On Thursday, 19th May, we held the Autumn Music Concert in the Drama Centre. The evening was very well attended and students put in a wonderful performance after preparing throughout Terms 1 and 2. The night opened with the talented Mahony Brothers, Andrew and Matt, followed by Year 7A and the school band who performed group ensembles. Smaller group performers Shae Ambry, Emily Crowley, Natalie Pickersgill, Bianca Gerrard, Courtney Falzon, Monique Flenley, Kathryn Thorpe, Annie Diprose and Samantha Murray entertained the crowd, along with soloists Hannah Bruty, Jake Morcombe and Sara Welsby. Thank you to all the staff, students and families who supported the evening.

*Mrs. Kehoe and Mr. Law.*

**Sheep Manure Wanted**

For the gardens around the school. Any contributions gratefully accepted.

*Thank you*
From the Principal’s Desk

School Council
Matters addressed at Tuesday evening’s School Council meeting included the following:

1. The Beaufort Education Regeneration Project: Masterplan – Stage One and Overall – Stage One was ratified by School Council. This is posted in the school foyer.

Beaufort Early Childhood Centre – “practical completion” is almost upon us.

Governance – The Councils of Beaufort Secondary College and Beaufort Primary School are currently considering the School Council structure to be put into place when the two schools are on the one site in 2012.

2. Parent-Teacher Interviews – evaluation of the system used in Term 1, and whether it should be used in future.


Student Matters
Although I have been in this profession for a very long time and seen almost everything, I still, from time to time, raise my eyebrows in amazement.

It happened twice this week.

Firstly, I noticed an article in the Ballarat Courier late last week where a student from a Secondary College, not far away, was suspended and had his School Vice-Captaincy withdrawn for “planking” between cubicles in the girls’ toilets. Astonishingly, he approached the media complaining that the penalties were unfair because “the school had no anti-planking policy”.

I’m confident that Beaufort students have far more commonsense than to engage in risky and inappropriate behaviour such as this. But just in case, let’s be quite clear. Our rules do make reference to “commonsense and appropriate behaviour”, as well as the need to maintain a “safe environment”.

The second matter concerns media players (iPods, mp3 players etc.). At recent staff meeting, teachers expressed concerns that some of our students appear to have a media player permanently attached to their ears, and a few even seem surprised when requested to remove it in class. Again, our school policy is obvious. A student with a media player in his or her ears is not learning much, not hearing teachers’ instructions and not communicating positively with anyone.

Students are advised not to bring valuable items to school. If they do bring media players (presumably to listen to in breaks or whilst travelling to and from school), they must not be brought to class unless specifically permitted to do so by the classroom teacher, and then with conditions attached. Please refer to the school policy on music players attached to this newsletter for more details.

Steve Macaulay
(Principal)

Design a Weather Station
As part of their Humanities study on weather patterns, Year 8A students had the opportunity to design their own weather station.

Students used rain gauges, thermometers, wind vanes and barometers. With teamwork, organisational and time-management skills, they industriously recorded the rain levels, wind direction and temperature three times a day over two weeks.

Students will ultimately graph and interpret the information they have collected.

Photos: Year 8 students measure and record the data gathered from their weather stations.
Chicken Pharaoh Update
This week. Year 7A continued to work on their chicken pharaohs.
They had to remove the salt and spice mixture from the chicken, dry the chicken carefully, then reapply the mixture.
The students recorded the weight of the chicken, and wrote down a description of what they saw. One group stated that the chicken looked ‘disgusting, squishy and moist’.

Presentation Ball DVDs
LAST CHANCE
Students or parents/grandparents who wish to order a DVD of the Presentation Ball, are asked to place their order now at the Beaufort Secondary College.
DVDs are $25.00 which must be included with your order.

Beaufort Secondary College
PRESENTATION BALL
Shire Hall, Beaufort
Friday
1st July, 2011
(Doors open at 7.00pm)
TICKETS for the Presentation Ball will be on sale at the school.
**PRICE:** $15.00 adults.
$10.00 for students.
Family tickets are $40.00 (which includes 2 adults and 2 children)

School Photos
School photos have been distributed to students. Any families who would like to purchase the following additional photos can obtain an order from the General Office.
Photos (25cm x 20cm) are $18.00 each.
School Captains
House Captains
Sports Captains
Bus Captains
SRC
Casual Year 12
The photos are displayed on the window at the General Office.

25th May, 2011

Please phone or send a note if your child is absent from school - *It's not OK to be Away.*
POLICY RE MUSIC PLAYERS

- The school’s advice is for students not to bring media players (e.g iPODs, MP3 players) to school. Where inappropriately used, they disrupt teaching and learning and detrimentally affect personal communication.
- It should also be noted that the Department Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought into schools. As a result, neither the school nor DEECD will pay for loss of, or damage to, personal items.
- The school accepts, however, that some students like to use media players during class breaks and whilst travelling to and from school, and some teachers accept their use in classes under certain conditions.
- The school’s policy is that students may NOT use media players in class or during school activities unless they have been specifically permitted to do so by the classroom or supervising teacher. In such cases, rules may be imposed in relation to their use.
- Where students are allowed to use media players, they must be used with courtesy, respect and consideration for others.
- Media players used in contravention of this policy will be confiscated and will have to be collected by student’s parent/guardian.
- Students repeatedly in breach of this policy will be dealt with under the student code of conduct.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s five year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on: 24th May, 2011

Lost
A new, size 14 polo fleece jumper has been lost. Could all parents please check to ensure your child is wearing the correct jumper.

Please put names on students uniforms
All articles of clothing should be named. Laundry markers wash out and clothing needs to be renamed regularly.

Year 7 to 10 Exams
All students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 will be sitting exams next week. Students are well aware of this and should be studying at home in preparation. The exams will be held during Periods 1 & 2 each day in the following order:
Monday 30 English
Tuesday 31 Science
Wednesday 1 Humanities
Thursday 2 Maths
Students who are absent and miss an exam will have the opportunity to sit a catch up exam the following day.
Rules for exams will be discussed with students in Form Assemblies. If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs. Higgins.

School Tours
Many families are taking the opportunity to visit the school and see our facilities and our classes in action.
If you know of any family who would like to find out more about Beaufort Secondary College, ask them to contact Mrs. Higgins and she will be happy to arrange an interview and a tour of the school.

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It's hard to learn anything if you are absent from school - It's not OK to be Away.
PFA PRESENTATION BALL
Friday, 1st July, 2011

The PFA and Ball Committee are now calling on all parents to assist with the preparations and conduct of the Ball. Please tick where you can help.

1. Finishing touches to hall and supper preparations on Friday, 1st July from 11.00am
2. Work in kitchen and serve supper at Ball
3. Assistance (lots of men please) to clean hall after Ball finishes

SUPPER

Could EVERY SCHOOL FAMILY please contribute towards supper.
Please indicate what you can supply.

2 Dozen pieces of slice
2 Half sponges
3 Dozen hot savouries
$5.00 donation

NAME: ...........................................................................................................................................................................

As this is the MAJOR FUNDRAISING EFFORT by the PFA this year, the support of every school family would be very much appreciated.

Please return this form to the General Office by Friday, 17th June, 2011

If you have any queries, please contact Sally Crick on 5349 7488

Beaufort Secondary College PFA thanks you for your support.
Shane returns to BSC
Shane O’Bree, current Gold Coast Suns assistant coach and former Collingwood and Brisbane AFL footballer, visited Beaufort Secondary College last Friday.
At a General Assembly, Shane, a former student at BSC, presented the medallions to the winners of the House Cross Country event which was held on 16th May.
Shane was back in the area to visit his family and to play his 100th game of football for the Beaufort Football Club last Saturday.
We appreciate Shane making the time to come back to his old school and sharing his experiences with staff and students.

A taste of India
The group of Year 9 students who will be visiting India in July, travelled to Sebastopol Secondary College last Friday to cook and sample different Indian food.
Students were grouped with Sebastopol students and had to follow recipes using unfamiliar ingredients. The students did a great job and produced some tasty delights.

Photos:
Students from Beaufort and Sebastopol Colleges joined forces to create Indian style dishes in preparation for their trip to India.
Photos from the House Cross Country Event

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The Beaufort Schools’ Chaplaincy Committee is looking for some new members. The School Chaplain works between the two Beaufort schools 4 days per week and is supported by the Chaplaincy Committee. The committee is looking for some parents to be involved to help support this vital work within our school community. The task is not onerous and your support would be invaluable.

If you would like to know more about what is involved or more about the Chaplaincy program, feel free to contact either school to speak to one of the committee members or to the chaplain himself.

The next Beaufort Schools’ Chaplaincy Committee meeting will be on Thursday 2nd June at 4pm in the Conference room at Beaufort Secondary College.

Philip Kynoch (School Chaplain)

Existing Committee members:
Loretta Hyland  Abigail Font
Joy McKelvey  Lyn Fleay
Steve Macaulay  Michael O’Connor
Jan Dunwoodie  Michael Unwin
Jenny Watson

Pyrenees Art Exhibition
11th, 12th & 13th June, 2011
Shire Hall, Beaufort

Official Opening
Friday, 10th June, 7.30pm
$20.00 per person
5349 2168 for tickets

Art Exhibition Opening Times
Saturday & Sunday - 10am to 5pm
Monday - 10am to 2pm
Admission $8.00
(includes Devonshire Tea)