Forthcoming Events

**September**
- **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**
- **Monday 11th** Parents’ Club Meeting - 7.30pm
- **Thursday 14th** Prep, 1 & 2 Extended stay and sleepover
- **Monday 18th** Grade 6 → 7 Transition meeting - 7pm
- **Thursday 21st**
- **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
- **Friday 29th** → Birchip Friends of the Library Art Show
- **Sunday 31st**

**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**
- **Friday 26th** Last day for Year 11 students
- **Monday 29th** → Year 9 & 10 Examinations
- **Friday 3rd Dec.**

**December**
- **Friday 3rd** Last day for year 10 students
- **Monday 6th** Grade 6 Celebration Dinner

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There was quite a deal of nostalgia as parents and students attended what was most likely the last meeting of the MSSSA Inter-School Athletics Carnival at Rainbow. The dismantling of the association eventuated because a restructuring of zones has meant that these schools will be amalgamated into other competitions.

After so much rain, the track was quite sloppy in parts and the sand in the jump pits was heavy. However, in spite of these difficulties, students had a pleasant day in the sun. Sprinter, Courtney Gleeson is to be commended on breaking two long standing running records by more than a second in 15 year old girls 100m and 200m and Tim Walder broke the 17 year old Shot Put record.

As usual, there was a definite air of camaraderie and team spirit amongst the Birchip team members. In the 800m, Ty Buteux and Cooper Benfield, who were not named on the team sheet, willingly gave the challenge their best when team mates became ill and the pair did magnificently by coming second and third in the event. All these individual efforts led to Birchip winning the shield on 981 points from Hopetoun on 882 and Rainbow on 707. School captains, Brett Barker and Ashlee Donnan accepted the shield for the last time and because Birchip has won the shield since its inception, the trophy now has its home in Birchip.
There were some exemplary individual performances from the following students who won their age group championships:


The following were second in their age group:

David Casey – Under 15 boys, Sophie Hogan – Under 15 girls, Kate Watts - 18-20-year-old girls, Nathan Bennett and Brett Barker were equal second in the 18-20-year-old boys. Curtis Smith was third in the U16 boys.

The last MSSSSA program revealed some great Birchip times and names from the past and present that deserve recognition for the following records.

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Student writing:

*How to Make Good Friends*
by Dylan Connelly in Year 2

1. Share with others, help them and take care of them. 2. If they are pushed around or bullied help them. 3. Sometimes your friends can be confused in Maths or don’t know something so help them. 4. If they have a sore, take them to the office to get help. 5. Shake hands with them and play with them and that’s how to make friends.

Boyce Knights in Year 3

Sometimes it’s hard to move schools when you have close friends. But that can’t stop you from being friends with them because you’re only a phone call away. I know this because I had two very close friends when I moved school but they are still my friends and they always will be. But I like my new friends at my new school.

Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 17th September 2010

1. Which sign of the Zodiac has the goat as its symbol?
2. Where is the Topkapi Palace?
3. What is the fifth letter of the Greek alphabet?
4. In which country did the Lhasaapso breed of dog originate?
5. What were the given names of the Spanish artist Picasso?
6. Name the capital of Corsica. Ajaccio
7. What is a Maori tiki?
8. Which plant does the boll weevil attack?
9. What is the birthstone for March?
10. Which member of Walt Disney’s seven dwarfs did not have a beard?

Answers to last week’s questions:

1. Most people use sucrose every day. What is it? Sugar
2. Which famous fictional character made his debut in the novel *Casino Royale*? James Bond
3. Does a porpoise possess teeth? No

Parent Opinion Survey

A final reminder to families that were issued parent opinion surveys, please return them by Monday morning at the latest.

Habits of Mind

This week’s winner

Congratulations to Ty Buteux, for persisting when volunteering to compete in the 800m running event at the interschool athletics.

Wanted

3 copies of Private Peaceful that was used by Year 7 last year.

Primary Zone Tryouts.

Next Wednesday, 27 senior primary students will be travelling to Donald to take part in selection trials for the Wimmera Zone Athletics Carnival which will be held in Horsham on Tuesday October 5th. Ten, eleven and twelve year old representatives will be involved in events commencing at 10.15am. There are not specified times for events but the program order will be the 200m followed by hurdles, 100m, the relays and finally the 800m events. Children are reminded to bring lunch and snacks and to wear sports uniform.

Found in Stadium:

Men’s Citizen watch form Monday night’s hockey.

Missing

2 New Navy Windcheaters Named “Lowry” Could parents check labels please.
National Water Week
Poster Competition

Primary students are entering their posters in the National Water Week Poster Competition. Entries are to be in Horsham to be judged at GWM Water Headquarters by 16th September. This year the main prize for schools is a Video SD Camera. Permission forms requiring the signature of parent/guardian are being sent home. As these have to be attached to entries, I would like them signed and returned by Monday or Tuesday please. No sign, no entry!

In the past we have been very successful, winning two televisions for the school. The winning entries in each section are reproduced on a calendar for the following year and the winning entrants receive a bag of goodies.

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Chances for Children:

The day will also be a casual day to support Chances for Children. Students are asked to wear their favourite football jumper or colours and to donate a gold coin to the organisation.

Chances is an organisation that supports many of our students by assisting them financially to gain a higher education and by giving them mentors so that their time through tertiary education is smooth.

I urge you all to donate to this worthwhile cause that helps so many of our students.

Junior Basketball Competition 2010

The preliminary final of the competition on Monday was a very close game and a tough battle that saw Green on 26 points defeat Red on 19 points. The highest scorer was Gerhard Egerer on 12 points and Nick Bales on 11 points.

The grand final was held on Wednesday between Green and Blue and it was pleasing to see so many parents cheering on their children. Gerhard again played exceptionally well and scored 21 points. He also won the competition’s goal scoring award on 117 points for the season.

The competition was a great success and thanks to Sue Turner for her organisation and to Mick Turner’s Hardfacing who donated all the trophies. Special thanks to Brooke Morris for her umpiring.

Prep and Year One

Had a great morning spoiling Mrs Kelly’s new puppy.

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

Parents’ Club Catering
HARRY RICKARD’S 90TH BIRTHDAY
A LONG TIME SUPPORTER OF OUR SCHOOL
Sunday 19th September 2010

Catering between 12 - 5pm
Serving between 2 - 5pm
Food to be delivered to Senior Citizens by 12 noon or by prior arrangement
A very big thankyou to everyone involved in helping. It is very much appreciated.
Workers - Jenny Hogan, Cathy Bales, Deanne Botheras, Ros McCallum, Barb Smith, Simone Donnellon.
Sausage Rolls, 2 Doz. - Cathy Bales, Jenny Hogan, Sue Turner.
Mini Quiches, 4 Doz. - Trish Lehmann.
Small Vol au Vents, 2 Doz. - Simone Donnellon, Bern Smith.
Pin wheels, 2 Doz. - Deanne Botheras - Barb Smith.
Own Choice Savouries - Ros McCallum, Tracey Bennett, Annette Bennett.
Hedgehog, slice tray - Belinda Randall, Mandy Braine.
Jelly Slice - slice tray - Simone Christie, Danine Brody.

A special thank you to Janine Paley, Deanne Botheras and Ros McClelland for organising and working at the Fathers’ Day stall last Thursday. Also thank you to Trish Lehmann and helpers for cooking the BBQ at the school sport

Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
Dear parents and supporters,

The end of the football season is upon us, associated with this is the organization of the presentation evening and vote count for the under 13 and 16 sides. Taking into account the upcoming school holidays and the possibility that the under 16 side may reach the grand final some contingencies have to be planned.

It is proposed that if the under 16 side is unsuccessful on Saturday against Donald then the vote count will be held on the following Tuesday night. That is Tuesday 14th September commencing at 6.30pm.

If the under 16 side makes the grand final the vote count will be on Sunday 19th September commencing at 10.00am. Lunch will follow prior to the reserve and senior vote counts. Families can leave after lunch if they wish.

To aid in the catering for the count, I ask under 16 players to bring a salad of their own choice, except tossed. Under 13 players please supply a dessert. If you have players in both grades please bring a dessert. This requirement is for the vote count occurring on the Tuesday night only.

If the vote count occurs on Sunday then we request that all players bring a salad only.

Thanks to Brenda and Peter Doran who have volunteered to assist with the cooking on the Tuesday evening. If you can also assist please contact them to offer your services.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 54922287 at work or 54922488 at home.

Cost will $2.00 for chips and $5.00 per main meal.

Russell Christie
President
Birchip Watchem Junior Football Club

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**Holiday Kids Club**

Invitation to two day holidays kids club
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st September
From 2pm - 4.30pm
Uniting Church Hall, Birchip
With John & Ros Patterson from Adelaide
Games, puppets, stories, songs, craft & snacks
All Welcome

**Congratulations**

Brett Barker who co-won the Rookie of the Year in the Golden Rivers League.

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**Good luck**

To the following teams in their finals campaign:
Birchip Watchem Under 16s Football team, Under Age Hockey, 16 and Under A and B Grade netball, C Grade netball and A Grade netball.
Nullawil seniors and seconds football and their netball teams- A Grade, B Grade and B Reserve.

**Last Day of term**

We will be working a shortened day with the last class to finish at 2.30pm.
Recess will be at 10.25am, lunch at 12.05pm and period 5 to start at 1.10pm
You’re INVITED
to a
FREE Session on Sustainable Living
with

Kevin Walsh
ABC Water Wise
Gardening expert

- Find out about composting
- What plants to plant where
- How to save water in your garden

Monday 11 October 6:30 pm
Wycheproof Hall Supper Room
Broadway, Wycheproof
FREE Supper and Incentives to give away

Please contact Colleen on 0400 970 874 for more information
Cooper Benfield and Ty Buteux demonstrated many Habits of Mind as they competed at the interschool athletics with little notice.

Both boys had to Think Flexibly to enable them to prepare for an event that they were not scheduled to compete in and had not specifically trained for.

They Persisted in the 800m distance running events. When they felt tired they continued to push themselves so that they could achieve their best time. Cooper and Ty were rewarded for their effort, placing 2nd and 3rd.

Cooper and Ty Thought Interdependently as they competed to gain points for the school.

All those who attended the sports Responded with Wonderment and Awe to the commitment and passion shown by Ty and Cooper.