Birchip P-12 School
A Mindful School

Forthcoming Events

December

Thursday 2nd School Council Dinner Meeting at O’Donnell’s Tea Rooms
Friday 3rd Last day for year 10 students
Saturday 4th Gnurad Gundidj students depart for Birchip
Monday 6th Parents’ Club meeting
School welcomes home Gnurad Gundidj students
Tuesday 7th One-Up Day. Kinder - Prep, Year 11 - Year 12
2011 France Belgium Information evening 7pm
Wednesday 8th Year 9 Driver Education at Charlton
Thursday 9th Grade 6 Celebration Dinner

Activities week commences for students from
Prep → 9
Presentation Night 8pm Birchip Hall

Wednesday 15th Year 9 Water Skiing at Tchum Lake
Theatre students to Melbourne for Hairspray
Tuesday 7th Students Reports distributed from 3:15pm

Friday 17th Last official day of school. 1.15pm finish.

February 2011

Tuesday 1st Staff return for 3 days of professional
development

Thursday 3rd Students in grade 1 → year 12 return
Friday 4th & Monday 7th Prep pre-testing
Tuesday 8th Prep students commence school

Last day for year ten students

Best wishes to our year ten students who complete school today and start their summer break. The last of the year 9 & 10 examinations was held yesterday.

Student reports –
Thursday 16th December 2010

Student reports will be distributed to all students Prep – 11 from 3:15 p.m. on Thursday 16th December 2010. School magazines will also be distributed to students who have ordered and paid for them. Students will be expected to clean lockers out on this day and take all work and equipment home on this day.

Presentation Night –
Tuesday 14th December 2010

Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday 14th December 2010 commencing at 8:00 p.m. in the Birchip Public Hall. Ex-student Steven Rickard has agreed to be our guest speaker this year. Steven is the son of Ken and the late Alison Rickard. Steven works with the Australian Federal Police.

Last day of the school year
Friday 17th December 2010

On the Friday (DEECD official last day), staff will be involved in rearranging rooms and moving furniture and equipment in readiness for the new school year. Students who attend will either be expected to assist with this task or will be involved in supervised alternative educational activities, not in their normal timetabled classes.

School hours on the final day of school will be 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Buses will run at the normal time in the morning however home bound buses will depart the school at 1:15 p.m. This is approximately 2½ hours prior to the normal scheduled times. Bus travelling families are asked to ensure their children are collected from their bus stops at this earlier time.
France & Belgium Trip 2011

An information session will be held on Tuesday 7th December 2010 for students interested in going to France and Belgium in 2011. The objective of the night will be to provide parents and students with an outline of the proposed trip. It is open to all current students in years 8, 9 & 10. The session starts at 7:00 p.m. in learning studios 11 & 12. Following the session, expressions of interest and then applications for the trip will be sought. Further information sessions held throughout 2011.

Gnurad Gundidj

Mrs Eileen Smith and I travelled to Gnurad Gundidj – School for Student Leadership on Wednesday 1st December 2010 for Community Learning Projects Presentation Day. We were most impressed with our five students: Stephanie McClelland, Zoe Weir, David Casey, Shannon Southall and Brylie Emonson. The students presented their CLP in the form of a TV Chat Program – Pam and Dr Deloure. It was very witty and evidence that our students put much time and effort into learning their roles.

It was wonderful to hear the many positive stories our students told of their fun and exciting times they have experienced over the past nine weeks. Parents will travel to Gnurad Gundidj tomorrow to collect their sons and daughters. The students will be back at school on Monday.

Photograph courteous of Jarrod Woolley (Mortlake Dispatch)
Gnurad Gundidj CLP Presentation

The five Gnurad Gundidj students will present their CLP presentation to the school community on Monday 6 December 2010 at 2:45 p.m. Members of the parent and wider community are most welcome to attend.

Hospitality

Hospitality students are working hard catering for the Parents’ Club dinner on Monday evening. Students in the photograph are drawing chocolate decorations that will be part of an ice cream Christmas pudding that the luck diners will partake in. The rest of the menu is a surprise for the parents who will be dining at school.
ONE UP DAY - Tuesday 7th December 2010.

One up day for students entering year 12 in 2011 will be on Tuesday 7 December 2010. 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 your child being enhanced.

NO PRIMARY SWIMMING PROGRAM FOR 2010

There will be NO primary swimming program this year for primary students as the Birchip Pool is still undergoing major refurbishment works. We urge parents to consider their children’s swimming skills during holiday time this summer.

Blabbermouth

On Friday 26th December, Birchip P-12 students attended the 9/10/11 Theatre Studies production of *Blabbermouth*. This play, adapted from the book by Morris Gleitzman, tells the story of Rowena who comes to a new school with a bit of a disadvantage: she can’t speak. Rowena has to deal with an embarrassing Dad, a school bully and trying to fit in and make friends at this new school.

The students in Theatre Studies have spent the last seven weeks working tirelessly on this production both in and outside of school. Congratulations on your efforts for a very entertaining production!

CAST

Rowena Batts
Dad
Darryn Peck/Mr Cosgrove/Mrs Fowler
Ms Dunning/Mrs Schnitzel
Amanda / CFA worker
Mrs Cosgrove/Megan

Emily Smith
Emily Noonan
Courtney Gleeson
Emma Forrester
Maryanne Bell
Emma Hogan
Phil the Bucket

Primary students were excited when GWM ambassador, Phil the Bucket visited the school to present awards to the students whose posters had won prizes. Students had worked diligently to promote the idea that conserving water is vital to not only our planet but to Birchip.

Congratulations Chantel

Year 11 student Chantel Emonson has been selected to play in the Victorian Under 18 Female cricket side. The national championships will be played in Adelaide from 5→11 January 2011. They will complete against teams from Queensland, New South Wales, A.C.T, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania for the national title.

Chantel has been a part of the Female Cricket Academy and has been travelling to Melbourne regularly to the MCG to train since July. The initial squad had 26 players. Chantel will now have weekly training sessions in Melbourne leading up to the championships.

This is the third time that Chantel has been selected to play for Victoria. She previously represented Victoria in the Under 15 side in 2007 and in the Under 17 side in 2009. The Under 17 age group has now been extended to Under 18.

Chantel began her cricket career playing in the Junior Cricket Competition at Birchip. In 2005, as a result of an advert in the paper, she attended a free clinic for female cricketers in Swan Hill where she was asked to play for the Murray Mallee Heat Regional Team. She has represented this region in the Regional Championships every year since, in Under 14, Under 16 & Under 18 sides. Playing in the Regional Championships in 2005 was the first time Chantel had played in and against an all female side.

Prior to competing in Adelaide, Chantel will play in the Under 18 Regional Championships in December 13-15th in Melbourne.
Lions Youth of the Year
Wednesday 8th December 2010 at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre.

Nicholas Bales, Conor Hogan, Mikaela Christie, Emily Noonan, Hayden Collins and Hugh O’Keefe from year 11 are the six entrants in this year’s Lions’ Youth of the Year.

It takes much courage to speak in public and the Birchip community is urged to come along and hear these students speak.

There will be a dinner before the speeches and if anyone in the community wants to come for the meal, they should let Lion George Ray on 54 922 286 before Friday 3rd December 2010. The meal will cost $25.00. However, if you want to just come for the speeches, that is fine too. In fact, community members are very much encouraged to attend to hear some excellent presentations. The speeches will commence at 8:00 p.m.

Homework Questions – due Friday 10th December 2010

1. What were the king, queen and maid doing when the blackbird pie was opened and where were they?
2. Who put pussy in the well and who pulled her out?
3. In the nursery rhyme Ring a Ring of Roses, reportedly based on the Black or bubonic plague, what does we all fall down mean?
4. What coloured horse is the fine lady on in Banbury Cross?
5. How many days has the porridge been in the pot?
6. How many musicians did Old King Cole want to see and what instruments did they play?
7. How deep was the puddle that Doctor Foster stepped into?
8. When was Baa, Baa, Black Sheep supposedly written?
9. Which people are being supposedly being referred to in the poem Jack and Jill?
10. Who wrote the rhyme “There was a little girl” and who did he write it about?

Answers to Last Week’s Homework Questions

1. What kind of creature is the sea canary? White Whale
2. What is brackish water? Salty
3. In what year did the Titanic make its maiden voyage? 1912
4. What colour is pompadour? Crimson/Pink
5. Sinope is a satellite of which planet? Jupiter
6. In which sport was Hungarian Dezzo Gyarmati one of the greatest players of all time? Water Polo
7. What is a cantatrice? Female singer
8. Puftaloons are what kind of food? Scone
9. What are female swans called? Pens
10. What is the capital of Tanzania? Dodoma

Dates for School Council

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Text Books for 2011

We will again be running a second hand book shop. If you have any texts that you want to sell, put your
name on them together with an asking price and drop them off at the school office.

Courses, especially VCE courses, change all too often and thus new books are needed. The following is a list
of VCE texts that are needed for next year and are different from what was studied this year. Old editions are
out of date and will not be used next year so please don’t send old editions to school to sell.

**Economics:**
VCE Units 1&2 - In Economics students must have the 6th edition of ‘Economics Down Under Book 1 VCE
Units 1 &2 & ebookplus’ by Morris.
VCE Units 3 & 4 - In Economics students must have the 6th edition of ‘Economics Down Under Book 2 VCE
Units 1 &2 & ebookplus’ by Morris.

**Chemistry:**
VCE Units 1&2- Heinemann Chemistry 1 Student Workbook (4th edition), Lukins
VCE Units 3&4- Heinemann Chemistry 1 Student Workbook (4th edition), Lukins

**English:**
VCE Units 3&4-Oxford VCE English Units 3 &4 2011, Leslie
On the Waterfront- film
The Rugmaker of Mazar-E-Sharif by Mazari

**Information Technology Applications Year 12**
VCE Units 3&4- IT Applications VCE Units 3&4 (3rd edition), Potts

**Psychology:**
VCE Units 1&2- Psychology for the VCE Student Units 1 &2 & ebookplus (5th edition) Grivas

**Physical Education:**
VCE Units 1&2-Live it Up 1 Physical Education Units 1 & 2 (3rd edition) &ebookplus, Smyth

**Mathematics Years 10, 11 and 12**
All Year 10, 11 and 12 Maths units will require a CASIO CLASSPAD 300 CAS Calculator - this can be
purchased from the school. A note has already been sent home to all students in years 9 & 10. The cost of
these calculators is $195.00

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**Second Hand books on the booklist still current:**
check at home for copies to sell

Accounting – Cambridge VCE Accounting Units 1 & 2
Australian History – Imagining Australia – Aust History VCE Units 3 & 4
Yr 11 Chemistry – Heinemann Chemistry 1
Yr 12 Chemistry - Heinemann Chemistry 2
Textiles, Wood - Design & Technology VCE Units 1-4 (2nd edition )
Year 11 English - Inheritance (Rayson) , Macbeth
Yr 12 English - The Secret River, Year of Wonders
Yr 12 Mathematics - Essential Further Mathematics (classpad version), Essential Mathematical Methods 3 & 4 (CAS classpad version), Essential Specialist Mathematics CAS classpad
Yr 11 Maths - Essential Standard General Maths (CAS class pad version ), Essential Maths Methods 1 & 2 (CAS classpad version)
Parents’ Club Meeting
Monday 6th December

Theme: Christmas
Time: 7 for 7.30pm
Venue: Birchip P-12 School

Please join us for a festive Christmas dinner - all welcome.
Kris Kringle to the value of $5.00

Dinner to be provided by year 10&11 hospitality students from Birchip P-12 School
RSVP by 1-12-2010: Ros McCallum 5077 2218 (AH)
                  Jenny Hogan  5492 2672

Water Safety Rules

1. Always swim with an adult.
2. Float and wave for assistance
3. Reach to Rescue
4. Throw a rope or buoyant aid to rescue someone you can’t reach
5. Call 000 for help
6. Always be Sun Smart
7. Check for submerged objects before entering the water
8. Take care near crumbling or slippery edges
9. Always check weather conditions before entering the water
10. Always wear a properly fitting PFD (Lifejacket) when in a boat

Water Safety Tips for Around the Home

- Children should be constantly supervised whenever they are near water, even during bath time
- Install fencing that meets Australian standards around spas and pools
- Ensure the gate is always locked and that there is nothing leaning against the fence which could help a child climb over
- Empty baths, basins, sinks and troughs immediately after use
- Securely cover liquid-filled buckets or keep them out of reach of children
- Empty paddling pools when they are not in use
- Install mesh over fish ponds

Learn water safety and resuscitation skills. Display a resuscitation chart on your pool fence

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 **Tess Lee**, this week’s winner of the Habits of Mind Award. **Tess Communicated with Clarity and Precision whilst singing Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer during a singing session with her classmates**

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.

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There will be NO primary swimming program this year for primary students as the Birchip Pool is still undergoing major refurbishment works. We urge parents to consider their children’s swimming skills during holiday time this summer.

For Sale

½ Wine Barrels Limited stock – Ex winery
$50.00 each Phone: 03 5492 2767

Murrabit Market

A bus trip to the Murrabit Market (Kerang) will be held on Saturday 18th December. Bus departs Birchip 7.00 a.m., returns approximately 2.00 p.m. Cost $20.00 For more information contact Janine Paley 03 5492 2767

Beulah Pool

Lifeguard Required Urgently

A Life Guard is required for summer season for the Beulah Pool Committee. They will assist with training and travelling. Good Pay. Must be aged 16 years. Phone Narelle Gibson 5390 2402. Summer swimming program also available.

WANTED

Any old jigsaw pieces to be used for Art. Mrs Taylor would be grateful.
Birchip Preschool
Supp Lotto Fundraiser
Draw 3063 - 27/11/2010
1st No. 40 Owen Reid
2nd No. 5 Russell Christie
Thanks for your support

2011 Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship now open!

As part of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank’s commitment to help build stronger communities, we have established a scholarship fund. Each year grants are awarded to outstanding, but disadvantaged students, usually from a rural area, that have been offered a full-time place at an Australian university or college campus for the first time. The Scholarship aims to support first year students who, due to social or financial circumstances, would not have been able to further their education.

Applications for the 2011 Scholarship are now invited
For further information, including eligibility criteria and how to apply, please visit http://www.bendigoadelaide.com.au/public/in_the_community/scholarships.asp.

Birchip Junior Cricket
Rain, rain, rain. Unfortunately junior cricket was washed out last Saturday and then the rescheduled game on Thursday was also washed out.

We will try again to pay this game on Thursday 9th December (after school). This is the incomplete McKay versus White game.

The working bee for Junior cricketers living in Birchip has also been postponed to next Sunday 12th December at 10:00am.

If any other cricketers would like to come along – all help will be appreciated.

This week’s game: Siddle versus White: umpires Kevin Delaney and Andrew Sayle

KID’S CRICKET

Next week will be last week of the eight week program. Well done to all children who have participated.

Thank you to all parents and older boys who have helped in any way.

Special thanks also to Mark Bowen and Belinda Randall for their involvement in the sessions.
Beach and Surf Safety

The beach and surf environment pose specific water safety hazards. There are ten water safety rules suited to this environment:

• Always swim at beaches patrolled by Lifesavers or Lifeguards.
• Swim between the red and yellow flags.
• Always swim or surf with an adult or friend.
• If you are tired or cold stay out of the water.
• If in doubt, stay out!
• Check the water and sand conditions before diving into the waves.
• Safety signs help to keep people safe. Make sure you read and obey all signs.
• If you get into trouble in the water, do not panic. Float on your back, raise your arm for help, and wait for assistance.
• Rips are a strong current of water moving out to sea. If you get caught in a rip, float with the current or undertow. Stay calm, do not try to swim against it. Signal for help and wait for assistance.
• Check the beach and surf conditions with a Lifesaver or Lifeguard.

2010–11 Girls Cricket Program

Cricket Victoria together with the Mallee Murray Heat are again running cricket sessions JUST FOR GIRLS. Sessions and games will be held over the next few months and culminate in the Girls State Cricket Carnivals in Melbourne.

How do I join in the fun?

Register individually online at http://malleemurrayregion.cricketvictoria.com.au or call:

• Andrew Farlie on 0408 321 877
• Jenny Donnelly on 0417 382 608
• Keith Atwell on 0407 263 647

Upcoming Sessions:

• Sunday Skills Sessions
  o November 21, 28 & December 5, 12, 19 & January 9 & 16
  • Swan Hill Showgrounds 10am - 12pm
  • Aero Oval, Mildura 4pm - 6pm

• GIRLS UNDER 18 CARNIVAL
  o December 13 - 16 (Melbourne)

• GIRLS UNDER 16 CARNIVAL
  o January 24 - 26 (Melbourne)

• GIRLS UNDER 14 CARNIVAL
  o January 24 - 26 (Melbourne)

What do I need to bring?

Just bring yourself and a drink. All the equipment will be supplied by Cricket Victoria. All skills sessions and SUPER SUNDAY are funded and insured by Cricket Victoria. We simply ask that a permission form be filled out prior to commencing the sessions. Should you go on to participate in the Carnivals there will be a small cost involved to assist with travel, food and accommodation. For more info contact Andrew Farlie on 0408 321877

visit the website - http://malleemurrayregion.cricketvictoria.com.au
Habits of Mind

Thanks to Miss Meehan

Year 8 students have been busy creating board games during science class. They have been ‘Creating, Imagining, and Innovating’ to ensure that their game was visually effective as well as providing a challenge for their classmates.

Marnie and Laura had to ‘Think Flexibly’ to try and outdo each other in an effort to win.

Joe and Chelsi ‘Applied Past Knowledge’ to enable them to answer the questions in the game.

Connor and Jacob ‘Responded with Wonderment and Awe’ to the level of detail in the game they were playing.