the workplace that I work in, would be quite hard to do, without other people helping you.

**Being accurate and precise**
**Patrick Ryan**
Accuracy on the farm is so important for success with cropping. Our harvest can be changed by a making mistake with sowing or spraying. This affects the end product of the crop at harvest time with wheat, barley or canola.
For example; measuring how much herbicide to put in, knowing how much water to mix and how fast to drive the tractor.
Parents’ Club Meeting
Wednesday 6th August 2008
at 7:30 p.m.
BIRCHIP P-12 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
STAFF RECREATION ROOM

All parents encouraged and welcome to attend.

AGENDA

Apologies
Minutes of Meeting May 5th 2008
Business arising from minutes
Treasurers report – Deanne Botheras
Correspondence – Ros McCallum
School Council Report – Cathy Bales
Catering Report – Sam Kemp and Trish Lehmann
Fundraising Issues
General Business:
   1. School logo for Uniform
   2. Parents Victoria Conference – Three Issues to discuss and vote on:
      1) Anaphylaxis
      2) Drug Testing in Schools
      3) Life Membership to PV
   3. Fathers Day Stall
   4. First Aid Book
   5. Other – Guest Speaker for next meeting Marc Cox & Simone Christie

Any questions please contact:
Rhonda Bell, President on 54 922 428
Ros McCallum, Secretary on 50 772 218