Legacy Public Speaking

On the 5th August, 16 students from Year 7 and 8 travelled to Ararat to attend the Legacy Public Speaking Competition. Our speakers were Emily Crowley, Natalie Pickersgill, Jaymee Crack and Crystal Segedinski and the schools they were competing against were Marian College, Ararat College, Dimboola Memorial Secondary College and Stawell Secondary College. We started off with a prepared speech which was five minutes in length, after which we had a ten minute break before continuing on to the impromptu speeches that were to be two minutes long. The topic for the impromptu speech was ‘If I ruled the world’. After the impromptu speeches we had lunch, and there was heaps of food! The girls did really well on their speeches although none of them placed. It was a great day overall.

By Crystal Segedinski

Year 10 Work Experience 2011

Year 10 students have completed two weeks of work experience and their employers have been impressed with the students’ positive work ethic. Students have travelled as far afield as Mildura and Melbourne, in order to find work environments that reflect their career aspirations. Students have chosen a wide range of work places, from Wintringham’s Housing for the Aged to a Bendigo Police Station; farm work to primary schools.

Mrs D. Hinton
Careers Co-Ordinator

Photos: Legacy Public Speakers, Emily, Natalie, Crystal and Jaymee

Canteen Closed

The school canteen will be closed on Thursday, 18th August. The SRC will be running a BBQ on this day instead. A BBQ return slip is on Page 4 of this newsletter, please fill in and return with your money on or before Tuesday, 16th August.

Photos: Above, Laura at UFS Dispensaries and Tenique at Sovereign Hill. Below, Ryan Turner at Home Made Cafe.

More work experience photos on Page 5.

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Please phone or send a note if your child is absent from school - It’s not OK to be Away.
We’re back to normal this week, with a school full of students. The Year 9’s have returned from India whilst the Year 10’s have returned to their timetabled classes after two weeks of Work Experience. My congratulations to Mrs Hinton, who had the difficult job of overseeing the Work Experience program. I am extremely proud of the overwhelmingly positive comments I have received back about the level of cooperation displayed by our students.

2011 Student Attitude to School Survey
Attached to this newsletter is page one of our 2011 “Student Attitudes to School Survey”. Students were surveyed in relation to the following variables:

- Student Morale
- Level of Distress
- Teacher Effectiveness
- Teacher Empathy
- Stimulating Learning
- School Connectedness to the School
- Student Motivation
- Learning Confidence
- Connectedness to their Peers
- Classroom Behaviour
- Student Safety

The bar graph shows where Beaufort Secondary College stands in comparison with all other secondary schools throughout the state, based upon student opinions. It is clear that we are in the top few percent of schools in all categories. Clearly, this is an excellent result, and supports the student management and welfare practices we have built up over a number of years.

Video Conferencing

Earlier this term, we agreed to be part of an application being made by Ararat Community College for funding to improve languages provision in our network (the “Innovative Languages Provision in Clusters (ILPIC) Program”). The application was successful, resulting in a grant of $100,000. It will be used to improve French, German and Chinese language provision across our network.

To support this program, the State Government decided to fund the purchase of video conferencing equipment for 19 schools in the Stawell, Ararat and Beaufort areas, including BSC. These units will, I believe, be supplied before the end of the year.

As a school that has Japanese as its LOTE, the equipment will be available to support the delivery of our languages program. However, being located in our school, it will be available for use as we see fit. Given that it is now possible for such technology to reach anywhere in the world, there are many education opportunities for us to take advantage of.

Steve Macaulay
(Principal)

Pauls - Collect A Cap is Back
Every Pauls cap is worth 10 cents to our school. Families are asked to collect the caps from their Pauls Milk bottles and send them into school.
“Every Cap Counts”

From the Principal’s Desk

Whole New World

Last Term our Year 12 students were lucky enough to have a visit from Sonya Karras.
She spoke about the responsible consumption of alcohol, and about safety at parties, in clubs, and also in public places. The students found her advice to be about life in general very valuable as well.

Sonya is organising an Australian Teenage Expo in September and all Year 12 students are hoping to attend. It is fair to say that all Year 12 students enjoyed the presentation.

By Sarah Bruty

Right: Year 12 students Sarah and Rory welcome Sonya Karras to the school.
Sheep Eye Dissection Practical

A science topic being covered in Year 7 at the moment is Light. One of the areas investigated was the eye and how we see things.

One way to figure out how something works is to look inside it. After a little bit of theory about how light passes through the eye, the students dissected a sheep’s eye. The students used scalpels, forceps and dissecting scissors to remove the flesh from around the eyeball and cut the eyes in half to remove the lens. The lens was then placed onto a microscope slide so that it could be used to magnify small newspaper print.

The experience proved challenging for some, in regard to handling the flesh and the eye. The students got involved and had fun completing the practical dissection lesson and learning about the eye.

By Mr. Balson

BEAUFORT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST

Juniors - 5.30pm - Red vs Light Blue
6.15pm – Blue vs Yellow
BYE - WHITE

Seniors - 7.00pm – Red vs Light Blue
7.45 - Blue vs Yellow
BYE - WHITE

OPEN DAYS ARE ALMOST HERE – Attendance at university and TAFE Open Days is really important. This is especially so if you plan to apply for a course which requires an interview, folio presentation or audition as part of the application process (e.g. art and design, music and drama courses). Check the dates in the Careers News on Page 4 of this School Newsletter or see Mrs. Hinton for more info.

Year 10 is a great time to start some visits. Reading about a course that interests you is good; visiting the institution offering the course is even better.
Career News

OPEN DAYS – University/TAFE Open Days:
- Sun 14 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (ACU) (Melbourne); Deakin Uni (Warrnambool); LaTrobe Uni (Mildura); RMIT (Uni and TAFE)
- Sat 20 Aug – Holmesglen TAFE
- Sun 21 Aug – Deakin Uni (Geelong); Gordon TAFE (Geelong), La Trobe Uni (Albury/Wodonga); Melbourne Uni; Swinburne (Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran)
- Sun 28 Aug - ACU (Ballarat); Ballarat; Box Hill TAFE; Deakin (Burwood); LaTrobe (Bendigo)

HOW CAN I GET THE MOST VALUE OUT OF MY OPEN DAYS VISITS?

Don’t wander aimlessly; try the following:
Plan to be at Open Day when relevant information sessions are conducted
Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable

Speak to staff about courses that interest you - write your questions beforehand
Get a student perspective - speak to students studying courses that interest you
Collect information/brochures
Ask about industry based learning (IBL) opportunities
Ask about international study opportunities
Consider transport issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
Check the environment where you will study; would you be happy there for three/four years?
Consider the facilities/club offered at your preferred institution

Consider visiting a rural campus, especially if you think you won’t obtain a high enough ATAR for a city campus. ATAR’s are often lower and they often offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle which will suit some students.

If you plan to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation as part of the selection process you may well be asked what you found of interest about the course at Open Day. Attendance is therefore vital.

Canteen Closed

The Canteen will be CLOSED on Thursday, 18th August
However, the SRC will run a sausage fundraiser at lunchtime.
The food will have to be ordered and pre paid as the SRC will only cater for students who have placed orders and paid by Tuesday, 16th August.

Students not ordering their lunch will have to bring lunch, drinks and snacks from home as no student will be allowed to go down the street to buy lunch.

SRC Sausage Sizzle Return Slip

Name of Student: ___________________________    Year: ________

Would like to order the following:

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Amount enclosed: $______________

Parent/Guardian’s signature: ____________________________________________

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