Forthcoming Events

August
Monday 15th → “Book Week”
Friday 26th
Tuesday 23rd SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHIES - full winter uniform please
Thursday 25th → VCAL Trip to Bendigo
Friday 26th
Friday 26th Primary Athletics Sports - Donald
Monday 29th Information Night Yr 12 Parents - 7pm
Wednesday 31st Julius Caesar trip to Bendigo for VCE Theatre Studies

September
Wednesday 14th → Grades 3 & 4 Camp at Koolamurt
Friday 16th
Wednesday 14th → Grade 5 camp to Melbourne
Friday 16th
Thursday 15th Immunisations Yr 7
Friday 16th Secondary North Central District Golf Day
VCAL Showcase at Balmoral

Rock Eisteddfod

Fifty excited students and teachers left Birchip on Thursday to perform in the Victorian Rock Eisteddfod at Hisense Arena. As a prelude to the performance, students danced the night away on Thursday evening at the Soda Rock Café but Friday morning was a serious matter as students arrived at the Arena for a full day’s rehearsals.

Students had enthusiastically practised their piece entitled “Dance, dance Barbie” for weeks prior to the event. This fun, upbeat piece used dance, music and costumes to illustrate the development of Barbie through the generations.

The staging of an event that involves hundreds of students was very professional and at three thirty the arena went into lock down. However, at six o’clock the long day was starting to take its toll on all members. Nerves were raw, makeup was thick and hair was big but the troupe was ready to take to the boards.

In front of the large audience students gave their all, looked amazing and are to be commended for their hard work, long hours of rehearsals and the dedication they showed. The Birchip P-12 School is extremely proud of all who were involved in the creating and making of “Dance, dance Barbie,” especially the coordinating teachers; Catherine McKenzie, Jessica Arnott and Rebecca Wright. It must be noted that Birchip with a mere 104

Sophie Hogan, Courtney Gleeson, Emily Smith, Emma Hogan, Zoe Turnbull and Megan Naylor with Nicholas Bales (Ken)
students in the secondary section was competing against schools with over one thousand students and which had substantial budgets to sustain the Rock Eisteddfod program. Taking this into consideration, our students did admirably to put together a routine that was entertaining and professional.

**2011 Parent Opinion Survey**

The 2011 Parent Opinion Survey is to be conducted state-wide in a 2 week period in Term 3 (Monday 22 August 2011 to Friday 2 September 2011).

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. Surveys were posted home during the week.

**BOOK FAIR**

The Birchip P-12 School Library is once again holding a Book Fair which will go for two weeks. There is a wide selection of books to suit toddlers and older readers and some excellent books to stack away as Christmas and birthday presents. The library is open during the school day, at lunch times and after school.

**Gnurad Gundidj - Week Four Report**

Well we survived Expo 1! During this trip the students rode a 55km loop from campus out to Lake Keilambete via the ‘Sisters’ where we enjoyed a heated lunch on a public BBQ. Once at Lake Keilambete we set up camp and got a fire going before cooking our dinner on trangias. We had to contend with a very muddy paddock but the group spirit was high and nothing seemed to get them down.

The students worked together to complete various team roles, make logistical decisions and support each other throughout the 48hrs away from Gnurad. The students had to manage their own clothing, equipment, cooking, nutrition and sleeping arrangements.

On our ride back to campus we stopped at Mt Noorat, walked up the volcanic crater and had lunch on the grass in the warm afternoon sun. It was great to see the kids just taking the time to enjoy where they were rather than just rushing back to campus.

During the next few weeks we will be participating in a number of other adventurous outdoor activities, such as more mountain biking, canoeing and surfing. I hope your kids are letting you know how they’re going and sending you some pictures.

Mr Michael Fitzgerald (Teacher)
Gnurad Gundidj Happenings
This semester Catherine McKenzie and Barb Smith are combining their expertise in a new unit called T.Art. (short for textile art). Recently we asked the students to write about their experiences so far, some are included.

**Ashleigh Baird** – So far we have learnt felting, which was fun and last week we did knitting. On Tuesday my group started crocheting which is puzzling.

**Laura Phelan** – It was quite hard at first to learn knitting and crocheting but once we had persisted for a while it became really easy. T.Art is a very relaxing fun class.

**Chelsi Kemp** – Throughout our T.Art classes, we have developed skills in felting, crochet and knitting. It is very challenging learning new skills but it is very enjoyable and relaxing once you get the hang of it.

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**Parent Teacher Evening – Tuesday 20 September 2011**

The semester three parent-teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 20 September 2011. On this day, school will finish at 3:00 p.m. with school buses running 25 minutes earlier than usual.

We will commence the interviews slightly earlier at 3:15 p.m.

There will be three, one hour time slots: 3:15 – 4:15, 4:15 – 5:15 and then 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.

Parent-teacher evening will conclude at 6:30 p.m.

Parents of three or more children at our school will be allotted two, one hour time slots to give them more chance of catching up with all their children’s teachers.

There will be three chairs in a line leading up to each teacher to allow for an ordered queue process.

A letter will be sent home a couple of weeks prior to the parent-teacher evening providing specific information to all parents. There will be a tear off receipt which will need to be returned to the office so that planning can occur.

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**Spring Showcase**

**Friday 23 September 2011**

A Spring Showcase will be held on Friday 23 September 2011. This will be a day of celebration where students will be able to display their work and talents to parents and the school community.

During this showcase, students will perform their Rock Eisteddfod routine, VCE students will perform various theatre monologues, primary students will perform various musical items, music students will perform their items and students’ art and craft will be on display. It will also be an opportunity for the school community to view our new learning spaces and fantastic new facilities.

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**PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE BEFORE VISITING CLASSROOMS**

We are most fortunate to have many visitors including parents come to our school. It is very important that every person who enters our school signs in at the office. In the event of an emergency, it is imperative that all people on the premises are accounted for. Parents and visitors will also need to sign out following their visit. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
Dream time: Jordan to compete in national indigenous titles

MILDURA Junior Football Club’s Jordan Galway will take part in the AFL Indigenous KickStart Under 15 Championships beginning on the Gold Coast late this month.

The championships will engage 150 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young men, representing all states and territories making up six teams of 25 participants each.

During the championships, participants will meet indigenous AFL players and engage in leadership seminars.

The best performing teams will play in a curtain-raiser before the Gold Coast and Hawthorn match at Metricon Stadium on Saturday, September 3.

At the conclusion of the championships, which run from Wednesday, August 31, to Sunday, September 4, 25 players will be selected for the 2011 Flying Boomerangs squad which will tour Fiji in December.

The 14-year-old Galway last month attended a three-day 2011 KickStart Future Leaders Camp in Melbourne where 32 indigenous boys tried out for the final Victoria/Tasmania team.

The camp provided an opportunity for indigenous boys to get exposure to the TAC Cup Talent Pathway Programs, AFL clubs and their indigenous players, leadership, health, education, life skills and to showcase their ability.

Galway attended a final training session with the Victoria/Tasmania team at the weekend before the championships on the Gold Coast and said he was excited to be involved in the five days of competition.

“I’m really looking forward to it,” Galway said. “The standard at training and during practice games has been pretty good and we’re expecting the competition during the championships to be a pretty high standard,” he said.

“The coaching staff have run me through the midfield during trial games, but I don’t really mind where I play ... it’s just all a bit of fun.”

The year 9 student, who had never travelled by plane before being chosen in the combined state squad, will now attend a jumper presentation in Melbourne later this month before flying to the Gold Coast with other team members.

The Birchip P-12 School community congratulates Jordan and wishes him all the very best as he enters this new and exciting chapter in his life.

Kindergarten 2012 Enrolments

Parents of Kindergarten children are encouraged to complete enrolments for 2012 by Wednesday 31 August 2011. This will allow us to commence planning for the provision of education in 2012.

Junior Football

A meeting of junior football parents interested in the five year plan for the North Central Football League will be held NEXT Thursday 25 August, 6.30pm at the Birchip Leisure Centre.

A reply to the questions on the junior football competition in the next five years will be formulated and sent to the league for consideration.

Birchip Angling Club Fishing Competition

The Birchip Angling Club will be holding a competition at Tchum Lake on Sunday 28th August 2011. Fishing times are between 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. with a barbecue and weigh-in to follow. The competition is a boat and bank competition with prize sections for junior and senior participants. All existing and new members welcome.
Basketball Rules
- Students must wear appropriate clothing and shoes always.
- Students need to be at the stadium five minutes before the start of play (if not they will not be able to take court)
- $5.00 subs need to be paid by Friday 9th September 2011 (or won’t be able to take court next game)
- Six(6) players for each team on the court at once
- All participants MUST respect umpires decisions at all times.

Year 7 Spelling List
- adults
- threatening
- escaped
- clothes
- clothes
- isolate
- trapped
- hypothesise
- allowed
- restricted
- except
- accept

Can you solve this Palindrome Puzzle?

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The Annual Birchip P-12 School Community Library Book Fair will continue through next week.
A large collection of quality items from pre-school to adults will be on display in the Library until Saturday 27th August 2011.
Every child who buys a book will go into the daily draw to win a prize.
Hope to see you all there.
2011 NORTH CENTRAL ATHLETICS SPORTS  
Commencing 9:45 a.m.  
Friday 26th August 2011  
Donald Football Ovals – Main Oval (Years 9-12)  
Jeffcott Oval (Years 5-8)

On Friday 26th August 2011 the North Central District Athletics Sports will be held at Donald. The sports will involve all children from Prep through to Grade Six. Children are required to be at Donald by 9:45 a.m. ready for a 10:00 a.m. start.

Upon arrival children will assemble in their particular age group. Cards will be sent home prior to the sports. These need to be brought along on the day.

Parents are asked to make their own travel arrangements to transport their children to Donald. If anyone is having difficulty arranging transport, contact Greg Welton, who may be able to organise a ride. Similarly if you can take someone, please let us know.

Donald Primary School members will decide by 8:15 a.m. on Friday if the sports are to be cancelled owing to poor weather. Therefore if you are unsure on Friday morning because of ordinary conditions you may phone John Richmond at school on 54 922 287 or 54 922 553 to clarify the situation.

LIST OF REQUIREMENTS
- Birchip sports uniform - red bottoms (skirt or shorts), and plain white top (polo or t-shirt)  
- Sun hats and sunscreen  
- Footwear must be worn  
- Lunch and drinks. Some snacks and light refreshments will be available.

The day is a standardised sports format where every student takes part in each event and is awarded a 3, 2, or 1 score depending on the standard they achieve. Children will compete in age groups taken at 31.12.2011.

5, 6, 7 & 8 year old students participate in sprint, shot put, long jump, hurdles, vortex throw and discus.

9, 10, 11 & 12 year old students participate in sprint, shot put, long distance, long jump, hurdles, vortex throw and discus.

Zone selections for 10, 11 & 12 year olds in 100m sprint, 200m, 800m, hurdles and relays will be made on performances during the day.

Please note the outline of the day’s program below.

Students required for relays and zone events will be advised early next week.

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The backup day if the sports are postponed is Friday 2 September 2011.

Greg Welton  
Sport Co-ordinator
School Photographs

School Photographs will take place next Tuesday 23rd August 2011. Please ensure your son and daughter are wearing correct winter school uniform for this occasion.

There are a variety of photograph packages for you to choose from. Please return the attached photograph order envelope to the school office by Monday 22nd August 2011.

Family order forms are available from the school Office.
Weekly Quiz - Visual

1. Which country is surrounded by the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian Oceans?
   - Australia
   - Canada
   - China
   - Russia

2. Which continent has the largest number of countries?
   - Asia
   - Africa
   - Europe
   - South America

3. Which country is not located in the Americas?
   - Argentina
   - Australia
   - China
   - Russia

4. Which country shares a border with both Canada and the United States?
   - Mexico
   - Canada
   - Russia
   - China

5. Which country has the largest landmass?
   - China
   - Russia
   - Canada
   - Australia

6. Which country is the smallest in terms of land area?
   - Australia
   - Canada
   - Russia
   - China

7. Which country has the longest coastline?
   - Canada
   - Australia
   - China
   - Russia

8. Which country is the largest in terms of population?
   - China
   - Russia
   - Canada
   - Australia

9. Which country is the smallest in terms of population?
   - Russia
   - Canada
   - Australia
   - China

10. Which country is the most populous?
    - China
    - Russia
    - Canada
    - Australia

Weekly Quiz - Literacy

1. The water is too deep for the fish.
   - Correct
   - Incorrect

2. The biggest fish in the ocean is the blue whale.
   - Correct
   - Incorrect

3. The blue whale is the largest animal on Earth.
   - Correct
   - Incorrect

4. The blue whale is known for its intelligence.
   - Correct
   - Incorrect

5. The blue whale is known for its size and strength.
   - Correct
   - Incorrect

6. The blue whale is the largest living organism.
   - Correct
   - Incorrect

7. The blue whale is known for its beauty.
   - Correct
   - Incorrect

8. The blue whale is known for its size and strength.
   - Correct
   - Incorrect

9. The blue whale is known for its size and strength.
   - Correct
   - Incorrect

10. The blue whale is known for its size and strength.
     - Correct
     - Incorrect
Birchip Watchem “Bulls” Rosters for Saturday
August 20, 2011

JUNIOR FOOTBALL
Under 16 Boundary
Reserves Waterboys
Reserves Boundary
Seniors Waterboys
Seniors Boundary
Vs Wedderburn @ Wedderburn
Joe O’Donnell
Jesse Kemp
Joshua Chamberlain
Joe Boyle
Jayden McGinnis
Darcy Sheahan
Nikko Garcia
Jack Lee
Boundary Reserves
Waterboys
Boundary Seniors
Waterboys
Boundary Seniors
Vs Wedderburn @ Wedderburn
Joe Boyle
Jack Lee
Riley Doran
Sean Hogan/Jake Gleeson

JUNIOR FOOTBALL
U 13 Timekeeper
U 13 interchange
U 13 Goal umpire
U16 Timekeeper
U 16 interchange
U 16 Goal Umpire
Vs Wedderburn @ Wedderburn
- -
Murray Paley
Graeme Milne
Leon Hogan
Christie family
Jesse Kemp
Darcy Sheahan
Joshua Chamberlain
Nikko Garcia
Jesse Kemp
Darcy Sheahan
Joshua Chamberlain
Nikko Garcia

NETBALL
A Grade Scorers
B Grade Scorers
C Grade Scorers
Junior A Scorer
Junior B Scorer
13 A Scorer
Cleaning of rooms
Vs Wedderburn @ Wedderburn
Abbey Frew
Jenny (P) Noonan
Louisa Ferrier
Heather Hogan
Louise Lee
Diane Thompson

HOCKEY
Gate 11:00-1:30
Lining
Umpire Minkey
Umpire U 13
Write Up Mens
Write up Wemens
Write up U 15
Write Up U 13
Vs Wedderburn @ Wedderburn
- -
Jesse Buteux
Claire Cook
Tim McClelland
Julie McClelland
Hayley Hogan
Tori Hogan

SENIOR FOOTBALL
Gate Keeper 9-11,11-1,1-3
Gate Raffle 9-10am
Gate Raffle 10-11.30am
Gate Raffle 11.30am-1pm
Gate Raffle 1-2pm
Vs Wedderburn @ Wedderburn
- - - -

SENIOR FOOTBALL
Water Boys Juniors
Interchange Stewards
Goal Umpires
Time Keepers
Vs Wedderburn @ Wedderburn
U 13: Gerhard Egerer
Res:Russell Christie
Res: Peter Walder
Res: Cathy Young
U 16: Joshua Richmond
Sen:Nicholas Noonan
Sen: Laurie Sands
Sen: Trevor Thompson

The last FUN, SET, GO match will be held this Saturday at Wedderburn at 1:00 p.m. on Court 2. Coach: Chelsi Kemp Umpire: Tori Hogan

The program was originally to end next Wednesday, 24th August 2011 but it has been extended until Wednesday, 7th September 2011 to fit in with the Pie Night/ Break up Janine has organised. Helpers will therefore need to be rostered on for two more weeks, so could you please continue to check the newsletter to see if you are rostered on to help with a session. Thank you.
There will not be any more Auskick games on Saturdays but a big thank you to all the children who participated so enthusiastically and to the parents for their support at each home game.
SACs Next Week

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Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
**Habits of Mind**

**Children’s Book Awards 2011.**

There has been much excitement in the library this week as we celebrate Book Week. This has included the Book Fair and also the Children's Book Awards for 2011, which are announced next week.

During this week the children have been reading and listening to the books that have been short listed for the best Picture Book section of the Book Awards. At the conclusion of this, the children will be voting for the book they think deserves the award for 2011. To do this the children have to apply their past knowledge of what they know makes an interesting and appealing book for children. They have responded with wonderment and awe at some of the engaging illustrations and they found humour in the story “Two Peas in a Pod”.

The children had to think about each story and communicate with precision and clarity whether or not they thought the book should have been short listed and their reasons why they felt this way.

Finally they will need to think independently to each make a personal decision on which book they think should be rewarded with the prize of the best Picture Book for 2011.