Primary School students arrive at their new school

Staff and students from the Beaufort Primary School moved into their new building on Monday. The staff spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday moving furniture and equipment and setting up their rooms. We are sure that the Primary School will enjoy their new facilities.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interview times will be distributed to families today. Parent Teacher Interviews are a great opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and discuss progress during Term 1. We look forward to meeting many new families on Thursday evening.

Melbourne ANZAC Service

Nine Year 7 students have been selected to represent the school at the Victorian School’s ANZAC Day Service at the Shrine of Remembrance on Wednesday, 23rd April. Students need to be at school, in full school uniform, at 7.30am and will be returning at 4.45pm.

Early Finish

Friday, 4th April, 2014

On Friday, school will finish at 2.30pm. Can parents please be aware of this and make appropriate arrangements. School resumes on Tuesday, 22nd April, 2014.
From the Principal’s Desk

We’ve had plenty on this term with lots of very positive achievements for our students, staff and school in general. The students settled in very quickly and have worked well throughout the term. Congratulations on a great start to the year!

Monday was a significant day for education in Beaufort. The new Primary building has been completed to the point where the staff and students have been able to begin classes. There is still work to be done around the building to develop the outdoor spaces. However, we welcomed the students, staff, parents and the community on Monday morning. The Primary staff and students started their day at the school they have known for many years and walked up to the new school. Our school captains, Hannah and Jake, did a terrific job in formally saying welcome to all who were present. We congratulate Mrs. Dunwoodie and her team for their hard work and commitment, which has made the move so successful. We look forward to working together more closely now that we are on the one site.

We had our first student Awards Assembly on Monday morning. Students are nominated by staff for two types of awards: Recognition and Achievement. A panel chooses who will be presented with awards on stage. Once again, we recognised some fantastic achievements by our students. It is terrific to see them striving for excellence.

Congratulations to all recipients!

Recognition Awards:

Maycee Eastick  Effort & achievement in Maths – 90% average
Lauren Broadbent  Community Service
Chris Harris  Community Service
Brayden Lovell  Community Service

Achievement Awards:

Linley Eastick  Excellence in Swimming
   • Age Group Champion - House Swimming
   • Age Group Champion - Mid West Complex Swimming
   • Age Group Champion - Ballarat Schools Swimming
   • Age group champion for 2 years in a row for all 3 of the above carnivals

Joel Chester  Excellence in Athletics
A culmination of achievements over term 4 last year and this year
   • Age Group Champion - House Athletics 2013
   • Age group Champion and Overall Champion Boy - Mid West Complex 2013
   • Age Group Champion and Overall Champion Boy - Eureka 2013
   • Male Athlete of the Greater Western Region
   • 3rd State Final of Long Jump
   • Age Group Champion House Athletics 2014

Hannah Bruty  Excellence in Public Speaking

Hannah Bruty  Excellence in Mathematics – 100% average in Maths Methods Year 12

Emily Crowley  Excellence in Mathematics – 100% average in Maths Methods Year 11

Emily Crowley  Excellence in Health and Human Development – 100% on Unit 1 H&HD SAC

Bianca Gerrard  Excellence in Business Management - 100% on Unit 1 SAC

We had our Public Reporting Meeting and the first meeting of the new School Council last night. The members and office bearers of the new School Council will be published in the newsletter next term.

We have Parent/Teacher Interviews on Thursday, 3rd April and we encourage parents to take the opportunity to discuss the progress of their child with teachers.

On behalf of the staff at Beaufort Secondary College I wish all students and their families a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Karl Schier, Principal

Trawalla-Brewster Bus

Mr. Schier, Mrs. Higgins, Mr. Broadbent (the bus owner) and four representatives from the Western Highway Road Construction team met on Tuesday morning to inspect the road development and safety aspects of some of the drop off and pick up points. Some stops may be changed slightly to ensure the safety of our students and individual families will be notified if their stop is affected.

School Uniform

The school holidays are a great time to check that your child has their winter uniform organised. Our uniform supplier is Beleza, Shop 2, 24 Doveton Street North, Ballarat. Phone 5332 4320.

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Breakfast Program

Starting in Term 2, Tuesday, 29th April, the Year 7 students will be running the breakfast program. At no cost, breakfast will be available from 8.30am to 9.00am for all students in all year levels every Tuesday for the Term.

Students are encouraged to come along to kick start their day.

If all Year 7 students could get to the Student Centre as soon as they arrive at school to help, it would be greatly appreciated.

WANTED

Plastic containers - Ice Cream - Margarine any size, for the Technology Food room.

Year 10 Work Experience Program 2014

As part of the year 10 curriculum, year 10 students will be involved in work experience. This consists of the placement of a full time student in an industry or occupation generally for 2 weeks. This year, the work experience dates will be:

21st – 25th July and 28th July – 1st August

Work Experience is an opportunity for students to explore and experience the world of work.

Work Experience placements usually take place in the local area, Ballarat or other local towns, however, in the past a number of students have worked in Melbourne or other areas of Victoria.

There are a number of aims of our Work Experience program and while we do not expect all the aims to be achieved in every placement, some of the following should be achieved:

- To increase a student’s understanding of the working environment.
- To increase a student’s understanding of himself or herself.
- To increase a student’s self-confidence.
- To give students an opportunity to experience new relationships in a formal setting, i.e. away from school and the home environment.
- To give students an opportunity to explore their employment or career options.
- To allow students to observe the use made of skills taught in school subjects.
- To increase a student’s understanding of recruitment practices.
- To give students an opportunity to test their independent living skills—especially when Work Experience takes place outside the local area.
- To provide the opportunity for parents and students to discuss the student’s future.

Students are generally expected to find their own placement, though staff and parents usually assist. Parents and students will soon be receiving information about the Work Experience program, and we encourage any parents with queries to please contact Mrs. Hinton at the school.

Mrs Hinton
Work Experience Co-ordinator

Left: Riley at his work experience placement in 2013.
Student Leaders and Awards Assembly

The 2010 School Captain, Miss. Amy Morcombe, returned to school on Monday as our special guest at the end of term assembly.

Amy addressed staff and students and spoke of the opportunities she had been given when she was a student at Beaufort Secondary College.

Amy said that the leadership positions she held had given her confidence and experience.

Amy is studying a double degree in paramedics and nursing at ACU (Aquinas Catholic University) in Ballarat.

We thank Amy for taking the time to attend the assembly and we wish her continued success with her studies.

During the assembly, the House Captains, Bus Captains and SRC executive were presented with their badges of office.

School Captains, Hannah Bruty and Jake Morcombe read the Student Pledge on behalf of the group.

Year 12 students received their badges from Mr. Schier.

Recognition and Achievement Certificates were then presented to the students (see the Principal’s Report, Page 2, for details of recipients).

Hannah competes at Lions District Final

On Saturday, 29th March, Year 12 student, Hannah Bruty, competed in the Lions Youth of the Year District Final at Warrnambool.

Representing the Lions Club of Skipton, Hannah (pictured below) competed against contestants representing clubs from all around the district, including Deer Park and Horsham.

A prepared speech, on the topic of ‘World Peace’, was delivered by Hannah, as well as two impromptu speeches.

Unfortunately Hannah did not win the district final, however she thoroughly enjoyed the experience and highly recommends and encourages other students to participate in Lions Youth of the Year when the opportunity arises.

Congratulations Hannah, you did a great job and represented our school in an admirable fashion.

GWR Swimming

On Friday, 21st March, a group of students participated in the Greater Western Region Swimming competition held in Warrnambool.

Although the weather conditions were not ideal for the meet, with rain all day, each student demonstrated positive attitudes throughout the day and were very competitive within their races.

Well done to competitors for their excellent effort: Nathan Lilley, Linley Eastick, Cara Eastick, Milli Smith, Brontë Christian, Donna Bruty, Ethan Stevens, Ned Watkins, Cody Thompson, Ricky Henriksen and Wayne Bruty.

Thank you to the parents who travelled down for their help and support.

Left: The boys relay team had a smooth changeover during their event.

Above: Winners of the Recognition Awards are pictured with Amy Morcombe and Principal, Mr. Schier (L-R) Brayden, Maycee and Lauren.

Below: Winners of the Achievement Awards, also pictured with Amy and Mr. Schier, (L-R) Bianca, Linley, Hannah and Emily.

2nd April, 2014
World Challenge

Beaufort Secondary College is delighted to announce that the following students - Emily McErvale, Cody Thompson, Ned Watkins, Shae Ambry, Ebony Carland, Lauren Broadbent, Caylem Keenan, Stevie-Anne Blythe, Ella McLean, Kianie Hyde, Emily Crowley, Natasha Carland and Cameron Gadsby have begun to plan and fund a three week long expedition to Thailand in November 2015.

This program will be managed by World Challenge, a pioneering educational organisation with 27 years of experience in delivering personal development expeditions for students.

The expedition to Thailand is preceded by a training and preparation program, during which the students play a major role in planning their itinerary, which will include project work in a local community and a challenging trek. Students are also supported in setting and achieving individual and team fundraising goals to help cover the cost of the expedition program.

Thailand will offer the team a huge variety of objectives and challenges.

During the acclimatisation phase they could consider trekking through one of the many National Parks, for example Khao Yai National Park.

The acclimatisation phase is followed by the more challenging part of the expedition; a longer trek in the northern border regions through jungle clad mountains, visiting remote hill tribes and perhaps travelling along the extensive river network on bamboo rafts or experiencing an elephant ride!

The students have an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of Thailand’s culture by working on a project with the local community, perhaps teaching children, working with orphans or more practically, helping hill tribes with small construction projects.

There would, of course, be a few days at the end of the expedition to explore the culture of Thailand further, or to visit one of the “paradise-like” islands in the south, for example Ko Samet.

Each student has to raise around $5,500.00 to participate. As a group they will run some fundraisers to offset the cost and as individuals they will have to fundraise or provide the balance.

The SRC kick started the fundraising effort for the World Challenge students with a BBQ and casual dress day which provided a total of around $600.00.

SRC Activity Day

On Friday of last week, the SRC held a game of dodge ball to start the SRC Friday Activity Days for this year.

Rohan Gerrard, Kianie Hyde and I organised and ran the dodge ball game. We had lots of people come and play.

Thank you to all who took part and to the SRC members for your work.

If you have an idea for a game or activity for our Friday Activities, please talk to your class SRC representative. Thanks

Joshua Franc

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Please check each Newsletter each week for additions/deletions or changes

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| Tues. 6       | MWC Athletics |
| Fri. 9        | ADVANCE CFA Visit - Periods 3 & 4 |
| Tues 13 to Thurs. 15 | Year 7 and Year 9 - NAPLAN Tests |
| Wed. 14       | Immunisations - Year 10s, Year 7s and Year 9 Boys |
| Thurs. 15     | Eureka Senior Netball |
| Mon. 19       | House Cross Country |
| Thurs. 22     | Eureka Intermediate Netball |
| Mon. 26       | Year 7 to Year 10 - English Exams Charlton Driving School - Year 10A |
| Tues. 27      | Year 7 to Year 10 - Science Exams School Council Meeting |
| Wed. 28       | Year 7 to Year 10 - Humanities Exams Eureka Cross Country |

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**Ballarat Junior Football Netball Club Youth Girls Team**

Players Wanted!

All interested girls aged 12-18 to join the Ballarat Swans Youth Girls team for 2014 Focus is on “Fun, Fitness and Friendship” Training – Wednesday 5.00pm to 6.00pm Alfredton Recreation Reserve Come along for a kick - We'd love to have you on our team! Call: Liz French 0407 324 118 if you would like further information

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**Variety Club fundraiser**

Supporting Variety Bash Car 321

**The Lego Movie**

Premier screening at the Regent Theatre 3rd April 2014 - 6.45pm

Specially priced tickets $25.00 Adults $12.00 children (12-14)

Contact Eddie Koene for tickets Phone 0419576940 or 53452221

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**Autism Awareness Expo**

Saturday 3rd May 2014

- Over 30 Information Exhibits
  - Disability agencies, Autism therapists, autism resources, books for sale, cartoon workshops, Lego display, local artists exhibitions, Oops for autism, information for early intervention, school age and past school options, social skills programs, autism management, visual aides and many more!
  - Presentations throughout the day, individual consults with behaviour therapist available.
- Entry / Gold coin donation
  - Velovee / Mixed Exchange, Linkard St Ballarat
- Time: 9am - 4pm

**Ballarat Early Childhood Centre**

Proud organisers of the Annual Easter Arts, Craft and Produce Fair

Memorial Park - Beaufort Saturday 19th April 8.30am – 1.00pm

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