Forthcoming Events

September

Wednesday 7th  Birchip Community Kitchen Gardens meeting 9.30am
Thursday 8th  Immunisations Yr 7
Sunday 11th  Najaf Mazari Talk 6pm Leisure Centre
Wednesday 14th → Grades 3 & 4 Camp at Koolamurt
Friday 16th
Wednesday 14th → Grade 5 camp to Melbourne
Friday 16th
Friday 16th  Secondary North Central District Golf Day
VCAL Showcase at Balmoral
Tuesday 20th  Parent-teacher Interviews - 3:15pm - 6.30pm
School will finish at 3pm

Wednesday 21st  Disability Awareness Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday 23rd  Spring Showcase
Last day of term three – 2.30 p.m. finish

October

Sunday 2nd → Trip to France & Belgium
Tuesday 18th
Monday 10th  First day of term four

OPENING OF OUR NEW FACILITIES AND
SPRING SHOWCASE
FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2011

The last day of term three will be a day of celebration for the Birchip P-12 School community.

11:00 a.m.  Dignitaries arrive and tour new facilities
Mr John Forrest, MHR, Member for Mallee
Mr Peter Walsh, MLA, Member for Swan Hill
Mr Malcolm Millar, Grampians Regional Director, DEECD
Mr Brendan Ryan, Wimmera Regional Network Leader, DEECD
Cr Leo Telfeslon, Mayor, Buloke Shire Council
Cr Gail Sharp, Councillor, Buloke Shire Council
Mrs Wendy Watts, Chairperson, Birchip P-12 School
School, School, Council
Mrs Jenny Hogan, President, Birchip P-12 School,
Parents’ Club.

11:30 a.m.  Official Opening of New Facilities – School Stadium

12:00 noon  Entertainment including:
Birchip P-12 School entry 2011
Rock Eisteddfod
MYs and VCE Theatre Studies performances
Various Musical Items

01:00 p.m.  Community Luncheon.
A BBQ and salad luncheon will be available to all students, parents and community members. There will be NO CHARGE for the luncheon.

02:30 p.m.  School concludes for term three and buses depart.

Students, parents, family
and community members
are cordially invited to
attend our day of
celebration on Friday 23rd
September 2011.

This Spring Showcase 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, students will perform various theatre studies performances, primary students will perform various musical items and music students will perform their items.

There will be a huge display of student work on display throughout all rooms of the school.
Of course it will also be an opportunity for the school community to view our new learning spaces and fantastic new facilities.

The day of celebration will acknowledge the following projects which have been completed over the past two years.

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| $500,000 | **Better School Today [BST]**  
 Included the refurbishment of the mathematics rooms into a flexible ICT learning space, walled garden, refurbishment of room 9, locker facilities for Year 7, and 11 |
| $125,000 | **Building the Education Revolution – National Schools Pride [BER-NSP]**  
 Included installation of new library entrance ramp, automatic opening door, new borrowing counter, carpeting and some shelving, Floor coverings in Rooms 10, 13, 14, Various painting of external walls, erection of new fence along Campbell Street boundary. |
| $71,000 | **Skills Centre - Commercial Kitchen**  
 This involved the installation of stainless steel benches and various appliances. This enabled the school to deliver Trade Certificates in Hospitality from February 2010. |
| $223,258 | **Trade Training Centre [TTC]**  
 This involved the construction of shed and installation of various machines. This enabled the school to deliver Trade Certificates in Engineering from February 2010. |
| $55,250 | **National Secondary Schools Computer Fund [NSSCF]**  
 This involved the purchase of new computers and various networking items. All students from years 5 – 12 now have their own personal notebook 24/7. |
| $65,000 | **National Solar Schools Project [NSSP] & State Solar Program**  
 This involved the installation of 5kW solar electricity generation panels, solar hot water service and 250,000 litre water tank |
| $9,200 | **Refurbishment of fitness track**  
 $6,000 from grant, $1,200 from Birchip Landcare, $2,000 from Birchip B&S Ball Committee.  
 This included grading of track, filling sink holes, installation of exercise stations |
| $850,000 | **Building the Education Revolution – Primary Schools for the 21st Century [BER-PS21C]**  
 This involved the refurbishment of temporary relocatable facilities into an exciting new learning precinct. |
| $300,000 | **Water Recycling Project**  
 This involved the connection to AWB site and town, connection to GWMWater for free weekly supernatant water, installation of underground water sprinklers to all play and garden areas. This is the completion of many years of planning and work in this area. |
| $27,000 | **Video Conferencing**  
 This involved the installation of two video conferencing facilities for receiveal and broadcasting of VCE units which allows our students and students in other school access to a wide variety of VCE units via a blended delivery model. |
| $2,225,708 | This amounts to a total of at least $ 2,225,708 in external funding. There has also been extensive local financial input to assist and match the various grants required. |

Please come and join in the celebration!
**Golf Report**

Last Monday Joseph Reid and Jack Lee travelled to Horsham to take part in the second stage of the State Primary Schools Golf Championships. Both students played impressive rounds with Joseph scoring a 51 and Jack a score of 52 for nine holes. Congratulations to both boys on their fine efforts but unfortunately they narrowly missed the cut which was a score of 50.

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**SCIENCE COMPETITION RESULTS**

On Wednesday 8th June 2011, 49 Birchip P-12 School students sat the University of New South Wales annual science competition. Each year students from years 3 to 12 are invited to participate in these competitions and it is great to see the willingness of so many of our students to test their skills and challenge themselves.

Nine students were awarded credit certificates and two students distinction certificates. The successful students were:

**Credit Awards:**
- Year 4: Caitlin Bidstrup.
- Year 7: Rebecca Botheras, Shae Colbert, Leslee Cooper, Georgia Lee, Maddison McCredden and Ashlee Tierney.
- Year 9: Ronald Turner
- Year 11: Jesse Buteux

**Distinction Awards:**
- Year 4: Boyce Knight
- Year 5: Darcy Sheahan.

Congratulations to all students who took part in this competition.

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**JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST**

On Sunday 28th August 2011, five Birchip P-12 School students, Bodie Colbert, Ruby Cook, Alana Woods, Ben Hogan and James Paley, 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 again to all our performers.
North Central Athletics

Last Friday, under ideal conditions, the Birchip P 12 School primary students performed magnificently in the North Central Primary Schools Sports Association Athletics Sports. They triumphantly captured the aggregate shields for both the Senior and Junior sections and it was tremendous to see strong performances on both ovals.

The day started strongly with our 800m runners recording excellent performances and when the rotations began it was clear that the Birchip participants were gaining many points. Lunchtime also brought many impressive results in the 200m events and in the afternoon sessions the juniors enjoyed a range of novelty events while the seniors completed their final three rotations.

A highlight of the day was the running of the six relay events to conclude the day. Birchip achieved victory in the 10 yrs girls, 11yrs boys and 12 yrs boys and achieved placings in the remaining three relays.

At the presentations certificates were awarded to the champion athletes who received a perfect score, scoring a 3 in each event undertaken. In the Juniors Jed Connelly and William Botheras achieved maximum points while in the upper age groups champion certificates were awarded to Will Sheahan, Oskar Bennett, Bill Lee, Khiana Brooks, Courtney Sayle, Joseph Reid, Andrew Phelan and Chloe Rymer. After the overall winners were announced William Botheras gleefully accepted the Junior shield while Jessica Bidstrup and Tom Hogan similarly accepted the Senior trophy.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the overall success of the day. This included those who helped train our students and helped prepare the venue beforehand, those who helped with duties on the day and to the wonderful parent presence on the day. We continue to be so incredibly fortunate to have such a strong parent interest and commitment to our school and its activities.

Finally once again a huge congratulations to our students who performed so well.

As a result of our efforts we are sending a large squad to the Black Ranges Division Athletics Carnival to be held at North Park, Stawell on Friday the 9th September 2011. Transport details will be finalised early next week.

The Squad consists of:
Khiana Brooks – 10 yrs 200m, discus and relay.
Caitlin Bidstrup – 10 yrs long jump and relay.
Olivia Rickard – 10 yrs triple jump and relay.
Courtney Sayle – 10 yrs relay.
Bill Lee – 10 yrs 200m and triple jump
Britney Robinson – 11 yrs discus and shot put.
Andrew Phelan – 11 yrs 100m, 200m and relay
Joseph Reid – 11 yrs 800m, discus and relay.
Jesse Kemp – 11 yrs shot put and relay.
Ben Milne – 11 yrs relay.
Jessica Bidstrup – 12 yrs triple jump.
Joe O’Donnell – 12 yrs triple jump and relay.
Seamus Lowry –12 yrs relay.
Tom Hogan – 12 yrs relay.
Liam McGinnis – 12 yrs relay.
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 9 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.

2012 Enrolments
Parents of Kindergarten children are encouraged to complete enrolments for 2012. This will allow us to commence planning for the provision of education in 2012.

2011 Parent Opinion Survey
The 2011 Parent Opinion Survey commenced on Monday 22 August 2011 and will conclude on Friday 2 September 2011. **If your family was selected, please endeavour to complete the survey and return to the school by Monday 5 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.

WANTED: Old CDs
Last week the Prep/One class needed empty shoe boxes. Now they are looking for unwanted CDs. They intend to use the CDs for wheels. If you have any unwanted CDs, Mrs Kelly and the Prep/One class would be most appreciative. We await in anticipation for the wonderful creations which are being made at present by the students.

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.
Old Debutante Photographs

We are currently undertaking an audit of files within the school, schools magazines, speech night booklets, photographs, etc.,


If you have a Debutante Photograph in another year not listed we would love to copy it and place in our archives.

Year 7 Spelling List

Anything but Typical words

rebuttal  emotional
gerrified  glimmer
struggles  typical
language  foreign
weird  spectrum
confusion

Najaf Mazari

Year 12 English students have been studying the life of Afghani refugee, Najaf Mazari as part of their investigation on how people come to grips with encountering conflict in their lives. Our students were really excited to learn this week that Najaf and his family will be speaking in Birchip on Sunday 11 September 2011.

Najaf’s life has been a litany of clashes with conflict and thus far he has managed to conqueror every impediment placed in his way. Najaf’s biography, ‘The Rugmaker of Mazar-e-Sharif’, is a great read and can be borrowed from the Birchip P-12 School, Community Library.

Najaf’s story begins when he is a shepherd in Afghanistan. His family move to the north of Afghanistan and it is here in Mazar-e-Sharif that Najaf escapes from work in a factory to working as a rugmaker. However, Najaf’s life takes a turn for the worst when Taliban forces over run Mazar-e-Sharif and kill many of its inhabitants. The young Najaf is captured by the Taliban, beaten, tortured and threatened with death but eventually he makes his escape.

To escape, Najaf puts his faith in the hands of a people smuggler and from there makes his way to Ashmore Reef in the Timor Sea and eventually to the Woomera Detention Centre. Najaf tells of his life in detention and in Australia as a refugee. Najaf describes the many kind and charitable people who helped him make a new life in Melbourne and set up an Afghanistan rug shop in High Street, Prahran.

Najaf will be speaking at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre at 6:00 p.m. Sunday 11 September 2011 and the Birchip P-12 School Parents’ Club are catering for the function. Bookings can be made at the office.

The talk is open to all the community. It is an excellent chance for Year 12 students to hone their knowledge before the exam and for Year 11 students to get a head start on next year’s studies.

There will be a 2 course meal on the night at the cost of $20.00. Please return the section below if you are attending by Wednesday 7th September 2011 for catering purposes.

Please detach and return to school

Najaf Mazari

We will be attending the Birchip Community Leisure Centre on Sunday 11th September 2011 at 6pm.

Please list all names attending
Time Running Out for Year 8s to Access Cervical Cancer Vaccine for Free

There are only 3 months to go for girls in Year 8 to finish their HPV immunisation course free of charge. Once the school year is over, any missed dose of the cervical cancer vaccine will need to be purchased from a GP or other health service provider at a cost of approximately $150 each.

The HPV - or human papillomavirus - vaccine has been provided to girls in Year 7 since 2007 as part of the National Immunisation Program. To get free immunisation in Victoria, girls must commence the course in Year 7 and complete all doses by the end of Year 8. After that time, any missed dose must be paid for.

Ideally all three doses will be given within a 6 month period - 0, 2 and 6 months – however research shows if the second and third doses are given later than planned, the body still responds to the vaccine and makes antibodies which protect against HPV infection. This means it is still beneficial to complete the full three-dose course of the vaccine, even if doses aren’t received at the correct intervals.

Girls in Year 7 will receive their third and final dosage of the vaccine at school during September and October.

If you are unsure of your daughter’s immunisation record, contact your local council (Year 7 students) or the National HPV Vaccination Program Register (Year 8 students) on 1800 478 734.

Also, if any Year 7 student has not had their Hep B or HPV courses they will need to contact the school to get a consent card. Also, there may be a few Year 10 students who have not had their Boostrix vaccination at the start of the year. If any of these vaccinations are needed could you please let Mrs Eileen Smith know.

FOR SALE

2 Queen Anne antique style single beds will sell as a pair or individually with or without mattresses. $100.00 each (Price negotiable). 1 iron framed piano $600.00 Phone Jenny Noonan 0429922436

“The tumbling pigeon is the name given to a particular type of domestic pigeon. Like most domestic pigeons, tumbling pigeons retain the natural instinctive ability of “homing” but also display a very particular skill that makes the tumbling pigeon unique. Tumbling pigeons have the ability to tumble in the air. The birds can perform backwards summersaults in midflight, tumbling backwards through the air at high speeds. It is this ability that differentiates a tumbling pigeon from other domestic pigeon breeds.”

FOR SALE – TUMBLING PIGEONS

$5.00 each or 5 for $20.00
Contact Ben Hogan: 54 981 261

Auskick Program

Wednesday 7 September 2011 will be the final Auskick session for 2011. The rostered helpers for the final Auskick session are:

Dean Connelly, Chris Rickard, Darren Hogan, Janine Paley and Jacob Christie

A pie night will be held at the conclusion of Wednesday’s session which has kindly been donated by Sharp’s Bakery. This will commence at 5:00 p.m. instead of the previously mentioned 5:30 p.m. and finish at 6pm. Thank you to Janine and Darren for running the sessions this year and a thankyou also to all the parents and students who helped conduct the skills sessions each week.

Your attendance and assistance has certainly helped in enabling the program to run smoothly and the children have gained a lot from your guidance.
The BCG is holding their annual field day at Reillys farm near Corack on Thursday 15th, September. We appreciate it is a very busy time of year for sporting families but the BCG have been very good to our clubs over many years and we feel we should reward their support by continuing to cater for this event.

Sporting clubs have on-going expenses and maintenance projects and all money raised from fundraising helps to keep our membership fees relatively low and our facilities in good condition. These projects not only benefit the players of today but those of the future so we have named some of the junior players on the roster but we ask that they are represented by an adult (male or female) at the field day.

Please find a catering and work roster below; we hope you are able to assist. Should you not be able to help, please try to organize your own replacement otherwise, contact your organizations representative (Hockey Club: Simone Christie, Netball Club: Louise Lee)

Food to be at Birchip Business and Learning Centre by 9am or Birchip P-12 School on 15th September 2011

Or organize to leave with Simone in advance

4 ltrs coleslaw: Alexandra Randall, Elise Bales, Nicole Clark, Curtis Smith, Cassie Turner, Brodie Connelly, Leslee Cooper, Maggie Wilson, Tori Hogan, Abigail Flowers, Ashlea Potter.

1 Pkt Mixed Sandwiches-please make fillings substantial, (cut in half diagonally ie 2 triangles and wrapped in glad wrap): Brittany Hogan, Alana Woods, Noeline Hogan, Bodie Colbert, Sophie Gleeson.

Homemade soup (5 Litres):
Pumpkin: Penny O’Donnell, Michelle Lee, Claudia Lee.
Vegetable: Botheras Family, Paley Family, Buteux Family.

2 doz pieces of slice (approx 6cm x 3cm) Cut and wrapped individually in glad wrap.
Chocolate (eg hedgehog, hazelnut, caramel): Julie McClelland, Courtney Sayle, Chloé Frank.
Lemon Slice: Ella Hogan.
Vanilla slice: Lily Alexander.

Sauce: 3ltr tomato sauce Jacinta Lewis 1ltr bbq sauce Nariel Garcia
2 ltrs milk: Kate Reilly, Kaylene Nuske, David Ferrier.

Co-ordinator: Simone Christie

Work at field day 12.45 pm - 2.15pm (field day site - Corack )
Jenny Noonan, Oskar Bennett, Caitlyn Bidstrup, Cheryl Kemp, Robinson Family, Olivia Rickard, Ellie Reid, Norah Egerer, Chloé Rymer

To cook bbq lunch - 12.30pm - 2.00pm
Sheahan Family, Lowry Family, Tom Hogan, Milne Family, Baird Family.

To help with food cart 10 am - 12noon: Amanda Reid, Simone Christie
Dear Parents & Players,

Thank you for your contribution to the netball catering this year to date. It is great to see the team work demonstrated both on and off the court. Our club vote & presentation evening takes place at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre on Saturday 10th September 2011. All players have been allocated to provide the food listed below. We will be catering for a large number of people so it is important that all food listed be supplied.

(Seniors: Salads): 4 litres salad please

2 large oven trays of scalloped potatoes: Michelle Lee, Louise Lee
Tossed: Laura Ryan, Claire Brown, Deanne Price, Louise Lee, Claire Boyle, Demi Donnellon
Pasta: Louisa Ferrier, Fiona Best, Rose Jones, Kristy Pratt, Madde Foot
Chang Fried Noodle: Julie Coffey, Jacinta Connelly, Heather Hogan, Kylie Walsh
Own Choice: (not any of the above please) Cody Connelly, Tayla Connelly, Nadine Frank, Abbey Frew, Catherine McKenzie, Rebecca Wright, Danielle McMillan

(Juniors: Dessert): 8 servings please

Pavlova: Hayley & Tori Hogan, Emily Thompson, Steph Martin, Maryanne Bell
Cheesecake: Georgia Lee, Jay Connelly, Chloe Rymer, Chloe Chamberlain
Chocolate Ripple Cake: Shae Colbert, Laura & Claudia Lee, Madeline Paley, Courtney Sayle
Apple Pie: Chery Kemp, Elise Bales, Jahneva McGinnis, Dammy Owa, Chelsea Kemp
Sticky Date Pudding: Sophie & Tahlia Noonan, Sophie & Brittany Hogan
Own Choice: Courtney Gleeson, Bridgette & Molly Hogan, Rebecca & Sarah Botheras
2 Jars cream: Emily Noonan
2 Litres Milk: Amy Bennett
Slice: Darci & Ashley Tierney, Sophie Reid

* Could all Junior A & Junior B players please be at the Leisure Centre at 3.40pm on Friday 9th September 2011 to help set up for the Presentation Night.
Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

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Birchip Cricket Club

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BIRCHIP LEISURE CENTRE

Tuesday 6th September 2011
7.30pm

All players, potential players or interested people are welcome to attend.

Anyone interested in playing cricket for Birchip this year should give names to Brenten Delaney or Jake Hogan.
Habits of Mind

Thanks to Mr Cameron Whelan

Students studying “This is your life” are undertaking various classroom activities preparing students for life after school. So far, students have explored such topics as emergency textiles, personal fitness and a range of ways to keep active, basic car maintenance and sustainable cooking using lemons from the school.

Jasinha Yarde used persistence and applied past knowledge when she was completing the emergency textiles section. She believed the habits of mind “keeps you going and helps you achieve goals that we do in class”

Whilst making a range of foods and drinks using lemons the students were striving for accuracy when cooking in order to “make the best food possible”.

Kelly James felt she is able now to apply past knowledge to a new situation when undertaking car maintenance.