Forthcoming Events

September
Sunday 26th → France Belgium Trip
Sunday 10th October

October
Monday 4th → First Day of Term 4
VCE Information Evening
Tuesday 5th → Grades 3 & 4 Echuca Camp
Thursday 7th → Northern Zone Athletics
Wednesday 6th → Year 10 & 11 2011 Information Evening
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 → Year 7 Immunisations
Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
Year 12 Last official day at school
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
VCE Examinations commence
Transition Day #1
Friday 29th →
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

Secondary Northern Zone Athletics Carnival
Thursday 7th October 2010

The Northern Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at Bendigo on Thursday 7th October 2010.

Birchip P-12 School has 21 students who have been selected to compete at the Northern Zone level.

Unfortunately, all of the local buses have been booked for a school camp that same week and as a result we will be looking for parent assistance to transport students to Bendigo on the day.

If you cannot assist, your child may be able to be driven to the event with another parent who is going. Parents are encouraged to organize arrangements themselves; however the school is happy to assist if this cannot be done.

At least one teacher from school will also be attending and will be able to transport students in their car; more teachers will go if extra transport is required.

Further information will be sent home on the first day of term 4 to finalize transport arrangements. At this meeting students will be given the program of events for the day.

Students, particularly those doing middle distance events, are encouraged to practise over the holidays.
France & Belgium Tour

Good luck those going on the France and Belgium tour which leaves on the middle Sunday of the holidays and returns on Sunday October 3rd. Students will have three days in Paris and then will travel around the north of France studying the Battlefield areas of France and Belgium.

Computers

Students are asked to be very careful and treat their laptops as fragile pieces of equipment. Damage to computers takes a long time to repair and it is also costly.

Viruses: A few students’ computers have been infected by viruses and one very quick way to infect your computer is to copy something from a USB drive without first scanning the drive to see whether it has a virus.

Students should also ensure that the internet sites that they are visiting are not the cause of the virus. If your computer is infected, our technician will have to wipe the hard drive and nothing will be saved. Please be careful.

I would suggest that if you have important documents on your computer that you don’t want to lose, then have a backup in a safe place.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to the parents who attended to seek feedback about their child’s progress. For those who could not attend, reports can be picked up from the office.

Staff

Thank you to Kaylene James who has filled in for Lorna Litt while she has been on leave. Kaylene has done a marvellous job and we will miss her cheerful smile around the school and her beautiful slices at recess. We welcome a refreshed Lorna back to duty on the first day of term.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING!

NEEDED: Plastic bottles with lids (approx 300ml) for science experiments for early next term. This is for Year 4 and Year 5 Science classes. We need plenty so all donations would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you
Michelle Lee (Year 4 and 5 Science Teacher)

Summer Uniform

At the start of term 4, students have a two week adjustment period to get into their full summer uniform. If wearing winter uniform, a tie must be worn. Girls’ tartan skirts can be worn in both summer and winter but when worn in summer, it is to be worn with short white socks.

VCE Information Evenings

For parents of year 12 Students in 2011

An evening to discuss VCE subject selections will be held on Monday October 4, 2010 at the Birchip P-12 School, in the learning studios, commencing at 7.00pm.

Some topics that will be covered include:

- What pre-requisite studies are required for tertiary courses?
- What is scaling and how does it affect subject choices?
- How is the ATAR calculated?
- Are VCAL, VET, ASBAs an alternative pathway?
- What subjects should my child study?

For parents of students in years 10 and 11 in 2011.

On Wednesday October 6 an information evening will be held for students and parents of the current year 9 and 10 year levels. The evening will begin at 7.30pm in the learning studios at the rear of the quadrangle.

The purpose of the evening is to introduce the four options available to your child as they enter years 10 and 11. These options include the:

- Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL),
- Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE),
- Vocational Education and Training (VET),
- Australian School Based Apprenticeships (ASBA).

These four educational opportunities will be discussed and the requirements for each certificate discussed by Mr. Christie and Mrs. B. Smith.

Attendance at the evening will ensure a clearer understanding of options available to your child in 2011 and beyond.
Primary Zone Tryouts.

Last Wednesday 25 students travelled to Donald to try out for North Central representation for the Wimmera Zone Athletic Sports to be held in Horsham on October 5.

After fine conditions early, the weather turned again as it has for recently scheduled sporting events but we managed to conclude the events by around 12 noon.

First up were the 200m events. First placings were obtained by Sarah Botheras, Joseph Reid and Luana Baird. Second placings were registered by Georgia Lee and Royce Bennett, while William Naylor was third. In the hurdles notable placings were Luana Baird and Sam Owa both qualifying second.

Next up were the sprints where again our performances were most meritorious. Sam Owa and Georgia Lee were placed first, Brittany Hogan and Royce Bennett were second and Jesse Kemp came third.

In the relays our 10 yr old girls’ team of Sarah Botheras, Brittany Hogan, Britney Robinson and Caitlin Bidstrup were victorious.

To round off the day’s activities the 800m events were held. Once again we excelled. Firsts to Sarah Botheras, Joseph Reid and Royce Bennett and third placings to Tom Hogan and Shae Colbert.

A big thank you to all students on their fine efforts and to the parents and teachers who assisted on the day and prior to the tryouts. Good luck to those who have qualified for the Wimmera Zone early next term.

Team selections have just come through for the Wimmera Zone Athletics to be held at Dudley Cornell Oval Horsham on Tuesday, October 5.

Sarah Botheras – 800m, 200m
Joseph Reid – 800m, 200m
Luana Baird – 200m
Jessica Bidstrup – Triple jump
Sam Owa – 100m, triple jump
Georgia Lee – 100m, triple jump
Tahlia Noonan – Shot put
Royce Bennett- 100m, 800m
Carl Egerer – shot put
Joe O’Donnell – 1500m, long jump
Habits of Mind

Congratulations to Nicholas Rickard and Will Hogan for Managing their Impulsivity. Both boys ensured that they had completed their yard duty to the best of their ability before heading off to play.

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.

Answers to last week’s Homework questions:

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

Lions Youth of the Year

Year 11 have been asked to participate in Lions Youth of the Year which will be held in term 4. This is a worthwhile experience for all students to take part in as it enhances confidence and gives students excellent practice for the oral presentation that they have to give in Year 12. While taking part may seem daunting, students will be given lots of assistance and through taking part will develop many skills.

Finals

Good luck to the following Birchip Watchem teams in the grand final.

Under 13 netball, Underage hockey and Women’s A grade hockey

Congratulations to Laura Phelan who won the Junior B best and fairest for Beulah

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Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
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 thank you 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.
Own choice Slice - slice tray - Helen Casey, Rachel Colbert, Lyn Boyle.

AFL GRAND FINAL
Watch it on the big screen at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre
September 25th
12 noon - 6.00 pm

Birchip Junior Cricket
The Birchip Junior Cricket Competition will begin shortly after the school holidays.
It is anticipated that it will be conducted along a similar format to previous years with three teams participating in the competition held on Saturday mornings.
Generally the competition is open to boys and girls in years 4 to 10 (in 2010).
Fees will be $15:00 per player.
Names will be collected early next term.

WIZARD OF OZ &
YEAR 10/11 CANBERRA CAMP
DVDs CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE OFFICE FOR $5
**Birchip Watchem Netball**  
**Grand Final Day Roster**  
**Saturday 18th September 2010 at Birchip**

**Working Bee:**
At Netball Courts at 5pm. FRIDAY NIGHT: All senior netballers. Clean the sheds and surroundings. Erect tents if not too windy, get seats from tennis sheds, erect bollards and crowd control, sweep courts and surrounds.

At Stadium after school on FRIDAY 17th September, 2010: Michelle Lee, Julie Coffey

**Scorers to man the two score boards during games:**

- 9.30am Under 13 A  Emily Smith & Laura Lee
- 10.20am Under 16 B  Hayley Hogan & Darci Tierney
- 11.20am Under 16 A  Lyn Boyle & Sophie Noonan
- 12.30pm A Grade:  Abbey Frew & Deanne Price
- 1.45pm:  B Grade:  Evelyn Reid & Tayla Connelly
- 3.00pm:  C Grade:  Catherine McKenzie & Bec Wright

**Score Board:** Ensure that the ‘Score Board’ is set up with the following club names printed onto cardboard and able to be stuck on the score board: Boort, Wedderburn, St. Arnaud, Donald, Charlton: Sharon Flowers

**First Aid:** Supply Two Water Buckets and appropriate cleaning materials (paper towelling and gloves) for blood rule: Jenny Hogan

**Lolly Shop- Caravan (Just up from canteen)**

- 9.00am – 10.30am:  Barb Smith, Emily Noonan, Emma Hogan
- 10.30am – 12.00pm:  Veronica Hogan, Molly Hogan, Steph Martin, Chelsi Kemp
- 12.00pm – 1.30pm:  Bern O’Donnell, Cody Connelly, Sophie Hogan, Jay Connelly
- 1.30pm – 3.00pm:  Laura Ryan, Demi Donnellon, Courtney Gleeson, Amy Walder
- 3.00- finish:  Lyn Boyle, Claire Boyle, Louisa Ferrier, Bridgette Hogan

**SPARE WORKERS:**  Arrna Pickering, Tanya Hogan, Nadine Frank, Tara Sharp, MaryAnne Bell

**Catering for NCNA Exec and Umpires:** Michelle Lee and Kerrie Walder to co-ordinate

**The following people to help** Michelle assemble food on Saturday morning at 9am and if possible help throughout the day (if you are around!): Jacinta Connelly, Kerrie Walder, Noeline Hogan, Ange Gleeson

Thank you in advance for your assistance.  Lyn Boyle – Secretary BWNC

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**Birchip Watchem Football Club**  
**Grand Final Roster – Saturday 18th September 2010**

**Canteen Workers**

- **8am-11am**  S Dobson, G Sharp, T Sharp, W Buteux, F Sayle, G Webb, L Garth, C Sharp, J Hogan, R Lee, P Noonan, R Ferrier
- **11am-2pm**  Bern Hogan, S Noonan, V Connelly, H Casey, B Smith, J Lowry, M Trolley, Chris Donnellon, M Donnellon, J (GUS) Noonan, K Nakamura, J Rickard, N Reilly
- **2pm-5pm**  C Young, Di Lehmann, M O’Keefe, B O’Donnell, J Paley, M Mallia, T Garcia, G Sands, Di Thompson, L McGinnis, N Egerer, Nathan Witherow

**Vege Soup (5 ltrs)**  M Lee, C Delaney, P McKelvie

**Pumpkin Soup (5 ltrs)**  Lyn Boyle, S Christie

**1pkt sandwiches (not cut)**  R Barry, A Liston, h Hogan, B Doran, A Pickering, A Gleeson, S Kemp, J Weir, J Bourke, J Glen, N Hogan, M Valentine R Owa, C Cook, A O’Donnell, M Ryan, Z Holmes, K Driscoll, K Walder, C Bales, J Moloney, E Reid, Ben Holmes

**Work in Leisure Centre (12-1pm)**  Sharee Dobson & Gail Sharp

If times don’t suit please organise own replacement or swap with a friend. We appreciate it is a very busy day for all of the sporting clubs but we thank you in advance for your support.

Kind Regards  Sharee Dobson  Secretary BWFC Ladies Auxiliary
Habits of Mind
By Aaron Valentine

The students in year 6 displayed a wide variety of habits of mind while working together in pairs during a maths session this week. The maths problems required the students to think flexibly by trying to find new and different ways to find the answer. Also students had to show persistence when working on problems that were more difficult.

Students had to think interdependently to get the answer to the problem.

Striving for Accuracy was also important as the students were given a limited number of times they could answer.

Whilst working together students had to be open to continuous learning, enabling them to solve problems with new strategies.