Spirit of Anzac Prize Tour

Over the holidays I had the privilege of travelling to Lemnos, Gallipoli, Belgium and France as part of the 2014 Premiers Spirit of ANZAC prize. This prize is presented by the Premier of Victoria annually to twelve students in year 9 and 10 from across the state. The students on the study tour learn more about the history of WW1 and the ANZAC spirit by travelling to WW1 battle fields and memorials. On the tour we visited places of major significance to Australia in WW1 and were privileged to follow in the footsteps of our ANZAC’s.

There were definitely some highlights for me. One of these was Lemnos in Greece; the first stop for many of our soldiers as they were headed for Gallipoli. Lemnos was also the hospital base of WW1 being only 50kms from ANZAC cove. Whilst in Lemnos we represented Australia by taking part in their ANZAC day service. I was chosen to speak at this service, tributing Private Donald Alexander Gordon Chisholm from Learmonth, who was killed in action in Lemnos, along with the ANZACs and nurses. This was an amazing experience, one that I will remember forever.

Another highlight of the trip for me was definitely Anzac cove. When we were at ANZAC Cove it poured rain and there was mud everywhere, bad conditions, but nothing like what the ANZACs faced on April 25th 1915. We trekked up ANZAC Cove, to the top of Pluggeos Plateau and looked over the ridges; this gave us some appreciation of what our soldiers faced and was a very emotional experience. We visited many beautiful memorials at Gallipoli.

Another highlight of the study tour was the daily service at the Menin Gates. We were the feature of one service, representing Australia by singing the national anthem and reciting In Flanders Fields and The Ode, in front of 6000 people. We attended a second night as part of the crowd, listening to an Irish service. This tour was definitely a huge learning curve for me in the history of WW1 and the ANZAC spirit. I am so grateful to have been able to participate in this tour. I will never forget this once in a life time experience and have made many lifelong friendships.

I encourage everyone in Year 9 and 10 to enter the Premiers Spirit of ANZAC Competition. Entries are open now.

For more information on the 2014 award, contact the school office.

Bianca Gerrard, 10B

Meeting
Parents and Friends
This Friday 2nd May
9:00am in Conference Room
All Welcome

Curriculum Day
Please note that the curriculum day will be held on Friday 16th May.
There will be no school for students on this day. Can parents please make appropriate arrangements.
From the Principal’s Desk

ANZAC day was a feature of last week and our students participated in a variety of ways to pay respect and remember those who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Some of our Year 7 students attended a ceremony in Melbourne on Wednesday with Mrs Higgins where they met the Premier of Victoria and represented our school in an admirable fashion. Our Year 12 students ran a service on Thursday with every student in their year level playing a role. They did a fantastic job with this and the rest of the school demonstrated the expected high level of respect for the occasion.

We had students laying wreaths and marching in Beaufort and Skipton. Bianca Gerrard spoke at the Beaufort Service after returning from her overseas tour of Gallipoli and the Western Front. I attended the proceedings in Beaufort and was impressed with the community involvement and the general atmosphere throughout the various aspects of the morning. Well done to all involved in bringing the community together and making it happen!

Karl Schier, Principal

ANZAC Service at Shrine

Eight students from Beaufort Secondary College were invited to join schools from across the region to attend the school students’ service at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne on Wednesday. The students attending were Rebekah Corbett, Channing Nunn, Eliza Christian, Alex Gerrard, Rhiannon Goossens, Will Greymans, Ayla Oxnam and Tiarna Prattley.

Alex Gerrard wore his great uncles war medals and laid the wreath on behalf of the school. Eliza Christian and Will Greymans held the school banner on the steps of the Shrine along with other students from across the state. Over 5,000 students attended this service and thanks to the Ararat Legacy for organizing this special day. Our students are to be commended on their presentation and behaviour.

Above - Year 7 students at the Shrine of Remembrance
L-R Rebekah, Rhiannon, Channing, Will, Alex and Eliza with Ayla and Tiarna in front

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Representing the school on ANZAC Day

Skipton

The sports captains, Peta Goode and Wayne Bruty attended the ANZAC day service at Skipton and placed a wreath on behalf of Beaufort Secondary College. Peta read The Ode during the service.

Beaufort

The school captains Hannah Bruty and Jake Morcombe represented Beaufort Secondary College at the Beaufort ANZAC Day Service and placed a wreath on behalf of the school.

Mr Schier attended and had the opportunity to ride the horse which represented the light horse brigade.

A number of other members of the Beaufort Secondary College attended the service with student representative council members marching in school uniform.

ANZAC Service at Willaura

Mrs Higgins attended the Willaura ANZAC Day service and heard the guest speaker Mr Kevin Bowles speak on the work of Legacy. He commended Beaufort Secondary College for their support of Legacy and the ANZAC Day Services.

He spoke of students who entered the public speaking awards and essay competition. He made special mention of Bianca Gerrard and her achievement of twice making it to the state final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking competition and also travelling overseas after winning the Premiers Spirit of ANZAC Prize.
The Year 12 students ran our own ANZAC Day Service on Thursday with the whole school in attendance. All students took part in the service contributing a reading or an introduction. The Information Technology class; Arky, Cody, Declan, Coen, Ben, Georgia, James and Naomi made a visual presentation and recorded The Last Post and Reveille which was played during the service. Bianca Gerrard was our guest speaker and spoke of her experience visiting several war areas overseas. Thank you to all students and staff for the respect shown throughout the service.

*Pictured at the School ANZAC Service are the Year 12 students with Bianca Gerrard and Mr Schier*

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**Presentation Ball**

Due to the number of expressions of interest received for the 2015 Presentation Ball please note:

The 2015 Presentation Ball will be held over two separate nights on Friday 19th and Friday 26th June.

An information evening is currently being planned for early in Term 3.

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**Food Tech Reminder**

Students are asked to please return to the school any containers borrowed from the Food Tech room.

Please also remember to bring your own apron.

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**Community Parent Presentation**

Help your child become **UNBULLYABLE**

Guest presenter Sue Anderson, provides a step by step guide to support students affected by bullying based on the International award winning book ‘Unbullyable’

**WHEN:** Wednesday 7th May  
**WHERE:** Ararat Town Hall 7pm to 9pm  
**RSVP BY:** 2nd May  
**to** www.araratcc.vic.edu.au  
**Or phone** 53524177  
**Refreshments provided**

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**Free Breakfasts**

Year 7 students are running a breakfast program  
**During Term Two**  
Tuesday mornings 8.30 - 8.50am  
in the Student Centre
Eureka Athletics

The Eureka athletics sports were held at Llanberis Reserve on Wednesday the 2nd of April. Our students competed at a very high standard with a 100% participation rate. The efforts of each student were rewarded with Beaufort finishing in second place overall. This is an excellent effort given the size of the schools we are competing against. Along with the excellent team achievement there were also some excellent efforts throughout the day from individual students.

Congratulations to both Joel Chester and Wayne Bruty who were age group champions on the day. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the day, it is noticed and very much appreciated.

The Mid West Complex Athletics will be on Tuesday the 6th May. God luck to all students who will be competing on the day.

Mid West Complex Athletics

Mid West Complex Athletics will be held in Warrnambool next Tuesday, 6th May.

Students who are in the interschool athletics team will receive a notice including all details this week. It is suggested that students take a hat, towel and coat on the day.

Beaufort Primary School Presents
MOTHER'S DAY FASHION PARADE
Friday 9th May 2014, 7.30pm
Beaufort Community Bank Complex

Tickets: $20 Adults
$12 Students
Comp drink & canapés on arrival
from Beaufort Primary School
5349 2490, or at the door

Fashions by:
STUDIO GAS
VEDUCCI
SKIN SKI & SURF
PUMPKIN PATCH + MORE

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**Biology Excursion to Ecolinc**

On April Fool’s Day (Tuesday 1st April) the Year 11 and Year 12 Biology students sacrificed a day of classes to travel to Bacchus Marsh where they conducted a number of investigations at the Ecolinc Science and Technology Centre. 

The Year 11 students participated in two sessions. In the morning session they used high-powered microscopes to observe cells and single-celled organisms; like bacteria. During the afternoon session the students fine-tuned their experimental skills in order to micro-propagate a plant cutting. The purpose was to grow a plant in a test tube and observe the effects of changing the supply of necessary nutrients and elements on the growth of the plant. 

The Year 12 students investigated the process of photosynthesis by designing and conducting their own experiments. They explored both the chemical and physical nature of this fundamental biological process.

It was a big day for the students, but it was invaluable for consolidating the work they’ve already done and providing a reference point to return to in the content they are yet to learn. Thank you to the parents/guardians that made the special effort in dropping off and picking up the students out of normal school times.

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**Fundraiser for World Challenge Expedition – Thailand 2015**

As part of World Challenge Expedition we are required to raise money to help pay for our expedition. We would like to sell loads of fire wood and bags of sheep manure to help in this process. If anyone is interested in purchasing either of these items please place an order using the order slips below.

Thank you, Emily Crowley, Natasha & Ebony Carland.

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### Fire Wood Orders

For Orders Return Order Form to School Office or Contact Tash Carland Ph: 53 492 430/Emily Crowley Ph: 53 492 255 ($80.00 / Ute Load)

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Rotary Youth Program Of Enrichment (RYPEN)

On the 11th April, Cathryn and I both went on a camp for the Beaufort Rotary Club. The camp was about leadership and being able to walk away from the camp having improved on your leadership skills. The camp was held for three days at Adekate Lodge Camp, Creswick. It allowed us to meet new people and feel comfortable outside of our comfort zones. We were split into four groups and at the start of the camp and did a range of different activities such as low ropes, bush walking, the human knot. On the second day of camp it was similar to school and we did public speaking. There were over 40 students from different schools attend the camp. It was a good experience for Cathryn and I and we learnt more about leadership skills throughout the weekend.

Mikayla Pesti

Parent Teacher Interviews

Many parents took the opportunity to attend parent teacher interviews on the last Thursday of Term One. This is an important forum for parents to meet with all their children’s teachers. Education is a partnership between the student school and home. This allows students to the chance to achieve their best. Thank you to parents who came along. If you have any concerns please contact Mrs Higgins.

Will attends the parent teacher interviews with Mum, Anne as they meet with Mrs Maxted

Hot Dog Day

The School Council generously provided hot dogs for lunch on the last day of Term 1 for all students and staff. Thank you to Cody Morrison, Samantha Cutting, Brittany Sawtell, Rohan Gerrard, Kanie Hyde and Brenton Clark who helped to cook and serve the hot dogs.

Japanese visitors

The Year 7 LOTE students were fortunate to be able to spend some time with visiting Japanese students. The students were from Saitama which is a province near Tokyo in Japan. The Japanese students were keen to see how Australian schools work and enjoyed meeting some of our Year 7 students. Our BSC students in turn had the opportunity to practise some of the Japanese terms and phrases with native Japanese speakers.

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

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You are invited to...

**Free barbecue for new residents**

**Wednesday 7th May, 6pm**

**Avoca Recreation Reserve**

**Tuesday 6th May**

**Beaufort Recreation Reserve**

Drinks available at bar prices

**RSVP: 27 April**

to Norman Prueter on 5349 1183 or email

norman.prueter@pyrenees.vic.gov.au

Meet people from your new home community. Council will showcase services available & community groups will be present to promote their activities

AVOCA AND BEAUFORT FOOD PANTRY

**Food for Thought**

At times it is difficult to put food on the table

The Food Pantries in Avoca and Beaufort enable people to ‘get a hand up’ when those times arise

Registered participants can obtain a food hamper free of charge.

When you register with the food pantry you will be asked to indicate whether you are a single person or a family

You will be issued a hamper with goods according to those criteria.

The hamper does NOT contain fresh food.

No health care card is required.

You participation in the food pantry is confidential

Open fortnightly - Fridays 1.00-3.00 PM, Community health building in Liebig Street, Avoca Community Resource Centre, Beaufort.

**May: 9th & 23rd & June: 6th & 20th**

**Contact - 0419120687.**

The phone will ring for a lengthy time - please don’t hang up

Leave your name and phone number and a message.

The food pantry is staffed by volunteers

Your call will be returned within 1-2 working days

**Autism Awareness Expo**

**Saturday 3rd May 2014**

For further information contact

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Kris Schmidt  e: kks@netconnect.com.au

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