Girls Football

Twenty-eight girls from Years 8-12 travelled to Ballarat last Thursday to compete in the Eureka Girls Football Competition.

The girls participated in three matches over the course of the day. In the first game the girls came up against the strong Ballarat High School team. The second game, against Mount Clear saw Kira Venes and Linley Eastick kick a goal each. In the final game of the day the girls played Phoenix College.

Best on grounds went to; Maddison Smith, Stevie-Anne Blyth, Eliza Grisby, Ella Mclean, Donna Bruty, Linley Eastick and Tarelle Mcleod.

Well done to all participants for their outstanding efforts and team work.
Thanks to Tegan Avery, Cara Eastick and Emily McEvale for their help during the day and to Mr Cunningham for coaching.

Breakfast Program
Year 7 will offer free breakfast
Each Tuesday of Term 2
Next Breakfast - Tuesday 20th May
8.30am - 8.50am in Student Centre

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

14th May, 2014
From the Principal’s Desk

Our Year 7 and 9 students started NAPLAN testing on Tuesday and will complete all tests by the end of Thursday, this week. The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All of our students in years 7 and 9 are expected to participate. The tests provide us with information about our students that can be used to help improve their learning outcomes and our teaching and learning practices. It is an opportunity for students to show how much they have learnt in the past two years, so it is important that they put in their best effort for each of the tests. Good luck to all of the students participating in the testing. There is an information brochure for parents in this newsletter with more details about NAPLAN.

This Friday May 16th is a Curriculum Day and therefore students are not required at school. We have a guest speaker for the first session of the day. Lorraine Davies is an educational consultant with Mindset Mastery and will enlighten us in the area of ‘growth mindset’. People with a growth mindset believe that their intelligence and abilities can be expanded with effort. It is important for our students and teachers to have this belief. Our aim is also to run an evening session for parents to be informed about this topic - we will keep you posted and let you know when that is happening. The remainder of our Curriculum Day will be dedicated to further developing our practices in relation to the Australian Curriculum which is being implemented across schools.

Karl Schier, Principal

Exams

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will be sitting exams from Monday 26th May through until Thursday 29th May.
Teachers will be preparing students for their exams in class and students are expected to complete extra revision at home to give themselves the best chance of doing well.
Results of the exams will be included on the semester reports

Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 Camp will be held from Monday 2nd until Wednesday 4th June at Cave hill Creek.
All students are expected to attend. Permission notices have gone home and should be returned to the office ASAP. Payment plans can be organised if needed.
Please contact Mrs Higgins if you have any concerns.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing has started for students in Years 7 and 9. On Tuesday students sat tests in language conventions and writing.
Wednesday students will be tested in reading and on Thursday in numeracy.
If students are away for any test, they have the opportunity to resit before the end of the week.
Students need to report to Mrs Higgins on their return to school.

ANZAC Day 2015 in Gallipoli

The Victorian Government is sending 80 Victorian students and 18 teacher chaperones to Gallipoli, to attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service in 2015.
The Service Tour is available to Year 9-12 students and teachers.
Eligible students will be required to submit a written application, demonstrating their involvement in and commitment to community activities and how they plan to share insights gained from their experience with their school and the community.
Applications can be found at: http://anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au/grants/#Gallipoli
Applications for the tour close at midnight on 13 June, 2014 and must be submitted electronically to: gallipoli.dawn.service@edumail.vic.gov.au
World Challenge fundraiser

On the 10th May Kianie Hyde, Shae Ambry, Lauren Broadbent, Mrs Evans and I, Stevie-Anne Blyth, were asked by Geoff White if we would like to cater for Mrs Audrey Lofts garage sale.
We made the customers happy I guess we gave Mrs Lofts a happy sale making it a successful day.
We sold sausages in bread and tea and coffee for the early morning shoppers. We managed to raise $115 plus a few tips from generous customers.
We were able to raise this money with the help of the Beaufort Bakery who donated bread and the Beaufort Butchery who donated sausages.
a big thank you to Beaufort Bakery and the Beaufort Butchery, Geoff White and Mrs Lofts.

By Stevie-Anne Blyth

VicSRC Conference

On the 8th of May, four representatives from Beaufort Secondary College went to Ballarat Grammar to attend the Regional Conference of VicSRC, meeting with SRC representatives from several other schools.
Our representatives were Rachel Kendall, Lauren Broadbent, Cathryn Thorpe and Bianca Gerrard.
We travelled with Mrs Evans in her car. We were put into groups after answering questions about ourselves. The first activity was to get to know people on our team.
We had many more similar activities throughout the day, including one where you had to guess what someone was making out of play-dough.
We were split into our school teams many times to think about what we could do to help change our school.
We wrote everything down in a booklet we were given and on a separate pieces of paper. A girl from the VicSRC named Sophie talked to use through the entire day and we had a man from Ballarat Youth come talk to us briefly during the day.
The day was very educational and we learnt a lot.

Rachel Kendall

Breakfast Program

Students are reminded that the Breakfast Program is held every Tuesday morning in the Student Centre at no cost.
Students are encouraged to come down when they arrive at school.
Students are pictured enjoying some breakfast with the Year 7 students serving them.

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**Mid West Complex Athletics Warrnambool**

*Age Group Champions L-R William, Cameron, Beth, Keisha, Joel and Alex*

Well done to all students who competed on Tuesday the 6th of May at the Mid West Complex Athletics. We had a very good day of competition and we produced some excellent performances, including William Sawtell, Alex Damalas, Beth Homan, Joel Chester, Cameron Gadsby and Kiesha Formosa, who all won their respective Age Group Championships.

The team scores were all very close with Beaufort finishing second overall.

Congratulations to all students who competed on the day, it was an excellent display of effort and sportsmanship.

Thankyou to all staff and students who attended the competition to help the day run smoothly. We would also like to thank all parents who modified their daily routine to ensure students were at school in time for our early departure.

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**Inter-house Cross-Country**

The inter-house cross-country will be held on Monday 19th May during period 5 and 6.

All students are expected to participate. Students who are injured or too unwell are asked to bring a note from a signed parent stating the reason. These students will help with the running of the event.

Students are to bring running shoes, shorts, tee-shirt and a towel.

There are age group medallions awarded as well as place ribbons.

Any concerns contact Mrs Higgins or Mr Collins. May the best house win.

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**Building Bridges**

*William and Jake test the strength of their bridge in Year 7 Science*

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**Giant Chess**

The Vic Abdilla Award is a grant donated each year to the school by the Beaufort Community Bank. It is used to provide the school with equipment that can used by and benefit everyone.

In the past it has purchased blinds for Room 7, books for the library and equipment used in Science classes. The most recent addition to the school is the large chess pieces which complete the chess board in the newly developed quadrangle area.

The long awaited chess pieces have been purchased with the money provided by the Vic Abdilla Award. Already there are games of chess being played at recess and lunch by all age groups.

*Jake Morcombe*
What is NAPLAN?
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?
NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

What will be tested and how?
NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the national Statements of Learning for English and mathematics, which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

Who will run the tests?
NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or the principal. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?
NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.
The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?
All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.
A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions, or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background.
Your school principal and your state testing authority can provide you with more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.
How is NAPLAN performance measured?

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Will I receive a report on my child’s performance?

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website: www.myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:
- visit www.nap.edu.au
- contact your child’s school
- contact your state or territory’s education authority (details available on the NAP website).

### NAPLAN 2014 tests timetable

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- Language conventions includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.
- Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, there is one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.

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### IMPORTANT DATES
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### Community Drug Education (Ice) Forum
**Wednesday 4th June, 2014**
7-8.30pm
Ararat Performing Arts Centre (Town Hall)
Cnr. Barkly and Vincent St. Ararat
Supper provided

### Fruit Tree Drive 2014
Beaufort Community House & Learning Centre
in conjunction with Heritage Fruit Trees
offer you the chance to purchase quality fruit trees - direct from the nursery with considerable savings.
Closing date for orders is Thursday 29th May
Phone 53 491 184
or email bchlc@netconnect.com.au
Order forms available at school office

### Pyrenees Art Show
**7th, 8th, 9th June 2014**
**JUNIOR PHOTO COMPETITION**
**THEME: ‘In My Backyard’**
**JUNIOR ART COMPETITION**
To be exhibited at the ‘Beerpamo Centre’
Great Prizes on offer
Details and Entry Forms at School Office

### Parent and Carer Asthma Information Sessions
The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is funded by the Federal Department of Health to provide free asthma education sessions to groups of parents and carers. These sessions can take place at the school or at a location of your choice. The session runs for approximately one hour and covers:
- Asthma triggers
- Signs and symptoms
- Asthma action plans
- Asthma medication
- Asthma First Aid

If you are interested in attending a parent and carer asthma information session, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria to arrange a session on 1800-ASTHMA or sdoherty@asthma.org.au

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

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