**Forthcoming Events**

**September**
- Tuesday 7th: Secondary Interschool Athletics Sports - Rainbow
- Wednesday 8th: Primary Athletics Sports - Donald
- Wednesday 15th: Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
- Thursday 16th: School Council Meeting 8pm
- Friday 17th: Last Day of Term 3 - 2.30 finish
- Sunday 26th → France Belgium Trip
- Sunday 10th October

**October**
- Monday 4th: First Day of Term 4
- Tuesday 5th → Grades 3 & 4 Echuca Camp
- Thursday 7th: Parents’ Club Meeting - 7.30pm
- Thursday 14th: Prep, 1 & 2 Extended stay and sleepover
- Monday 18th: Grade 6 → 7 Transition meeting - 7pm
- Thursday 21st: Year 7 Immunisations
- Friday 22nd: Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
- Monday 25th: Year 12 Last official day at school
- Tuesday 26th → Grade 5 Camp to Melbourne
- Friday 29th: Grades P → 2 Excursion to Melbourne Zoo
- Thursday 28th: VCE Examinations commence
- Friday 29th: Transition Day #1
- Sunday 31st: Birchip Friends of the Library Art Show

**November**
- Tuesday 2nd: Melbourne Cup Holiday
- Thursday 4th: Transition Day #2
- Friday 5th: Transition Day #3
- Thursday 11th: Primary Cultural Show 2pm
- Monday 22nd → Year 11 Examinations
- Friday 26th: Last day for Year 11 students
- Monday 29th → Year 9 & 10 Examinations
- Friday 3rd Dec.

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While many were snoozing in bed on Sunday morning, a keen group of parents were at school to transport off site, all unneeded furniture and equipment from the primary school. With so many willing hands on deck, the move only took a little over an hour.

**Parent Teacher Interviews:**

Parent Teacher Interviews will be on Wednesday September 15th and notes were sent out to individual families today.
Grade 5 Football Tipping Competition.
The Grade 5 football tipping competitions have concluded with some exciting results. In all leagues the difference between the winner and the runner up was only one point.

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It is interesting to note that Gus tipped all the remaining rounds prior to his departure so maybe one doesn’t need much skill or current information to do well in footy tipping. We are now busy tipping the finals series for the AFL which will include the class predicting who the Grand Final teams will be, the results and winning margin.

Special Forever
Earlier in the year, Grade 5 students produced stories and art work related to water which were sent to the Primary English Teaching Authority and the Murray Darling Basin Authority for consideration for this year’s publication of the 2010 Special Forever anthology and DVD. After the initial selection round, 4 students had their stories and 4 students their artwork sent to Sydney for the final selection phase. It was with much excitement that we heard this week that two students have been successful in having their work selected to be included in the 2010 Special Forever publication, subject to reproduction being possible.

We congratulate Sarah Botheras for having her artwork "Rivers Bring Life" selected and Nick Martin for having his written piece "Tchum Lake" chosen. We are looking forward to seeing their work in print when the book/DVD is sent to them in November.

Thank you to Mrs Donnellon for initiating this project. The students are currently working on another water project with Ms Howard using digital media which will be sent off for further consideration by the Special Forever / Murray Darling Basin committee.

A reminder that the Secondary Athletic Sports are on Tuesday 7th September and all transport forms must be returned before students can participate in the sports.

Nits have surfaced again
Could parents of all children, secondary and primary please check your children’s hair as nits have been reported in both sections of the school.

SCHOLARSHIP TIME
Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 have been given Student Achievement Sheets to complete by September 9th. What students enter on the sheet will form the basis of deciding what scholarships are available to different students. If there are any queries please contact Mrs Eileen Smith.

AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS PROGRAM
The After School Athletics Program concluded on Tuesday evening with twenty-eight primary students making the most of the opportunity to practise and finely tune their skills in many track and field events. Following many cancelled sessions due to inclement weather, the five week program was extended to six weeks and despite the extension, we still only managed to complete two evenings. However, the enthusiasm by all students to endeavour to improve their skills was pleasing. Unfortunately, due to the number of cancelled sessions, Personal Best performances were difficult to achieve.

Thank you to Jacinta Connelly, Jackie Tierney, Luke O’Donnell, Jackie Rymer, Bern, Jesse and Curtis Smith, Jenny Hogan, Annette Bennett, Cameron Flowers and the many other parents who helped at intervals to measure. Such a program requires many helpers and I am grateful of your assistance.

Finally, if we have improved significantly in one area it is managing bus students in the event of a cancellation. (And there were a few cancellations!) Thank you to all parents of bus travellers who communicated with the school via note or phone to plan for travel arrangements when the weather went pear-shaped. Thank you also to the office staff for their assistance; it was very much appreciated.

Good luck to all primary students at the sports in Donald next Wednesday.

Michelle Lee
After School Athletics Co-ordinator
Learning about other cultures is important in widening our horizons and developing understanding about cultures that are different from ours. This semester Year 4 investigated the cultures India, Japan, France, Africa, China, Italy, Brazil and Russia and celebrated their studies by holding a cultural day.

On the day, students brought a lunch to share that people from their chosen country are accustomed to eating. To add to the fun of the celebration, students also dressed up in their country’s national costume and created icons from their selected country. Of course, much writing and investigation was done and the students’ findings were represented on informative posters.

**Sleep Deprivation**

Many of our youngsters lead busy lives as they play a variety of sports, study and take part in cultural activities. However, when television, mobile phones and computers are added in to the equation, many young people are not getting enough sleep to fuel their bodies and minds.

Recent studies have shown that young people who get very little sleep are much more likely to become mentally ill. ‘The Age’ reported this week that lack of sleep might explain the increase in mental illness. Current research showed that of nearly 20,000 people studied between ages 17-24; those who slept less than five hours a night were three times more likely than normal sleepers to become psychologically distressed. Each hour of sleep lost was linked to a 14% higher rate of distress. Research shows that improved sleep improve psychological functioning.

Some young people need assistance in leading healthy lives and many parents have enforced a curfew on mobile phones after a certain hour in the evening and insist that mobiles are not taken into the bedroom at night as they want their child to have a good night’s sleep. Likewise, many parents realise that their child is becoming sluggish throughout the day because they are spending too long on their computers or are watching too much television and have set parameters and time limits on computer usage.

Lack of sleep on the road can cause accidents, in the workplace death and in school it definitely hinders learning. Tired students are often inefficient and take much longer to complete simple tasks. They often are too tired to listen to what is being taught and they generally feel physically and mentally exhausted. At home and at school they tend to be irritable and easily emotional because they are not thinking logically. The result can also be a young person believing that they do not have the capacity to do higher level work because their grades are slipping where as the real problem is that they are mentally too tired to think.

Sleep is a balm for the body and mind, and eight hours a night is necessary for physical, emotional and psychological development.

**Primary School Sports**

A letter was sent home to all primary parents explaining that the athletics sports are postponed to Wednesday September 8th. If the weather is inclement on this day then the athletics will be cancelled for this year.

**Parent Opinion Survey**

Could families that were issued parent opinion surveys please return them as soon as possible to save the time of follow up phone calls.
Everyone associated with The Wizard of Oz should be really proud, as I was, at all three sell out performances of the show. The professionalism and creativity that the actors and stage crew experienced was something the students can look upon for many years.

The students’ performances were exemplary and I know that the actors will have life long memories of their time in the show. What was really evident was so many students having so much fun while learning different skills. I congratulate all the students who dared to have a go and audition. The actors and backstage crew are to be congratulated for their commitment to turn up to rehearsals, to learn their lines and to work cohesively as a tight-knit group. Each student should be really proud of themselves and the skills they achieved.

The school would like to thank the following community members for assisting: Joan Glen and Glenys Rickard for their beautiful music, Jessica Arnott assistant choreographer Sue Cousins and Sam Kemp for painting the backdrop and costumes, Lyn Bennett and Sharon Flowers, parents and friends for costumes, Kaye Haslam and Julie Coffey for their organisation of the seating, Ian Smith for the lighting, Sam Goldsmith for providing the microphones.

For a production of this magnitude to happen, there had to be people with passion and creativity, a capacity to organise and most of all a love of working with children. Special thank you to the core of the organisers; our director, Catherine McKenzie who spent countless hours organising and coaching students, choreographer; Connelly Barclay and Rebecca Wright our musical director. These ladies’ efforts brought a dream to fruition and have given so many students so much pleasure and so many happy memories that will last for a lifetime.

To everyone who attended the performances, thank you for your support of the actors, the organisers and the school. The production was an amazing feat by a little school of 220 students.
Year 5 Excursion

The class weren’t deterred by the wet weather as they set off to explore the wetlands of Birchip while also improving their photography skills. The group’s first stop was Tchum Lake where they captured images that showed off the facilities and the large expanse of water. At the lake the group took the opportunity to have lunch on the grassed areas.

Keith and Helen Barber’s wildlife dam was the next point of call and as the group arrived, steady rain settled in. While most of the wildlife had the sense to take shelter, the intrepid students valiantly braved the precipitation to get their snaps.

The group then made a quick trip to the recently-opened Pump Hut wetlands, and golf dam to take the last few photos before getting back in good time for the end of school.

Thanks to: Mrs Emonson, Miss Howard and Mrs Clarke for organising an interesting afternoon.

Habits of Mind
This week’s winner

Congratulations to Laura Phelan, for Creating, Imaging & Innovating when creating a powerpoint display for Japanese.

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.

GOOD LUCK TO THE FOLLOWING TEAMS ON THEIR FINALS CAMPAIGN ON THE WEEKEND

Birchip Watchem: Netball - 13 and Under Hockey: Women’s hockey
Nullawil: Netball - A grade and B Grade, Football - seniors, under 17s and 14s
Beulah - Seconds football, B Grade Netball
Sea Lake - C Grade Netball

Curtis Smith who is playing for Sandhurst in the A Grade men’s hockey final in Bendigo on Sunday.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

Just Arrived

White Midford short sleeved polo tops - $20
Primary JB ½ zip Navy polar windcheaters - $20
Primary JB Red sports shorts - $15

Open times are 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. each school day.
Parents’ Club News
NEXT PARENTS CLUB MEETING: Monday 11th October 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 10th September 2010

1. Most people use sucrose every day. What is it?
2. Which famous fictional character made his debut in the novel Casino Royale?
3. Does a porpoise possess teeth?
4. Of which country is Garuda the major airline?
5. Which insect was sacred to the Ancient Egyptians?
6. Pyrophobia is a fear of what?
7. What is the name of Fiji’s largest island?
8. The falabella is a breed of which animal?
9. What is a bird’s neb?
10. The schipperke breed of dog is usually which color?

Answers to last week’s questions:

1. What is the address in London of Sherlock Holmes? 221B Baker Street
2. Which English town does the prime meridian run through? Greenwich
3. Glen Miller was the first artist to receive a gold record, in 1942, for which recording? Chattanooga Choo Choo
4. In Scotland what was a bawbee? Half penny
5. What is the collective name for a group of lions? Pride
6. Which horse won last year’s Melbourne Cup? Shocking
7. According to the Bible, who was the first king of Israel? Saul
8. Spaghetti, the food, is from an Italian word meaning ...Little rope
9. Describe the South American Indian weapon known as a bola? Rock or stone balls at both ends of a 3m rope
10. What is a tuatara? Lizard

Basketball Competition 2010
Monday 30th September was the start of the finals.

Blue 30 defeated Green 28
Highest scorer Ray Poulton 21 for Blue
Gerhard Eggerer 13 for Green
It was a tough, very close game.

Red 40 defeated Yellow 30
Highest scorer Mikko Garcia 18 for Red
Jake Hogan 11 for Yellow.
A hard game as both teams had no interchanges.
Next week will be the Preliminary Final
Green Vs Red at 4.45pm
Grand Final - September 8th at 7.30pm.
Could all players be there at 7.15pm

A CHANCE TO PURSUE FURTHER STUDIES

Students in need of financial support to attend TAFE or University next year are encouraged to apply to Chances for Children in the current funding round.

To qualify for assistance, Project Worker, Fiona Mertz said “Students need to demonstrate that they have the potential to perform well in their chosen field and be able to show that their families would not otherwise be able to afford the costs associated with this.”

Mrs Mertz said “Chances make up the gap in funds needed to make a young person’s dream come true.”

Chances for Children assist young people with funds to ensure that they have the opportunity to fulfil their educational, sporting or musical potentials.

The current round of funding is open until Friday 8th October, 2010.

Applications are available through Schools and the contact person at your school is Eileen Smith.

For further information about Chances for Children, contact Fiona Mertz at Mallee Family Care on 50324479.

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.
Training night tea is still being provided at the Leisure Centre until the end of the finals.

**Interested in Nursing as a Career?**

For Students interested in studying a Nursing degree, the University of Ballarat offers the full 3 year course at the Horsham Campus.

For more information we are holding an Information Session at the University of Ballarat Horsham Campus, Baillie Street, Horsham Wednesday 15th September, 6.30pm Auditorium - Main Building

For further information please contact: Caryn Pietsch, Administrative Officer Email: c.pietsch@ballarat.edu.au Phone: 5362 2688 (Tues-Thurs)

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**BIRCHIP PRE-SCHOOL**

is calling for

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2011**

Children must turn Four by 30th April 2011

Please contact the kindergarten to enrol your child by Friday 17th September 2009.

Birchip Pre-School……………………54922248

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**BWNC VOTE COUNT & PRESENTATION NIGHT**

Tomorrow 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

All netballers, families and supporters welcome.

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**Homework!**

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

Over the last two months, students in year 9/10 horticulture have been constructing a new garden area on the north side of the trade training centre. Students have incorporated native plants, stone pathways, Eucalyptus mulch and a dripper system. As this has been a long and extensive project, students have had to use persistence to complete the task. The outcome of the project has provided a native garden that people will respond to with wonderment and awe.

Native plants: Students thought flexibly when selecting plants to use in the garden areas.

Pathways: Students used their creativity, imagination and innovating skills to design and construct the new pathways.

The finished product: Students from year 9/10 horticulture and land care classes on the newly constructed path.
Celebrating Relationships

How we fit together

What they’re saying

Family Friendly Schools

Key Speakers & Presentations

Creating a Resilient Life

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Downtown on Lygon - 66 Lygon Street Carlton
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2010 Program

Day One
Tuesday 7th September
9.30 Registration
10.00 Welcome and Housekeeping
10.15 Conference Opening
   Minister for Education - Bronwyn Pike MP
10.40 Morning Tea
11.00 Family Friendly Schools
   Dr Joni Samples, Chief Academic Officer, Family Friendly
   Schools, Virginia, USA, John Jones, Project Officer, Supporting
   Schools to become Community Hubs & John O'Meara,
   Principal, Yea HS
12.45 Lunch
1.45 Small and Snotty to Tall and Spotty -
   Solutions not Sagas - Greg Hanson
   & Leigh Bartlett, BAFForce, Geelong
3.30 Afternoon Tea
3.50 Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Project -
   Angie Barry CEO
4.50 Summary of Day One
5.00 Close
7.00 Dinner - DiMattina's, 306 Lygon St., Carlton
   (drinks at own expense)

Day Two
Wednesday 8th September
9.30 Registration
10.00 Welcome, Housekeeping and Recap of Day One
10.15 Ultrastat: supporting learning partnerships between
   parents, teachers and students - Nina Fromhold -
   Communications and Stakeholder Management, Ultrastat, DEDC
11.00 Morning Tea
11.20 AGM, Policy, Presentation of Life Memberships
12.30 Lunch
1.30 Creating a Resilient Life - this presentation takes life in 7 year
   cycles and looks at what is required at each phase to have a
   wonderful time - Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist
2.30 Afternoon Tea
3.45 Conference Highlights
4.00 Close

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Downtowner on Lygon
66 Lygon Street
Carlton 3053

Registration 2010
(fitting you in)

Parents Victoria Inc.  ABN 92 389 267 415

Tax Invoice. (Please copy for your own records)

Name Dr, Mr, Mrs, Ms

School/Organization (if applicable)

Address

Telephone (business hours)

Email

Cost of conference. All prices are GST inclusive. Please indicate ✓ which sessions you will be attending and if you require accommodation.

☐ Day 1 September 7th
   PV Members: $50  Non members: $90
   $  
☐ Day 2 September 8th
   PV Members: $50  Non members: $90
   $  
☐ Day 1 & 2 September 7th & 8th
   PV Members: $90  Non members: $160
   $  

Accommodation
Twins sharing including hot breakfast
PV Members: $85  Non members: $85

Extra Night Please specify date
PV Members: $85  Non members: $85

Dinner September 7th
Members: $40  Non members: $55

Total Amount
$  

Please advise of any special dietary or accommodation requirements.

Cheques should be made payable to:
Parents Victoria Inc. and sent to Parents Victoria, PO Box 21, Mordialloc, 3195

Registrations and payment should reach the Parents Victoria office by 31st August.

If you require assistance or have any queries, please contact the office.

Cancellation and refunds:
Please note no refunds will be issued after the 31st August. However, substitute participants are welcome.

Early Registration:
Parents Victoria encourages early registration for this outstanding opportunity as numbers are limited.

Non-member schools wishing to attend should consider membership. Benefits include information and assistance for parents and parent clubs as well as greatly subsidised rates for conference.

For details www.parentsvictoria.vic.au or email office@parentsvictoria.vic.au