Inter-School Shooting
Nine students attended the Ararat and District Secondary Schools Annual Clay Target Shoot 2011 at the Callawadda-Stawell Gun Club, 28km north of Stawell on Thursday, 31st March.
The weather was fine, making for good shooting conditions, with a couple of parents, Mrs. Biggin and Mr. Grigsby, making the journey to provide support and assisting with transportation.
The shoot provides a good opportunity for some of our up and coming, as well as experienced shooters, to be exposed to competition conditions.
The shooting categories were grouped into Girls and Boys, Under 15 Years for Junior and 15 Years and Over for Senior.
The Team Shield went to Stawell Secondary College (the top 4 scores) with Beaufort students doing very well in the individual events.
Marcus Grigsby took out the Senior Boys and Shayley Grigsby shot very well to win the Senior Girls event. Lachlan Crick provided some tense moments when he had to shoot off for second place in the Junior Boys and managed a credible third place after missing one target in the shoot off, an excellent job by all the shooters.
Everyone was once again very well behaved and the safety and gun handling was undertaken in a professional manner. I would also like to thank Mrs. Lovejoy for assisting on the day.

An insight into the Great War
In last Wednesday’s Year 10A Humanities class we had a special presentation by Elise Hall.
The topic being studied was World War I. Elise’s maternal and paternal great grandfathers both fought in ‘The Great War’ around the time of the Gallipoli campaign and Elise’s family are in possession of the items that her great grandfathers had in the war.
The family have meticulously compiled albums, letters and documents that provide a thorough picture of the two men’s experiences.
Elise’s presentation brought Australia’s participation in ‘the war to end all wars’ to life, making it real and meaningful to her classmates.
Thank you to the Hall family for this opportunity.

Early Finish
Friday, 8th April, 2011
On Friday, 8th April, school will finish at 2.30pm.
Can parents please be aware of this and make appropriate arrangements.
School resumes on Wednesday, 27th April, 2011

Happy Holidays
Happy Easter

Above: Elise with some of her grandfathers’ World War I military memorabilia.

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From the Principal’s Desk

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Families should have received a letter with their interview time for this Thursday’s Parent/Teacher/Student conferences. We have planned for every parent to come along and meet with their child’s pastoral care teacher and are hoping for a response of close to 100%. The meetings are intended to be positive and support student learning, with students giving a presentation of their best work.
I have asked teachers to survey parent opinion about the new system. School Council decided that it should apply in Term 1 initially, and then be reviewed. I have asked teachers to survey parents on their views.
A reminder that you are also requested to attend a short (15 minute) training program on the Ultranet in conjunction with your interview time.
The Ultranet is a new online learning system that links schools, students and parents and allows parents to support their children’s learning.
Parent-Teacher interviews for Years 11 and 12 students will take place on Monday, 2nd May.
We have revised the Interim Reports for senior students to provide more information for parents.
Interview times for the Senior Parent/Teacher interviews will be distributed in advance.

School Play
Work has commenced on the 2011 School Production – a musical entitled “2061: A Space Idiocy”. Late last week, around 25 students auditioned for the various roles. Rehearsals will commence shortly with opening night to take place in Term 3.
According to Producer/Director, Mr. Rob Smith, we could still accommodate a few more cast members, particularly males. I would encourage any students thinking about it to come forward.
Participation in a school production is both enjoyable and rewarding.

End of Term
My thanks to students, parents and staff for making it a successful start to 2011. I wish you all a happy and safe (and long) vacation, with school to re-commence on Wednesday, 27th April. For senior students, the next two weeks is merely a break in classes. The expectation is that they will use this period to catch up on any incomplete work and consolidate by revising material covered to date.

Steve Macaulay
(Principal)

EMA Cheques
EMA cheques have now arrived and can be collected from the General Office.
They can be collected by parents or by a student if they have a signed note from their parents giving them permission to collect the cheque on their behalf.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interview Day - Tomorrow
Students are not required to attend school on Thursday, 7th April except to attend their interview with their parents at their designated appointment time. Interviews will be held with their Form Teacher.
Students are required to wear full school uniform to the interviews.
All Year 7 to 10 parents should have received their interview times by mail this week. If any parent has not received a letter, please contact the school.
All VCE students should have received their Interim Report last Friday.
Parent/Teacher interviews will be held next term.

Cervical Cancer Vaccine Website
An important message for parents
Under the Commonwealth Government’s National Immunisation Program, girls aged 12-13 can have the cervical cancer vaccine free in school.
The vaccine can prevent up to 70% of cervical cancers and 90% of genital warts.
Currently only three in four girls aged 12-13 who are eligible to have the free vaccine are doing so, and many more that have the first dose are not completing the full three-dose course.
Research indicates this is broadly due to low student and parent understanding of cervical cancer and the vaccine.
The Cancer Council has set up a website that provides information for students and their parents.
To access the website, go to: www.cervicalcancervaccine.org.au

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Remember the 3 Rs - Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
The State Government has launched a new program to assist students obtaining quality work placements as a part of their VCAL, VET and VCE courses.

**What is Workplace Learning?**

**Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)** - Training undertaken within a workplace where a specified set of skills and competencies are mastered in relation to a relevant accredited course of study. VET Programs commonly required students to complete a set number of days of SWL. For example, if your child is taking a VET in hospitality they will spend a week working within a hospitality business.

**School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships (SBAT’s)** - Vocational and technical training undertaken working with an employer whilst still completing years 11 and 12 at school. The student spends 2 days in the workplace and 3 days in school completing their VCE subjects.

**Work Experience (WE or WEX)** - Short term placement where a secondary school student visits an employer to gain a taste for the industry, to learn through observation but is not related to their course of study.

**How can you help your teenager?**

- Speak to them about their interests, study areas, career goals and plans for the post school years
- Encourage them to speak to people you know in your network—friends, family, work colleagues, etc about work opportunities
- Help them to prepare themselves for the professional workforce by talking to them about your experiences
- Attend a local PACTS (Parents As Careers Transition Support) workshop (For more information contact the WLC’s)
- Ensure they attend the placement preparation workshops being ran in their school
- Make an appointment to visit THAT PLACE Careers information centre with your teenager located at the BLX Camp Street

**What Workplace Learning Coordinators do?**

WLC’s work with employers and schools to increase the number of opportunities for workplace learning for students but also to increase the quality of the experiences by:

- Facilitating programs for students to give them the skills to find their own placements and introduce them to industry expectations
- Assist employers who would like to get involved but are not sure how
- Provide resources for employers to allow the linking of work place tasks with classroom learning
- Provide resources and information for parents to help prepare their teenager for the world of work.

The Workplace Learning Coordinators Program is delivered in the Highlands region by the Highlands Local Learning and Employment Network, Level 1, 36 Camp St Ballarat 3350

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(Working Monday—Wednesday)

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**The EGHS Dental Clinic**

**is now operational**

Did you know that it is important for your children to be seen every two years for a dental check-up?

For children 12 years and under, if you hold a concession card, the East Grampians Health Service can see your children for no charge. For non concession card holders, there is a one off payment of $29.00.

Contact EGHS Dental Clinic on 5352 9380 to make an appointment for your children now.
Career News

OPEN DAY DATES FOR 2011 – Attending Open Days is a great way to find out more about universities and TAFE Institutes; see facilities, find out about courses, collect information. Here are some dates for your diary. More information and dates as Open Days get closer.

ü Sun 17 July - Burnley Gardens Open Day, Burnley Campus, Uni of Melbourne, 500 Yarra Bvd, Richmond
ü Sun 26 June – Victoria University (well ahead of the other universities this year)
ü Sat 6 Aug – Monash Uni (Berwick, Gippsland and Peninsula campuses)
ü Sun 7 Aug – La Trobe Uni (Melbourne); Monash Uni (Caulfield, Clayton and Parkville campuses); William Angliss TAFE
ü Fri 12 Aug – La Trobe Uni (Shepparton)
ü Sun 14 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (ACU) (Melbourne); Deakin Uni (Warrnambool); La Trobe Uni (Mildura); RMIT (University & TAFE)
ü Sat 20 Aug – Holmesglen TAFE
ü Sun 21 Aug – Deakin Uni (Geelong); La Trobe Uni (Albury/Wodonga); Melbourne Uni; Swinburne (Hawthorn, Lilydale and Prahran)
ü Sun 28 Aug - ACU (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; Box Hill Institute; Deakin (Burwood); La Trobe Uni (Bendigo).

ATTENDING Open Days is really important, especially if you intend to apply for a course that requires an interview, folio presentation or audition. You will be at a serious disadvantage if you have never visited the institution involved.

1. MARINE CAREERS DISCOVERY DAYS – The Marine Discovery Centre will run careers days with speakers including biologists, tour operators, chemists, education officers, technicians and fisheries officers. Dissect a fish, tour behind the scenes and discover how technicians and fisheries officers. Dissect a fish, operators, chemists, education officers, operators, chemists, education officers.

The International College of Hotel Management is also offering 4-day Career Weeks. When: July and October; Where: Adelaide; Cost: $695 (deducted from fees if you enrol); Info: www.ichm.edu.au, ph 1800 246 875.

Certificates and Diplomas in Hospitality are offered at TAFE Institutes. These offer subjects which will qualify students for roles in operations, customer service, financial management and people management in environments such as hotels, resorts and conference and convention centres. NOTE: William Angliss Institute at 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne, specialises in hospitality, tourism, food and events. Some universities such as La Trobe and Victoria universities offer Business degrees in Hospitality, Tourism and Events.

2. WANT A HOSPITALITY CAREER? Then check out Hotel Management Schools: The Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School offers 3-4 day residential programs for those considering courses. Meet students/staff, see the school, experience the industry and explore career paths. When: April, July, October, November; Where: NSW; Cost: $325-$425; Info: www.bluemountains.edu.au, ph 9437 0300

3. THE AGE VCE AND CAREERS EXPO 2011 – Expos provide a great opportunity to collect information, ask questions and explore options at one location. The Age VCE and Careers Expo is one such opportunity. Universities, TAFEs, independent colleges, employer groups, defence forces and others will be represented. There will also be seminars you can book into. When: 10am-4pm, Fri 6, Sat 7 and Sun 8 May; Where: Caulfield Racecourse. DATES IN YOUR DIARY!

4. COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP Are you interested in becoming a professional gamer, building and designing games or simply playing games? If so, this is for you. The Monash Uni. Computer Games Camp is run by the Faculty of Information Technology and is aimed at Year 9 - 12 students. When: 9-15 July, 2011; Register: NOW at secure.monash.edu/infotech/promotion/games-boot-camp/register-interest-form.html.

1. WOULD YOU LIKE AN ARTS INTERNSHIP? Are you considering an Arts degree? Students in second year of the Bachelor of Arts at the Uni of Melbourne have the option of completing the Arts Internship Subject. This is an 80-hour work placement designed to improve students’ understanding of organisations and workplace culture, while integrating the learning and skills they have developed in their Arts degree. Students gain a better understanding of careers available in their preferred field. Info: http://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/MULT20010

A Reminder For

Year 12 students
VCE English Class study session,
Tuesday, 12th April
from 9am to 1pm.

6th April, 2011

Remember the 3 Rs - Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
On Monday, 4th April, the Questacon Smart Moves Show came to the school.
This presentation is provided by the Australian Government, Department of Innovation, Science and Research with the aim to inspire students to follow careers in science, maths, engineering, business and technology.
The presenters, Emily and Natalie, energetically explored the innovation process and how there are no limits on being creative.
They explored how products and ideas constantly evolve and how we are able to continue to be inventive thinkers.
Students from Years 7 to 12 were involved in demonstrations and Alex (Year 7) had fun on the motorised skateboard.

Above: Daniel dips his toes into a liquid bath.
Below: By adding cornstarch to the water - the liquid becomes a non-neutronian fluid.

Above: Shayley using the power of concentration to make the machine work.

Above: Senior students enjoying Questacon’s Smart Moves presentation.

WANTED - Old Car Batteries
A Rotary Club of Beaufort Community Service Project
Phone Chris Johnston 5349 3066 or Harold Beer 5349 2168, to arrange collection of your old batteries.

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Beaufort Secondary College - Care, Concern and Quality Educational Programs
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Year 12 Health Day
As part of our ongoing health program, the Year 12 students went to the Beaufort & Skipton Health Service last Thursday afternoon to hear a number of presentations by local professionals including the local pharmacist.

Topics covered included facilitated available in the area, particularly services relevant to adolescent health and wellbeing.

A healthy lunch was provided by School Focused Youth Service which is a great supporter of this school.

The students found this to be a most relevant and worthwhile session.

Uniform
School Uniform has been excellent this term with many positive comments made when students are out of the school and when visitors come to the school.

Congratulations to the students and thank you to parents for your support.

A reminder, that with winter approaching, only plain navy coats can be worn to school. These can be purchased at Messer & Opie in the Bridge Mall, with or without the school logo.

Above & left: Year 12 students enjoy their healthy lunch while listening to guest presenters at the recent Health Day.

Beaufort Community House & Learning Centre - Holiday Fun
Where: Adventure Park (Geelong.)
When: Wednesday, April 20th
Who: Anyone 10 years and over
Lunch will be provided,
Limited places - bookings essential
Time: 8.00am at the Beaufort Community House Car Park. Return at 5.00pm
Contact Cecilia Myers on 5349 1184

Cost: $50.00
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