## Forthcoming Events

### September

- **Sunday 11th**  
  Najaf Mazari Talk 6pm Leisure Centre
- **Wednesday 14th**  
  Grades 3 & 4 Camp at Koolamurt
- **Friday 16th**  
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  Grade 5 Camp to Melbourne
- **Friday 16th**  
  Secondary North Central District Golf Day
- **Wednesday 14th**  
  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**  
  First day of term four
- **Monday 10th**  
  Loddon Mallee Regional Athletics in Bendigo
- **Thursday 13th**  
  Parents’ Club Meeting at 7.30pm

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**GRADE 3 & 4 STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE BENDIGO GOLDFIELDS**

Beautiful sunny weather has enticed students out of classrooms and into the gardens and new outside classroom. Miss Arnott’s Year 3 and 4 class is busily preparing for their three day camp to the Bendigo area where they will investigate the workings of the goldfields. Prior to their departure, students have studied the history of the area and are using many technical words associated with the mining industry. To cement their knowledge, the class constructed a model of the mining area that even included a creek, mullock heaps and of course particles of gold.
The making of compost!

The smell emanating from Mr Tyler’s Year 6 science class could be described as earthy, pungent and perhaps a little overpowering but it was natural. Students squealed with delight as worms wriggled through the compost which they had painstakingly made. The dark, rich brew was the perfect growing agent for the vegetable seedlings which the students transplanted.

Science Competition

Forty nine Birchip P-12 School students took part in the University of New Wales Science Competition and nine of these students were awarded credit certificates. This was a commendable effort as the students who took part in this competition usually have a bent and are talented in science. The credit award winners were: Caitlin Bidstrup, Rebecca Botheras, Shae Colbert, Leslee Cooper, Georgia Lee, Maddison McCredden, Ashlee Tierney, Ronald Turner and Jesse Buteux. Two talented students, Boyce Knights and Darcy Sheahan achieved outstanding results and gained distinction awards.

Visit to O’Donnell’s Tea Rooms

On Thursday 18th August 2011 the VCAL class went down to O’Donnell’s Tea Rooms to get more of an idea of career pathways. Bernadette Hogan talked to the class about all of the interesting careers she has done in her life. Bernadette explained to the process of setting up a business and how the Westpac Bank, WHK Thompson and O’Donnell’s Tea Rooms were established. The students were surprised to hear that Bernadette learnt to fly aeroplanes earlier in her life and that she started her working life at The Hilton.

VCAL excursion to Bendigo

On 25th August 2011 the VCAL class departed Birchip at 8:00 am to travel to Bendigo to visit the Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE (BRIT), Latrobe University and Central Victorian Group Training (CVGT). This excursion was to help the class establish an understanding of what is needed to join the work force or attend further studies.

Upon arrival to Bendigo we went straight to the Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE where we took a self guided tour of the campus. Throughout the tour we were greeted by people who both worked and attended the Institute. They were very friendly and informative. During the tour of the Hospitality building we were greeted by one of the Hospitality teachers, who showed us around the whole building. We were very impressed with the facilities especially the training kitchens and the beautiful old building that housed the training restaurant.

At 11:00 am we stopped in at the TAFE’s cafe where we talked about what we thought of the campus. I found it to be a really positive place and I also found the Hospitality courses that they offer to be beneficial to me.

Next we went to CVGT (a recruitment company). We were greeted by Terri who talked to us about the role of CVGT and how it helps people who
have just finished school become more employable. She mentioned things such as being positive and prompt. We found Terri to be very approachable and it was interesting to talk to her about job hunting.

After an enjoyable lunch at Bendigo Marketplace we visited Latrobe University. We found the campus eventually and after negotiating a car park set off on a discovery walk. The campus was huge and it was quite difficult to navigate our way around. We stumbled across an interesting art exhibition and were able to view the artist’s work studios, which were fascinating. The lecture theatres were quite large and classrooms looked very similar to our school, which was a bit less daunting.

Overall we had an enjoyable day and found many options to further our education and training.

North Central Athletics – the next stage!

As a result of our efforts at Donald, the Birchip P-12 School sent a large squad to the Black Ranges Division Athletics Carnival in Stawell today. Our squad consisted 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.

A complete report with photographs will be available in next week’s newsletter.

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

The day will commence at 11:30 a.m. with the opening of the new and refurbished facilities. At 12:00 noon students will entertain you with a variety of musical and dancing items.

At 1:00 p.m. a BBQ and salad luncheon will be available to all students, parents and community members. There will be NO CHARGE for the luncheon.

Please come and join in the celebration!

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. These include at least ten projects to the value of $2,225,708.

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
Cr Leo Telfeson, Mayor, Buloke Shire Council
Cr Gail Sharp, Councillor, Buloke Shire Council
Mrs Wendy Watts, Chairperson, Birchip P-12 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.
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.

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 next week indicating the times allocated to your family for the parent-teacher evening. 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. We have the following Debutante Photographs: 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004. If you have a Debutante Photograph in another year not listed we would love to copy it and place in our archives.

Anyone For Tennis?
Season starts 15th October 2011. Place your name on the list at the school office.

Annual General Meeting
Birchip Tennis Club
Wednesday 14th September 2011
7:30pm
Tennis Clubrooms

For Sale
One student computer desk - as new condition - $150.00
Contact Barb Smith: 53 990 536
Junior Golf Wind Up
Friday 23 September 2011 at 2.45 p.m.
A Four Ball Event with an adult partner
Followed by a BBQ and Presentation of
Championship Trophies
Any enquiries to Beryl Fietz  54 922 636

Birchip Watchem Netball Club
Vote Count & Presentation Night Catering
Saturday September 10th, 2011

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
Changs 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: Cheryl 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.
Birchip-Watchem Hockey & Netball Clubs Catering

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 organise 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):
Vegetable: Betteras 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, Chlo 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, Chloe 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
Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

SACs Next Week

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Birchip Watchem Football Club

Junior Football Vote Count & Presentation Day

Sunday 25th September 2011 (after grand final)

10:00 a.m. start with lunch to follow counts & junior presentations
(Senior vote count & presentations will be in the afternoon)
Junior families a salad please.
Habits of Mind

Shake, Rattle & READ is enjoyed by many parents and children on a fortnightly basis.

Both Kaylene and I are consistently applying past knowledge when reading and demonstrating actions to songs and rhymes. We often find humour when working with children under the age of 2 while trying to think and communicate with clarity and precision.

On the other hand the children often respond with wonderment and awe, but sometimes struggle with managing their impulsivity.

But the end result is always the same - everyone has FUN.