Welcome Back

Mrs Barbara Smith is back from her long service tour around the Australian outback looking refreshed and tanned. Thank you to Claire Ison and Kristy Knights who filled in for Barbara.

Year 4/5 Science

Years 4 and 5 went to the Birchip Cropping Group to conclude their unit on weathering, erosion and soil science. Claire Browne and Kaylene Nuske from the BCG delivered an excellent session on their daily work at BCG and talked about how they conduct soil experiments, sow plots, maintain and harvest plots and how they collect samples of grain.

The day commenced with an information session in the Conference Room at the BCG where Claire provided a wealth of information about agriculture and the work of the Cropping Group. Students were really keen to hear from someone who worked directly in agriculture and responded with many questions.

The students were taken on a tour of the BCG, including a visit to the lab and were shown the processes involved in lab work. It was then on to the greenhouse to participate in a hands-on session. Students were given three different types of soil: sand, loam and clay and with water they performed the ribbon test-a process used to determine soil type. Clay soil was by far the favourite as
the students enjoyed trying to see who could make the longest ribbon without the soil breaking. It was a messy experience, but thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It was evident Claire and Kaylene put a great deal of time into their preparation and students were thoroughly engaged and really enjoyed the experience. Many students were intrigued with how soil samples were collected, the number of plots grown by BCG each year and the size of a plot harvester.

For many students the Birchip Cropping Group was an unknown and the excursion gave all an insight into the valuable research the BCG carries out for the benefit of farmers. For the students, it drew connections between their investigations in school and their relevance to their everyday world.

Staff and students are grateful to Claire, Kaylene and the BCG for allowing the class to attend and for providing them with a very informative and hands on excursion.

Wizard of Oz

The Wizard of Oz is in full swing with Friday being a sell out; tickets are available for Wednesday 1st September.

Mental First Aid

Many of our staff and some parents have completed a five week Mental First Aid Course conducted by Jean Bray from the East West Health. This was a real commitment in time and effort as each night of the course went for three hours. Congratulations to the following staff members who undertook the course: Connely Barclay, Gavin McRae, Catherine McKenzie, Keiko Nakamura, Merrilyn Kelly, John Richmond, Eileen Smith

REMOVAL OF PRIMARY FURNITURE

Sunday 29th August 2010
10am at front of school

Utes and trailers required

If you can be of assistance please contact Russell Christie 0429 922 488

The Big Move takes place this Sunday at 10am as the primary rooms in the gallery are fully vacated. Thank you to all the parents who have offered to give up their time to help in this process. We estimate that the whole shift should take two hours as many hands do make light work. Thank you also to Dennis O’Connor who has kindly allowed us to house our tables and chairs in his shed.

YEAR 7 CURRENT EVENTS

Year 7 English is presently talking, reading and learning about interesting current events that they have come across in newspapers and on the television. Since I have introduced the unit, I have been amazed at how many students are in fact discussing the issues brought up in class at home with their parents and siblings. Students are now coming into class with a wide range of ideas and viewpoints that they are prepared to argue and debate with their friends.

Year 7 Immunisations

Immunisation for Year 7 students on October 21st. Girls will be given Gardisil and both girls and boys will have their second dose of Hep B
Visual Literacy

Students are surrounded with visual ideas and stimuli but often they don’t fully understand what they see. Below is a cartoon by Australian cartoonist, Mark Knight which we will be studying later in Year 12. However, students in upper primary school could be able to find some meaning in it too.

Below are 3 questions; prizes will go to the best answers in primary and secondary sections of the school.

1. Explain 5 of Mark Knight’s ideas in his cartoon.
2. How can you tell the cartoon is drawn by an Australian?
3. What is Knights saying about Australia?

Answers to Mrs Eileen Smith by Thursday

WANTED

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

Uniform

I am seeking parental support in our students to wear correct winter uniform. Too many students are coming to school wearing incorrect uniform and looking very untidy. Your support in this matter would be very much appreciated.

Congratulations to Jessica Arnott our Year 4 teacher on her engagement to Aaron Boyd.

Fathers’ Day Stall

Fathers’ Day Stall will this year be on Thursday as Friday is the Primary Athletics Sports Day in Donald. This stall, organised by the Parents’ Club is available to primary and secondary students.

Parents’ Club

Fathers’ Day Stall

Thursday 2nd September
Due to Primary sports on Friday

Primary and secondary students are able to purchase gifts from the value of $1 to $5 for their father.

JAPANESE JUNIOR SPEECH CONTEST 2010

On Sunday 22nd August, four primary students, Penny O’Donnell, Khiana Brooks, Darcy Sheahan and Luana Baird, went to Melbourne to participate in the Japanese Junior Speech Contest. The competition was keen as many students who are learning Japanese from other government and private schools in Victoria attended. Our team performed extremely well and their speeches were absolutely fantastic. It was a great effort and we had a very good experience using our speaking skills. Congratulations to Penny on her special award.

Ms Keiko Nakamura
Habits of Mind
This week’s winner

Congratulations to Shannon Southall, for finding humour whilst playing the role of Toto in the production of the Wizard of Oz.

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.

Parents’ Club News
Father’s Day Stall - Thursday 2nd September 2010

NEXT PARENTS CLUB MEETING: Monday 11th October 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 3rd September 2010

1. What is the address in London of Sherlock Holmes?
2. Which English town does the prime meridian run through?
3. Glen Miller was the first artist to receive a gold record, in 1942, for which recording?
4. In Scotland what was a bawbee? Half penny
5. What is the collective name for a group of lions?
6. Which horse won last year’s Melbourne Cup?
7. According to the Bible, who was the first king of Israel?
8. Spaghetti, the food, is from an Italian word meaning ...
9. Describe the South American Indian weapon known as a bola?
10. What is a tuatara?

Answers to last week’s questions:

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

VCE SAC dates

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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.

Athletics Sports
Under 17 boys champions
Jesse and Curtis Smith
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.

HEADER OPERATIONS PROGRAM

Sunraysia Institute of TAFE is once again offering the very successful Header Operations program for new and intending operators.

Need a job for the coming harvest? Come and participate in the HEADER OPERATIONS PROGRAM. Developed for operators with limited or no experience.

This course provides an exciting opportunity for young people, inexperienced operators or those new to the Grains Industry to participate in Header Training. Over four days the participants will have hands-on experience in all facets of driving and maintaining headers. During harvest the trainer will visit each participant for further one-on-one training and assessment. Workbooks are provided. Our experienced trainers and assessors have been actively working within or with the grains industry for many years.

In the following areas:

Walpeup Sept 13-16 Maximum of 8 participants
Course Cost - $400 includes manuals
Concessions apply for health care card holders
Enrolments close Sept 6

The program has been developed and enhanced over time in conjunction with grains industry representatives and training specialists to build Header Operation skills (driving, safety & maintenance) for those with nil or limited experience. Develop relevant Industry Skills and gain competency in operating Grain Harvesters.

Regards Jenny Heaslip

UNIFORM SHOP

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

Just Arrived
Primary JB ½ zip Navy polar windcheaters - $20
Primary JB Red sports shorts - $15

For Sale

Cauliflower and broccoli seedlings for sale at $8 per tray- approximately 30 seedlings per tray. Please enquire at the office.

Basketball Competition 2010

Monday 23rd was the last week before the FINALS start.

Blue 27defeated Red 16
Highest scorer Ray Poulton 17 for Blue
Aaron Riggall 6 for Red.
It was a great game by all and Claudia Lee’s interceptions were outstanding.

Green 40 defeated Yellow 26
Highest scorer Gerhard Egerer 16 for Green
Jake Hogan 10 for Yellow.

The finals are next week at the normal times.

Green v Blue, Yellow v Red.
The finals will be a busy nights and parental attendance would be very much appreciated.
Preliminary final is on September 6th and the Grand Final is on Wednesday September 8th. The time of the Grand Final is yet to be confirmed.

BWNC VOTE COUNT & PRESENTATION NIGHT

Saturday, September 4th 2010
Commencing at 6.30pm
Birchip Community Leisure Centre
First Count at 7.00pm
2 course meal
Semi formal dress
$5 member, $10 non member, $20 family
RSVP by Sept 1st for catering purposes to Lyn on 53990550 or Heather on 54922430.

This year there will be a short Fun, Set, Go segment. Fun, Set, Go participants and their families are very welcome to attend.
Please RSVP to above contacts.

Friends of the E.W.H.S.
Annual Meeting
Friday 3rd September
at the Birchip Hospital.

New members are very welcome so please come to support your hospital.

For Sale

Cauliflower and broccoli seedlings for sale at $8 per tray- approximately 30 seedlings per tray. Please enquire at the office.
Birchip Landcare Group invites the members of the School Community to the Official Opening of Wetlands at the Pump Hut Reserve. The official opening will be conducted by Peter Walsh MP on Sunday 29th August. All are welcome to come to the free barbecue lunch at 12.30pm.

Directions: From the Birchip town, turn right off the Birchip-Berriwillock Road.

Richard Ferrier 50854255

Calling All Local Artists:
The Birchip Friends of the Library Art Show commences on Friday October 31st at the Birchip Leisure Centre. If community members know of artists who would like to exhibit in the art show can they please ask them to contact the library or Mrs Eileen Smith.

Feeny Medal Thankyou
Thank you to everyone who worked and provided food for the Feeny Medal. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Containers can be collected for the Birchip Leisure Centre.

Birchip-Watchem Football Club

Birchip-Watchem Football Club
Under 16 Finals Vs Wedderburn
Be in sheds by 10am.

Purple shorts
Team photo will be taken on this day.

Interchange: Peter Doran
Time Keeper: Colin Hogan
Water Boys: Joe Boyle, Brady Milne, Carl Egerer
Long white pants please

Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
Habits of Mind
The Wizard of Oz

Staff and students of Birchip P-12 School Responded with Wonderment and Awe after seeing the production of the Wizard of Oz on Thursday.

All of the performers communicated with clarity and precision as they delivered their well rehearsed lines.

At times, all involved had to think flexibly to recreate scenes from the original movie.

The production could not have been a success without the assistance of many - the ability of all involved to work independently was evident in the amazing standard of the show produced.

Throughout many long afternoons and weekends of rehearsals and learning lines, The cast and crew were able to find humour that ensured all involved in the production enjoyed the experience.