Year 9 Port Campbell Excursion

On Friday 4th March, the Year 9 Humanities class visited Port Campbell to conduct field work on a coastal environment as a part of their Coastal Studies Unit.

At the information centre, students learnt about the Short-tailed Shearwater that are born on and migrate to Mutton Bird Island every year, travelling about 30,000km. They were also able to visit the iconic Twelve Apostles, Gibson’s Steps and Loch Ard Gorge where they learnt about The Loch Ard Ship that was wrecked in 1878.

Students spent the day gathering information about the native flora and fauna, as well as the way the process of erosion has defined the landscape for hundreds of years.

Thank-you to Mr Ferguson for driving the bus and getting everyone there and back safely.

Left: Paige and Hannah examine fossils found in the Port Campbell area.

Right: William, Emily, Shania and Tyrone at the Twelve Apostles.

Below: Hannah and Peta, right Paige and Sam.

Late to School

Students who are consistently late for school will be asked to remain behind at the end of the day for an after school detention.

Any concerns, please contact Mr. Ferguson or Mrs. Higgins.
School Council

Beaufort Secondary College has undergone a generational change over the past few years, with many new families joining our school community. School Council would love to see an injection of new blood, accompanied by enthusiasm and fresh ideas. School Councils play an important role in setting the directions of the school within central guidelines. Traditionally, however, Beaufort Secondary College Council meetings are informal, positive and informative.

This week’s newsletter contains information about the School Council Election process and a nomination form. Please think about nominating. Schedule 5A is to be used if you wish to nominate yourself, whilst Schedule 5B is used to nominate another parent (with his or her agreement of course.)

Steve Macaulay
(Principal)

Park Road Pedestrian Gate

This will be closed for the next 3 weeks due to construction works and students are to walk/cycle to the school driveway entrance and then walk carefully along the grass footpath.

Cars are to use the Goldfields Recreation Reserve entrance and students are to enter the school via the gate near the bus shelter.

Can you help?

The Arts/Technology domain is in need of some supplies that are easily found around the home. We are appealing to you for donations of the following: Hair dryers, old shirts, towels, gold and silver gift wrap, cereal box cardboard (Art & VC&D), lace, ribbons, bias binding, material scraps - preferably other than stretch knit (Fibres). Women’s magazines ie. Womens Weekly/New Idea suitable for obtaining pictures for Health projects. If you can help with any of these, please send them to school. They will be greatly appreciated.

School Play

Following a good turn out to the initial ‘Expression of Interest’ meeting held on 2nd March, it has been decided that a school play will be produced in Term 3 this year.

Under the direction of Rob Smith, who produces plays at Ararat and Lake Bolac, we are looking forward to developing the theatrical talents of many of our students.

At present we have 15 or 16 interested students, but would like to encourage more participation, particularly senior students and boys.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the play is asked to see Mr. Macaulay.

India Trip

The Year 9 students from our school have been fortunate to be chosen to participate in an educational trip to India.

Individual letters have been sent home to all Year 9 parents and there have been several meetings with the students.

Only 10 students will be selected and a parent meeting will be held at the end of the selection process.

Important Dates

Students’ written applications due:
Thursday, 17th March at 9am.

Individual Interviews:
Friday, 18th March.

Any concerns, please contact Mrs. Higgins.

Athletic Sports

All students participated in the athletic trials yesterday. House Captains did a great job co-ordinating their teams and all students had the opportunity to try-out for each event.

Thank you to Mr. Collins for organising the try-outs and all staff for helping out.

The teams will be finalised this week for the Inter House Athletic Sports which will be held on Wednesday, 16th March at Llanberris Athletic Track in Ballarat.

Students will come to school in casual clothes and then be bused to the venue.

Parents are asked to advise the school if students will be travelling to the sports with their family and are not using the buses as this affects the number of buses we need.

For further information, please contact Mr. Collins or Mrs. Higgins.

Remember the 3 Rs - Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
Purchase of Resources
Beaufort Secondary College encourages the development of extension literacy skills. One of the ways that the school is doing this, within the English Curriculum, is allowing and encouraging students to read classical pieces of writing and novels.

The school’s collection of these classics is showing wear and tear and Beaufort Rotary Club invited Peta Goode and Ms. Atkinson to speak with them about the raising of funds to purchase some new classical novels for students. Peta Goode spoke clearly and convincingly about the need for these resources within our library. The Beaufort Rotary Club decided to donate the funds from a sausage sizzle to be held in Beaufort this Saturday, to this project. We would invite all of the school community to support this sausage sizzle to allow the purchase of these books. Thank you once again to Peta for speaking and to the Rotary Club of Beaufort for their ongoing support of students and the school’s literacy programs.

Rotary Sausage Sizzle
Students and parents are invited to come along and purchase a sausage from the BBQ outside the Beaufort Newsagency this Saturday morning, March 12, from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

Sausages in bread, with onions $2.00 each.

Any student or parent who would like to help out on the BBQ is also welcome to come along.
Proceeds to Beaufort Secondary College Library.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
As outlined in the letter to parents regarding Student Success Portfolios, the first of our three-way parent/teacher/student interviews will be held on Thursday, 7th April. Students are not required at school on the Thursday morning. In the afternoon or evening, students in Years 7 to 10 will be required to attend a 15 minute interview, with their parents or guardian and their Form Teacher. These interviews are compulsory and students are asked to wear full school uniform.

Family Name: 

Student Name/s Form Groups

Preferred Time Slot: 

Afternoon 1.00pm to 4.30pm

Evening 4.30pm to 8.00pm (Please circle)
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Beaufort Secondary College’s Council has the following composition:

- 7 Parent Members (elected by parents)
- 5 Department of Education and Training employee members.
  Four are elected by DE&T employees, with the Principal acting as an “ex officio” member
- 3 members co-opted from the school community.
  At BSC, they will be comprised of a PFA representative, a student and a community member)

Elected representatives serve two year terms, with half up for re-election each year.

As at 31 March this year,

PARENTS:
Parents who will retire or are up for re-election: Rob Mahony
Debbie McIntyre
Louise Crowley
Leesa O’Brien

Parents who are mid way through their term: Jill Upton
Jayne Lilley
Stuart Christian

STAFF:
Staff who will retire or are up for re-election: James Jeffreys
Carolyn Atkinson

Staff who are mid way through their term: Heather Higgins
Lynne Dickman

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (2010-11):**
PFA Representative: Tracy Walsh
Community Representative: Gerard Briody
Student: Andrew Mahony

** These positions are filled on a year by year basis by the council itself

The result of all this is that there are FOUR parent and TWO DEECD employee vacancies to be filled at this election for the term of office 1/4/11 to 31/3/12.

2011 Election Timeline:

Notice of election and call for nominations: Thurs 10 March 2011
Close of nominations: Wed 16 March 2011 (4.00 pm)
Distribution of ballot papers via newsletter (if required) Thurs 17 March 2011
Election closes: Thurs 24 March 2011 (4.00 pm)
Declaration of Poll Results: Thurs 31 March 2011
First meeting of 2010-‘11 School Council** Wed 6 April 2011

** The co-opted members will be appointed at the first meeting of the 2011-’12 School Council

See the attached documents:
- School Council Elections - Information for Parents
- Schedule 5A - Self Nomination Form for Parent Member Category
- Schedule 5B - Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

Other documentation and information will be distributed via the school newsletter.

Under Department of Education and Early Childhood Development rules, the Principal is required to be in control of the School Council election process.

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Remember the 3 Rs - Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DEECD employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is about two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a notice of election and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
Consider standing for election to council this year
Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.
School Council Elections

Schedule 5A  Self-Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the

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Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 5349 2305.

You may choose not to give some or all of the information requested; however, your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.
School Council Elections

Schedule 5B     Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate .............................................. for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the ................................................................. school council.

Name: .................................................................................................................................

Residential address: ............................................................................................................

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Home telephone: ........................................ Business telephone:........................................

Email: .................................................................................................................................

I am the parent/guardian of ................................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of ................................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development: Yes / No (please circle)

Signature of Nominator: ................................................................. Date: ...........................

Candidate to complete

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate: ................................................................. Date: ...........................

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9th March, 2011