Mid Western Complex Swimming Sports

On Wednesday, 19th February, students and staff travelled to Mortlake for the 2014 Mid Western Complex swimming sports. The predicted cooler weather held off and a great crowd turned out to see the competition.

Our students demonstrated an excellent attitude towards competing with 100% of our events filled, providing the foundation for placing 2nd on the day, only 18 points behind Mortlake.

To achieve this took a good team effort, however, it also saw a number of great individual performances that deserve special recognition.

Linley Eastick 13 Year Female Age Group Champion and shared Overall Champion.
Abraham Johnson-Knight 15 Year Male Age Group Champion and shared Overall Champion.
Tegan Avery 16 Year Female Age Group Champion.
Ned Watkins 16 Year Male Age Group Champion and shared Overall Champion.

Beaufort again had fantastic support from parents and we thank all those who made the trip to Mortlake.

Thank you to Mr. Jones from Mortlake, who organised the competition this year and to all officials who made the carnival run so smoothly.

Well done to all competitors and good luck to the students who qualified to compete at the Eureka Swimming Carnival in Ballarat on Tuesday, 4th March.

Photos:
Top - Linley and Tegan.
Middle - Ned and Abraham.
Right - Our four Champion Swimmers with their medals and trophies.

More photos Page 5.

26th February, 2014

It’s hard to learn anything if you are absent from school - It’s not OK to be Away.
From the Principal’s Desk

At Beaufort Secondary College we aim to create a safe, supportive and productive learning environment in which all students can reach their full potential. Over the past weeks our Year 7 students have been working with their teachers to develop an understanding of how we would like our classes to operate. Together we created a ‘Y Chart’ which clearly describes how we want our classes to look, sound and feel like in order for us all to be able to work and learn together.

We also discussed a set of steps and consequences that can be put in place should anyone decide to work against the way in which we want people to behave according to our ‘Y Chart’. All of our Year 7 students agreed that the ‘Y Chart’ and the ‘steps’ were appropriate for their classes and provide a framework for all to use to ensure they maintain a positive classroom culture.

I have included a copy of the ‘Y Chart’ and ‘steps’ in this newsletter. Our student diaries have a copy of our classroom culture expectations, as well as information about our focus areas:

- Respectful Relationships,
- High Expectations and
- Excellence.

We have also been working with the Year 8 students in a similar way over the last week and will work with Year 9 and 10 students in a different way to give them an understanding of the importance of a positive classroom culture.

These expectations have been particularly evident in the way in which our classrooms have been working over the start of this term. Congratulations to our students and staff for all of the productive work and for establishing such an excellent school climate.

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who participated in the Mid West Complex Swimming Sports last week. Our swimmers performed very well and we had several Age Champions who were exceptional on the day:

- Tegan Avery (Age Champion)
- Ned Watkins (Age Champion and Overall Boys’ Champion – shared with Abraham)
- Abraham Johnson-Knight (Age Champion and Overall Boys’ Champion – shared with Ned)
- Linley Eastick (Age Champion and Overall Girls’ Champion)

Thanks to Mr. Collins for organising the day for our students and thanks also to all of the other teachers who performed roles and supported our students at Mortlake.

Karl Schier
Principal
Congratulations

Congratulations to all students who applied for a position on SRC for 2014. Applications and interviews were of a very high standard.

Mr. Schier, Mrs Higgins and myself were very impressed with the confidence students displayed and the way they conducted themselves in the interviews.

I look forward to another great year working with the SRC.

Mrs. Evans

2014 Student Representative Council

7A Brenton Clark, Cooper Smith, Keisha Leech
7B Rhiannon Goossens, Alex Gerrard, Tiarna Prattley
8A Hayley Crowley, Hayley McKenzie
8B Eden Kidd, Chris Harris
9A Josh Franc, Kianie Hyde
9B Rohan Gerrard, Laura Bruty
10A Lauren Broadbent, Rachel Kendall
10B Bianca Gerrard, Cathryn Thorpe
11 Emily Crowley, Shae Ambry, Natalie Pickersgill, Tom Dawson
12 Coen Ambry, Cody Morrison, Kira Venes, Jake Morcombe, Peta Goode, Hannah Bruty

The SRC students will select their Executive positions later this week.

Please do not use the Driveway

Just a reminder to parents not to drive your cars up the school driveway. This is a safety issue. Please park in the Goldfields Reserve.

Beaufort Basketball Association

Any student who still has a basketball singlet, please return it to the General Office ASAP

VCTA CENTRAL HIGHLANDS JUNIOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

When: Sunday, 2nd March 2014
Where: Mt Prospect Tennis Association (Creswick)
Time: 9:00am – Doubles ; 12:30pm – Singles
Cost: Doubles - $16 per pair
Singles - $16 per player
Ages: 18/U; 16/U; 12/U; 10/U (as at 31 December 2014)
Registration Forms can be downloaded from Junior page on www.mpwptennis.com.au
Queries can be directed to Jenny Jolliffe on ph: 0408 735 068 or email: jrj62@hotmail.com

END all Women’s Cancers!

Running Hare Fitness Centre’s
Walk or Run to END all Women’s Cancers!
4 distances to choose from
30km, 15km, 6km or 1km.
To raise money for the Peter Mac charity; participants will donate $1 for every 1km achieved; You are most welcome to get sponsors.
Upon registration, participants will be given appropriate information for the day.
When: Saturday, 1st March
8.00am/9.00am to 3.00pm
Come and Have Fun
Enquiries contact Judy on 0447 636 024

Wanted

8” (22cm) cake tins
For the school’s Technology-Food Centre.
Any donation of this size tin would be most appreciated.
Thank you.
Youth Worker

Kevin Griffiths, a Youth Worker from Ararat, comes to our school once a fortnight. Kevin (pictured below) works with form groups, small groups or individuals and we are very fortunate to have his services at our school. If you do not wish your child to be involved, please contact Mrs. Higgins.

Lions Youth of the Year

Beaumont Secondary College will be represented at this year’s public speaking event by two Year 12 students, Jake Morcombe and Hannah Bruty. Jake and Hannah, who are our School Captains, will be competing against students from other secondary schools. The Youth of the Year will be held on Wednesday at the Skipton Golf Club and we wish our students good luck and look forward to a full report next week.

Year 9 Ssmart Assk

A reminder to all Year 9 parents to please complete and sign the permission forms which were posted out to you last week and return them in the enclosed stamped, self addressed envelopes as soon as possible. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Mrs. Higgins.

Walk, Run, Ride the Skipton Rail Trail

Sunday, 16th March, 2014

Gold Coin Donation

Register at 9am at the Skipton Recreation Reserve
5km Walk 12 km Run 15km Bike Ride
Proceeds towards the purchase of a new Skipton CFA Fire Truck
Further details contact Pat Gabb 5340 2177

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God Bless You

If your child has a sniffle or a cold, please make sure they bring sufficient tissues or handkerchiefs to use at school.

School Leaders Lunch

Last week, our School Captains, Vice Captains and Sport Captains joined Principal, Mr. Schier and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Higgins, for lunch in the Conference Room. The lunch was an opportunity for Mr. Schier and Mrs. Higgins to congratulate the students for taking on the leadership roles in the school for 2014 and the students were able to talk about their ideas and opportunities for the coming year.

Above: The Student Leadership Team for 2014.
Back row (L-R) - Wayne and Peta (Sport Captains), Jake (School Captain), Mr. Schier.
Front - Kira (Vice Captain), Hannah (School Captain) and Cody (Vice Captain).
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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION 2014

Beaufort Secondary College’s Council has the following composition:

· 7 Parent Members (elected by parents)
· 5 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development-Victoria employee members. Four are elected by DEECD-V 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: Jayne Lilley
Janine Thompson
Kate Tiley
Parents who are mid-way through their term: Tim Carland
Michael McGuire
Louise Crowley
Mark Morcombe

STAFF:
Staff who will retire or are up for re-election: Heather Higgins
Lynne Dickman
Staff who are mid-way through their term: Greg Walton
Belinda Evans

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (2013-14):**
PFA Representative: Tracy Walsh
Community Representative: Michael O’Connor
Student: Jake Morcombe

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

The result of all this is that there are THREE parent and TWO DEECD employee vacancies to be filled at this election for the term of office 1/4/14 to 31/3/16.

2014 Election Timeline:

Notice of election and call for nominations: Tuesday, 11th February
Close of nominations: Tuesday, 4th March (4.00 pm)
Distribution of ballot papers via newsletter (if required) Wednesday, 5th March
Election closes: Wednesday, 12th March (4.00 pm)
Declaration of Poll Results: Tuesday, 18th March
First meeting of 2013-2014 School Council** Tuesday, 25th March

** The co-opted members will be appointed at the first meeting of the 2014-2015 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.
School Council Elections 2014
Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed 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?
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 – its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire 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 or 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 where their child is enrolled.

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.

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 2014

Schedule 5A  Self-Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the Beaufort Secondary College School Council.

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

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

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Contact Phone (Mobile or Landline): ..................................................................................

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

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

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

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, of unsound mind, currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence or registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

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

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

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).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

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

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested, your nomination may not be accepted.

If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the Principal.
School Council Elections 2014

Schedule 5B  Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate the candidate listed below for an elected position as a parent representative on the Beaufort Secondary College School Council.

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

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

Contact Phone (Mobile or Landline): ..................................................

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 but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator: .......................................................... 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, of unsound mind, currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence or registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

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

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