Forthcoming Events

October
Thursday 15th  School Council
Monday 19th   Yr 6-7 Transition Meeting 7pm
Thursday 22nd  Yr 12 Valedictory Dinner
Friday 23rd    Last Day Year 12 students Birchip Hospital Flower Show
Monday 26th   Local presentation of Fairfax “Fair Deal” performance
Monday 26th → Year 12 Swot Vac
Thursday 29th  Transition Day 1 for Grade 6 → Year 7
Thursday 29th  Fairfax “Fair Deal” performance in Swan Hill
Friday 30th    Transition Day 2 for Grade 6 → Year 7
                VCE English Exam
November
Tuesday 3rd    Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Thursday 5th   Transition Day 3 for Grade 6 → Year 7
Monday 9th →   Grade 5 Camp to Lake Cullulleraine
Thursday 12th  Physical Resources Meeting
Thursday 19th  School Council Meeting
                Kanga Cricket - Donald
Monday 23rd →  Year 11 examinations
Friday 27th    Primary Swimming Program commences
Monday 23rd    Last day for year 11 students
Friday 27th    Year 11 curriculum planning meetings
Monday 30th →  Year 9 & 11 examinations
Friday 4th Dec  Primary Swimming Program Finishes
Friday 4th Dec  VCE results published

December
Monday 7th    Grade 6 Celebration Dinner
Tuesday 8th   One up Day: Kinder → Prep, Grade 6 → Year 7, Year 11 → Year 12
                Physical Resources Meeting
Thursday 10th  School Council Meeting
Friday 11th    Primary Swimming Program Finishes
Monday 14th   VCE results published

Term Four Commences
Well the holidays have come and gone – all too quickly. I trust you were all able to find some time to relax and take a breather.

Term four commenced in earnest on Monday. Staff and students arrived to a mess of displaced furniture, 23,000 books to return to the library and various items of equipment to return to their correct place. After a few hours it was great to see the return to normal and learning again taking place.

The Buloke Shire Council supplied assistance with seven men to assist staff and students return things to normal. By 9:00 a.m. most furniture was in its correct position and then the return of the books commenced.

Many thanks to the Buloke Shire employees for their assistance – much of the heavy work was completed by these men.

Thank you also to Nikki Coatsworth, Diona Cooper and Eileen Smith for their many efforts during the vacation to ensure projects were completed and contractors engaged.

Dave Valentine and co-workers worked consistently long hours during the holiday break to ensure the library was painted, the school was cleaned and outside areas mowed and ready for use. Thanks Dave – we really do appreciate your efforts.

During the holidays, the library was painted, recarpeted, shelving restored and new shelving and installed. The science rooms 13 & 14 floors were recovered with non-slip vinyl and new
carpet laid in the year twelve room and woodwork room study area.

Year twelve students have only two weeks of school left. It is important students continue to devote many hours to study, completing practice examinations and revising in readiness for the exams. The Year Twelve Valedictory Dinner will be held on Thursday 22nd October 2009. This will also be the last formal day of school for our year twelve students who will leave school following a school assembly during period six on this day.

Term Four is already looking to be another busy time. We will have the school production MADAGASCAR along with end of semester examinations for years 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Works continue on the Birchip P-12 School Trade Training Centre. Pictured below is ex-student Gareth Cozens fabricating the trusses and ‘big steel stuff’ which will hold the shed up.

Halls Gap Excursion

On Thursday 8th October 2009, 46 excited Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students departed Birchip at 8:00 a.m. for the Halls Gap Wildlife Park and Zoo.

After a fruit and toilet break at Marnoo, we arrived at Halls Gap at 10:40 a.m.

We had our snacks and then went on a guided tour of the park.

Some of the highlights were hand feeding many animals including deer and wallabies, patting a wombat, and a dingo, patting or holding a python, visiting the nocturnal house and the dinosaur museum and watching the monkeys.

We were disappointed that the Tasmanian Devils (nocturnal animals) were in their underground burrows.

As always with Birchip P-12 students, behaviour was excellent, and we enjoyed an educational and fun day. Thank you to Mrs Janine Welton, Mrs Maureen Donnellon, Mrs Jacinta Connelly, Mrs Emma Bennett, Ms Marcia Mallia for accompanying the students and for their assistance in preparing this excursion and to Mrs Merrilyn Kelly for her overall organization of the day. It was terrific to see so many smiling faces who clearly enjoyed the experience.
Pental Island Camp
Grades 3 & 4 children excitedly departed our school on Wednesday morning to commence their Pental Island Camp. On the way, students stopped off at Lake Boga to see the Flying Boat Base which was a Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) flying boat base during World War II. In the evening students experienced a sound and light show prior to supper and settling down for the first evening. Yesterday students enjoyed a magic show, made nails at the blacksmiths and learnt how pioneers lived in earlier times with no mod cons. The importance of water was stressed. Students learnt how to use a cross bow saw and how a printing press operates. Many thanks to Mrs Debra Emonson, Mrs Julie Weir, Mrs Carol Taylor, Mrs Olivia Valle, Mrs Pat Clarke and Mr Kevin Reid for their organization, willingness to ensure our children get wonderful experiences and for giving freely of their time. Pictures and reports in next week’s edition of the school newsletter.

Nicholas Bales, Evelyn Reid, Emily Noonan, Emily Smith & Karleigh Weir are performing ‘Fair Swap’ in the 2009 Fairfax Festival Gala Performance on Thursday 29th October at 7:00 p.m. at the Swan Hill Town Hall

Book your tickets
Bookings can be made through the Swan Hill Region Information Centre on 5036 2444

On Monday 26th October 2009 we will be celebrating our Fairfax entry with a casual day and BBQ.

Year 7 English
Students have today been given their Term 4 novel ‘Private Peaceful’. Please send payment of $15.00 to school office.

Primary Wimmera Zone Athletics Sports
Ten students from Birchip P-12 School Years 4-6 represented their school and the North Central district at the Wimmera Zone Athletics Sports in Horsham on Tuesday 6th October 2009. The students acquitted themselves extremely well in their events despite some windy and cold conditions. Five students who finished in the first two placings for their event will now travel to Bendigo this coming Monday 12th October 2009, to compete against other competitors in the region. Congratulations to Samuel Owa who came first in the 10 year old boys triple jump and jumped a personal best jump of 8.34m. Dammy Owa, Royce Bennett, Joseph Reid and Luana Baird will also be competing in Bendigo. Good luck to these students and congratulations to all students on your performances on Tuesday. Thank you also to Noeline Hogan for assisting with time keeping duties and to all parents who transported and supported their children on the day. Special thanks to Mrs Michelle Lee for her co-ordination and organization of the day.

Samuel Owa 10 yr boys triple jump 1st
Dammy Owa 11 yr girls hurdles 2nd 11 yr girls 100m sprint final 5th
Royce Bennett 12/13 yr boys 1500m 3rd 12/13 yr boys 800m 2nd
Sean Hogan 12/13 yr boys 200m sprint final 4th
Jake Gleeson 12/13 yr boys hurdles 3rd
Georgia Lee 11 yr girls 100m sprint final 3rd
Joe O’Donnell 11 yr boys long jump 4th 11 yr boys 200m sprint final 6th
Joseph Reid 10 yr boys 1500m 2nd 10 yr boys 800m 2nd
Luana Baird 10 yr girls hurdles 2nd 10 yr girls triple jump 5th
Sarah Botheras 10 yr girls 1500m 7th 10 yr girls 800m 5th

A team of Secondary Students competed at the Zone Athletics in Bendigo yesterday - a full report will appear next week.

UNDOOKAI 2009 (Sports Carnival)

Primary Japanese School Sports Day
On Thursday 15th October 2009, primary students have a Japanese Sports Day. Students will be divided into two teams and participate in various sporting activities. Students may wear their team colour tops (red or white). It starts at 11:05 a.m. and finishes at lunchtime. Parents and friends are most welcome to come and watch students are doing.
Student Attendance for Term 4, 2009

The following attendance rules are stipulated by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

All students are required to attend and fully participate in school activities throughout Term 4. This includes participation in elective programs.

- Year 11 students are expected to be at school until Friday 27th November 2009 and then must attend compulsory course planning meetings during Mon 30th November 2009 – Fri 4th December 2009. Times for these meetings will be communicated by Mr Christie and Mrs Barb Smith.
- Year 10 students are required to be at school until Friday 4th December 2009.
- Students up to and including Year 9 are required to attend school until the end of the school year on Friday, 18th December 2009.
- Reports to all students will be distributed on Thursday 17th December 2009.

Please contact Mr Richmond at the school should you wish further clarification of these dates.

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Found

Small bike in Simpson Street - leaning against tree at Alex Gartmann’s. If anyone is missing a bike - come and collect.

Maths is Marvellous – You can count on it!

Travel Down 101 (Target Game)

Enter 101 on a calculator. Each person in turn subtracts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 from the number in the display. Make the display read 0 and you win. Play again with the other person starting.

Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 16th October 2009

1. In which European city is the La Scala opera house?
2. An amethyst is a variety of which mineral?
3. What is the penultimate letter of the Greek alphabet?
4. Lambeth Palace is the London residence of whom?
5. Name Burma’s chief river.
6. In Greek legend the monster called the echidne was half woman and half what?
7. What is the chemical symbol for potassium?
8. What kind of food is komijne kaas?
9. Who did Harold Holt succeed as Australian prime minister?
10. Name the first three signs of the Zodiac

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Parents’ Club Meeting

RESCHEDULED

Date: Monday 12th October 2009
Where: Staff Recreation Room
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Thankyou to Leigh Hogan and Jackie Tierney for cooking the sausage sizzle for Mental Health Awareness Week.
Chances for Children Raffle

Chances for Children is a local organisation which assists students to fulfil their dreams. It does this by financially assisting students who couldn’t, without financial help, afford to leave the area to study. Chances has assisted some Birchip P-12 School Year 12 students who have shown talent by paying part of their boarding costs when they go to university. This is a worthwhile voluntary organisation which puts its efforts into helping our youth succeed.

To this end, each child in primary and secondary has been given a small raffle book of 4 tickets to sell for an MP3 Phone & Audio System to support Chances for Children. Each ticket is one dollar. Could you try your best to sell them and return them by Friday 24th October 2009. The raffle will be drawn at the Fairfax Performance in the stadium on Monday 26th October 2009... Thank you for supporting this worthwhile performance.

PIANOS AND ELECTRIC ORGAN – TO GIVE AWAY!

The school has three pianos and one electronic organ to give away to any family who would like to come and take them home with them. Please contact John Richmond on 0417 106 033 if you are interested in any of these.

Thanks to the Parents’ Club for their generous donation of $5,000 which has purchased one brand new upright piano. The school has also purchased a very good quality second hand piano. Hopefully our music students and teachers will get much use out of these new acquisitions.

Birchip Sing Australia Group presents

An Evening of Singing

Senior Citizens Club Rooms
Tuesday 13th October 2009 6pm

Special guests will be members of the Warrnambool Sing Australia Group

Everyone Welcome

Enquiries to Sue Davis 5492 2466

BIRCHIP PLAYGROUP

Progressive Shopping Evening

Friday 6th November
Commencing from BCG at 6pm
Tickets $12.00
(includes supper, drinks, a special mystery gift and a great night out!)

Dress in Christmas Theme for the chance to win a prize.
Fantastic door prizes to be won
For Information and Tickets contact Veronica Hogan 5492 2208

Watchem Market

8th November 2009
9am - 1pm
Watchem Hall

Featuring: Boomerang throwing, over 20 stall holders, Nintendo, face painting and jumping Castle
All enquiries or to book a site contact Tammie Tait 5399 2228

One to One Notebook Program 2010

Thank you to all families who responded to the 1:1 notebook survey program being investigated by school council. Thus far we have 56 responses from 115 families (49%). Whilst this is a reasonable response for a survey, school council believe a greater number of responses is required. I have duplicated the survey letter on the next page for those families who as yet have made no response. We would appreciate your thoughts be they negative or positive. We would also appreciate any comments and/or questions you may have in this matter.
Dear Parents,

One to One Notebook Program

We are investigating the possibility of implementing a one to one notebook program at the Birchip P-12 School from 2010. This would involve every student from year 5 to year 12 having their own notebook (computer). Currently every grade 5 student has their own netbook which they use both at school and at home. It is envisaged that Grade 5 & 6 students would have the smaller netbooks and secondary students would have the larger notebooks. All notebooks would become part of a three year rotation cycle.

The notebooks would remain the property of the school for a period of three years after which they could then be purchased for a small sum e.g., $1.00. This avoids issues with software licensing, warranty, GST etc.

We are investigating various notebooks at the moment including the Lenovo and Toshiba brands. Each would have similar specifications including:

- Intel® Core™2 Duo processorT6670 (2.2GHz, 800MHz FSB, 2MB L2 Cache)
- Genuine Windows Vista® Business 32bit SP1
- 14.1” WXGA TFT Active Matrix Display (1280x800)
- 4GB DDR2 (800MHz)
- 160GB HDD (5400rpm)
- DVD Super Multi Double/Dual Layer Drive
- WLAN (802.11a/g/n); 1GBit LAN
- 3year onsite next business day warranty
- Robust carry bag

We envisage the cost of these notebooks to be approximately $900.00 each and that students would have these notebooks for three years prior to changeover. (Netbooks for Grade 5 & 6 students would be slightly cheaper – approximately $700.00)

The school would fund $500.00 per notebook with a co-contribution from parents of $400.00. This co-contribution would only be payable during the first year with nothing payable during the second and third years. This co-contribution could be paid in one single year payment of $400.00 or eight payments of $55.00 during the first year.

This letter is to ascertain parent interest / approval only. Please complete the form below and return to the school office prior to Tuesday 15th September 2009. Your feedback will form the basis of discussion at next week’s Birchip P-12 School, School Council meeting on Thursday 17th September 2009.

Thank you for your feedback.

John Richmond
Principal

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One to One Notebook Program 2010

We are in favour of the proposed one to one notebook program as described above.  

YES NO

We would be willing to pay a $400.00 (first year only) co-contribution towards the purchase of the notebook. [either as one payment or eight instalments]

YES NO

Name:  __________________________ Signed:  __________________________
Birchip Tennis

Tennis starts this Saturday at 1.00 p.m. Both teams play at home. Please bring a plate of afternoon tea.

Ballapur plays Nullawil
E. Smith, K. Walder, L. Lee, L. Lee, A. Gleeson, Jenny Goldsmith
Em: J. Goldsmith, T. Walder

Tchum plays Wycheproof – S. Dobson, J. Rymer, L. Ferrier, C. Brown, D. Donnellon, B. O’Donnell
C. Kemp, W. McClelland, L. Barber, J. Doran, C. Smith, J. Tuthill, J. Lovett

Contact Eileen Smith (54 922 621) or Sharee Dobson (54 922 321) with queries
Subs are due and payable now.
Family $180, Adult $75, Junior playing Saturday $30, Friday night juniors and Pee Wee $25.
Subs can be paid to Heather Hogan or Louise Lee ASAP.

‘Dance for Fun’ for primary and secondary students

Starts Wednesday 14th October 2009 for 6 weeks.
Cost: $30.00
Primary sessions: 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Secondary sessions: 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Please pay at the BB & LC before next week's class

Junior Tennis Competition and Coaching

Tennis commences next Friday 16th October 2009 at 3:45 p.m. sharp

Positions for the visiting coaches sessions have been filled.

Students not involved in the competition (under Grade 6) will be advised of their scheduled coaching time.

Others will have a coaching session and sets of tennis scheduled.

Cost for tennis is $50.00 for the coaching program and $25.00 for junior tennis.

Enquiries to Louise Lee or Heather Hogan

Birchip Junior Cricket

Notes were distributed this week seeking interest in Junior Cricket this season.

The competition is open to boys and girls in years 4 to 10.

It is anticipated that Junior Cricket this year will be conducted along similar a format to last year with three teams participating in the competition held on Saturday mornings.

If your child is interested in playing this year could you please give names to Andrew Sayle or the school Office by 5:00 p.m. Monday 12th October 2009.

It is hoped that the Junior Competition will commence Saturday 17th October 2009.

Homework!

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Memo: Birchip P-12 School - Targeted Working Bee, Wednesday 14th October 2009 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

The Physical Resources Sub-Committee of School Council plan to conduct a working bee to demolish an old shed, remove raised garden beds, shift pavers & bricks and remove lots of rubbish around the school and ovals directly to the rubbish tip. We also plan to trim and remove many dead and fallen trees and limbs around the fitness track and school in general.

We plan to have five teams of parents with front-end loaders, tray trucks, chain saws and energy to assist us.

**Team One**
Leader: Leon Hogan
James Boyle – truck
Chris Hogan – front-end loader
Rob Bennett, Chris Lee
- Remove shrubs, trees and raised garden bed immediately behind the stadium – debris to tip
- Smudge/smooth out the remaining soil – sloping down to the west

**Team Two**
Leader: David Smith
John Bales – truck
Andrew Lee – JCB with forks
Owen Reid, Doug Bennett
- Re-site pavers to concrete tennis court area
- Demolish shed at southern end of main oval
- Remove tank and stand near canoe shed
- Remove the rubble from the area around the shed

**Team Three**
Leader: Peter Doran
Leigh Weir – truck
Leigh Hogan – front-end loader
Danny Lowry, Robbie Phelan, James Phelan
- Remove the remaining rubble from the two burnt sites at southern end of hockey field
- Remove varying pipe lengths and rubble near southern end of main oval
- Re-site bricks, pavers & roofing tiles on concrete pad left after shed removal

**Team Four**
Leader: David Watts
Darren Gould – truck
John Taranto – front-end loader
Colin Kemp, Matthew Braine, Donald Cooper
- Remove tyres along north west corner of fitness track
- Collect and remove fallen dead tree limbs and trees around the western side of the fitness track
- May need to create a stack to remove / burn at a later date

**Team Five**
Leader: Peter Walder
Kevin Reid – truck
Ian Smith – front-end loader
Chris Rickard, Peter James
- Collect and remove fallen dead tree limbs and trees around the southern side of the fitness track
- Remove some fallen and dead trees between hockey field and main oval
- May need to create a stack to remove / burn at a later date

The tip is open on Wednesday mornings so we hope to deliver many loads directly to the tip.

A BBQ and salad lunch will be provided at lunchtime (1:00 p.m.) for workers after the working bee.

Please come along with chainsaws, shovels and rakes along with manpower to assist us. Thank you for your anticipated assistance. If you are unable to attend please John Richmond ASAP so that another parent can be asked to assist.
Georgina Gould from ‘Georgie’s Café’ has provided an updated lunch order which took effect from Monday 5th October 2009. Please ensure you use this price list and discard previous editions.

### GEORGIE’S CAFE LUNCH ORDER

**Prices from 5th October 2009**

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Thankyou
Sportslink is Coming!

Sportslink is the new and essential one-stop website for sports clubs and activity providers! Never before has it been so easy to promote a club to new members or to find an activity to join in your area!

Mallee Sports Assembly in collaboration with Regional Sports Network Victoria is rolling out the new ‘sportslink.org.au’ website state-wide. Sportslink will give sports clubs and recreational groups across Victoria the opportunity to let everyone know who they are and what they are about. It will also provide clubs and groups with support, resources and information to develop and to make their lives easier and their club or group more successful!

Sportslink will be the place that people go to find out what sport, leisure and recreational activities are available in their area, how to get in touch and where to go to get involved! It will be the source of many new members for clubs and groups and a great way to attract more people to local activities.

The new sportslink database system will give clubs reminders to update their details on the website so that they can be easily contacted by potential members. In the past this has been a crucial factor in clubs missing out on new members with constant changing of administrators meaning that contact details can be out of date just a year down the track!

Sportslink is also a great development for people and organisations who are trying to get in contact with local activity providers. This fantastic new website will make it easy to get involved in a community activity group sooner, which will not only assist in increasing the social and physical health of individuals but also of our local communities as a whole. [www.sportslink.org.au](http://www.sportslink.org.au) will work for you!

An information day to assist with enquiries and how to register clubs/organizations on sportslink.org.au. is to be held on the Wednesday 16th September at the Mallee Sports Assembly, 280 Broadway, Wyperfeld.

For all enquiries on sportslink please contact:-

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**HABITS OF MIND**

**Resume**

Full Name – Kath Smith  
Education – Kath was educated in Birchip where she received her honours certificate.  
Employment History – Kath spent her early years helping on the farm as well as assisting with the family milk run in Birchip. At eighteen years of age she joined the W.A.A.A.F (Women’s Australian Auxiliary Air Force) and worked in stores at Mt Martha, Bairnsdale and the Royal Exhibition Buildings. After the war Kath moved to Donald to care for her sister. During this time she met her husband. Following this she moved to Bendigo and owned a grocery store in Mitchell Street near the railway station. She also spent many years at the Kerang and District Hospital where her role was to manage the domestic staff. Kath eventually returned to the farm in Birchip to care for her family after the death of her brothers. The death of her sister in law resulted in Kath becoming the matriarch of the family.  
Interests - people, children, all types of needlework and gardening

How has using the Habits of Mind contributed to your life pattern?  
“Finding Humour” has helped quite a few times. I have a good sense of humour. I have many nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews. When they are here on the farm we take a lot of “responsible risks”. I have had to think flexibly and I respond with wonderment and awe. I love the birds and nature and work with Trust for Nature and Landcare. I am also very persistent and am showing persistence at the moment with chipping the weeds. I am going to beat them!!

Can you recall a time when being good at one or more of the habits contributed to your life in a positive way?  
When I worked at the hospital in Kerang, I became aware of people and their problems, not only the sickness but other problems especially with the older ones. I was good at gathering data through all my senses. I listened a lot and could identify genuine people.

What Habit of Mind resonates mostly with you?  
Thinking interdependently – it has been important to work together with all family members.  
Creating, imagining and innovating: I enjoy all types of needlework and with this comes striving for accuracy. I am not good at approaching tasks with the attitude that nearly is good enough.

Which Habit of Mind has had the greatest effect on you meeting life’s challenges?  
Managing impulsivity – I don’t go in boots and all. I always need time to think about things. I always tell people to give me a couple of days to think about things and I think them over and over.

Do you feel that you have become significantly better at any of the habits?  
“Yes” Kath sighs – with age. I have become better at thinking flexibly. I am good at listening with understanding and empathy and I learnt the importance of this while in Kerang. Over the years I have managed to curb my impulsivity.

Kath finished the interview by explaining her motto for life was “I am happy with what I have and what I have makes me happy”

Thank you Kath.