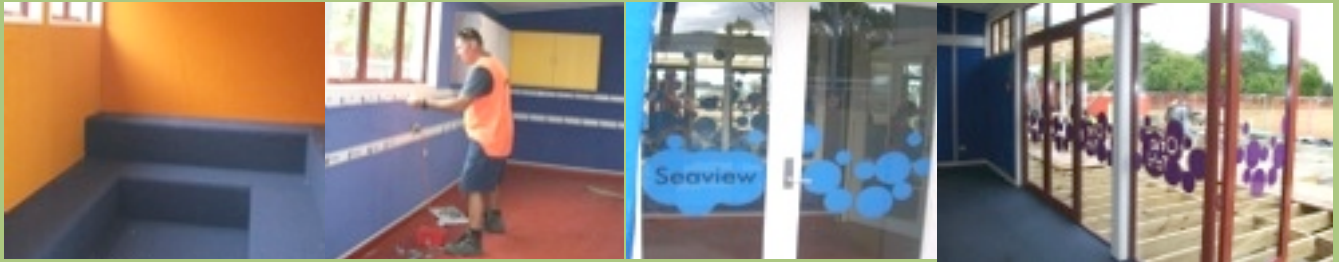


# Birchwood School

*Together We Learn  
Together We Grow*



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## Goal Setting Three-Way Conferences on Thursday

Last Friday all children took home information on these Goal Setting Interviews which will take place from 2.00pm on Thursday. Once again appointments are made via a website ([www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)). Teachers need to see ALL parents at this time or make an alternative arrangement. This is an opportunity for PARENTS to have input into the learning needs of their child and to discuss goals for the first half of the year. **YOU are reminded that school closes at 2pm on Thursday.**

## THIS WEEK @ BIRCHWOOD

- School CLOSSES at 2pm on Thursday
- Goal Setting Interviews on Thursday from 2pm
- ASSEMBLY on Friday at 2.30pm - all welcome.



**MUFTI DAY on Friday...** for the Cancer Society in support of 'Relay For Life'.

Our theme is to dress in bright colours and a gold coin donation will be collected during the morning.

All funds raised will go directly to the Cancer Society and will be used for

projects in the Nelson region. Thank you for your support of this very worthwhile cause.

**Thursday GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS - school will close at 2pm for all children.** If parents are not able to make arrangements for their child at 2pm there will be limited supervision in the school library.

**PLEASE** spend some time with your child and complete the **THINK SHEET** which should then be brought to the interview with you. This Think Sheet will then contain valuable information which can be used to formulate goals for your child.

## ASSEMBLY BEHAVIOUR

We have been talking to classes about how we expect everyone to behave at assembly and reminding students that for our school this is a formal occasion and that we should all

act accordingly. We ask parents to help us by 'setting an example' and reducing the noise and chatter once the classes start arriving. We have changed the programme slightly and always welcome feedback.

## SCHOOL CHARTER 2012

The school's Charter is almost complete and will be presented to the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday 27th February at 7pm. Once the board have had another look at this document we will be making copies available to parents for comment. If you would like your own personal copy, please contact Prue in the office and we will send one home to you.

## RELAY FOR LIFE - Lee Corlett Speaks at Friday's Assembly



## PRINCIPAL'S CHALLENGE FOR TERM ONE - "Effective Communicators"

People who communicate effectively are empathetic, collaborative, confident, respectful, active listeners and speak clearly.

**Sustainability is not a problem to be solved. It is a future to be created.** Nelson Environment Centre

## Term 1 Overview:

**Week 4:** Cycle Safety programme for middle school.

Goal Setting Three-Way Conferences from 2pm on Thursday 23rd February.

**Week 5:** School-Wide testing.

Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday 27th at 7.00pm.

Tuesday - **swimming displays** - Senior and Middle at 9.30 and Junior at 1.30 - **PARENTS welcome to attend.**

**Week 6:** School-Wide testing continues Inter school Swimming Sports on 7th.

**Week 8:** BOT BBQ and Official Opening of the refurbished Seaview Block. The block will be open for inspection.

**Week 9:** BOT Meeting on Monday 26th at 7.00pm.

Learning Folders and National Standards Reports (for some children)

**Week 10:** Tabloid Sports

School closes on Thursday 5th April (Good Friday on the 6th).

**REMINDER: ASSEMBLIES ARE HELD EACH WEEK ON FRIDAYS AT 2.30pm - PARENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

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### TERM DATES 2012

**Term 1:** 2 February to 5 April

**Term 2:** 23 April to 29 June

**Term 3:** 16 July to 28 September

**Term 4:** 15 October to 18 December

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## Birchwood Notices:

### Junior Syndicate Swimming

The Junior classes, Rooms 1 - 5, will be swimming on Tuesday as usual, but at the earlier time of 9am. Next week we will be having a swimming display on Tuesday 28th February. The Junior classes will be swimming in the afternoon at the following times:

**Rooms 1 & 2 - 2:10pm - 2:30pm**

**and Rooms 4 & 5 - 1:30pm - 2:10pm.**

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## Birchwood Notices:

### Sporting Options - Term One

Mini Soccer, Volleyball and Hockey start this week, please check the sports notice board for times. Rippa Rugby doesn't start until Friday 2nd March. Team lists will be out this week.

### Weetbix Tryathlon 2012

The Weetbix Tryathlon 2012 is Sunday 4th March. Entries for Birchwood School have closed but you can still enter online. Don't forget to get your bike and helmet checked at AvantiPlus Nelson, before the 4th March. If your bike / helmet has not been checked, you **cannot** enter on the day. Any questions regarding either of the above, please come and see me in the school office before school starts each day. *Many Thanks - Silone Williams*

### MUFTI DAY

There are families within the Birchwood School Community who have been affected by Cancer. The school is supporting the Cancer Society by raising funds for the coming Relay for Life. The money raised will be used to help those who have cancer, their families and also towards research to find a cure. **On Friday 24th March**, there will be a mufti day where uniforms do not need to be worn and we are asking families to bring a donation for the Cancer Society. A part of the theme for the Relay for Life is that "We will fight Back", so we are asking students to wear clothes that have bright colours to symbolise that in raising the money, we are fighting back against this awful disease. Donations of \$5 and above are tax deductible, so if you wish to be given a receipt for your donation, please place your money in an envelope with your name and address details. Thank you in advance for any donation you are able to make - *Kathy Surrige.*

### Uniform For Sale

Birchwood zip-up polar fleece jacket, size 12, excellent condition. \$20. Phone Denise on 547 1295 or text 027 723 8876

### Lost - Glow Worm

A glow worm is lost from the Rainbow Room. It is blue, sings songs and glows. Please return to Room 3.

## Community Notices:

**ASB Aquatic Centre** - Sunday 26th February - Sunday Funday which is a family fun event and will be continuing throughout the year on the last Sunday of each month. The event runs from 1 - 3pm - great competitions and prizes.

**Rebecca Bignall Academy of Dance** - Tap Dancing - all levels, 5 years and up. Phone Nicola on 544 1204 or visit [www.rbacademyofdance.co.nz](http://www.rbacademyofdance.co.nz)

**Nelson RFC - Junior Registrations** - Junior Registrations dates:

Friday 2nd March from 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Saturday 3rd March from 9am - noon

Nelson RFC Clubrooms adjacent to Trafalgar Park. Any boy or girl 5 - 13 yrs is most welcome. Queries to Quentin Harwood - Junior Club Captain on (Hm) 547 0313 or (Wk) 548 2619 or cell 027 302 3508 or email [quentin.jo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:quentin.jo@xtra.co.nz)

## Community Notices:

**2012 Kids Day Out Live Variety Show** - Magicians, Comedy and Variety - Friday 2nd March at 6pm, but arrive at 5:30pm to be seated. At Nayland College, 166 Nayland Road, Stoke. Free admission - no door sales but need to have ticket to enter. Email [Nelson.Committee@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:Nelson.Committee@autismnz.org.nz)

**Nelson College for Girls Prep Dept** - Interviews will be held between March 21 - 30 this year. Also there is an orientation afternoon on Wed 14th Nov.

**Pretty Smart Sale** - Thursday 23rd Feb from 9am - 4pm - 173 Rutherford Street, Nelson, (at the Unite Church Hall). \$2 admission and cash sales only.

**Introductory Animal Communication Workshop** - February 25th and 26th from 10am - 5pm. For more information email [admin@GurneyInstitute.com](mailto:admin@GurneyInstitute.com) or visit [www.GurneyInstitute.com](http://www.GurneyInstitute.com)

## Sports Notices:

### KIWI CRICKET

#### Birchwood Eagles

The Birchwood Eagles had a superb start to the 2012 season, with a sound win of 48 - 37 against Nelson Christian Academy. Fantastic skills were shown by all the boys, and Player of the Day went to Joseph Clatworthy for his consistent batting and run scoring.

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