Forthcoming Events

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 - Years 5-12
- Wednesday 19th: Athletics Sports Track Events - Years 5-12
- Thursday 20th: School Council Meeting
- Monday 24th: Staff PD Literacy across the Curriculum - Joan Stewart - 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- Tuesday 25th: School Photographs
- Thursday 27th: Yr 7 Immunisations
- Friday 4th: Primary Athletics Sports - Donald
- Tuesday 8th: Secondary Interschool Athletics - Rainbow
- Wednesday 9th: Yr 9 & 10 VET Taster Day - Horsham
- Friday 18th: Last Day Term 3

September
- 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
- Friday 30th: Transition Day 2

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
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BUILDING PROGRESS!
Jon Onley from Onley’s Holdings Pty Ltd will commence works on the mathematics rooms commencing Monday 3rd August 2009. These rooms will be transformed into a flexible ICT capable learning space and a walled garden. Room 9 will also be refurbished during the project. The final concept plan is shown opposite.

Noonan Builders commenced construction of the entrance ramp and installation of the automatic door to the Library during the week. Pedestrians are asked to walk along underneath the southern administration wing around the fenced area.

Library users are asked to enter the library using the back (southern) door from next week.

There will be NO PARKING along the east of the Library during this construction phase.

I request all students, staff, parents and visitors to the school to be patient during this construction time.
School life is certainly different from what it was many years ago.

Education today puts emphasis on practical lessons as students are encouraged to experiment, make predictions, co-operatively engage in teams and work methodically to achieve knowledge or make a product. A half an hour’s walk around the school on Tuesday found students engaged in a range of interesting pursuits. There was a healthy buzz of activity and conversation as students of all ages; worked creatively on their paintings, cooked hamburgers and salad for lunch or gingerly sewed their names on pin cushions using electric sewing machines. In the technology room, students were constructing elaborate wooden pieces of fine furniture while some welded sturdy toolboxes that they will use when they leave school.

In the Science room, Miss Barclay’s Year 11 Chemistry class was found calculating the concentrations of a series of diluted solutions using potassium permanganate. While in an adjacent room, Year 12 Physics students, wearing ear plugs, were studying sound waves and the frequency of a high pitched squeal. The Art room was much more tranquil as students carefully detailed their sculptural forms they were making from Hebel blocks.
Courage to Care Exhibition

Yesterday, years 9, 10 and 11 students travelled to Horsham to attend the ‘Courage to Care’ exhibition. The programme aims to inform and educate Australians of the dangers of prejudice and discrimination. ‘Courage to Care’ combats bullying and racism by empowering the individual to make a difference. ‘Courage to Care’ pays tribute to those individuals who have been designated as ‘Righteous among the Nations’, those men and women who risked their lives during the Holocaust to save others. ‘Courage to Care’ is about learning from the past to create a better future.

Students watched a graphic documentary film to introduce them to the history of the Jewish religion and the horrific developments of World War II. Students were also able to listen to and discuss the stories of Holocaust survivors. Our students were particularly engaged with the main spokesperson’s story. Peter spoke of living as a child through war torn Hungary, hiding from the Nazis and learning of the loss of his father who died in a concentration camp.

The events of the Holocaust and individuals who risked their own lives to save Jewish lives were used as a catalyst to encourage individuals to stand up and not be passive bystanders while many are persecuted.

Mrs Barb Smith, Miss Elisha Johnson, Miss Connely Barclay and Miss Stacey Hicks were incredibly impressed with the maturity and respect with which our students approached such sensitive issues. Their behaviour was credit to our school.

Secondary Winter Sports Carnival

Last Monday 27th July 2009, the Secondary Winter Sports Carnival was held at various venues around both Birchip and Hopetoun. Despite it being a cold and windy day, students enjoyed the opportunity to play a variety of sports against students from both Rainbow and Hopetoun. Birchip was successful on the day with several different sports winning on the day. These included Mixed Golf, Volleyball (Birchip 2) and Junior Boys Soccer. All students involved in the day are to be congratulated for their participation in these sports. Thanks to all teachers involved in helping these teams and special thanks to Sharon Foott, Brenda Doran and Sarah Doran for assisting in the umpiring of matches. Thanks to Mr Andrew Sayle and Mr Travis Knights for their excellent co-ordination.

Well done
Joseph Reid

As indicated in last week’s newsletter Joseph Reid competed in the State Primary Cross Country Championships Held at Bundoora last Friday. Joseph performed most creditably coming 100th out of a field of 130 participants.

Maths is Marvellous – You can count on it!
Memory – In Sequence

Place cards face down on the table in a grid. Limit the number of cards if required. Take it in turns to pick two cards. Players win the cards if they turn up two cards in sequence (e.g. 7 and 8, 5 and 4, .).

Welcome Emika

Welcome to Emika Fuseya, our new Japanese assistant.

Emika is from Gifu Prefecture in Japan. She will stay with us until the end of the term. Emika studied welfare and psychology at Osaka University. She hopes to improve her English so that she can return to Japan to teach English to children in primary schools.
Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 7th August 2009
1. Who surrendered aboard the Bellerophon on July 15, 1815?
2. How many different colours are the spaces on a Scrabble board?
3. What was the original name of the Salvation Army?
4. How many times have the Olympic Games been held in Africa?
5. What city do Egyptians call El Qahira?
6. The lowest call in a game of five hundred is six
7. What famous battle is featured on the Bayeux Tapestry?
8. What are called otemoto in restaurants in Japan?
9. Which sauce is traditionally served with roast lamb?
10. A gerontologist usually deals with what kind of patients?

Answers to last week’s questions
1. What African country is Bulawayo in? Zimbabwe
2. What kind of surface is the French Open tennis tournament played on? Clay
3. Which is bigger – a polo ball or a softball? a softball
4. What was Australian meteorologist Nils Lied on when he drove a golf ball 2,414 metres in 1962? Antarctic ice
5. How many Chance spaces are there on a Monopoly board? 3
6. Who reached the final every time he competed at Wimbledon from 1959 to 1969? Rod Laver
7. What does a mahout mind? elephants
8. What plant makes up most of a panda’s diet? bamboo
9. Who steers a surf boat? the sweep
10. What human features have arches, loops, whorls, islands and dots? Fingerprints

Careers Expo
On Thursday 30th July 2009, students of years 9, 10 and 11 attended the Annual Careers Expo at Longerenong College. The Careers Expo is in its 23rd year and provides valuable information to students throughout the Wimmera and Southern Mallee on University and TAFE courses as well as vocational information through the very popular try-a-trade area.
This year over a thousand students attended.
The seminar program provided an opportunity for approximately 1,300 students to listen to and ask questions of professionals from various vocations, TAFEs and Universities.
The day is an excellent starting point for future career discussions and for sowing the seeds of VCE subjects into the heads of our students prior to subject selections in term 4.
Thanks to Mrs Barb Smith, Miss Stacey Hicks, Miss Connelly Barclay and Miss Elisha Johnson for attending with the students and providing supervision on the day. Special thanks to Mr Russell Christie for his overall organization of the day ensuring our students are always well informed of potential career pathways.
Thank you also to those parents who transported their children to school in the morning so that the Winston Jil Jil bus could be used to transport the students to Horsham.
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.

GWMWater Year 9 - $75.00 Awards

GWMWater is providing the opportunity for two Year 9 students from this school to receive a $75.00 award each this year.

Entries need to make a direct link to water, influence understanding of water in the community and be selected from one of the key learning areas as outlined in the award criteria.

For more information on the awards and how you might receive one, visit the GWMWater website www.gwmwater.org.au type Year 9 awards in the search box, or contact GWMWater’s Community Education Coordinator Gillian Vanderwaal on 1300 659 961.

Word Quiz
Do you know your collective nouns?
A ............of judges  A clowder of ..............
A s.............of wool.  A smuck of .............
A ...........of owls.  A pride of ...............An anthology of ...............
A host of ..............
A ..................of worshippers
A c..................of chickens

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.

Birchip & District Pre-School Casual Relief Teachers

The Birchip & District Pre-School is looking for Primary Teachers with current registration who are interested in being employed as a Casual Relief Teacher. If interested, please contact Belinda Randall from the Pre-School Committee on 50 854 235 for further information.
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.

Graffiti FReeZA event Bus Timetable
Sea Lake Sports Complex – 1st August 2009

BUS A Charlton – Sea Lake

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Note: All buses will leave the Complex at 12:00am and follow the same route home.
If there are insufficient names on bus lists at schools on Wednesday 29th July, then bus will be cancelled.

BUS B Donald – Sea Lake

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YOU MUST HAVE YOUR NAME ON THE LIST
For more information contact Marc Cox – 0429 867 897

Birchip Watchem Football Club - Junior Roster for Saturday 1st August 2009

Birchip Watchem is away to Wycheproof Narraport

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Birchip Watchem Football Club would like to thank families who supplied casseroles and worked for the Casserole Tea - Goods & Services Auction Night. Casserole dishes can be collected from the Leisure Centre.
NETBALL SCORING VERSUS WYCHEPROOF NARRAPORT

A
B Simone Donnellon
C Lyn Boyle
JA Bev Forrester
JB
U13 Jackie Tierney

Wanted
Copy of Bart Simpson knitting pattern. Please contact Yvonne Wade on 54 981 381 if able to assist.

BWFC Progressive Tea
Saturday 1st August 2009 (after WyCheprooF Narraport game)
$40.00 per ticket (includes 3 course meal & 2 drinks)
6:15 p.m. start at Birchip Community Leisure Centre for entrée
Dress: semi formal (no denim)
Tickets available from Mark Bowen or Post Office - Hurry limited tickets available

SACs next week
- Chemistry
- Business Manager
- Accounting
- Biology

Homework!

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<td>Mrs Smith</td>
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<td>Miss Meehan</td>
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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
Open Day Dates

Australian Catholic University
Melbourne  16 August
Ballarat  30 August

Australian Institute of Public Safety
Melbourne  9 August

Australian Maritime College
Newnham, Launceston  16 August

Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE
 28-24 Aug

Box Hill Institute of TAFE
Elgar, Nelson, Whitehorse  23 August

Charles Sturt University
Everyday

Chisholm Institute
Berwick, Cranbourne, Dandenong, Frankston, Rosebud, Bass Coast 17 - 22 August

Deakin University
Melbourne (Burwood)  23 Aug.
Warmambool  16 Aug.
Geelong (Waurn Ponds) & Geelong (Waterfront)  9 August

East Gippsland Institute of TAFE
Week days

Elly Lukas Beauty Therapy College
Melbourne  30 August

Footscray City College Film and TV School
Footscray  23 August

Gordon Institute of TAFE - City
9 August

Grenadi School of Design
Lonsdale St, Melbourne  2 August

Holmesglen Institute of TAFE
Chadstone, Moorabbin, Waverley  15 August
Information sessions  31 Aug - 2 Sep
 7- 9 September
 14-16 September

International College of Hotel Management
Regency  9 August

International Design School
Southbank, South Melbourne  15 August
Southbank, South Melbourne  16 August

JMC Academy  Melbourne  15 August

La Trobe University
Bendigo  16 August
Mildura  Until 14 Aug
Shepparton  21 August
Albury-Wodonga  23 August
Bundoora  30 August
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Memo: Parents and students of Year 10 Mathematics (Algebra)

31st July 2009

Your son / daughter is required to purchase a Casio Classpad 330 (Computer Algebra System) calculator for their studies this year. This calculator will again be required for ALL mathematical studies in years 11 & 12.

From last year, all VCE mathematics courses were structured as CAS capable. All mathematics students will require this calculator to confidently tackle the requirements of mathematics courses. A computer algebra system (CAS) is a software program that facilitates symbolic mathematics. The core functionality of a CAS calculator is the manipulation of mathematical expressions in symbolic form. The CAS calculator supercedes other graphic and scientific calculators.

The Casio ClassPad 330 is the natural evolution of the graphics calculator. The ClassPad allows the user to input algebraic expressions and displays expressions as they appear in a real life. Factorization of expressions, calculation of limit values of functions, and other operations can be performed quickly and easily while viewing the results on a large LCD screen. It includes applications that support self-study like 3D Graphing, Geometry and Trigonometry. An LCD touch screen enables easy stylus-based operation.

The Birchip P-12 School became one of the first Casio Classpad Lead Schools in 2006.

We have been able to gain a bulk deal of the Casio Classpad 330 [CAS] calculators from a company in Melbourne.

The cost of each calculator is $195.00. The school will bill parents when calculators arrive.

Please complete the tear off section below and return to the school office by Monday 3rd August 2009 so that purchases can be made.

John Richmond
Principal
Birchip P-12 School

PURCHASE OF CASIO CLASSPAD 330 [CAS] CALCULATOR

Student Name: ........................................................................................................

Please order a Casio ClassPad 330 [CAS] Calculator

YES ☐ NO ☐

I will pay the school for the calculator as listed above on receipt of a tax invoice or I will make arrangements with the school to pay $195.00 in instalments.

YES ☐ NO ☐

Parent / Guardian: ........................................................................................................
AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS PROGRAM for GRDES 3 - 6

Dear Parents,

Commencing on Tuesday 11th August 2009, a six week Athletics program will run from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each evening. Supervision will commence from 3:30 p.m. The program will be held at school with the meeting point being the primary lunch area and activities being conducted by Michelle Lee, Gavin McRae and Sacha Meehan.

The program involves children participating in four athletic events each session; two track and two field events. They will be grouped according to their age. The program aims to develop and improve children’s athletics skills and individual performances in the various athletic events with Personal Bests being recorded. A fortnightly rotation of events will give the children an opportunity to improve their Personal Bests for each event in addition to valuable practice.

As this program is offered as an extension to the school program, students’ medical information held at school will be accessed to ensure the safety of children. If you believe this information is not up to date, please notify the co-ordinating staff. Some senior secondary students who have recently completed their First Aid certificate will be on hand as First Aid Officers. Any interested parents who would be able to offer assistance with timing, raking and general supervision should indicate their willingness on the form below although please give consideration to the need for safety should younger siblings be in attendance. Interested children need to complete the permission form below and return it to school by Wednesday 5th August 2009.

In the event of inclement weather, the program will be cancelled for that night rather than relocate to the stadium. A decision whether to cancel that night’s session will be made by 3:00 p.m. on that day and the school office will be notified. Parents can contact the school if unsure. This will allow parents of bus travellers to make alternate arrangements for their child/ren to go home on the bus if desired. It is the responsibility of the parents to contact the school to make these arrangements.

Children need to bring:
- A snack to have straight after school (preferably healthy) and a drink bottle.
- Appropriate clothing
- Runners. (not heavy school shoes or boots)

Term 3 is an incredibly busy term with football, netball, hockey, golf and other commitments. However, this program is completely optional and fits well as a lead up to the School Athletics Carnival at the end of term. Should you require further information, please contact Michelle Lee on 0427 922 758.

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Michelle Lee  
Co-ordinator

John Richmond  
Principal

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PERMISSION FORM for AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS PROGRAM for GRDES 3-6

I, (parent/guardian) ___________________________________ give permission for my (child/ren’s full name) ___________________________ to participate in the After School Athletics Program to be held at Birchip P-12 School.

I authorize the teachers in charge of the athletics program to consent, where it is impractical to communicate with me, to an ambulance being used if required and to the child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

I am able/ unable to assist with general duties during each athletic session.

Signed: __________________________________ Date: ___________________________
Habits of Mind

This week we start a new project featuring local community members. Eddie Lee generously agreed to be interviewed about habits of mind and his life.

Resume:  Eddie Lee
Current roles: Board member Mallee CMA
BCG Advisory Council
Member Kanyrie Parish Council
WIDCORP – sub committee of the University of Ballarat
Education: Intermediate Certificate – Wycheproof
Leaving Certificate – Ballarat College

How has using the Habits of Mind contributed to your life pattern?
Eddie often uses the quote that success is 10% brains and 90% hard work and indicated that persistence is a feature of his farming life. He remembers when he retired from council Jan Corrie commented that he always spoke concisely and clearly. Eddie views himself as being a logical thinker and the post mortems on the way home from bridge demonstrate his metacognitive processes (thinking about his thinking).

Can you recall a time when being good at one or more of the habits contributed to your life in a positive way?
Eddie recounted his participation in two challenging amalgamations within the community: the creation of the Birchip P-12 School and the Birchip Community Leisure Centre. He said creating, imaging and realising these institutions required a lot of observation of what was going on and plenty of questioning and problem solving. Eddie often reverts to the “what if philosophy” both in his community and farming life.

Are there any of the habits which you believe you are not good at? Has this impacted on your life pattern?
Eddie admitted that managing impulsivity is the one he needs to work on most. He believes however that he has got better at it with maturity. Eddie was elected onto the Birchip Football Club committee at 23 and president at 33. He had plenty of exposure to controversy early and learned from his experience.

What habit of mind resonates mostly with you?
Eddy believes education to be a wonderful start. He has a life long thirst for knowledge and agrees that you should learn something every day. He impresses on his family and workers that it’s OK to make a mistake once, accuracy and precision and applying past knowledge to new situations are useful dispositions to have.

Finally, working interdependently (as a team, together) he noted that while working with the footy club, on council and at work, once a decision is made it is critical and democratic if all involved work together for the greater good.

Thank you Eddie.

Eddie Lee with twin grandsons
Blake & Connor Lee