The count down has begun ……and the hectic time approaches!

Whilst many farmers are keeping locusts at bay and preparing for the much anticipated harvest and families commence their Christmas preparations, the school count down has began with the work mounting up for both students and teachers.

Year eleven students now have only one week of classes left before their end of semester examinations and just two weeks for all year nine and ten students. I encourage all students to prepare well for these examinations and ensure all work is completed and submitted on time so that unit grades are maximized.

Our five students (Brylie Emonson, Stephanie McClelland, Zoe Weir, Shannon Southall & David Casey) at Gnurad Gundidj have only three more weeks left before returning home on Saturday 4th December 2010. They are having a great time at Gnurad Gundidj; learning lots and trying new things. The group has been working on their Community Learning Project (CLP). They intend to construct a small stage and bonfire area out at Tchum Lake. The group have been in contact with Chris Rickard and the Tchum Lake Committee with this project. We look forward to welcoming the group back to school on Monday 6th December 2010.

Professional Development for Release 2 of the Ultranet will occur at the end of November 2010. Students in years four and eight will be added to the ultranet spaces in the next couple of weeks.

2010 Year twelve students

The last examination for Birchip students is this Monday 15th November 2010. Most students will now be able to relax a little a now await the results on Monday 13th December 2010. I assume many will be taking up holiday jobs over harvest. The year twelve students will be required at Presentation Night on Tuesday 14th December 2010 in formal attire. Mrs Eileen Smith will also contact year twelve students to be presenters for Presentation Night.
Gnurad Gundidj – school for student leadership

Five Birchip students have taken on the challenge to attend the School for Student Leadership at the Gnurad Gundidj Campus in Glenormiston. The five students; Stephanie McClelland, David Casey, Brylie Emonson, Shannon Southall and Zoe Weir are not only having a great time but learning lots.

The students are writing blogs about their days in the Western District and each day seems action packed. Thus far they have done a bridge building course and have actually built their own bridge across Curdie’s River. This practical skill was then metaphorically transferred to their day to day living with people where they were shown how to build bridges and get along with people. Students routinely take part in Peer Skills and learn how to problem solve individually and in a group situation. These are life skills that are invaluable and many adults lack.

The school’s website is excellent and one can only be envious of the beautiful scenery that our students are surrounded by; their photographs of Hopkins Falls could go into any coffee table book. The quiet beaches of the area have been an excellent chance for the students to learn how to surf and the rivers that course through the undulating hills have allowed the group to see and learn about eels. Being in the middle of dairy country, has given our Mallee teenagers a first-hand look at the dairy industry and cattle husbandry.

A look at the school’s website is well worth a look; it might just be the catalyst that drives younger students to think about planning to go to the School for Student Leadership in the future.
Year 5 visits Pre-School

Mrs Merrilyn Kelly took half of the Year 5 class to the Birchip Pre-School and all had a grand time playing with the younger children. The purpose of the visit was so the two groups could form a close relationship which would allow next year’s Year 6 to be buddies to the Prep students.

The Pre-School was a hive of activity as the children formed into buddy-groups. The students worked together constructing cubbies, playing in the garden, painting, digging and playing games. Such activities make for a smooth transition into school life.

Above, left to right: Sophie Reid, Maggie Wilson, Chloe James.

Opposite, left to right: Olivia Andison, Joseph Reid, Jazmine Trolley, Luana Baird and Nakita Turner.
Remembrance Day

When the grade one and two class were sharing items for oral language yesterday William Botheras came to school wearing a WW1 coat that belonged to his Great-great grandfather C B Pole. William brought the coat along to share with his grade on Remembrance Day.

Cameron Whelan’s write up of Warracknabeal Rotary

The Warracknabeal Rotary club invited Emily Smith, Courtney Gleeson and Mr Cameron Whelan to speak of their experiences in France and Belgium last Wednesday night. Both Girls gave detailed descriptions of their highlights and were very articulate in their delivery to a crowd of 50 plus people. At the conclusion of the talks the rotary members asked many questions and showed a great deal of appreciation and amazement in what our students have undertaken. This is another positive in that our students are gaining much experience in public speaking about their new experiences. Thanks to Mr Whelan, Emily and Courtney for making themselves available and sharing their experiences with others.

Year nine Advance - Tchum Lake activity

Last Wednesday 10th November, the Year 9 Advance class went out to Tchum Lake to continue their makeover of the lake foreshore. Students have been spending time planting and watering trees, fixing fences, weeding, mowing and fixing the jetty. Dave Valentine and members of the Tchum Lake Aquatic Club kindly gave up their time to show students how to fix some of the fences that were in need of repair and clear seating areas previously covered by rubbish. Students enjoyed a BBQ lunch cooked by Jay Connelly, Harry Christie and Mr Knights. During their lunch break Mr Christie provided his lifeguard skills which allowed students to cool off by taking a quick swim. After lunch students spent time completing more fencing, clearing away trees and fixing the jetty. Thank you to Dave Valentine, Cameron Flowers, Matthew Braine, Chris Rickard and Roger Lehmann for their assistance on the day.
Super 8s Cricket

On Wednesday a boys team and a girls team travelled to Horsham to play in the Yr 7&8 district Super 8s Cricket Carnival. We have had good success there in the past, particularly with the girls, both at Yr 7&8 and Yr 9&10 levels and it continued again this year.

Both teams played well and enjoyed the day, but it was the girls in particular who dominated in all games including the Grand Final win over Dimboola.

Highlights from the day:

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Many thanks to Mr Sayle and Miss McKenzie for their encouragement and planning of the day.

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The win by the girls means that they qualify for the Victorian Western Finals to be held at Melton in two weeks time.
Grade Prep and One make zoo animals

For technology, the grade prep and one students have been working out ways to create 3D animals out of recycled cardboard boxes, rolls etc., The children discussed various ways to make legs, bodies and heads with these materials and then how to join these parts together without using sticky tape. A lot of problem solving occurred and children helped each other with their solutions. Giraffes with necks too long were rectified as they toppled over and animals were sometimes too heavy for their legs. The conversations and collaboration between the children was excellent. The foci of the project were to ‘work interdependently’ and ‘apply past knowledge’.

Peter Mallia, Abigail Flowers, Talei Brooks, Gemma Woods and Tadgh Lowry proudly show off their zoo animal creations.
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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### Timetable

#### Year 11 - Semester 2 Exams

- **Monday, 22nd November 2023:**
  - 9.00 - 10.40 AM: Orange Exams, General Mathematics, Alternative Maths
  - 11:05 AM: Normal Pink Classes
  - 11:55 AM: Normal Green Classes
  - 1.40 - 3.20 PM: Yellow Exams, Physics, Purple Exams, ICT (60 Mins), Biology, Business Management, Green Exams, Engineering II (60 Mins), Physical Education, History

- **Tuesday, 23rd November 2023:**
  - 9.00 - 10.40 AM: Blue Exams, English
  - 11:05 AM: Normal Green Classes
  - 11:55 AM: Normal Grey Block

- **Wednesday, 24th November 2023:**
  - 9.00 - 10.40 AM: Red Exams, Studio Arts (60 Mins), Outdoor Ed (60 Mins), HHD, Chemistry
  - 11:05 AM: Normal Pink Classes
  - 11:55 AM: Normal Green Classes

- **Thursday, 25th November 2023:**
  - 9.00 - 10.40 AM: Pink Exams, Wood (60 Mins), Drama (60 Mins), Maths Methods, Legal Studies, Hospitality Cert II
  - 11:05 AM: Normal Grey Block

- **Friday, 26th November 2023:**
  - 9.00 - 10.40 AM: Wood (60 Mins), Drama (60 Mins), Maths Methods, Legal Studies, Hospitality Cert II

#### Year 9 & 10 - Semester 2 Exams

- **Monday, 29th November 2023:**
  - 9.00 - 10.40 AM: Orange Exams, 10 Mathematics, 9 Mathematics, Alternative Maths
  - 11:05 AM: Normal Pink Classes
  - 11:55 AM: Normal Green Classes
  - 1.40 - 3.20 PM: Yellow Exams, Biology (60 Mins), Japanese, War History, Purple Exams, Landcare (60 Mins), Health (60 Mins), Horticulture, Green Exams, Engineering II (60 Mins), Democracy (60 Mins), Food (60 Mins), English Literature

- **Tuesday, 30th November 2023:**
  - 9.00 - 10.40 AM: Blue Exams, Physical Ed (60 Mins), Chemistry/Physics
  - 11:05 AM: Normal Green Classes
  - 11:55 AM: Normal Grey Block

- **Wednesday, 1st December 2023:**
  - 9.00 - 10.40 AM: Red Exams, Sculpture Art (60 Mins), Speak Up
  - 11:05 AM: Normal Pink Classes
  - 11:55 AM: Normal Green Classes

- **Thursday, 2nd December 2023:**
  - 9.00 - 10.40 AM: Pink Exams, Drama (60 Mins), Hospitality Cert II, Blood, Sweat & Tears
  - 11:05 AM: Normal Grey Block

- **Friday, 3rd December 2023:**
  - 9.00 - 10.40 AM: Blood, Sweat & Tears, Hospitality Cert II, Drama (60 Mins), Pink Exams
Desktops, netbooks & notebooks
The school will be submitting a large order for new computers soon. Some families may also wish to purchase computers for their home needs. If you wish to place an order with the school’s order please contact John Richmond on 0417 106 033. Delivery of these computers cannot be guaranteed prior to Christmas.

Habits of Mind – This week’s winner
Congratulations to Mason Bland, this week’s winner of the Habits of Mind Award.
Mason applied his past knowledge of cutting techniques and shared those skills with Grade six students during their recent transition day.
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.

Student Attendance for Term 4, 2010
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 26th November 2010 and then must attend compulsory course planning meetings during Mon 29th November 2010 – Fri 3rd December 2010. 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 3rd December 2010.
Students up to and including Year 9 are required to attend school until the end of the school year on Friday, 17th December 2010.
Reports to all students will be distributed on Thursday 16th December 2010.
Please contact Mr Richmond at the school should you wish further clarification of these dates

Parents’ Club News
Dates to remember: 06.12.2010 Final Parents’ Club Meeting for 2010
09.12.2010 Grade 6 Celebration Dinner
The last meeting for Parents’ Club will be Monday 6th December 2010. There will be a Christmas theme so if you would like to join us for our last meeting please come along. The Hospitality students with Mrs Knights will cater for this event.

Dates for School Council

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Grade Five & Six Homework Questions – due Friday 19 November 2010

1. Which island is situated between Sumatra and Bali?
2. Which town of Lombardy gave its name to a bright reddish mauve dye?
3. Lou Costello was a partner in the comedy team Abbott and Costello. What was his real name?
4. Which South American city has a famous Copacabana beach?
5. Who was the youngest queen of Henry V111 to be beheaded?
6. Nylon took its name from which two cities?
7. Which form of flying was perfected by Francis Rogallo in the 1970s?
8. On how many tablets of stone were the Ten Commandments carved?
9. What was the name of Lord Nelson’s flagship?
10. In broadcasting what does CNN stand for?

Answers to Last Week’s Homework Questions

1. Which country originally produced Volvo cars? Sweden
2. How many steps are there to the top of the Eiffel Tower? 1789
3. Escapologist Harry Houdini was born in which country? Hungary
4. Who designed the hovercraft in the 1950s? Christopher Cockerell
5. Betty Jean Perske is better known as actor..... Lauren Bacall
6. Who wrote the music for The Lion King? Elton John
7. What was St Petersburg called for most of the twentieth century? Leningrad
8. How many counters are on a backgammon set at the start of play? Thirty
9. Ermine is the fur from which animal? Stoat
10. Which British rock band had Syd Barrett among its founders? Pink Floyd

VCE SAC dates
Yr 11 English Oral Presentation 15th, 17th, 19th November
Yr 11 Physical Education Research Task Presentation beginning next week in class

Stadium Use
The BIRC stadium is available for use after school hours.
The cost is $2.00 per person per visit
Keys can be collected from Eileen Smith or Andrew Sayle.
Members who have paid for a key should only be using the key for themselves when they use the exercise room.
No footballs/soccer balls should be kicked in the stadium
Any damage should be reported as soon as possible.

Lost Property
There are seven unnamed blue polo fleece tops and two green polo fleece tops in the lost property box. These are NOT NAMED which makes returning them to their owner impossible.
The single named top found was returned to its owner.
The number of unnamed $80.00 secondary jumpers that appear in lost property are many.

Birchip Junior Cricket
At last! we played some cricket Saturday morning. The round 3 game is still in progress.
McKay made 117 runs with Siddle batting this week.
Details and highlights of this game will appear in next week’s newsletter.
We also started the washed out game last night with White playing Siddle (hopefully this game will be completed next Thursday night. (This game is being conducted instead of Junior Cricket Training).

Farewell
Everyone is invited to an evening get together to farewell Kim McInerney at O’Donnell’s Tea-rooms on Friday 19th November 2010 at 7.00pm
Enquiries to Jacinta Bourke or Jacinta Lewis

School Reunion
Year 12 class of 2000
20th November, 2pm at Tchum Lake
BYO drinks and chair
RSVP to Marissa Juergens 0438 922 328
**Birchip Preschool - Supp**

**Lotto Fundraiser**

Draw 3055 – 6/11/2010

1st No. 45 Bern O’Donnell
2nd No. 7 Amanda Reid

Thanks for your support.

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**WANTED** - Lawn Mowers over summer on an as needed basis.

Interested persons would need to provide their own mower and safety equipment but payment would cover the fuel cost.

If anyone is interested they need to contact either Sue or Alan Digby 54922822 for more details.

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**Singing Leaders’ Gathering**

*Saturday 13th November 2010*

*at the Birchip Cropping Group building, Birchip*

*10.30 am - 3.30 pm*

with Fay White & Jane Thompson

auspiced by Community Music Victoria

Open to: singing leaders, choir conductors, teachers who want to sing with their students, singing enthusiasts of all ages and people who would like to get singing going in their home place.

Singing group members are welcome as well.

**Cost:** $7 half-day (10:30 - 1:30)  $10 full day (12:30 – 3:30)

We know you might be flat out with a harvest (we hope you are really), but if you can come for even half a day that would be great. The program will look a bit like this::

**Morning 10:30 – 12:30**

Meet, greet, tune up and a solid SING! - new songs to suit your group, harmony in minutes, song swaps and news of what is happening in the region. Your requests.

**Lunch 12:30 – 1:30** – Bring food to share. Hot and cold drinks provided. Resources table

**Afternoon 1:30 - 3:30**

Any one of these topics depending on your interest, interspersed with much singing:

* ways to attract new singers, expand your group and keep it fresh
* where to find songs to suit your singers – of any age
* easy ways to introduce harmony without scaring your singers (or yourself)
* the health, education and social benefits of singing
* exciting new developments in community music-making across the country
* practicalities like funding, insurance and copyright questions

Registration Forms are available from the school office or contact Jane Thompson 54 723 382

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
With exams upon us, using the Habits of Mind will assist you to achieve your best

- **Persist** with your study, even when you get bored and feel like you’ve had enough

- **Apply Past Knowledge** from other subjects to help in your understanding of new content

- **Think interdependently** – find peers to study with and discuss ideas

- **Question and Pose Problems** as you study to maximise your understanding of the content

- **Try to Find Humour**, as when the exams are done – you’re on holidays!