Forthcoming Events

November
Tuesday 4th  Melbourne Cup Holiday
Thursday 6th  Transition Day #3
Tuesday 11th  Physical Resources Meeting – 7pm
              Finance ‘Budget’ Meeting – 8pm
Monday 17th  Primary swimming program commences
              Kool Skools CD launch in Charlton
Monday 17th → Year 11 exams
Friday 21st
Wednesday 19th  Parents and Friends Club Meeting
Wednesday 26th  Year 9/10 Food excursion
Friday 28th  Primary Report Writing Day – no school for
              Primary Students
              Last day for Year 11 students
December
Tuesday 2nd  Secondary report writing day – no school for
              Secondary Students
Friday 5th  Last day for Year 10 students with employment
Monday 8th  Grade 6 Celebration Dinner
              Year 9 Driver Education
Tuesday 9th  Transition Day #4 (One Up Day)
Wednesday 10th  Summer Showcase – End of Year Christmas
                celebration
Thursday 11th  School Council Meeting
Monday 15th  VCE results published
              Activities week commences
Tuesday 16th  Presentation Night
Wednesday 17th  Student reports distributed
Thursday 18th  Last day for students
Friday 19th  Pupil Free Day

Year 6 – 7 Transition
Our Year 6 – 7 transition program commenced yesterday and today. The
students spent Thursday with Mr Welton where students were involved
in group activities to get to know each other. Today, the grade 6 students
experienced PASE and Science with Mr Tyler, History with Miss Johnson,
English with Mrs Eileen Smith, Mathematics with Miss Barclay and a
general talk with Mr Richmond. The students were keen and enthusiastic
throughout the first two days. Miss Johnson and Mr Tyler took the
students through an activity where students identified their strengths of
the 8 Multiple Intelligence groupings and their preferred learning style –
visual, auditory or kinaesthetic. Transition Day 3 is planned for
Thursday 6th November 2008 and Transition Day 4 is scheduled for
Tuesday 9th December 2008.

Student Attendance for Term 4, 2008
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 21st
  November 2008 and then must attend a compulsory course
  planning meetings during Mon 24th – Fri 28th November. Times
  for these meetings
• meetings will be communicated by Mr Christie and Mrs Barb Smith.

• Year 10 students are required to be at school until 5th December 2008.

• Students up to and including Year 9 are required to attend school until the end of the school year on Thursday, 18th December 2008. (Friday 19th December 2008 is a pupil free day for Birchip P-12 School students)

• Reports to all students will be distributed on Wednesday 17th December 2008.

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

Flower Show Presentation
This morning Mrs Kay Hogan and Mrs Frances Brooks, President and Secretary of the Hospital Ladies Auxiliary presented prizes to the Primary Students whose Art, Craft, Computer graphics and Cooking won 1st prizes at the recent Hospital Flower Show.
The children and staff were very appreciative and will endeavour to keep up the great effort next year to ensure our wonderful little hospital keeps on going.
Thanks to Mrs Emonson for her help in organizing the prizes.

Parent Opinion Survey
Thank those parents who were randomly selected to complete this year’s School Parent Opinion Survey. The school received our 2008 results of this survey earlier in the week. Parent opinions have improved in a number of areas during 2008 year. Our school scored well above the state average when compared to all P-12 schools.

This feedback, including the Parent Opinion Survey, the Student Attitudes to School Survey and our Staff Opinion Survey, help to provide our school with essential informative feedback, that assists us in planning and decision making and developing programs that best meet the educational needs of our students. Our school will continue to focus on continuous improvement. We will now use these survey data reports to assist us to develop our strategic plan.
11.30 a.m.

Prep – Year 2 Extended Stay & Sleepover
The P – 2 students enjoyed their Barbeque and fruit for dinner and the activities that followed. After the Preps had gone home the Years 1/2 prepared for bed and watched video on the big screen.

Thanks to Mrs Kelly, Nikko, Mikko and Megan for cooking the meat and Mrs Garcia for her assistance this morning with breakfast.

Thanks also to Mrs Taylor, Mrs Welton, Mrs Emonson and Mrs Donnellon for their organization of the sleepover.

School Bags & Hats
A new supply of green bucket hats has arrived. They are light weight poly cotton with a drawstring for adjustments. $6.00 each.

Primary back packs are available for $35.00 and larger backpacks suitable for secondary students are available for $45.00 & $50.00.

There are still a few of the older style school carry bag available.

Athletics sports training course
Training course for teaching skills for athletic sports for any interested staff, parents, older students or community members. Facilitated by TRAKSTART – free of charge.

To be conducted at Wycheproof P-12 College
Wednesday 12th November 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Wear comfortable clothing/footwear.

Names to Rhonda Allan, Mallee Sports Assembly Ph 54 937 796 ASAP.

On Tuesday 11th November 2008, Mr Sayle and some students will be involved in Athletics Coaching Clinics during the day with Athletics Victoria.

Scholarships – ‘Carry On’ Grant
‘Carry On’ will assist children in years 7-12 to pay for their educational expenses for 2009.
To qualify you must be:
1. A former or serving member of the military forces who have recognised service in war or on Peace Keeping duties.
2. A former or serving member of the military who have been injured and whose need or distress has been caused directly by such service.
3. Spouse, widow, widower and dependent children of the above.

If you think you fit any of these categories, please let Mrs Eileen Smith know or phone: 96292648
News From Dinner Plain

This week at Alpine School, we have gone on our first overnight expedition, walking around twelve kilometres. Parent Visiting Weekend in a week’s time, which we are all looking forward to. On Thursday night, an inspirational guest speaker named Debbie came to speak to us about her disability, or as she likes them to be called, difabilities (Different abilities). Deb has had some hard times in her life, being born with no arms, but she was so amazing and really proved to us that you can do anything you want to in life. Tomorrow, we have a day walk to Mt Tabletop, which promises to be challenging for everyone.

Report by Hayden C Collins

Water for Life - TapStar visits Birchip

On Thursday Primary students and teachers welcomed the TAPSTAR Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Week performance to our school. Several top class actors showed many ways water can be saved around the house and garden. Colourfully dressed characters led by TAPSTAR taught songs, rhymes and acted scenarios which helped all the captive audience appreciate our precious commodity - Water.

The highlight for us was the presentation of a Flat Screen LCD/DVD Televeision to the school as part of the prize won by Jesse Kemp – Year 2 for his colourful poster – “WATER FOR LIFE”. Jesse, also won a back pack of goodies for himself. Jesse’s poster won the Year 1/2 section of the National Water Week Poster Competition and will now be on the 2009 Calendar distributed throughout the state. Several other students received honourable mentions for their posters. Over 700 entries were received in the Wimmera area so well done Jesse. Your work has always been carefully done and now your effort has reaped rewards

Thank you to Mrs Donnellon for her coordination of the colouring competition.
Jesse Kemp’s ‘Water Wise’ winning poster
Net, Set Go – Trip to Melbourne

Last Sunday Georgia Lee and several friends had a rare opportunity to play a modified game of netball at half time of the Australia versus New Zealand Test Match at Hisense Arena in Melbourne. Georgia was one of two lucky winners of a Net, Set, Go competition and was able to take twelve friends with her to share the experience, all of whom are students at Birchip P-12 School. These students included Claudia Lee, Shae Colbert, Tahlia Noonan, Ashlee Tierney, Leslee Cooper, Amy Bennett, Madeline Paley, Rebecca Botheras, Cheryl Kemp, Chanel McGinnis. Tori Hogan and Sarah Botheras, who were attending the game having already pre-purchased tickets, were able to join in as well.

The girls all received a Net, Set, Go t-shirt that were autographed by many of the Australian players at the conclusion of the game as well as being treated to a lavish spread of food following their practice match.

It was an incredible experience for all the girls; one that they will remember together with their parents for many years to come. Perhaps even forever! It is also extremely pleasing when feedback from the Netball Australia coordinator of the Net, Set, Go demonstration states that, “The kids were fantastic and so enthusiastic……..they were wonderful and so well behaved and thank you to the parents for getting them to the match.” Congratulations girls and thank you parents. Thank you especially to Diona Cooper for her role in taking other children and parents to the match. Thanks Mrs Michelle Lee for her organization and encouraging all the girls and parents to be involved.
Homework Questions
Due 7th November 2008

1. Name three countries through which the Parana river flows?
2. What is the common name and botanical name for Australia’s floral emblem?
3. How many square metres in 10 hectares?
4. Australia’s most venomous snake has enough venom in a single bite, to kill 100 adult humans. What is it called?
5. After Australia, what is the largest island in the world?
6. What are the ten symbols of the Hindu Arabic numeral system?
7. Which country is also known as ‘The land of Morning Calm’?
8. If you festinate, what do you do?
9. Mars has two moons called …………..
10. When did Fidel Castro become prime minister of Cuba?

Answers to last week:

1. Joseph Banks was the famous botanist who travelled on board the ‘Endeavour’ with Captain James Cook.
2. Ole Kirk Christiansen invented Lego.
3. The approximate length of a viperfish is 30 to 60cm.
4. ‘Rimfire’ won the 1948 Melbourne Cup. His jockey was Ray Neville and he lived in Birchip.
5. The two smallest countries in the world are Vatican City, 0.44 square kilometres, and Monaco, 1.95 square kilometres.
6. The largest gland in the human body is the liver.
7. If you abscond you leave sneakily and silently, and hide.
8. Brutus killed Julius Caesar.
9. A female donkey is called a jenny or jennet.
10. Sir Donald Bradman’s Test batting average was 99.94 and he needed 4 runs to average 100.

Birchip Community Leisure Centre Missing Kitchen Items

If you have items to be returned please do so ASAP. There are some pots missing which will now need to be replaced at a cost. Please leave items at kitchen door if the building is closed. There are quite a number of un-named plates and bowls in the kitchen.

Birchip Junior Cricket

Results of game 1
Border 108 defeated Chappell 70

Highlights
Border: Marshall Connelly 32 retired
Jake Hogan 30 retired
Matthew Rickard 10

This week’s game: Border versus Waugh
Umpires: Andrew Sayle & Russell Christie
Please be at the ground by 8:30 a.m.
Players are asked to please notify the captain ASAP if they are unavailable
2009/2009 Subs are due: Please pay $15.00 to Andrew Sayle or at the School Office.

Birchip Quarter Horse Club
Invites you to the:
Melbourne Cup Eve Virtual Races
Monday November 3rd at Birchip Leisure Centre
Doors open at 7pm – Race 1 at 8pm

2008 Members - Free
Others - $15
Includes a spit roast meal, Drinks at bar prices, Fashions on the Field with four sections: Best Hat, Stallion of the Night, Filly of the Night (u30) and Mare of the Night (30+), and fun novelty racing competitions throughout the evening including Melbourne Cup Sweeps & Virtual Races on the big screen. Lots of fun to be had & prizes to win!

Bookings are required for catering purposes by Friday October 31st
See Margaret O’Keefe at Birchip Cropping Group or Email: margaret@bcg.org.au or Phone: 54922787
Birchip Playgroup Progressive Shopping Night

Birchip Playgroup - Progressive Shopping Night will be held on Friday 7th November 2008 beginning at the Birchip Cropping Group, with registration and complimentary drink between 6:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Shopping to start at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $12.00 and include supper, drinks and a mystery gift. All enquiries to Belinda Randall on 50 854235.

Birchip Squash

Squash finals are on next week
Semi Finals are on Monday 27th October 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and the grand-final is on Wednesday.

Just4Girls Program

The Just4Girls Program is on again! In Swan Hill and Mildura this free weekly program is in its third year and is aimed at providing cricket activities for girls aged 7-11 years. The details of the sessions are as follows:

Mildura
Wednesday, 5pm – 6.30 pm at St Josephs College, Eleventh St, Mildura

Swan Hill
Wednesdays, 5 pm – 6.30 pm at the Leisure Centre, Pritchard St, Swan Hill
Contact: Peter Rowlands – 0438 423 192

Watchem Craft Market & Car Boot Sale

Sunday 9th November 2008
Watchem Hall
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
$10.00 per site
For enquiries and bookings please call Tammie Tait on 03 53 992 228

Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

Birchip P-12 School
“Parents & Friends” Club Meeting
to be held on
Wednesday 19th November 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
in the
Staff Recreation Room
Please keep this night free.
Take a Break Holiday Program 2009 - At “Portland Bay Lodge,” Portland

The Take a Break Holiday camps program is an initiative of Uniting Church Camping and Wimmera Uniting Care. All food and accommodation is provided at no cost to the participants. The camps are held in school holiday periods with up to sixteen families/couples attending each camp. The holiday makers all come from drought affected communities, some are farmers or are working on farms, some are townies, some are business owners, some are retired farmers, some just need a break to rekindle their spirits.

The camps are not only for those in critical financial situations, they are for families and couples living in a drought affected communities who need a break and are hesitant to do so because of financial constraints. The Uniting Church recognises the value of spending time together as a family and wants to encourage families and couples to take time to maintain their family relationships. Life in rural Victoria during recent years has been very stressful for many, and this holiday program is an opportunity for families and couples in rural communities to “Take a Break”. The dates for the holidays are:

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Applications process:
- Applications will be received up to November 14th
- All applicants will be notified of the result of their application by November 25th

For further information about “Take a Break” call Norval on 53564241. If you need any further information or help with the application please contact Mrs Eileen Smith at the school.

Like to play for the Waves

Western Waves Under 14, Under 16 & U18 trials for this season.
Girls wanting to try out are to attend one of the listed trials.
For more information please contact Regional Manager Stephen Field on 0417342332 or email sfield@cricketvictoria.com.au

Many girls are surprised at how well they do when trying out for the Waves. You don't need to have played cricket before. If you like Super 8's then give it a go.
Come along and join us on Friday evening. Supper is supplied by the Parents’ Club and the VCAL students are cooking light snacks during the weekend.

There are over 300 paintings and photographs to view. You can be guaranteed that there is something for everyone.

This fundraiser allows us to purchase the latest books so please come along to support us.
Habits of Mind

Flight.

**Thinking interdependently**

*James Totzenberger, how does team work and working with others apply to flight?*

Team work is easy because you have more people assigned to different tasks using a broad range of knowledge and ideas. During the course of making our planes each group of three students were assigned a crew leader to direct and manage the teams tasks. However, Lee James, Tim Walder and myself have shared the load and responsibilities and rather than getting straight into construction we all devised a plan to work together. This has worked well

**Managing Impulsivity**

*Brett Barker described how he has being able to apply this habit to the Flight unit*

We had to take our time because
- we are using complex instructions
- the objects are easily broken
- we are using chemicals

We have to think before we act because
- of the fragile objects
- small objects
- and working with glue

We are required to work calmly because
- of the frustration of working with complex instructions
- we didn’t break the small and fragile parts

**Persisting**

*Conor Hogan found he was required to persist with the navigation processes.*

At the start I was having trouble with understanding the processes and using the flight calculator. But I stuck at it and now I have better understanding of pre-flight navigation.
You're Invited

to attend the CD launch of the album, ‘Striking Resemblance’, compiled by young musicians throughout Buloke

When: 17th November, 6:30pm – 8pm
Where: Charlton Community Theatre

• Nibblies Provided
• Albums available for purchase on the night
• Free Entry

For more information contact Marc Cox - 0429867897

Similar Situations - Loaded Dice - Smack that koala
Pearls of Wisdom - Midnight Binge - Borne Apart
Lions Youth of the Year Quest

The Quest is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. It does this by selecting an outstanding young person from candidates throughout Australia to travel overseas and act as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International.

The Quest seeks a high level of academic, leadership, sporting, public speaking and citizenship achievement in its potential winners. By emphasising these qualities it hopes to provide outstanding role models for the youth of Australia and an overall increase in the confidence of young men and women.

It is an excellent means of assisting Australia's youth and promoting the essential role of leadership development and community service organisations in maintaining Australia's high standard of living.

The Birchip Lions Youth of the Lion Quest will be conducted on Wednesday 3rd December 2008.

It will involve:

- Interviews during the day at a mutually convenient time (approximately 40 minutes)
- Responses to 2 impromptu questions – approximately 5 minutes with a very small audience
- Prepared 5 minute speech at the Lions Dinner that evening.

Expressions of interest and entry forms can be obtained from Mr Richmond ASAP. Please give this your serious consideration.