Waterloo Book Launch

From a brief meeting with the intention of creating a small booklet about the history of Waterloo, to a book launch attended by 400 people, all waiting to get their hands on a full sized book, simply overflowing with the stories buried in time. These stories which are now unearthed and bound in a book for everyone to read.

The idea began four years ago when the community wished to learn a little more about the area. Since then stories have flooded in from all around the district, finding more and more to go in the book.

On the weekend I attended the book launch of ‘Waterloo’ along with the hundreds of others from all around the region. The line to buy the books spanned the width of the venue and was constant all day. There was an auction held for the first book published which went for over $1000 with all the money going to the Waterloo community.

The Beaufort Secondary College received a donation of a copy of the book valued at $75. Lucky members from the crowd also received their own copy for free. The book is now available in our library at school.

Model United Nations (MUNA)

On the 3rd and 4th May we participated in Rotary’s Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA). We represented Malaysia and had to research our country and it’s views on certain issues which we then debated over the course of the weekend. Issues included Russia and the Ukraine, piracy on the high seas and violence against women.

The event was held at Parliament House, Melbourne. 39 other teams participated, each representing a different country in the United Nations.

Thank you to the Rotary club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills who sponsored the weekend. We are also grateful to Mr and Mrs Somers for hosting us for the weekend and to Ms Dickman, Mrs Higgins and Mrs Atkinson for their help prior to the weekend and Mr Schier for expanding our knowledge of Malaysia.

Emily Crowley and Shae Ambry

Breakfast Program

Year 7 will offer free breakfast
This Thursday 8th May
8.30am - 8.50am
in Student Centre

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.
Bereavement

The school community was saddened this week to learn of the death of Mr Geoff Bruty. Geoff attended Beaufort Secondary College, then known as Beaufort High School. He and his wife, Jenny have eight children, both past and present students of Beaufort Secondary College. Geoff’s daughter Tanya (Mrs Kehoe) was our school captain in 1998 and presently teaches Japanese and music at the school. Geoff’s other children, Andrea, Jason, Claire, Shane and Darren all attended Beaufort Secondary College with Claire and Shane also holding the office of school captain. Hannah is the present school captain and Laura is Year 9. Geoff was a school councilor for many years and was a strong supporter of the students and staff at the College.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bruty family at this time.

Bereavement

Beaufort Secondary College would like to recognize the services of Mrs Heather Machin who passed away this week. Heather worked as a volunteer in the literacy program.

Our thoughts are with the Machin family.

Excellence in Athletics

Congratulations to Joel Chester for being awarded a Certificate of Achievement for recognition of Excellence in Athletics. Joel was the School Sport Victoria Greater Western Region Boys Overall Track and Field Champion.

Naplan

Naplan is a national assessment of literacy and numeracy for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. Naplan testing will be held on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May. Tests will include language conventions, writing readers and numeracy. Any concerns contact Mrs Higgins.

Uniform

As the weather becomes colder, parents, guardians and students are reminded that:

- Extra layers of clothing must not be visible above the school uniform
- Windcheaters and hoodies are not correct uniform and must not be worn. Students will be asked to remove them.
- Plain white tee-shirts or singlets can be worn for extra warmth under students uniform.
- Hair ties and scarves must be navy blue or white.
- Jewellery is not to be worn (other than simple studs/sleepers and a watch).
- School coats and blazers are available to purchase at Beleeza, Armstrong St, Ballarat.

We understand that in exceptional circumstances students may be unable to wear the correct uniform for a short period of time. Parents / guardians are asked to write a note explaining the circumstances and providing a date when their student will be in correct uniform.

Ms Perkins

Jake wears the official school coat.

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Community Lunch

As part of developing positive community relationships and also providing extension work, three Year 7 students provided table service for the Pyrenees Shire Senior Citizens Luncheon last Wednesday.
Will Greymans, Joelle Godfrey and Rhiannon Goosens did a terrific job, not only with their serving but with their conversation with the Senior Citizens.
The school captains Hannah Bruty and Jake Morcombe introduced themselves and spoke about their role as school captains.
They then delivered their Lions Youth of the Year speeches.
The audience was most impressed with their content and delivery of the speeches.

Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:
Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.

If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.

Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found here and can also be determined by your doctor.

Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies* you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au

Clay Target Competition

Thirteen students braved the trying conditions at the Ararat Gun Club to participate in the Marian College ‘Down the Line Clay Shooting Competition’ last Tuesday, 29th of April.
Shooting two lots of ten targets, the single barrel students tried there best and gained some pleasing results.
Leading the way for Beaufort Secondary College was Jacob Darvell (18/20) and Bailey Flenley (16/20). Even in the poor conditions the students really enjoyed the day with most of our competitors shooting over the 50% mark. We now look forward to the Minyip Field and Game Competition later in the year.

7th May, 2014
**IMPORTANT DATES**
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**PYRENEES ART SHOW**

**JUNIOR PHOTO COMPETITION**

**7th, 8th, 9th JUNE, 2014**

**THEME: ‘In My Backyard’**

- **Senior:** 15-18 years
- **Intermediate:** 11-14 years
- **Junior:** 10 years and under

Entry forms available at Beaufort or Avoca Resource Centre, at Beaufort Secondary College office or phone 0439 565 468

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**GREAT PRIZES ON OFFER**

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**Central Grampians Region**

**Community Drug Education (Ice) Forum**

This free forum is intended to educate and inform the community about the drug ice (crystal meth) and provide information on support services available in the Northern Grampians, Ararat and Pyrenees Shires.

**Wednesday 4th June, 2014**

7-8.30pm

Ararat Performing Arts Centre (Town Hall)

Cnr. Barkly and Vincent St, Ararat

Supper provided

MC - Dan Glover, ABC Western Victoria Radio host

A expert panel will highlight warning signs, risks and how to access professional help and support, followed by a Q & A session. The Forum aims to develop an 'all of community' response to this issue.

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**Year 12 tops**

Year 12 students were happy to receive their Year 12 Rugby tops this week.

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**WANTED**

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

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