‘When Johnny Comes Marching Home’

The School Play was performed last Tuesday afternoon to the Beaufort Primary School students and on Wednesday and Thursday evening to good sized crowds.

The play highlighted many of Beaufort Secondary College’s students and their talents. Andrew Mahony was spectacular in the lead role of ‘Johnny’ and his excellent singing voice was a highlight of the performance. Andrew was well supported by ‘The Sapphires’ Natalie Pickersgill, Bianca Gerrard and Cathryn Thorpe. Jake Morcombe had many lines to learn and delivered a faultless performance. Caylem Keenan did a great job with his comical role along with Alysha Lilley and Natasha Carland who also gave wonderful performances ably supported by Gossips, Tarelle Macleod, Kiesha Formosa and Emily Griffin and Fans, Rachel Kendall, Lauren Broadbent and Rachel Diprose. The story was well reported by Newsreaders, Matthew Rowe and Tegan Fanning and Roving Reporter Sara Welsby.

There were other excellent performances by Emily Crowley who sang beautifully and embraced her role as ‘Sue’ and our School Captain, Martin Goode, put in a stunning performance and was well supported by a convincing Tenique Hell. Other supporting roles were performed well by Cohen Merz, Brandon Hill, Tayla Ford, Aidan O’Brien, Brittany Sawtell, Alisha Rose and Paige Thornell.

Thank you to Mr. Rob Smith who wrote, cast and directed ‘When Johnny Comes Marching Home’ and a big congratulations to the cast who worked tirelessly, learning lines and songs for many weeks, it really was a pleasure to watch you all and to the backstage crew (Todd Carter, Michael Holtkamp, Aidan O’Brien, Alisha Rose and Mikayla Pesti) without their support the production would not have happened.

This Friday, school will finish at 2.30pm. Could parents please make appropriate arrangements. School will resume on Monday, 10th October. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Parent-Teacher Interviews are being held on Thursday, 22nd September from 3.30pm-6.30pm. All parents are encouraged to attend and meet with your child/children’s teachers. Individual appointment times will be sent home today. If you have not yet made an appointment and would like to do so, please contact the school.
The School Play was a huge success last week with many of our students given the opportunity to perform on stage for the first time. Students improved after each performance as their confidence grew. All students performed well but I would particularly like to mention Andrew Mahony and Emily Crowley who had lead roles. Their acting was well supported by their singing and also Martin Goode who was very convincing in his role. Well done to all those students who participated.

On Monday night I enjoyed the Annual Rotary v Year 11 Great Debate. Our Year 11 students performed very well but were pipped at the post by the more experienced Rotary team. We appreciate the support that the Rotary Club of Beaufort gives to the school and our students.

Our wireless system has been upgraded recently. This will provide a faster service when using the computers in the school.

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for your support while Mr. Macaulay has been away on long service leave. I have enjoyed my time as Acting Principal and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Yours in Education

Heather Higgins
Acting Principal

School Clay Target Championships, Bendigo, 2011
The Winchester and VCTA School Clay Target Championships 2011, was held on Monday, 5th September in Bendigo with winners from the Victorian Regional Championships representing their schools and regions at the competition.
Shayley Grigsby, having managed to achieve First place in the Senior Girls at the South West Zone Championships at Noorat, was invited to shoot at Bendigo.
Having had limited preparation for both Championships, we would like to congratulate Shayley who managed a credible 4th place in the Senior Girls Division.
I would also like to thank Shayley’s mother, Jannelle, for driving Shayley to Bendigo so that she could compete at the Championships.

Careers in the Racing Industry
On Tuesday, 13th September, Racing Australia came to the school to speak with our Year 10 Life Skills students and any other student who is interested in a career in the Racing Industry. Andrew Morton who is the Manager of Ballarat Turf Club, spoke about how his career has taken him all around the world after studying a Turf Management course. There are many part-time jobs in the industry that would be of interest to university students. The highlight of the visit was an appearance by past Melbourne Cup winner, Sub Zero. Sub Zero won the Melbourne Cup as a four year old and is now the ambassador for Racing Australia. Sub Zero was chosen for this role because of his quiet nature and he is always a popular addition to these industry visits.

Mr. Balson

Photos: Above - Ambassador for Racing Australia, Sub Zero is a big hit with students during a visit to the school. Left - Year 11 student Shayley, during a shoot at Noorat during the South West Zone Championships.
The Great Debate

On Monday night the Annual Great Debate took place between the Rotary Club of Beaufort and Beaufort Secondary College’s Year 11 students. The topic was ‘That Nuclear Power is a Better Option than Wind Energy’ and the students were arguing for the affirmative.

The Year 11 team consisted of Jaclyn Crick, Cantona Borg, Celeste Shaw and Carolyn Nunn. The Rotary Club team consisted of Braven Byatt, Anne Beer, Heather Sandlant and Rob Pelletier.

The debate was robust and hotly contested and the adjudicators, Mrs. Hinton, Robert Wood and Sandy Troup had the extremely difficult task of choosing the winning team. After much deliberation, the Rotary team were declared the winners by a narrow margin.

Thank you to Ms. Hyland for helping the students with their preparation. Thank you also to Miss Thomson and the Year 11 Food-Tech students Adam Avery, Jessica Matusiak, Sammy Briody, Tori Chester, Glen Merz and Tom Leguen who provided a delicious meal prior to the debate.

Photos:
Above - Jaclyn, Cantona, Celeste and Carolyn are not showing any signs of nerves.
Below - Jaclyn who is the first speaker of the night, delivers her speech confidently.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Our Senior Students have had a very busy last couple of weeks leading up to the end of Term 3, with many assessment tasks as well as revision work being set. It is vital that students stay focussed on their studies at this time and use the holiday period as preparation for the upcoming exam.

A reminder of some of the important events and dates for Year 12 students:

VTAC Applications – students who are applying for a university or TAFE course completed their online applications this week. Mr. Crouch has been counseling students in regards to their choices. More information about this process can be found at www.vtac.edu.au

Exit Folders – information needs to be returned by the students to the school by the end of term. The Parents and Friends Association are once again sponsoring the cost for the exit folders which are a valuable resource for job applications. They will be presented to our students at the end of year Presentation Night.

Swot Vac – Year 12 students will have classes up until the end of Week 3 in Term 4 (Friday 28th October). The following 4 days (Monday 31st October – Wednesday 2nd November) will be their Swot Vac period when they will be studying for their upcoming exams.

Exams – The first exam will be English for all Year 12 students on Thursday 3rd November. Students will be given an exam timetable outlining the dates and times for the rest of their exams. For any further information regarding exams go to www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

Year 12 Dinner – this will be organised by the students for sometime after the exams (usually the middle to late November). It is usually held at the Golf Club and is a great night for students, parents and staff.

Presentation Night – the final school function for Year 12’s. Students will receive their exit folders and other important awards.

Any Year 12 parent who has any questions or concerns about any of the above should contact Mr. Crouch.

Our Year 11 students will also have a busy Term 4 in completing SAC tasks as well as exam preparation. They have all chosen subjects for 2012 and the blocks for these will be released early in Term 4.

Mr. Crouch