### Forthcoming Events

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### VCE Unit 3/4 Exams

Our Year 12 VCE students (and many Year 11 students) have almost completed their end of year exams at St Mary’s Parish Centre. Thank you to our exam supervisor Noeline Hogan for her organization, efficiency and care of our students. There are two more exams: Food & Technology on Tuesday and French on Wednesday.

### Parent Opinion Surveys:

Thank you to the randomly selected parents who completed the parent opinion surveys this year. These surveys provide the school with valuable feedback. Our survey results were excellent and reflect a very high level of parent satisfaction with the School and its programs. School Council will discuss the Parent Opinion Survey at next week’s meeting.

### Grade 5 Camp to Lake Cullulleraine

I spent three terrific days with Mrs Emonson and the Grade 5 students at the Lake Cullulleraine Camp prior to coming back home on Wednesday evening. Mr Tyler kindly replaced me on camp. Students visited Hattah Lakes and Park, Mildura Art Gallery and Rio Vista Homestead, Lock 9, Meringur Pioneer Park and Werrimull P-12 School to mention a few. The students were terrific, displayed great manners and represented themselves, their families and their school well. They know how to set the dinner table, how to right a capsized kayak.
and generally co-ordinate themselves each day. I was most impressed with the children and thoroughly enjoyed my experience with them. Many thanks to Mrs Emonson who completely planned, organized and orchestrated the camp. Debra’s organization is amazing with everything planned to minute details. Debra spent the weekend prior to the camp travelling to the area to ensure that activities were organized and then spent countless hours preparing, planning and developing the camp booklet. Thank you very much Debra. A more detailed report from the children will appear in next week’s newsletter.

VCAL Projects

During VCAL Personal Development, Ian Fraser has been busy in the technology shed, cutting and welding metal to construct new shelving for the greenhouse. On Tuesday he delivered the shelving to the greenhouse where Mr Tyler will use it when propagating seeds and cuttings.

A keen metal fabrication student, Ian spends a day each week working for Mallee Steel. This work placement contributes to the industry specific skills strand of his VCAL certificate. Ian combines work placement, VCAL and VCE to enhance his employment opportunities.
**Year 9, 10 & 11 end of unit examinations**

All students in years 9, 10 and 11 will be required to sit formal end of unit examinations similar to the June examination period. It is important that students prepare well for these examinations and ensure all work required has been submitted for assessment.

Please refer to the Year 9, 10 & 11 examination timetable.

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**Madagascar**

Miss Eleisha Heyden & Miss Elisha Johnson will conduct rehearsals each Tuesday from 2:35 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and lunchtimes on Wednesday and Thursdays.

- **Tuesday 1st December 2009**  
  All primary students to the hall during their allotted music lessons
- **Tuesday 8th December 2009**  
  Full dress rehearsal from 10:00 a.m.
- **Thursday 10th December**  
  Matinee Performance at 1:30 p.m.
- **Friday 11th December 2009**  
  Evening performance commencing at 8:00 p.m.
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P - 6 Swimming Program

The P - 6 Swimming Program will commence on Monday 23rd November 2009, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Swimming will be held on the following days:

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Helpers:

If you are able to help, on all or some of these days, please see Greg or Janine Welton as soon as possible. Please note that due to safety issues, preschool children are not permitted to attend with parent helpers.

Janine Welton,
P-6 Swimming Coordinator
AUSTSWIM Teacher

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.

Sheets for Emika

Emika, our Japanese assistant, would like to borrow sheets for her primary classes. If you have some spares, please bring them for her. Please put your name on them so that they can be return to you later.

Fundraising for the Royal Children’s Hospital

For sale: Bookmarks - .50c, bags - $1.00.

Contact Caitlin Bidstrup and friends if you wish to purchase any of these items.

Proceeds from the sale of these items will be donated to the Royal Children’s Hospital.

Maths is Marvellous – You can count on it!

Time

Encourage your child/children to tell the time using both an analogue and digital clock.

Discuss seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, decades and centuries as appropriate.
Grade Five and Six Homework Questions – due Friday 20th November 2009
1. Primarily, what was Pax the Roman goddess of?
2. How many petals does a daffodil have?
3. Where did the dance known as the conga originate?
4. Which two countries merged to form Tanzania?
5. What is the correct name for the organisation known as Interpol?
6. Of which country is the Knesset the parliament?
7. What does chiromancy involve?
8. Who composed the opera Rigoletto?
9. Of which country is the Ob a major river?
10. Does a tortoise possess teeth?

Answers to last week’s homework questions which were due Friday 13th November 2009
1. Eboracum is the Roman name for which British city? York
2. What are Scandinavian jarls? Chiefs
3. Kolinsky is the fur from which creature? Weasel
4. The gladiator Spartacus hailed from which town? Thrace
5. How many kangaroos are on the $1 coin? 5
6. What are profiteroles? Pastry covered with choc icing and filled with custard.
7. What is an Aboriginal mogo? Stone hatchet.
8. Who wrote The Shiralee? D’arcy Niland
9. Name Victoria’s floral emblem. Heath
10. What is the capital of Uganda? Kampala.

Birchip Junior Cricket
This weekend
Second day of a two day game. Clarke Vs Ponting (J. Bales & P. Doran)
SUNDAY - Indoor Game: Johnson vs Clarke (A. Sayle)
Players please be ready to start by 8:45am to enable most of the games (on both days) to be completed before it gets too hot.

Wanted – Birchip Swimming Pool Kiosk Manager
Food Handlers Certificate needed.
Enquiries – Anthony Judd 5492 2200 or Roger Blencowe.

Introduction of the Victorian Student Number
Birchip P-12 School is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student’s school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations, and exit confirmations.

If you want to know more about the VSN please see http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm

Year 7 Spelling Words
1. Believe
2. Tried
3. Immediately
4. Emerged
5. Terror
6. Debris
7. Subdued
8. Occasionally
9. Doesn’t
10. Successful
11. Would have
GENERAL MEETING PARENTS’ CLUB
MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.
ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS WELCOME

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
BIRCHIP P-12 SCHOOL

GUEST SPEAKERS:
STUDENTS FROM ALPINE SCHOOL
ASHLEA POTTER, CURTIS SMITH, EMILY SMITH, LAURA LEE

CHRISTMAS THEME FOR MEETING
KRIS KRINGLE – SUPPER

Birchip P-12 School Parents’ Club. Catering
Buloke Shire Apprenticeship Awards - Wednesday 18th November 2009

We would appreciate your help catering for the Buloke Shire Apprenticeship Awards to be held on Wednesday 18th November 2009 at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre.

Setting up - 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Rachel Colbert, Helen Casey, Rachel Lovett, Rosalie Gould

From 6.00pm onwards. Dressed in Black and White
Janine Paley, Bev. Forrester, Deanne Botheras, Nicole James, Ellie Reid, Sue Turner, Lyn Boyle,
Kellie Ann Sheahan, Julie Weir.

Your help with supporting our school is great, but if you are unable to help this time could you please inform Trish Lehmann on 0417 357 850
**GIRLS CRICKET**

Girls wishing to practice their cricketing skills can train with the Mallee Murray Heat girls team each Sunday at the Swan Hill Recreation Reserve from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For more information on these sessions contact Andrew Farlie on 0408 321877 or Mel Caffrey on 0408 052845.

**MOvember**

The male staff of the Birchip P-12 School are joining the MOvember fundraiser to raise funds to go towards prostate cancer and depression in men.

Mr Knights is leading the way and encouraging all male staff members to join up. Today, staff enjoyed a Devonshire morning tea with proceeds going towards MOvember. Various other school activities are planned later.

**PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.**

**Fire Ready Community Information Session**

**Wednesday 2nd December 7.00pm**

**Birchip Community Leisure Centre**

**Cnr Johnson & Morrison Streets, Birchip**

All members of Birchip & surrounding district community are invited to attend a ‘Fire Ready Community Information Session’, hosted by Community Safety from the Country Fire Authority. This information session will inform all residents about understanding their fire risk and assist them to prepare for the approaching fire danger period. Please come along and find out how you can better protect your family and yourself from fire.

The ‘Fire Ready Community Information Session’ is designed for all members of the public to gain a better understanding of the bushfire risks specific to their area. It will provide a good opportunity for community members to highlight and discuss particular areas of concern within their bushfire survival plan.

The ‘Fire Ready Community Information Session’ will be held at the Birchip Leisure Centre, Cnr Johnson & Morrison Streets, Birchip on Wednesday the 2nd December 2009 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

More information on Fire Ready Victoria can be found on the CFA website, www.cfa.vic.gov.au or by contacting Tricia Witney 0400 102 017 or Kevin Sleep on 1800 820 118.

**FOR SALE**

Pea Straw – small square bales. Good for garden mulch $5.00 per bale.

Contact Danny 0417 311 990 or Tony 0427 501 830

**FOR SALE**

94 Fairmont Ghia Falcon on gas. Good condition.

$2000.00 – ONO

Contact Danny 0417 311 990

**Scrapbooking Class**

Scrapbooking will be on Friday 20th November, 10am - 4pm. Uniting Church Hall.

All Welcome.
Birchip Business & Learning Centre

Term 4 Classes. Book Today.

**Boat license** Sun 6th Dec 7 pm ($85 plus $20 for pwc)

**First Aid Level 2** Weds 9th Dec 9.30-4pm $175 (volunteers can apply for subsidy)

**Water Exercises** Mon 23rd Nov- Dec 14th 5.45pm-6.45pm $25 + pool fees

**Water Exercise day class** Thurs 26th Nov-Thurs 17th Dec 11am $25 + pool fees (childcare may be avail, please ask on enrolment)

**Lifeguard & lifeguard update** (date tbc if there is enough interest)

**Asian Cooking** Tues 24th Nov 6pm $20

**Meals on a budget** Mon 30th Nov 7pm $10

**Christmas Wreaths** with Jenny Simpson Tues Dec 2nd 7pm

**Personalised Christmas cards** Dec

**Swim Squad** Tues nights 7-8pm Tues 24th Nov – Dec 15th

**Swimming lessons** Weds nights (1/2 sessions)

For more information and to register contact the Birchip Business & Learning Centre

77 Cumming Avenue, Birchip 3483

Phone: 5492 2735  Fax: 5492 2863

Email: birchipblc@bigpond.com

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**Ladies Tennis Tournament**

**Birchip 8th December 2009**

Enquiries to Sharee Dobson

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**TURF FOR SALE**

- Sir Walter (Buffalo)
- Kikuyu
- Conquest (Couch)

If interested, telephone 0429 550 326

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**East Wimmera Health Service**

**Junior Food and Domestic Services Assistant**

**Birchip Campus**

**Casual Position**

Applications are invited for the above position at the Birchip Campus of East Wimmera Health Service. This Junior position within our Food and Domestic Services Division will assist with the preparation and provision of evening meals to patients and residents through two hour shifts from 4.00pm to 6.00pm, amongst other tasks in the domestic division.

Further information, including a Position Description, can be obtained from Danny Stone, Campus Manager at Birchip Campus on (03) 5477 7121.

Applications in writing, including the name of two referees, are to be forwarded to Ms Janet Feeny, Human Resources Manager, St Arnaud Campus, P. O. Box 31, St Arnaud VIC 3478 by Wednesday 18th November, 2009.

Appointment to this position is subject to a satisfactory criminal record check.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

Kathy Huett

Chief Executive Officer
Grade 1 - 2 Sleepover
LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT CELEBRATIONS
Homework!

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

Second Hand Books

A reminder to Year 11 & 12 students - if you wish to sell your VCE text books, just bring your books to the office and ensure the price you’re asking is attached.
Also, 2010 VCE students, ensure your English booklists and money is returned to the office as soon as possible.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Coaching is on tonite but the Junior tennis competition is cancelled.

Players have received a notice yesterday with their coaching time, so please ensure you arrive on time or contact Heather if not attending (0408 504 583)

Subs are due and can be brought to tennis or sent into Julie Coffey at the school office.

Junior Subs are $25 for Friday night players and Pee Wee. $30 for juniors also playing the Saturday competition.

The coaching program costs $50 for the 6 weeks and players are required to be members of the tennis club, i.e. $75 if doing coaching now and this will cover Pee Wee or Junior tennis later in the season.

Senior subs are also due and can be paid to Heather Hogan or Louise Lee or sent into school office to Julie Coffey. $75 per senior (plus are required to be a Leisure Centre member $27.50) or Family $180.
HABITS OF MIND

Students in Year 7 General Studies spent some time this week reflecting on their work. They have been researching Ancient Egyptology and had completed all the assessment tasks. The class were encouraged to use any resources they were familiar with to determine the meaning of metacognition. After looking in their dictionaries, searching through their books and diaries and looking at the information around the classroom they agreed that the definition was ‘thinking about your thinking’.

Miss Johnson led a discussion on the various strategies used for reflection. The task for the students included choosing one strategy and completing the exercise.

Evaluation and Reflection have become an important part of the learning process. Encouraging students to think about their thinking (metacognition) improves their understanding of themselves and how they learn.