Birchip P-12 School
A Mindful School

Forthcoming Events

August
Monday 23rd
Information Night for Year 12 students & parents
‘Wizard of Oz’ - All day dress rehearsal

Monday 23rd →
Book Week
Saturday 28th
School Photographs
Tuesday 24th
‘Wizard of Oz’ - Singing Rehearsal

Thursday 26th
‘Wizard of Oz’ - Full Dress Rehearsal 1pm
Friday 27th
‘Wizard of Oz’ - Opening Night - 6.30pm

September
Wednesday 1st
‘Wizard of Oz’ - Closing Night - 6.30pm
Thursday 2nd
Parents’ Club Father’s Day Stall
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
Monday 4th
First Day of Term 4
Tuesday 5th →
Grades 3 & 4 Echuca Camp
Thursday 7th
Parents’ Club Meeting - 7.30pm
Monday 11th
Prep, 1 & 2 Extended stay and sleepover
Thursday 14th
Grade 6 → 7 Transition meeting - 7pm
Thursday 21st
Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
Year 12 Last official day at school
Friday 22nd
Birchip Flower Show
Monday 25th
Year 12 Swat Vac commences
Tuesday 26th →
Grade 5 Camp to Melbourne
Friday 29th

Thursday 28th
Grades P → 2 Excursion to Melbourne Zoo
VCE Examinations commence
Transition Day #1

Friday 29th →
Birchip Friends of the Library Art Show
Sunday 31st

November

Tuesday 2nd
Melbourne Cup Holiday
Thursday 4th
Transition Day #2

John Richmond, our principal, and his wife Christine are overseas visiting Hong Kong, England, Guernsey, Italy, France, Ireland and Finland. John was awarded a High Performing Principals’ travel scholarship to research education in Birmingham, England and Finland and we are sure he will return keen to trial ideas he has come across in his travels.

In John’s absence, Eileen Smith is Acting Principal and Russell Christie is Acting Assistant Principal.

Australian Vocational Student Prize

Mathew Bennett has been awarded a 2009 Australian Vocational Student Prize for his outstanding achievements in vocational education. Mathew not only completed a successful VCE but...
also managed to complete a School Based Apprenticeship by studying and working as a mechanic. Mathew is now doing his second year apprenticeship with John Bales at Bales’s Garage as a mechanic and is thoroughly enjoying his work. For his efforts, Mathew received a $2000 scholarship.

Congratulations to ex-student, Simon Bardell who has secured a scholarship to play tennis and attend college in the US. We wish Simon luck in his future as this month he flies to America to attend college in Mississippi.

THE PRIMARY MOVE HAS BEGUN

Primary teachers are busy sorting and packing in readiness for the big shift out of their rooms and primary building. The primary wing of the school will be completely gutted in the next few weeks as John Onley builders move in to strip the building. In the mean time, primary classes will be conducted in some secondary rooms, the music room, the library and computer rooms.

Many parents have pledged their time to move furniture and larger items on Sunday 29th August and the school is grateful for their assistance.

While the move will be disruptive, the long term gains will be worth the effort.

Athletic Sports

Rain, glorious rain but we were not deterred and finished the athletics program just as the rain came down. Thursday’s track was very wet but adaptations like the careful placement of carpets at the goal ends, ensured safety rather than record setting times. Thanks to Mr Travis Knights and Mr Andrew Sayle for their organisation and to staff who helped set up, line the field and organise various aspects of the day. Miss Hicks and the SRC were also busy in the canteen cooking sausages and hamburgers that were well appreciated by the cold and hungry crowd.

This year, Young absolutely dominated the competition and won 1710 points to Fraser House’s 1307.

Students are to be congratulated on the way they competed. Their earnestness to do well was evident on so many occasions when best friends fought tooth and nail to win a race.

The individual champions were:

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School Photographs

School photographs will be taken on **Tuesday August 24th** and students will need to be in full school uniform.

Each child will have a class photograph taken and an individual one for school records.

MSP Photography pack envelopes were distributed last week and should have been returned TODAY.

Please make sure that any non returned envelopes are returned to school by Monday. Late envelopes cannot be accepted by the school.

Family envelopes are available from the school office.

Any questions or for more envelopes please contact the school office.

2010 Parent Opinion Survey

The 2010 Parent Opinion Survey is to be conducted state-wide in a 2 week period in Term 3 (30 August to 10 September 2010).

The survey will provide our school with reliable data about a range of issues that are important to parents. We will use this data to drive further improvements in our school.

Parents are randomly selected. Should your family be selected, please endeavour to complete the survey and return to the school prior to the closing date.

VCE INFORMATION NIGHT

**Monday 23rd August 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

For parents of current year 12 students and any students, parents with students at or beginning University in 2011. Centrelink will be in attendance to discuss changes to Youth Allowance.

WANTED

Mrs Smith is looking for old watches that are of no use, and they do not have to be in working order.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Birchip P-12 School, Uniform Shop opening times are 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. each school day.

Wizard of Oz

The cast of Birchip P-12 School 2010 School musical of “The Wizard of Oz” cannot contain their excitement to finally perform on stage next week. Practices were amped up to two and three times a week this term in anticipation of a sell out show. Although this has taken an unprecedented amount of dedication from students and teachers, enthusiasm has not wavered as we enter into our opening performance on Friday night.

Monday 23rd is an all day rehearsal, Tuesday 24th is a singing rehearsal after recess, Thursday 26th is a full dress rehearsal.

Friday 26th is the opening performance at the Birchip Public Hall starting at 6.30pm sharp, the final performance is on Wednesday 1st September at 6.30pm.

Tickets are on sale at school only, please book early to ensure that you do not miss out on the opportunity to see the musical that the children have worked on so hard.

Habits of Mind

This week’s winner

Congratulations to **Diane Wineera**, for communicating with clarity and precision when announcing the progressive scores at the house athletics.

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

VCE SAC dates

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<td>Heat of reaction Practical Report 26 August</td>
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Reminder that if a student misses a SAC then a doctor’s certificate is required to ensure that an alternative date can be found.
YEARS 8, 9, 10 ENGLISH TEXTS

This semester Year 8 students will be studying Mary Hoffman’s ‘City of Masks’ as part of their Time Travel unit. Students in the Blood, Sweat and Tears class will focus on Lance Armstrong’s autobiography, ‘It’s not about the Bike: My Journey back to Life’ and students in the Speak Up class will read Shakespeare’s ‘Romeo and Juliet.’ Literature students will also study one of Shakespeare’s works, ‘The Merchant of Venice’ as well as Tim Winton’s, ‘Cloudstreet’. These books have been distributed in class and invoices have been sent home today.

2010 Donald Primary Sports

Urgent Help Required.

We are desperately short of helpers to assist with the Primary Athletic Sports at Donald on Friday, 3rd September. If you can assist please advise Greg Welton as soon as possible, preferably by Monday, 23rd August.

BIRCHIP P-12 SCHOOL
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

2010 BOOK FAIR

The library is gearing up for the annual Book Fair which runs from Monday 16th August 2010 to Saturday 28th August 2010. This year Scholastic Books and Social Club Books are the main suppliers and browsers will find books suitable for all ages and tastes. Some books are discounted up to 70% and this is an ideal time to buy birthday and Christmas gifts. Selling will take place during library hours and this year there is even a credit card facility. Every person who buys a book will go into the daily draw to win a prize.

Hope to see you all there!

Birchip P-12 School

presents

Wednesday the 1st
September at 6.30P.M.
Birchip Public Hall

$5 a seat

Tickets are on sale now
from the Birchip P-12 School Front Office

Basketball Competition 2010

Monday 16th August 2010
Green 41 def Blue 32
Highest scorer Green - Gerhard Egerer 22
Blue - Ray Poulton 16

Red 38 def Yellow 32
Highest scorer Red - Mikko Garcia 14
Yellow - Jake Hogan 14

Next game - Monday 23rd August 2010
Red Vs Blue - 4pm
Green Vs Yellow - 4.45pm

Don’t forget subs are due - if they are not paid competitors will be unable to play in finals.
Many of our secondary students have Facebook accounts and use the social networking site to keep in touch with friends and to share photographs but many students reveal too much about themselves on the net. Some have included phone numbers, addresses, parents’ names and the list goes on. While in Birchip we live in a safe community, such information can be easily used to track down and manipulate unsuspecting teenagers.

I have talked to the secondary students about this issue and have included the following article from the ABC to demonstrate that people must be very careful about what information is divulged on the net.

There are also wider issues that must be brought to the attention of Facebook and users of other social networking sites. Once something; a photograph or a piece of writing is placed on the net, it is not their photograph anymore, it is everyone’s and anyone can download the information and do what they like with it. As an employer, I always check these social networking sites to see what sort of a character the prospective employee is showing to the world. Students need to realise that if they post inappropriate material on the net, with a little effort and knowledge, it can be accessed by most people.

My advice to parents is to find out how Facebook works and ask to see your child’s site and know their password. Many parents are not computer savvy and may say that they don’t know how to use such technology but it is important that you have this control as your child’s safety is at stake.

There is no doubt that some people are almost addicted to Facebook and are wasting time posting what could only be called inane messages to friends that they have seen for seven hours at school on that day. If you feel that your child is spending too much time on the site, simply switch off the router or turn off the internet.

Where possible, students should use their computers in the family living area and not in their bedrooms.

Teen’s murder sparks Facebook privacy plea
By Gemma Breen and staff

Nona Belomesoff, 18, allegedly went to meet two men she befriended on Facebook (NSW Police)

Police are urging teenagers to remove their profile pictures and personal details from Facebook after a man was charged with the murder of a young Sydney woman last week.

It is alleged that Nona Belomesoff, 18, believed she was going to work with an animal welfare organisation when she left her home last Wednesday to meet two men she befriended on Facebook.

Her body was found in a creek bed in Sydney’s south-west on Friday and police have charged a 20-year-old man with her murder.

Police say the second man Ms Belomesoff believed she was meeting did not exist.

The man charged with murder allegedly set up a false Facebook profile masquerading as someone who worked with animals.

The case has ignited debate on the issue of cyber safety and security, particularly when it comes to younger people.

Although the majority of friends on a Facebook user’s list are people they know, it is relatively easy to make new friends online.

Detective Superintendent Peter Crawford is with Queensland’s Task Force Argos, which targets online predators. He says there is no reason a teenager or a child should have a photo on their Facebook profile page.

He says photos, school details, or a young person’s date of birth should never be posted on the social networking site.

"If you use social networking as a closed networking with friends that you know... then the risks are very much reduced," he told ABC Local Radio.

"[But] if you post private information ... you are leaving yourself very much exposed not just to these types of offences, but also to fraud."

Every month, the police task force receives at least one complaint in relation to online offenders, but covert police posing as children online can be hit upon regularly.

Users must be at least 13 years of age to sign on to Facebook, but a child can easily sign up for a profile by altering their date of birth.
Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 27th August 2010

1. In which country do Walloons mainly live?
2. Of which nationality was the composer Frederick Delius?
3. In which ocean are the Seychelles Islands?
4. How many pecks are there in a bushel?
5. Chalcography is the art of what?
6. What do palprebate creatures have?
7. Where are your carotid arteries?
8. To which country do the Faeroe Islands belong?
9. What does the American opossum do when it’s caught?
10. Name the capital of Morocco.

EXTRA YOGA SESSIONS WITH KUMAR SANTOSH AT IHOM MON & THURS EVENINGS AND POTENTIAL FOR WEDS MORNING CLASS NEXT TERM

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Answers to last week’s questions:
1. Balm and sorrel are two varieties of what? **Herb**
2. Normally, how many innings are there in a baseball game? **9**
3. What is the name of the lead male character in the novel, Gone with the Wind? **Rhett Butler**
4. Specifically, what type of creature is a rhea? **Flightless bird**
5. By whom was Melbourne given its name in 1837? **Sir Richard Bourke, then governor of NSW**
6. What do the Terpsichorean arts involve? **Dancing**
7. What does a philographist collect? **Autographs**
8. How many feet do animals classified as tetrapods have? **4**
9. Normally, what is processed in a ginnery? **Cotton**
10. What animal was voted the most popular screen performer in Hollywood in 1926? **Rin Tin Tin, a dog**

BW Under 13 and minkey Hockey Break Up
Thurs 26th August
6-7 pm at the Leisure centre
HOT CHIPS PROVIDED

BIRCHIP PRESCHOOL VISION PORTRAITS FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

*Note change of date*
SUNDAY 29th AUGUST, 2010
BLACK & WHITE OR COLOUR 10” x 13” WITH A FRAME ONLY $12.00
BOOKINGS ARE FILLING FAST, SO BE QUICK,
CONTACT: CASSIE ROBINSON ON 54 935 336

Net, Set, Go
There will be no match at Donald tomorrow

Parents’ Club News
Father’s Day Stall - Thursday 2nd September 2010
NEXT PARENTS CLUB MEETING: Monday 11th October 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

Birchip Watchem Football Club - Junior Roster for Saturday 21st August 2010

Birchip Watchem is away to Donald

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Under 16 Boundary Umpires

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Could Boundary Umpires please wear a white shirt, not an inside out jumper
Also if parents or players are unable to do their duty could they please organise a swap.

Under 13 Team Manager - Andrew Sayle

Under 16 Team Manager - Russell Christie

Birchip-Watchem Football Club

The Birchip-Watchem Football Club is hosting this year’s Feeny Medal at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre on Wednesday 25th August 2010.

Workers preparing food and setting up Tuesday 24th at 6pm.

Could the following people please provide 3doz savories to be at the BCLC by 4pm.
Slice Meat: S. Bourke, G. O’Donnell.


Habits of Mind

Year 9 / 10 Japanese, Swan Hill Excursion

On Friday 30th July, the Years 9 and 10 Japanese class went on an excursion to Swan Hill. They visited the Japanese restaurant ‘Yutaka Sawa’ to get together with students from three other schools. At the restaurant, students from Warracknabeal Secondary College, Cohuna Secondary College, MacKillop College Swan Hill and Birchip P-12 School sat in mixed school groups and enjoyed working together to learn about Japanese cultural and language activities. Of course they enjoyed a Japanese style Obento box lunch as well.

The purpose of the excursion was to:

1. Provide opportunities for the students to use knowledge and skills from previous Japanese learning. (Applying Past Knowledge)
2. Meet and make friendships with students from other schools who are studying Japanese. (Thinking Interdependently)
3. Have a fun day promoting the learning of Japanese as a positive experience. (Responding With Wonderment and Awe)
4. Experience a Japanese restaurant and food. (Gathering Data through All the Senses)

Feedback from students was positive as all students enjoyed the opportunity to have a meeting day, and we have promised to get together again next year. Well done to Ethan Cooper and Brylie Emonson who represented our school.