Mid Western Complex Cross Country

On Tuesday, 7th June, a group of dedicated athletes braved the icy conditions to compete in the MWC Cross Country event held at Lake Bolac. Fifteen students competed across the six age groups with Kyle Keenan, Tatiana Briody and Heather Tweddle all bringing home second place ribbons. Congratulations to all who competed in the very cold and wet conditions and thank you to Mr. Collins for another successful sporting event.

Above: Our girls brave the windswept conditions to compete in the MWC Cross Country.

Above left: Laura and Heather brace against the cold.

Photos: Sam, above, Arron and Natasha left and Jaclyn and Kira above right, race to the finish line to complete the MWC Cross Country.

Report Writing Day

This Friday, June 10th, staff will be preparing the Semester 1 Reports. Students will not be required at school on this day.

Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend

Monday, 13th June, is the Queen’s Birthday public holiday. Students will not be required at school on this day. School resumes on Tuesday, 14th June.

Semester 1 Reports - Parent Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 Reports will be distributed to students on Friday, 24th June. Students are required to return the parent Teacher Request Form on Monday, 27th June.

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, 30th June between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs. Higgins.

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Please phone or send a note if your child is absent from school - It’s not OK to be Away.
From the Principal’s Desk

Beaufort Education Regeneration Project

Jan Dunwoodie and I, together with our two School Council Presidents, Leesa O’Brien and Ashley McErvale, have been meeting regularly with Regional Network Leader, Peter Brain and Consultant, Jorja Millar to discuss the Governance Model that will be put into place when the two schools are on the one site. Whilst still in the planning stage, it is clear that the following will be some elements of it:

- The over-arching legally-constituted governing body will be a joint Council.
- The Council will comprise the two school Principals as Executive Officers, and an equal number of parent and staff representatives from each of the schools. In addition, there will be a representative of the Early Childhood Centre and co-opted community representatives.
- The model is founded upon the notion that the schools and Early Childhood Centre will remain independent and responsible for their own finances and operations. Nevertheless, there will be a need to share resources and expertise, particularly in some areas, in order to achieve the common goal of a coherent educational product for the people of Beaufort and surrounding areas.
- Because there are many issues that relate only to the Primary School or Secondary School, each of the schools will have a management committee along the lines of their existing councils. They will however, be answerable to the joint School.
- On the other hand, other issues will be relevant to both schools. Consequently, there will be some sub-committees with representatives from each of the schools. School grounds and curriculum are obvious examples of common interest areas.

Daniel Diprose
I have just received the excellent news that Year 10 student, Daniel Diprose, has been successful in his application to be part of the John Monash Science School Rural Exchange Program for rural/remote Year 10 Science students. Daniel is one of twenty talented Year 10 Science students from the Grampians and Loddon-Mallee Regions selected to undertake the six week residential program (five weeks in Term 3 and one week in Term 4). During that time, Daniel will be billeted with a local family.

The John Monash Science School is a selective, co-educational, government school devoted to the pursuit of excellence in Science, Mathematics and associated technologies. It is the result of a partnership between the Victorian Government and Monash University, and is located in a purpose-built facility on the university’s Clayton Campus. Daniel has a passion for the sciences and mathematics, and will work with a group of like-minded young people using the school’s state-of-the-art facilities and resources. Whilst he will continue his studies in core subjects like English and Mathematics, he will enrol in an enrichment science elective. He will then be able to continue with further study of the elective online.

It is great to see another of our students taking advantage of an opportunity to excel.

Steve Macaulay
(Principal)

Beaufort Basketball Association

FIRST ROUND OF FINALS
MONDAY 13TH JUNE
(QUEENS BIRTHDAY)
JUNIORS
5.00pm - Blue (16) vs White (12)
5.45pm - Yellow (11) vs Red (9)
SENIORS
6.30pm - Red (16) vs Yellow (12)
7.15pm - White (10 - 87%) vs Blue (10 - 82%)

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It's hard to learn anything if you are absent from school - It's not OK to be Away.
Students Learn to be Party Safe

On Thursday, 26th May, all Year 10 students attended The Party Safe - Skills for Life Workshop at Ballarat Health Services.

The Workshop was an interactive, hands-on learning experience which involved informative sessions led by Emergency Medical and Nursing staff, Uniting Care Outreach and Ambulance Victoria. Victoria Police were also crucial in delivering messages of safety to the students who participated in a tour of the Emergency Department, including the opportunity to step into an ambulance with the guidance of the paramedic.

In the afternoon, Ballarat Community Health presented a short drama skit that highlighted key topics for discussion.

A guest speaker from Spin Chat also shared his story with the students, about his experience living with a spinal cord injury following a road accident.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and have reflected on the key messages that they were able to take away, which included:

- “Have fun, be responsible, look after yourself and others”
- “Think before doing...”
- “Your choice can change your life forever”
- “Think of the consequences”
- “Always balance risk with responsibility”
- “Be careful, plan ahead, and think of the risks”
- “Always be safe. Your whole life can change with just one wrong decision”

Sheree Marris Visits Beaufort

On May 17th, we were visited by aquatic scientist, Sheree Marris, one of Australia’s youngest environmental ambassadors.

Sheree is committed to educating the community about their responsibilities towards preservation of clean water, marine life and other environmental issues such as recycling.

The students very much enjoyed Sheree’s presentation saying she was a very inspiring speaker.

Maree’s visit was organized jointly by the Beaufort Branch of the Central Highlands Library Corporation and the Pyrenees Shire and was held in the Beaufort Secondary College Drama Centre.

PLEASE NOTE

CHANGE OF DATE

BEAUFORT MARKET

To coincide with the ART Show on the Queen’s Birthday Weekend

Saturday, June 11th

9.00am to 1.00pm

Memorial Park, Western Highway

Stalls in the Park with Craft, Coffee, Cookies, Clothes, Cakes, Preserves, Produce, Plants, Grain, Jewellery, Cards & Secondhand Collectables

Community BBQ and Cake Stall by Trawalla Primary School

Stallholder and customer enquiries to Cecilia

0410 563 008  bchlc@vic.chariot.net.au

Above: BSC School Captains, Sarah and Martin with Sheree Marris following her presentation at the school.
Semester 1 Exams
Students in Years 11 & 12 are sitting their internal exams this week and next week, some Year 12 students will be sitting external exams.
All students who are studying a Unit 3/4 subject are required to sit the GAT (General Achievement Test) on Thursday.
We encourage all students to prepare well ensuring they complete adequate study and have a good nights sleep before each exam. Good luck to all our students.

June Exam & GAT Timetable
Tuesday 14  9.00am - 10.45am  Biology  
11.45am - 1.30pm  Physics  
Wednesday 15  9.00am - 10.45am  Psychology  
11.45am - 1.30pm  Chemistry  
Thursday 16  10.00am - 1.15pm  GAT

Please note that all external exams are held at the Community Church, Park Road, Beaufort with the exception of the GAT which will be held in Room 11 at the Secondary College.

Reminder
PFA Presentation Ball - 1st July
As this is a major fundraising effort for the PFA this year, please consider donating items for the supper or a cash donation.
Also, help is required prior to, during and after the Ball. Please see form in last week’s Newsletter for further details.
The help of all school families will be vital to the success of this very special event for our students.

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)