Forthcoming Events

November
- Monday 21st VCE Certificate II (Engineering) Exam
- Monday 21st → Year 11 Examinations
- Friday 25th Last day for Year 11 students
- Tuesday 22nd Summer Sport for Year 7→9
- Monday 28th → Year 11 Planning Meetings
- Friday 2nd Dec
- Wednesday 30th P6 Swimming programme commences
- Lions ‘Youth of the Year’ Contest
- Monday 28th → Year 11 Planning Meetings
- Friday 2nd Dec

December
- Thursday 1st Japanese Trivia Day - Cohuna
- Thursday 1st → Years 9 & 10 Examinations
- Wednesday 7th
- Monday 5th Grade 6 Celebration Dinner
- Tuesday 6th One-Up Day for Kinder→Prep, Grade 6→Yr 7, Yr 11→Yr 12
- Year 9 Driver Education - Charlton
- Wednesday 7th → Year 10 Planning Meetings
- Friday 9th
- Friday 16th VCE Results Published
- Tuesday 20th Presentation Night
- Wednesday 21st Student reports distributed at 3:15pm

Year 12 VCE Exams

The Year 12 VCE exams concluded for Birchip students during the week. We eagerly await the outcomes of these with results being communicated to students on Friday 16 December 2011.

Less than 5 weeks to go!

The school year is coming to an abrupt halt. We have less than five weeks left but so much still to do.

The year 11 exams are next week with year 9 & 10 exams commencing on Thursday 1 December 2011.

Teachers are also writing tests and examinations and commencing the arduous task of report writing for another year.

Presentation Night is on Tuesday 20th December 2011. This is a night of celebration and congratulations to many students who have achieved success during the year. Please keep this night free.

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.

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.
## 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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## Relay for Life

Good luck to many year nine students who will take part in the ‘Relay for Life’ at Ararat tonight and tomorrow morning. Thank you to Mr Knights, Mrs Knights, Miss Lewis, Bernadette Smith and Trish Lehmann for their organization, transporting students down and back and supporting our students during the activity. Relay for Life is a team event dedicated to raising funds for cancer research.

## Congratulations Sophie

Congratulations to Sophie Hogan on being awarded the ‘Best Effort Award’ in year 9 Italian with the Victorian School of Languages. Sophie will receive her award at a ceremony on Saturday 3 December 2011.
Year 7 & 8 Super 8s cricket

A very excited group of cricketers travelled to Horsham to play Super 8 cricket on Friday 11th November 2011. In the first game, the girls’ attack was spearheaded by great bowling from Nicole Clark and Georgia Lee and clever batting from Jahneva McGinnis, Dammy Owa and Kim Phelan. After a titanic struggle the girls lost by a mere three runs.

Once the girls understood how tough the competition was, they settled down to what could be called ‘common sense’ cricket. Amy Bennett delivered a tough caught and bowled which gave her two wickets in a row. Kim Phelan and Georgia Lee were the team’s high scoring batting pair and Kim played blinding cricket in the final over to only concede four runs. The team won 161-116.

The girls continued to play aggressively in their third game to win 118-111. Dammy Owa picked up two wickets for 11 runs and Nicole scored 30 runs off one over.

The Boys’ team played off in the grand final after a big win against Donald gave them the highest run aggregate out of the teams that won two games. The boys were defeated in their first game against Stawell 165-184. Sam Phelan and Jayden McGinnis scored 55 runs while Riley Sayle and Cajun Fowler scored 30 runs. In the team’s second game against Hopetoun, Royce Bennett and Cajun Fowler scored 59 runs and Sam Phelan and Justin Naylor scored 46 runs. Sam Phelan bowled with precision taking two wickets for no runs. The Birchip boys won 166-105.

The third game against Donald demonstrated how the boys could work together as a team. Cajun Fowler and Riley Sayle made 43 runs while Sam Phelan and Jayden McGinnis added 70 runs to the team’s tally. Cajun Fowler took 2 wickets for 4, Riley Sayle 2 wickets for 14, Sam Phelan 3 wickets for 6. The final score was Birchip 224, Donald 122.

In the grand final Birchip was outclassed by a more polished Horsham side 157-94. Sean Hogan and Jake Gleeson made 24 runs and Jake Gleeson took 2 wickets for 4 runs.

It was a terrific effort by all team members on the day. Many thanks to Mr Sayle and Miss McKenzie for their organization, coaching and support on the day given to both teams.

Front row: Chloe Chamberlin, Kimberley Phelan, Nicole Clark, Royce Bennett, Jayden McGinnis
Middle row: Rebecca Bothas, Emma Bennett, Riley Sayle, Cajun Flower, Sean Hogan
Back row: Ashlee Tierney, Joshua Phelan, Dammy Owa, Georgia Lee, Jake Gleeson, Jahneva McGinnis, Samuel Phelan, Claudia Lee, Justin Naylor, Alexander Hogan
ONE UP DAY

One up day for students entering year 12 in 2011 will be on Tuesday 6 December 2011. On this day course requirements will be given out and homework for completion over the holidays will be given out.

We realise that this time of year is busy for some of our students but co-operation on attendance will see the educational outcomes for students being enhanced.

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Kanga 8s Cricket

Yesterday our Grade 6 children travelled to Donald to take part in a Kanga 8s Cricket Carnival to compete against schools from Donald, Minyip and Jeparit. Conditions were basically ideal and there was some excellent cricket on show. Our girls performed very well and scored two wins out of the three matches they contested. In the preliminary rounds the boys recorded three victories and thus qualified to meet Donald Primary 3 in the final. A keenly contested affair saw Birchip victorious by 22 runs. Our boys progress to the regional finals in Hamilton next Tuesday, 22 November. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Front row: Liam McGinnis, James Paley, Joseph Reid, Jack Lee
Back row: Seamus Lowry, Zac Bennett, Lea Gould, Nick Martin, Joe O’Donnell, Tom Hogan
QuickSmart Maths

This year twenty students undertook the QuickSmart Numeracy program which is designed to increase the speed and accuracy of students’ number facts. The course went for thirty weeks and in pairs students met with their tutor three times a week for intensive training. The results are astounding as all students improved the speed and accuracy of their tables and the ability to manipulate number facts. This year, Jacinta Connelly organized this worthwhile program and the celebration lunch for tutors, students and their parents. The lovely meal was cooked by Mrs Kristy Knights’ year 7 Food class.

Front row: Brodie Connelly, Jesse Kemp, Ben Milne, Liam McGinnis, Tom Hogan, Britney Robinson
Back row: Kimberley Phelan, Jacinta Connelly (tutor), Olivia Naylor, Kylie Walsh (tutor), Mark Trolley, Spencer Weir, William Naylor, Bradley James, Jake Morris, Cheryl Kemp, Mikko Garcia, Justin Naylor, Nicholas Martin, Marcia Mallia (tutor), Pat Clarke (tutor)

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.

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
Hirsute Men

Many of the male members of staff have taken to sporting and sprouting beards, moustaches and what could loosely be called facial hair, in support of the Movember Campaign whose aim is to raise vital funds and awareness for men’s health, specifically prostate cancer and depression in men. The gents are organizing various fundraising activities for the cause.

Prior to the Movember growth.

*Left to right:* Gavin McRae, Joshua Richmond, Andrew Sayle, Greg Welton, Cameron Whelan, Jarrod Tyler, Russell Christie, Travis Knights, Kevin Delaney
Lions Youth of the Year - Wednesday 30 November 2011.
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, Bridgette Hogan, Laura Lee, Sophie Noonan and Emily Smith
Judges this year will be Julie McClelland, Sandie Richmond and Brett Schofield.
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.

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.

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 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.

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.)
VCE Text Books 2011 & 2012
Parents and students of past and present VCE students, this is an opportune time to buy and sell second hand text books. While most of the present Year 11 students have sourced second hand text books, quite a few haven’t.
Year 12 students 2010, if you wish to sell your text books, please bring them along to school with your name on the front and how much you want for them.
Any queries see Eileen Smith.

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.

Birchip Junior Cricket
Results from Game 3: Indoor Game
Watson 65 runs defeated Hussey 20 runs

**Watson:**
Harrison Christie and Joseph Reid 39 runs
Jacob Christie 5 wickets
Jayden McGinnis 4 wickets
Liam McGinnis 4 wickets

**Ladder**
- Watson: 2 wins, 0 loss
- Clarke: 1 win, 1 loss
- Hussey: 0 wins, 2 loss

**This week: Indoor Game**
Watson versus Clarke
Umpire: Andrew Sayle
Please be at stadium ready to start play at 9:00 a.m.

Birchip Angling Club
Birchip Angling Club will be holding their monthly competition at Tchum Lake on Thursday 24th November 2011. The competition will run from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a barbecue to follow. Fishing is from the bank only. Senior entry is $5.00 and junior entry $2.00. Anyone wishing to renew their angling club membership or looking to join the club can do so on the night (Family $20/ single $10). For more information please contact Jarrod Tyler.

MISSING
Missing from Sharp-Hemley Wedding, plastic tray with handles.
If found please return to Elaine McCallum – has sentimental value.

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/](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
Swimming classes with Connelly 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.  

Morning Lap Swimming  
6:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Monday to Friday  
Must be competent swimmer  

Aqua Exercise Classes with Brenda  
Saturday mornings from  
19 November 2011 – 17 December 2011  
From 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  

Basketball Umpires Clinic  
CHANGE OF DATE  
Monday 21 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.  

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All Years - 15 minutes reading a day!
Rules for KENKEN

Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so the digits within each heavily outlined box or boxes (called a cage) will produce the target number shown in that cage by using the operation (addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division) shown by the symbol after the numeral.

For single box cages, simply enter the number that is shown in the corner.

So, for example, the notation 6+ means that the numerals in the cage should add up to 6, and the notation 48x means that by multiplying the numbers in the cage you will get 48. A 4x4 grid will use the digits 1-4. A 5x5 grid will use 1-5. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6, and so on.
Habits of Mind

Thanks to Miss Rebecca Wright

On Thursday 10th November, students in year 7 visited the Tutankhamen exhibition at Melbourne Museum with Rebecca Wright, Kevin Delaney and Jarrod Tyler. Students thoroughly enjoyed visiting the exhibition containing relics over 3000 years old which were transported from the Cairo Museum. Here are some of the habits of mind year 7 students identified while on the excursion to Melbourne and some of the things they learnt and enjoyed about the trip.

Applying Past Knowledge I applied what I already knew about the artefacts and what they were used for, like the headrest – Leslee

Thinking Flexibly – Thinking of how the artefacts might have been used – Maddy Paley

Persisting – We tried really hard to find a car park for the big bus but we got there in the end – Shae

Managing Impulsivity – Not touching the glass or things on display – Maddi McCredden

Managing Impulsivity – Not touching things or talking too loudly in the exhibition – Chloe

Persisting - Not talking too loudly in the museum – Jayden

Open to Continuous Learning – Learning more about some of the things we have already studied – Sam Milne

What year 7s liked about the Exhibition

- The Hieroglyphs
- The jewellery
- The sarcophagus
- The statues made of gold
- The canopic jars
- The scarab bracelet

What year 7s learnt from the Exhibition

- What a cartouche is
- King Tut died at 19 years of age
- Tutankhamun only ruled for 10 years
- Tutankhamun’s cause of death is still unknown
- Sandals that they wore back then are similar to today’s style