Forthcoming Events

November
- VCE Chemistry & Physical Education Exams Year 11 Ag&Hort students to BCG Expo site
- VCE Studio Arts & Physics Exams
- VCE Certificate II (Hospitality) Exam QuickSmart Celebration Dinner
- VCE IT Software Development Exam Years 5&6 Kanga Cricket - Donald
- VCE Business Management & Theatre Studies Exams
- Year 9 ADVANCE - 'Relay for Life' - Ararat Saturday 19th
- VCE Certificate II (Engineering) Exam
- Year 11 Examinations
- Last day for Year 11 students
- Summer Sport for Year 7→9
- Year 11 Planning Meetings
- Year 10 Planning Meetings
- P6 Swimming programme commences Lions ‘Youth of the Year’ Contest
- Japanese Trivia Day - Cohuna
- 9 & 10 Examinations
- Grade 6 Celebration Dinner
- One-Up Day for Kinder→Prep, Grade 6→Yr 7, Yr 11→Yr 12
- Year 9 Driver Education - Charlton
- Year 10 Planning Meetings
- VCE Results Published
- Presentation Night
- Student reports distributed at 3:15pm

December
- Year Twelve Examinations continue finish this Monday. We continue to wish our students every good luck with their examinations.

Primary State Athletics Championships at Albert Park

Congratulations to Andrew Phelan (100m and 200m) and Khiana Brooks (Discus) for competing at the Primary State Athletics Championships at Albert Park last Monday. Both athletes represented our school and sporting division very well.


Nine year eleven students have indicated their willingness to be involved in the 2011 Lions Youth of the Year Contest. Students include: Claire Boyle, Joshua Chamberlin, Ethan Cooper, Brenten Delaney, Emma Forrester, Bridgette Hogan, Laura Lee, Sophie Noonan, Emily Smith

Judges this year will be Julie McClelland and Sandie Richmond.

As there is a large group of young people involved, the impromptu questions will take place prior to dinner in front of a small audience.

The five minute prepared speeches will take place following the Birchip Lions Club weekly dinner.
### The France & Belgium Trip – Part 3

The group’s apartment in Paris was situated ideally just outside the Latin Quarter. We met Alex, our debonair Parisian guide who took us through the high end, the ‘Right’ side of town. We saw lots of extremely expensive jewellery shops and huge diamonds. Alex took us to Nelson’s Vendôme column and explained the significance of many of Paris’s important landmarks. We also visited: the place where the Lumière brothers showed the first film, The Ritz (we couldn’t afford the $5000 a night).

The group then split up and in a cosmetic shop, the girls spied football commentator, Sam Newman. They were not going without introducing themselves very loudly and having a photo taken.

The girls were extremely independent and easily worked the Parisian Metro system. The girls were amazed that finding a toilet was quite difficult and that they had to pay, even though males did not!

The group went to the Sacré Coeur, the Luxemburg Gardens, Montmartre, the Catacombs, the Louvre, the Musée d’Orsay, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Arc d’Triomphe, the Latin Quarter, the Marais and the Puces market. They cruised along the Seine, bargained ruthlessly with street vendors and took home almost 200 mini Eiffel Towers. We ate the obligatory frogs’ legs and snails, croissants, baguettes, beautiful chocolates and the girls loved asking for ‘un coca, s’il vous plaît.’

What did we notice? Basic goods were so much cheaper- cars were half the price and we hardly saw a four-wheeler drive, food was cheaper- we couldn’t work out why bananas were under a dollar a kilo. Many people smoked, alcohol was inexpensive, bread was beautiful and the cakes were to die for and inexpensive. On our chateau buying expeditions, we observed that houses were more affordable. We became used to people carrying their baguettes on the Metro and loved listening to musicians performing on trains. We didn’t see a fat French woman and maybe this was due to good eating and lots of exercise.

People were more openly passionate and we observed a lot, a lot of kissing. We also noticed that there weren’t many takeaway shops as people preferred to munch on their baguettes. Many people rode bicycles and helmets were not compulsory.

There was a definite military presence in Paris and guards carrying machine guns were common at all tourist attractions.

The French were not arrogant as many would say and they laughed at our attempts to converse but they were extremely helpful and had a great sense of humour.
Summer Sports Carnival  
Years 7, 8 & 9  
The Summer Sports Carnival is coming up on Tuesday 22 November 2011. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will all be involved. Year 7 students will play Super 8s cricket, year 8 students will play basketball and year 9 students will play softball.

Wycheproof  
Yr 7 girls Super 8s cricket - CM  
Yr 9 Boys Softball – TK  
Assist - KD  

Wedderburn  
Yr 8 Boys basketball – GM  
Yr 9 Girls softball – AL  
Assist - JBR  

Charlton  
Yr 7 Boys Super 8s cricket – AS  
Yr 8 Girls basketball – RW  
Assist – JT  

Students and staff will be required to take their own lunch / drinks on this day.  
Events will be scheduled to start around 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. and finish at approx 2:15 p.m. in order for buses to return to school for the end of the day.

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.

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.

2011 P - 6 Swimming Program  
The P - 6 Swimming Program will commence on Wednesday 30 November 2011. Sessions will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Swimming will be held on the following days:

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We are looking for parent helpers. If you are able to help, on all or some of these days, please contact Janine Welton as soon as possible. Unfortunately, due to safety issues, pre-school children are not able to accompany parent helpers.

Janine Welton  
P - 6 Swimming Coordinator and AUSTSWIM Teacher
Year 9 Advance Primary Disco

Last Friday the Year Nine Advance students hosted a Primary disco at the Birchip Tennis Clubrooms. The disco was split into two groups with Prep – Grade Three and then Grade Four – Grade Six. Students dressed up in Halloween theme and the year nines used a variety of games and music to entertain the crowd. Prizes were also awarded to several students as part of the best dressed competition.

All students enjoyed their time at the disco and all money raised will be donated to the ‘Relay for Life’ which is the main project for the Advance class this year.

The ‘Relay for Life’ will be held in Ararat next Friday 18th and Saturday 19th of November 2011. The Year nine’s will be participating in this event and donations are more than welcome. More information will follow in the coming weeks.
# BirchipP-12 School Newsletter

## Year 11 End of Semester Two Examinations Timetable

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## Year 9 & 10 End of Semester Two Examinations Timetable

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## Wanted!

Glass jars with lids – to be used for jam making.
Please hand into school office or see Ashleigh Baird or Kellie James
Donations will be much appreciated.

### Courtney-Anne’s Jam Order Form

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________________________________________

Orders can also be made to Ashleigh Baird: 03 53 992 228

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(All Preserved Lemons are One Size and are $3.)
Photographs wanted - for “The Year that was - 2011”

As in previous years, I am starting to compile a collection of photographs of people, celebrations, awards and occasions within the Birchip area for the 2011 year. Photographs of children born this year, people who have died during the year, people who have celebrated milestones, special birthdays and celebrations will be most welcome. I am also looking for photographs of organizations, their achievements, awards and activities along with those who arrived in and departed from Birchip during the year.

Please eMail your photographs to jr@birchip.vic.edu.au or drop them into the school office where they can be scanned and returned to you immediately.

School Lunch Orders from Georgie’s Café

As of Thursday 1st December 2011, all orders will be on a cash basis only with orders in bags. **There will be NO exceptions**

You are requested to settle all accounts by Friday 16th December 2011 to avoid charges.

Join us to raise money for Movember

**Spudstash—Baked Potato Day**

Monday November 21st

This Is Your Life Class is conducting a Hot Potato Day To Raise money for Movember. The cost is $5 and you will have lots of toppings to choose from.

Envelopes distributed

Today and Monday
Birchip Junior Cricket Round Two

Well done to all players.

It is a long morning when both sides bat, but it was good to see that both teams were ready to play before 9:00am and kept their enthusiasm up until the finish of the game. Thank you also to umpires. The encouragement and help given to the younger players is an important part of the junior competition.

**The Result** - Clarke 89 defeated Hussey 35

**Clarke**
- Riley Doran 39 retired
- Royce Bennett 14
- Alexander Hogan 2/9
- Jake Gleeson 2/2

**Hussey**
- Seamus Lowry 2/11
- Hemi Fowler 2/5
- Brody Connelly 2/2

**This week:**
- Indoor Game
- Watson versus Hussey
- Umpire: Andrew Sayle

Players are requested to please be at the stadium by 8:45 a.m. and ready to start by 9:00 a.m.

**Birchip History Museum**

**Open Day**

Sunday 13 November 2011 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Advance Students’ Displays a Specialty.

$2.00 entry

**SCRAPBOOKING WEEKEND**

COME ALONG AND GET THOSE PROJECTS

FINISHED SO YOU SHOW THEM AT CHRISTMAS

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th November

10:00 a.m. until whenever Saturday
10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Sunday

Any Craft welcome, room for all

BIRCHIP P-12 SCHOOL TEXTILES ROOM

Any queries please telephone Janine on 54922767

**Swimming classes with Connely Barclay**

Wednesday 23 November – Wednesday 14 December 2011

Cost - $20

MUMs & BUBs - 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
3 - 5 year olds – 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

**Aqua Exercise Classes with Brenda**

Saturday mornings from 19 November 2011 – 17 December 2011
From 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Morning Lap Swimming**

6:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Monday to Friday

Must be competent swimmer

**Basketball umpires clinic**

Wednesday 16 November 2011
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come along and improve your umpiring skills so you can help umpire the local competitions.

**INTERNET AND COMPUTER ACCESS**

Access to the internet and computers is available during office hours and outside of these hours by prior arrangement with centre staff. Training and assistance is also available at the Birchip Business & learning Centre as part of a VicNet ICT Community Grant funded by the Department of Planning and Development.

Please register and pay with BB & LC PRIOR to commencement of classes.
Homework!

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Final reminder - bring a photo/picture to tell us about | Ongoing      |
| 1/2        | Class    | Mrs Welton | Practise counting, money skills and shapes    | Next Week    |

All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!

The year is flying by at a rapid pace, and Christmas is just around the corner!
Phoenix Trading produces a range of beautiful, high-quality, affordable Christmas cards, roll wrap and stationery. In the last few years, Phoenix Trading has donated thousands of dollars to charities such as Canteen and the McGrath Foundation through the sales and fundraising efforts of individual Traders like myself.

It is my pleasure to offer the Phoenix range to the Birchip community. I would like to support and give back to the community that has welcomed and supported me throughout my first year here as a resident. As such, I will be donating 20% of every purchase from the Phoenix range that I sell to the Birchip P-12 School, for the benefit of students and the wider community.

I invite you visit my website, http://www.phoenix-trading.com.au/web/alexlewis/ to check out Phoenix’s gorgeous range of cards and stationery. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please don’t hesitate to contact me through my website.

Warmest best wishes,
Alex Lewis
Independent Phoenix Trader

Birchip Tennis Team to play at Donald tomorrow
Cars leave café at 12.30 p.m. Subs can be paid to Julie Coffey $85 adults, $30 juniors playing Saturdays.

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Fishing Rod Holders for Sale

Tim Phelan and Jarryd Hogan are constructing quality fishing rod holders for members of the community in Entrepreneurial Studies at the Birchip P-12 School. They are single rod holders and made from steel. They will also be coated in a silver spray.

Cost: $10.00 each or 2 for $18.00

Contacts:
Tim Phelan: 53 902 441
Jarryd Hogan: 54 935 253
Or speak to Mr Jarrod Tyler at the school.
Habits of Mind

Thanks to Mr Jarrod Tyler

Grade six students have been studying systems and in particular ‘petrol engines’ over the past two weeks in science. Students have identified different parts of petrol engines including; valves, pistons, crankshafts, gaskets, engine blocks and spark plugs. They have responded with wonderment and awe when discovering that the piston in a motor goes up and down more than 4,000 times a minute. Students have had to think flexibly when identifying different uses for small motors. Students have also looked at V8 motors, in-line motors and the more interestingly configured radial motors.

Pictured with parts of the small petrol engine are: