Letters to Japan

The Year 8 Japanese students are in the process of writing letters to students from our sister school in Gunma, Japan called ICS Meri NPO. The letters that they have received have been written in Japanese and some English. Year 8 students have worked extremely enthusiastically on their translation skills in class, and while they have previously written letters in English to the students in Japan, they are now writing their letters in Japanese.

Regional School Clay Target Championships 2011

The Regional School Clay Target Championships 2011 were held on Thursday 25th August at the Noorat Gun Club.

All the shooters hold a current Victorian Junior Shooter Permit with the emphasis of the day’s activities based on firearm safety and handling. The Championship brings together students from different schools to compete and display firearm safety and competence.

Shayley Grigsby, Zac Biggin, Bailey Flenley and Lachlan Crick represented the school and displayed competent ability in the use of firearms as well as behaving in a professional manner even when the shooting was not going as well as anticipated.

280 students from within the South West Zone of the Victorian Clay Target Association represented their schools with a couple of State representatives within the mix along with many other very experienced competitors. Standards were very high and the shooting conditions presented a challenge for some squads with changing weather conditions throughout the day.

Shayley Grigsby managed to achieve first place in the Senior Girls section and will be invited to represent the South West Zone at the State Championships in Bendigo later in the year.

I would like to thank all the shooters for doing their best on the day.

Mr. Balson
On Monday and Tuesday of this week Mr. Walton, Mr. De Zoete-Spiro and myself attended a conference in Ballarat facilitated by Professor David Hopkins from Wales, on Powerful Learning. The workshop focussed on teaching, learning and building school capacity to deliver high quality instruction by improving teacher pedagogical knowledge and practice. Our school is constantly striving to improve and deliver higher quality education and we try to take advantage of opportunities that arise which lead to better school outcomes.

Congratulations to our sporting teams who represented the school last week. A special congratulations to the Year 7 boys basketball team who won the Ballarat Secondary School Sport Association Tournament and will now go on to the next round.

Our Year 12 English students will have the opportunity to listen to Ross Huggard speak this Friday. Mr. Huggard is an English Examiner and is a well regarded speaker throughout Victoria and he will help our students to prepare for their external English exam in November. Thank you to Ms. Hinton and Mr. Crouch for organising this great opportunity for our students.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, 22nd September between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with your child/children’s teachers so please mark this date in your diaries.

Heather Higgins
Acting Principal

Tales of India

After an eight hour flight to Kuala Lumpur and then a five hour flight on to New Dehli, I was exhausted. As soon as we stepped out of the airport we noticed all of the people, noises and unfortunately the smells. One thing I will never forget is the complete bedlam when it comes to driving. There might be a two laned road but the locals seem to be able to create six lanes of traffic on it and I actually got told off by my host father for wearing my seatbelt.

The streets were always so busy and full of interesting things. I had no idea that the streets of India would be literally crawling with squirrels. Sadly, we were confronted with the huge number of homeless people and beggars, many of whom were very young.

One of my favourite things in India was the artwork and the wonderful colours used. We visited many temples and palaces that were filled with beautiful artworks, mainly made from precious stones and mirrors, embedded in the marble walls.

One of the many schools we visited in India was Sprindales, Jaipur who put on an art workshop for us where we made pottery, mandalas and window art.

Out of all the places we visited, Jaipur was my favourite. There were so many fantastic things to see, including temples,a tourist village with elephant and camel rides and the most dangerous ferris wheel on earth. One word that sums up India: Incredible!

By Arky Fitzwater

Photos:
Top Right - Elephant Statue
Middle Right - Motorised rickshaws are everywhere in India
Right - Artwork (precious stones) inlaid in the wall of an Indian palace
Far Right - Typical Indian streetscape

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Year 11 students planning for 2012

Our School Nurse and Chaplain will be meeting individually with all Year 11 students in the near future. This will create an opportunity for students to discuss their plans for Year 12 and beyond. The School Nurse and Chaplain provide information to support the well-being and learning needs of students.

Australian Teenage Expo

This is a one of a kind event for young people and parents which provides everything a teen wants to know about, seek advice on, or have in their lives – in the one place. Stalls on - education and employment options, services for any of the issues young people face and youth focused products. Some of Australia’s best speakers on youth issues and careers will run master-classes. Amazing entertainment, including an all styles dance competition featuring some of Melbourne’s best dance crews, some local bands performing and finishing off the three days with our headlining band ‘British India’. Celebrities, giveaways, show-bags, fun activities and special performances throughout the whole three days. Tickets online at www.teenageexpo.com.au

Australian Teenage Expo 16th - 18th September 2011 @ Moonee Valley Race Club
www.teenageexpo.com.au
1300 080 330
sonya@teenageexpo.com.au

Presentation Ball DVD

Any parent wishing to purchase a DVD of the Presentation Ball please contact the General Office as there are limited copies available.

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. If parents want their EMA money kept at the school to pay for camps, excursions etc., please advise staff in the General Office. If you have any questions about this, please contact the Business Manager, Ms. Lynne Dickman.

Trawalla/Brewster Bus Travellers

Trawalla/Brewster bus students and their parents need to be aware that there will be a number of trucks using the Trawalla Road staring this week to remove wood chips from the local blue gum plantation. The truck company will endeavour not to use the road during bus travel times, however families who use this road need to be aware and we ask that you take extra care while driving.

Heather Higgins
Acting Principal

STUDENT DROP OFF

Parents are reminded NOT to use the school car park to drop off or pick up students before and after school due to safety concerns with buses entering and leaving the school grounds at these times. Please use the Park Road pedestrian gate or the Goldfields Recreation Reserve to drop off and collect students.

Sheep Manure Wanted

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

Thank you
BEAUFORT MARKET
Saturday, September 3rd
9.00am to 1.00pm
Memorial Park, Western Highway

Stalls in the Park with Craft, Cookies, Clothes, Cakes, Preserves, Produce, Plants, Grain, Jewellery, Cards and Secondhand Collectables
Community BBQ and Cake Stall by Beaufort Primary School Parents & Friends

Stallholder and customer enquiries to Cecelia
0410 563 008  bchlc@netconnect.com.au

BEAUFORT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

NO JUNIORS

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

Wanted - Lego

The Science Department is looking for donations of some good quality, secondhand lego. If you can help, please leave at the General Office.  Thank you.

Wanted

We would appreciate donations of any of the following:
- Used Plastic Shopping Bags
- Cereal box cardboard
- Scraps of ribbon or bias binding,
  flat lace, scraps of material.
If you can help with any of the above, please leave at the General Office.  Thank you.

Ag Science

Thank you to Ron Brown for providing railway sleepers for a new vegetable garden being developed by the Ag students. Thank you also to Jill Upton and Katrina McErvale for providing sheep manure which will be be used in the vegetable garden and other gardens around the school.

Steve Balson

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”

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