Term Four, week two, sees everyone including students and teachers returned to school. We welcomed our European travellers from France and Belgium on Tuesday after their long flight. They had an absolutely amazing time. Thank you very much to Mr Cameron Whelan and Mrs Eileen Smith for accompanying the students and thank you to students, Stephanie Martin, Jessamy Bennett, Maryanne Bell, Zoe Turnbull, Brylie Emonson and Emma Hogan for being interested, enthusiastic and helpful during the trip. Our students are incredibly lucky to be given such an opportunity. Our European travellers will have a detailed report with photographs in next week’s newsletter.

We also welcomed back Mr Travis Knights from his tour of Japan. Mr Knights has prepared a report which appears in this newsletter.

Our year twelve students enter their last week of formal school next week. I encourage our students to keep studying and prepare well for their examinations. Teachers are fully prepared to assist when needed so I encourage you to contact them should help be required. I wish our year twelve students all the very best and thank them for the contribution they have made to our school during their primary and secondary schooling.

The 2011 Valedictory Dinner will be held next Thursday 27th October.
2011 at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre commencing at 6:30 p.m. Our year twelve students will return to school for breakfast the next morning and then entertain students and staff at their last official school assembly at 9:00 a.m. in the school stadium. Parents of year twelve students are most welcome to attend this assembly.

Today, we welcomed members of Birchip Probus Club to our school. They held their normal monthly meeting at the school and enjoyed morning tea with the staff. After a tour of the school, Probus members enjoyed a roast meal cooked for them by Mrs Knights, Mrs Barb Smith and Hospitality students.

**NAPLAN Results**

NAPLAN Test results arrived at the school last month and will be sent home to parents next week. Each envelope contains the NAPLAN Test Report, and an information pamphlet. Parents should also note that these tests were taken at a given point in time and don’t always reflect the full picture of student’s progress and learning. If you have questions or concerns regarding these results, please contact the School.

**Welcome Brendan Birch Student Teacher**

My name is Brendan Birch. I am currently completing teaching rounds at Birchip P-12 School. I hail from the Ballarat region, being a student at the University of Ballarat. My teaching methods are English and Humanities. My main interests are History, Cricket, Drawing, Music and Football. I coach U/14s at Golden Point and captain the seniors at Royal Park. I have been married for two year to my wife Tonia and we have a 5 month old daughter named Lauren. Having gone to school at a large Ballarat secondary college, it is a refreshing change to teach at a smaller high achieving school in a wonderful community. Brendan will be undertaking a teaching round with us over the next three weeks.

**Maths Is Marvellous – You Can Count on it!**

The newspaper is a common household item with which children are familiar and can be used to explore mathematical concepts.

- How many photos are in the newspaper?
- How many different sized photos are there?
- Compare papers for a few days. Are there any patterns in the placement of news items or advertisements?

**Year 7 Transition**

The Grade 6 – Year 7 Transition Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday 24 October 2011.

Transition Day 1 will be Thursday 27 October 2011.

Transition Days 2 & 3 will be Thursday 3 & Friday 4 November 2011.

One Up Day will be Tuesday 6 December 2011.
Student Attendance – end of year arrangements

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 25 November 2011 and then must attend compulsory course planning meetings during Mon 28 November 2011 – Fri 2 December 2011. 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 9 December 2011.

Year 10 students and parents are asked to note this date due to the error in last week’s newsletter.

Students up to and including Year 9 are required to attend school until the end of the school year on Thursday, 22 December 2011.

Reports to all students will be distributed on Thursday 21 December 2011.

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

Parents Club Catering
Year 12 Dinner
27th October 2011
at Leisure Centre

4.00 - 6.00pm - Trish Lehmann, Emma Bennett, Nicole James, Brenda Clark, Rosalie Gould, Stephanie Chamberlin

6.00pm onwards - Colene Delaney, Simone Donnellon, Lyn Boyle, Louise Lee, Bev Forrester, Jenny (Peter) Noonan

Year 11 students (Black and White)
Could you please contact Trish Lehmann if you are unavailable to help on 0417357850.
Your support for our Year 12 dinner is greatly appreciated.

Birchip Tennis Club
The Saturday competition commences this Saturday 22 October 2011 with a home game against Nullawil. Play is to start at 1:15 p.m. Please be there early enough to get organised. Remember a plate of afternoon tea thanks.

Twilight Tennis
Names for a competition to be held on Thursday nights can be given to Eileen Smith or Jo Connelly or left at the school office. Tennis will commence at 6:00 p.m. with matches concluding at 7:30 p.m.

Junior Tennis coaching with Peter Bewley
A come and try and introduction night will be held TODAY at 5.30 p.m.
Names to Louise Lee on 0417 159 136 or 54 922 576.
Peter will visit on Friday’s with the first lesson at 5.30 p.m. APPROX $50 for six weeks.

Friday Junior Tennis competition commences next week after school.
Names to Eileen Smith please.
Players need to be able to serve.
Mr Knights Japanese Tour

Recently, I was fortunate enough to spend three weeks in Japan as part of the DEECD Japan Teachers’ Study Tour. We departed Melbourne bound for the Hiroshima International Centre which is located in the small town of Saijo. It is roughly 40 minutes away from Hiroshima by train. There was a total of 14 teachers involved in this trip which was designed to improve our language and cultural skills. We were required to spend most of our days in a classroom setting, learning a variety of topics. This gave all teachers a chance to totally immerse themselves in the language.

Our stay in Japan was not completely limited to classroom sessions. At the end of each day we had opportunities to practise our language skills by heading out on our own to various Japanese sights. We also were able to visit Miyajima Island which is home to one of the three recognised best sights in Japan. On this island we visited Itsukushima Shrine which is a very famous shrine. At the end of a busy day sightseeing on this island, we were able to stay in a traditional ryokan.

We visited central Hiroshima and as a group we visited the A-Bomb Dome and Museum. There were many graphic illustrations of what occurred and at times it became quite moving. After another week of sessions, we visited the Saijo Sake Matsuri. This is a massive Sake Festival with many local brewers in attendance. After this festival many of the teachers attended a local farm-stay. Instead of doing this, I boarded a Shinkansen train and headed to a small town some four hours away to visit Takashi Okada who was our Japanese intern in Birchip last year. He showed me around his local town, taking me to the festival and also Kakegawa Castle which sits atop the city. The following day we visited Mt Kuno which is the burial site of a famous Japanese leader. It was great to catch up with Takashi. He is now working at a school, teaching maths and says hello to everyone. Our last week was spent completing more language sessions before leaving the Hiroshima International Centre. The staff at the HIC were extremely helpful and made our sessions extremely enjoyable. We spent our last day in Japan sightseeing around Osaka before boarding a plane and arriving back in Melbourne last Sunday.

The three weeks in Japan were challenging but extremely rewarding. We managed to visit many great sights and immersed ourselves in various cultural activities such as traditional sports, tea ceremony, calligraphy and kimono wearing (only for the women!). Our stomachs didn’t go empty either as we ate and drank many delicious foods including sushi, okonomiyaki, udon and soba noodles, curries but to name a few. The trip was very well worth it and hopefully I can use what I learnt in the future.
Birchip Junior Cricket

Junior Cricket will start next Saturday 29th October 2011.
This will be an indoor game held in the stadium
The draw/fixture will take on a slightly different look due to the school oval being unavailable for the first half of this season.
Gary Living, President of the Birchip Cricket Club, has kindly offered to prepare the turf pitch on the George Cartwright oval on the Saturdays when it is not being used for a senior game. However this means that the game scheduled to use this facility will need to complete the game in the one morning.
More details will be provided when the teams and draw is handed out next week
Anyone else who is interested in playing (in years 4-10) must let Andrew Sayle know by lunchtime Monday 24th October 2011.
Junior Training has commenced and is held from 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Thursday afternoons at the George Cartwright oval.
Kids Cricket has commenced from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. also on Thursday afternoons at the same venue for school aged children who are too young for junior cricket and would like to develop skills and have fun playing cricket.
Fees: Junior Cricket: $20.00 Kids Cricket: $15.00

Names and payment for classes must be given to Simone Christie at the Birchp Business & Learning Centre prior to the commencement of each class.

Yoga
Monday 17 October – Monday 19 December 2011
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
$60.00

Dance for fun classes
Monday 17 October – Monday 5 December
Birchip Public Hall
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Preschool
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Junior
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Senior
$40.00

Painting Class with Bev Neil
Sunday 6 November from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(BYO lunch)
Birchip P-12 School Art room
$25 (includes canvas boards, brush & paints)

Basketball
Monday nights – Men
Wednesday – Women
Friday - Junior
Starting in the week beginning 24 October 2011 for 5 weeks

Coming soon
More cooking classes, water exercise classes, swimming classes …………..
Dear Ladies,

Many thanks for the excellent presentation of food and the great waitresses & workers at the Cropping Group Expo dinner. The letter of appreciation & thanks from Margaret O’Keefe from the Birchip Cropping Group was full of praise for how well organized the catering was on this occasion.

The next function is Carly Sharp’s wedding at Tchum Lake on Saturday 5 November 2011. We plan to prepare salads & cook the meat at the Birchip P-12 School and hence the different venues on the roster. Could staff working at the Lake please wear Black & White.

Hoping you are once again all willing to assist and if unable to please arrange a swap, or failing this please contact Louise Lee on 54 922 576 or Frances Lee on 54 922 358.

Cold Savouries – 3 Dozen Each
Chicken Balls in Chilli Sauce – M Lee, K Walder, S Flowers
Rice Paper Rolls – B Smith, C Cook, S Christie, S Kemp
Mushroom en Coute – S Donnellon, R Colbert, D Thompson
Club Sandwiches – E McCallum, B O’Donnell, C McKenzie, J Coffey
Bocconcini Tomato Skewers – S Chamberlain, B Doran
Salmon Pikelets – B Horton, L Lee, N Hogan, F Sayle
Bruschetta - B Ryan, C Brown, D Ferrier, C Bales, R Wright
Cucumber & Salmon Bites – J Hogan, F Best

Four Litres of Salad
Potato – D Reid, B Horton
Own Choice – P Juergens, H Barber, K Bales, S Connelly, R Bell, R Ferrier, M Rickard, J Noonan, J Rymer, R Owa, R Jones, E Reid.
Snow pea & Tomato – F Lee
Pumpkin, Feta & Pinenuts – L Boyle
Noodle – L Cook, D Botheras
Chang Noodle – H Hogan

To Work At School – 1.30pm to 3.30pm
N Hogan, H Barber, Val Lee, P Juergens, D Reid, M Nicholls, E McCallum, N Mclean, L Cook, G Rickard, B Horton, K Bales, J Smith.

To Work At School – 5.00pm to 7.00pm
B Smith, B Ryan, L Boyle, S Chamberlain, D Ferrier, K Walsh.

To Work At Lake – 5.00pm to 9.00pm

VCE Study

Next week Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be private study in the library from after school until 10pm.

It will be a mobile free zone where lots of study and help can be received.

Eileen Smith

Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
2011 Birchip Hospital Flower Show

Primary children will be participating in the Birchip Hospital Flower Show on Friday 28th October 2011. The Flower Show will be held in the Birchip Public Hall.

Primary children will walk down to the Public Hall with their teachers in their class groups.

The children will leave school at 11:45 a.m. and arrive at the hall at 12:00 noon. The children will be able to view displays, flowers, competitions. They may even purchase their lunch. They will leave the hall at 12:30 p.m. and return to the school by 12:45 p.m.

Sausages will cost $1.00 each. Cordial, ice creams and other treats are available for purchase.

School work displayed will be returned to the school however non-school entries such as cooking and flowers will need to be collected from the hall after 3:00 p.m.

Secondary students will be able to visit the Flower Show during the school’s normal lunchtime [12:45 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.]

John Richmond
Principal
BIRCHIP P-12 SCHOOL
FRIENDS OF EAST WIMMERA HEALTH SERVICES – BIRCHIP CAMPUS

FLOWER SHOW
Birchip Public Hall
Friday 28th October 2011

Entries for All Sections will be taken up to 9:00 a.m. on Show Day
or at the Hall on Thursday Afternoon

The judge may award a second prize instead of a first,
or may withhold a prize altogether if exhibits are not of sufficient merit.

- Cakes, Produce, Sweets, Lucky Stalls
- Sausage sizzle for children at Hall 12.15p.m. ($1.00)
- **Admittance by Donation**
- Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. ($10.00)
- Afternoon Tea ($3.00)
- Stalls, except Exhibition Stall opens at 1 p.m.
- Exhibits not to be removed until 3 p.m.
- Grand Aggregate Sections 1, 2, and 4 donated by Mrs. Kay Hogan
- Demonstrations and Fashion Parade from 1:10 p.m.

All Care but no responsibility taken by the committee

Elaine McCallum, President, 54 922 691
Jackie Cartwright, Secretary, 54 922 374
### Flower Show Schedule

#### Section 1

**Champion Rose trophy donated**

*By Mrs. Edna Watson*

1. Three separate Blooms of Roses
   - One Variety.
2. Best container of Roses, own Foliage
3. Red Rose
4. White Rose
5. Pink Rose
6. Yellow Rose
7. 3 Roses-3 stages-Bud to Bloom
8. Three Full Blown Roses
9. Container of Roses-One Variety
10. Rose of any other colour
11. Best Stem of Flower or Flowers
12. Six Pansies
13. Container of Pelargoniums
14. Container of Native flowers From Tree or Shrub

**Best Exhibit trophy donated by**

*Mrs. Pat Russell*

**Aggregate Trophy donated by**

*Birchip Pharmacy*

#### Section 2

**All entries become the Property of the Committee**

1. Sponge Sandwich iced 4 eggs
2. Chocolate Sponge, iced only
3. My Favourite Cake
4. Six pieces of uncooked slice
5. Six Biscuits, one variety uniced
6. Six plain Scones **Best Exhibit trophy donated by**

*Jim and Rainey, Newsagent*

7. One Vegetable
8. Lemon Butter
9. Jar of Marmalade
10. Jar of Jam, any variety
11. Jar of Pickles or Chutney
12. Bottle of Sauce
13. Jar of Pesto
14. Dozen Eggs
15. Collection of Herbs
16. Four Lemons
17. Four Oranges
18. Citrus, one variety of each
19. Preserves – Own choice

**Aggregate Trophy donated by**

*Mrs. Dorothy Jolly*

**Make Bake and Grow**

*Each entry is valued up to 10 points. Overall score 30*

All items must be exhibited
- Make – Sewing, Craft, etc
- Bake – Cooking
- Grow- Flower, Vegetable etc

**Trophy donated by**

*R and P Bragg*  
*Birchip LPO*

#### Section 3 Primary School

**All Children’s entries must be Unaided**

1. Four Plain Scones
2. Four Small Cakes uniced
3. Four Muffins
4. Four Biscuits, one Variety, (Packet mix may be used)
5. Pre School Collage, *trophy donated by Mary McDougall*
6. Needlecraft (Knitting, Cross or Long Stitch)
7. Article of Beading
8. Unscheduled Craft (No Lego No Kits)
9. Flower Arrangement Prep to 2
10. Flower Arrangement Y3 & Y4
11. Flower Arrangement Y5 & Y6

**ALL WORK MUST BE UNAIDED**

*Trophies donated by Auxiliary*

#### Section 4

1. Counted Cross Stitch
2. Cushion
3. Knitted rug, 8 ply
4. Crochet Rug, 8 ply
5. Knitted Patterned hat, 8ply
6. Covered coathanger
7. Article of Stretch Sewing
8. Article of Applique under 1 mt
9. Article of Patchwork (no Applique) under 1 metre
10. 3 Articles one woman’s work
11. Stitchery
12. Unscheduled Craft
13. Christmas Article
14. Home Decorated shopping Bag
15. Children’s clothing-sewn
16. Knitted Article

**Best Exhibit donated by**

*Mrs. Lorraine Norton*

**Aggregate Trophy donated by**

*MaD Mallee Crafts*
Section 5
Photography

Please note:
No more than 5 exhibits per person per section.
All photos to be mounted on black or white cardboard no greater than 2.5 cm.
No frames allowed.
Photos no larger than 15cm x 10cm = 6 x 4
Enlargements to be 7 x 5 or larger.

** Mounted photos to be left at Bourke’s Butchers no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday prior to Flower Show

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**Secondary Students**

| 1. Child at play or with a Pet | 1. Open |
| 2. Portrait                   | 2. Portrait |
| 3. Agricultural               | 3. Child Study |
| 4. Bird or Animal             | 4. Scenic View |
| 5. Party Scene                | 5. Agricultural Scene |
| 7. ‘Where I Live’             | 7. ‘Where I Live’ |

**Primary Students**

| 1. Child at Play or with a Pet | 1. Open |
| 2. Animal or Bird              | 2. Portrait |
| 3. Flower                      | 3. Child Study |
| 4. Portrait                    | 4. Scenic View |
| 5. Agricultural                | 5. Agricultural Scene |

Best Exhibit in each Section

*Trophies donated by
Ms. Elaine McCallum*
Recently the Grade 6 class completed a unit of work on the novel *Hating Alison Ashley*. Part of the unit involved a photographic activity. The class studied what constituted a good photo, analysed various photographs and took photos for a competition. The children found that many Habits of Mind were utilised in this activity.

Some of our photos made us be more adventurous and be more willing to take risks. It didn’t matter if we took lots of photos and we only got one good one. We were told that if we tried something different and it didn’t work, it didn’t matter. Jack and Liam.

Thinking about your thinking was a main HOM. This strategy helped us by looking at pictures, including our own, and deciding what was good and what wasn’t so good. We would take the observations from the photos and aim to improve our own. Tom and Joe.

Thinking flexibly was one of the main Habits of Mind because we had to find different objects and ideas to have a good outcome in the end. We thought flexibly by deciding what to take a picture of, what angle to take the picture on and how it should look. We thought creatively about how we could improve our pictures. Tahlia and Olivia.

We had to think about applying past knowledge while we were taking photos. We already knew some things about operating the camera and we had to transfer our tips into our photos when we were taking them. Sophie and Nakita.

Persisting helped us by sticking at it. For example if our photo was blurry we would try to take a better one. We gave our best and had a fair go and Mr Welton gave us some astonishing tips. Sarah and Elise.

We managed our impulsivity by taking our time when taking photos for the competition. We took our time to arrange the photos correctly and to balance the camera. Tori and Chloe.

In our activity we were striving for accuracy to make our picture the best each time. Mr Welton gave us ten tips and we took his advice to take our pictures. Joseph, James and Lea.

During the sessions we were taking photos we used the habit of creating, imagining and innovating to generate new and original photos. This habit helped us to take creative pictures from different aspects and angles. We got better by not looking at others and by doing our own thing. We evaluated the creativity of the shots when we judged the competition. Jessica and Luana.