Staff vs Year 12 Netball

The Year 12 students challenged the staff to a netball match last Wednesday. The Year 12’s were very keen and confident they could defeat the staff; something that has not been achieved before.

The students came beautifully attired for the game, along with their cheer squad and parent supporters. The staff were keen not to blemish their unbeaten record. The game started at a furious pace with Brodie Foster in his pinkhead band and Beaufort netball skirt, moving the ball nicely to Matt Rowe, who had his hair sensibly tied back in stylish pigtaits so he could see the ball who then passed it quickly to Tiarne Smith who shot accurately in goals.

Staff stalwart Phil Crouch and the competitive Chaplain Phil Kynoch along with some younger staff members, provided a good combination of experience and skills and proved to be a very versatile team making a number of changes each quarter.

In a highly skilled and very entertaining but low scoring match, the staff were victorious winning 14 - 3.

Well done and thank you to all staff and Year 12 students who participated.

Eureka Year 7 Basketball

On Wednesday, 24th August, our Year 7 boys basketball team travelled to Ballarat to compete in the Eureka Basketball Competition. The boys performed very well on the day winning every game. As a result, the team will now compete in the Grampians Region Competition early in Term 4.

Thank you to all staff and students who attended the competition, in particular Shannon Brown who was coach on the day. Shannon has been coaching the team training sessions in the lead up to the competition and is now continuing this tuition up until the Grampians competition. Good luck for the next stage boys.

Jarrod Collins
From the Principal’s Desk

On Monday we welcomed to the school, Federal Member for Wannon, Mr. Dan Tehan who gave our Year 12 students a School Leavers Manual and spoke with our students individually. Mr. Tehan was most impressed with our students and was interested in the wide variety of career aspirations that students plan on pursuing in 2012. The staff and students then enjoyed morning tea in the Student Centre.

At the last School Council meeting it was endorsed that the three student free days will be distributed throughout the 2012 school year and used where needed rather than using them altogether at the start of the year. Staff will start school on Wednesday, 1st February, 2012 which will be a student free day and students will start school the following day on Thursday, 2nd February, 2012. Dates for the additional 2012 student free days will be advised at a later date.

A lot of work has gone into preparing for the school play ‘When Jonny Comes Marching Home’ which will be showing on Wednesday, 14th and Thursday, 15th September with curtains up at 7.30pm.

Mr. Rob Smith, the play’s director has a lot of experience in school plays and has put a lot of time and effort into this production. The students involved have also done a terrific job learning lines and songs and we look forward to your support and attendance on either night. A reminder to please contact the General Office to book your seats as tickets are selling fast. Good luck to the entire cast.

Yours in Education

Heather Higgins
Acting Principal

Tales from India

The colours, the sounds and the people all contribute to making India such a different place to Australia. It’s not until you actually visit India though that this becomes clear.

My opportunity to visit India allowed me to see, feel and experience another culture. Each day was overflowing with activities that would give us the chance to do this, from visiting the sacred temples and places like the Taj Mahal, to walking the markets and chatting with the locals. We were given the opportunity to really live in India, even if only for a few weeks.

My highlight while in India was staying with the host families. In pairs, we were billeted out to Indian families who let us stay in their houses and live with them for a short amount of time. It was this time that I spent making friends and really experiencing India. We spent the weekends with them and went out to the malls and the markets, seeing what people in India, of the same age as us, would usually do in comparison to our lives in Australia.

There were some downfalls though, like the smell and the roads, and the confronting stares we were always met with wherever we went, but I believe this was all part of the experience and that you had to take some of the bad with the good. Besides, it allowed us to really appreciate what we have in Australia in terms of hygiene and lifestyle.

Overall, the trip was a learning curve and an incredible opportunity to go out and experience another culture and another country.

Above Left - The girls from Beaufort Secondary standing outside the Red Fort; a very large tourist attraction and very old place to visit in New Delhi.
Above Middle - This photo is of our group at a textiles printing factory, where we were shown the process of printing on fabric.
Above Right - Haridwar, eight hours from New Delhi: although there are some pretty temples, India can also be a very dirty and disgusting place.

7th September, 2011

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**Ecolinc Excursion**

Year 12 student Glen Holtcamp visited the Ecolinc Centre at Bacchus Marsh on Tuesday 30th August and was in a class with other Year 12 students from Geelong Grammar and Ararat Community College. The students tested food samples for the presence of genetically modified organisms using scientific procedures that have multiple levels of controls. This allowed the students to assess the validity of their results. Glen extracted DNA from test plant foods and then undertook a process through gel electrophoresis which were then stained to visualise the DNA bands. The experiment indicated that the test food sample (dried paw paw) was a genetically modified organism. Glen enjoyed the day as it was very much a hands on exercise with the use of modern technology and the importance of being very careful to detail and procedure in order to prevent cross contamination of the samples and to achieve a meaningful result.

*Mr. Balson*

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**School Leavers Manual**

On Monday 5th September, Federal Member for Wannon, Mr. Dan Tehan, visited Beaufort Secondary College to present each Year 12 student with a School Leavers Manual. This manual is a valuable resource for students to help them manage and adjust to life after leaving school.

*Above: Mr. Dan Tehan presents our Year 12 students with their School Leavers Manual*

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**MWC Football**

Thursday, 25th August, saw a good quality and high spirited competition played by our Year 7, 8 and 9 boys football team. The boys, coached by Mitchell Baetz, played three games winning the first two comfortably and losing the 3rd by a narrow margin. It was an enjoyable day for all students who attended and was topped off with Wayne Bruty winning the team 'best player' award.

Thank you to all staff and students who attended the day, in particular our student helpers Mitchell Baetz, Ryan Turner and Shannon Brown.

*Jarrod Collins*

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**Year 12 English Excursion**

On Friday, 2nd September, our Year 12 English students travelled to Dimboola for a series of workshops and lectures. The main presenter was Ross Huggard who is considered the main authority in the state on the VCE English course. Sessions included advice on how to approach the end of year exam, the text response and the language analysis. Overall, it was very worthwhile in terms of preparing for the end of year SACs and exam

Thank you to Mrs. Hinton for organising this excursion.
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.

MWC Netball

On Thursday, 25th August, The MWC Year 7, 8 and 9 Netball Competition was held in Mortlake.
The netball was split into two grades with Beaufort Secondary College competing very well in each. Our A grade team was unfortunately unable to taste victory despite fighting hard in all three games. Our B grade team demonstrated their skill, winning each of their games. Congratulations to Natalie Pickersgill, Milly Gibson and Maycee Eastick who received ‘Best Player’ Awards for their respective teams.
Thank you to our student helpers Celeste Shaw, Heather Tweddle, Laura Crick, Jess Crack and Alisha Rose and a special thank you to Tania Eastick who umpired for the day.

Oval Inspection

School Council Member, Mr. Tim Carland and Heather Higgins, Acting Principal inspected the school oval this week following reports of damage done by trucks during construction of the new Early Childhood Learning Centre. Mrs. Higgins has contacted Morton Dunn (Architect/Project Manager) who are endeavouring to have the problem resolved before the start of the cricket season in October

Year 11 Camp

The Year 11 students are invited to participate in the Year 11 camp to Tasmania.
The camp is held following the completion of their exams and individual interviews. The camp will be held from Tuesday, 22nd November to Friday, 25th, November. Past students who have gone on this camp previously have found it to be very educational and enjoyable. The camp is not compulsory but is a wonderful opportunity to explore Southern Tasmania. For further details please contact Heather Higgins.

Hard at Work!

Our Principal, Mr. Macaulay enjoying a relaxing gondola ride on his long service leave.

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**BEAUFORT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**

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6.15pm - Blue vs White  
**BYE - Red**

Seniors - 7.00pm – Yellow vs Light Blue  
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**Community Fun Run**

**Sunday 16th October**

1km walk, jog or run around the Beaufort Railway Station.  
8.00am start in front of the Fitness Centre, 35 Pratt Street, Beaufort and finishing at 1.00pm.  
$2 coin donation to go towards the Beaufort Guide and Scout Group.  
Lunch and snacks provided  
Individual, team or club entry  
Certificates awarded to all participants  
Contact Judy on 0400 616 492

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**Japanese News**

Good luck to Emily Crowley, Ned Watkins, Emily McEvale, Elise Crick, Millie Gibson and Bianca Gerrard who have entered the ‘Twenty-ninth Australia-Japan Relations Essay Competition’. The task this year was to describe a Japanese invention that has had or will have a positive impact on life in Australia. The student’s essay topics show great imagination and include the world’s first romance novel and the importance of reading romance in Australia, the benefits of sushi, an exploration of electronic paper, the super ambulance that folds out into a mini hospital, a super shield tunnel digging machine and seaweed for fuel. We are pleased that our students have joined other students around Australia to learn more about Japan, and while the achievement is really in the writing of the essay, we wait with bated breath to hear whether one of our own will win the competition and receive $300 worth of books of their choosing.

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Year 10 Advance Camp

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