Lions Youth Of the Year

Last Wednesday, at the Skipton Golf Club, the Lions Club of Skipton hosted the Youth of the Year public speaking competition. A strong field of four students competed throughout the afternoon and evening. Beaufort Secondary College had two competitors, Hannah Bruty and Jake Morcombe. The third student was from St. Patricks College in Ballarat and the fourth was from Lake Bolac College. Students are required to attend an individual interview during the afternoon where they are judged on their leadership skills, community involvement and achievements at school. During the evening, the students are given two topics (prepared by the judges). They then have to deliver a two minute speech on each topic. After this, the students present their 5 minute prepared speech, on a topic of their choice. Our students did exceptionally well with Hannah Bruty being declared the overall winner. We wish Hannah every success in the next round of this competition.

Semester 1 Exams

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will sit Semester 1 exams on the following days.
Monday, 26th May English Exam
Tuesday, 27th May Science Exam
Wednesday, 28th May Humanities Exam
Thursday, 29th May Mathematics Exam
Please pencil these dates in your diaries.

NAPLAN Test

Each year, students in Years 7 and 9 are required to sit tests in literacy and numeracy. The dates for these tests are:
Tuesday, May 13 Language, Conventions, Writing
Wednesday, May 14 Reading
Thursday, 15th May Numeracy with calculator, Numeracy without calculator
If you have concerns about any of the above, please contact Mrs. Higgins.
5th March, 2014

Monday 10th March
Labour Day Public Holiday
Next Monday is a public holiday, therefore there will be no school on this day.
School Photos
Parents and students are reminded that the School Photos will be taken on Wednesday, 19th March. Full school uniform is to be worn. Shoes to be clean. Girls to have their hair tied up and to wear only navy or white ribbons. All students are asked to bring their school jumper.

Is your child well enough to be at school?
Most secondary schools do not have a nurse to tend to sick students. Most likely the person who might treat them is someone who is well meaning and has a first aid certificate.

Schools are not hospitals or medical centres. They have a limited number of beds and sick bay facilities. The area is designed for accident response, not long-term occupancy.

When children sit close to each other in a classroom, they may cough over one another and germs can spread quickly. This means that one sick child sent to school could turn into many sick children. Flu, chicken pox and measles outbreaks among children at school are a major concern. When the illness is potentially serious, community health is at risk.

Schools are focused on learning in the best environment possible. The relationship between optimum learning outcomes and school attendance is closely linked.

If someone is really sick their learning is impaired. Recovery will be quicker if their body is given an opportunity to repair.

When students are ill, home is the best place for them and when they show signs of recovery, send them to school well.

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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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS for CHAPLAINCY
The schools in Beaufort, both Primary and Secondary, are very fortunate to have the services of a Chaplain, Mr Philip Kynoch, employed four days per week for the day-to-day pastoral care and promotion of student well-being.

The Chaplaincy program is voluntary and open to all members of the school community - students, teachers, families and the wider local community. It provides preventative, one-on-one, and group programme support, addressing issues such as:

- Peer and family relationships
- Grief and loss
- Self-esteem and depression
- Bullying
- Mental health and well-being

If you feel that you are in need of this service or would like to join our committee in support of ‘Chappy’ in our schools and community, please feel free to contact Joy Mc Kelvey or Philip Kynoch at the Secondary College on 5349 2305.

The committee meets once per term (4 times a year) at the Secondary College.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs. Joy Mc Kelvey
Secretary of Beaufort Schools’ Chaplaincy

Are you between 12 & 25? Need to see a Doctor?
Make an appointment @ headspace Ballarat
It’s FREE!
[bring your Medicare card]
Open
Mon, Tues 9-5
Wed 9-7
Thu, Fri 9-5
28 Camp Street, Ballarat | 5364 4777
www.headspaceballarat.org.au

BEAUFORT Twilight MARKET
Friday, 7th March
5.00pm to 8.30pm - Family entertainment
Enquiries: Jenny 0474 982 867

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Being Late for School

The teaching staff has raised some concern that many students are arriving late for school, especially Home Group meetings, on a fairly regular basis. Unfortunately this is a situation that can have a negative effect on the education of not only those students who are late, but also the other students in the class.

What impact does being late have on the student?
Students who are late miss a lot of instructions and information about what is happening, not to mention important learning situations. This means that they have to catch up somehow. It’s like being late to see a movie and not being able to understand what’s happening because you don’t know who the characters are and what the plot is.

Students can feel unsettled and disorganised for the rest of the day and it can take them some time to complete and understand the work that they have missed.

How does it affect the other students in the class?
Students who are late have an unsettling effect on the rest of the class. Because not all late students arrive at once, the interruptions go on until the last student is settled. Students who are late often have things that need to be done prior to them joining the class and this causes even more disruption.

Sometimes other students have to wait to get the teachers attention and important issues can be forgotten.

Why does student lateness cause difficulties for the teacher?
The teacher has a certain amount of material and activities to cover each lesson. Also, organisational issues are usually dealt with at the beginning of the day. Teachers can become increasingly frustrated when late students continually and repeatedly interrupt their planned routines, as they have to stop teaching to deal with the issues involved.

We are all human. Cars can break down, students have health issues and unexpected situations can occur. We know that family morning routines are not always straightforward. If you are experiencing problems, speak to us, as we may be able to offer suggestions to help.

We are happy to accept that students will be late on the odd occasion because of unforeseen circumstances. However, arriving late on a regular basis without a valid reason is not acceptable or in the best interest of the student.

Psychology 3/4 Excursion

On Thursday, 27th February, the Year 12 Psychology students visited the St. John of God Hospital Sleep Lab in Ballarat.

At the Lab, they had the opportunity for some hands on experience and were able to see, first hand, what happens when being monitored while asleep.

Students viewed a staff member being ‘wired up’ with electrodes and were able to see how the EEG (electroencephalography), EMG (electromyography), EOG (electro-oculargraph) and other instruments changed with movement.

We were not expecting, however, for the staff member to fall asleep, but this was a perfect opportunity for the students to see the difference in the brain wave activity between awake and asleep.

Beaufort Netball Association

Beaufort Netball Association is seeking new players to play in already existing teams.

All playing levels welcome for a fantastic social competition that will start again Mid March 2014. New players have to be in Year 10 or turning 16 in 2014. Competition runs on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm. All interested players please phone Bec on 0400 174 410
**Chappy Tin**

The ‘Chappy Tin’, placed on the school canteen service counter, saw $60.00 raised over Terms 2, 3 and 4 last year from students’ unwanted change. A big thanks to all that supported this fund raising effort.

Look out for the new tin coming soon!

*Mrs. Joy McKelvey*
Secretary of Beaufort Schools’ Chaplaincy

*Below: Chaplain, Phil Kynoch, counts the change in the ‘Chappy Tin’ at the end of 2013.*

**Year 7 Students**

**ANZAC School Service**

Students in Year 7 are invited to apply to represent Beaufort Secondary College at this service in Melbourne on Wednesday, 23rd April.

Students who are selected must be in full school uniform and will leave Beaufort at 7.45am and return at 3.45pm. Therefore, they will not be able to use the school buses on this day.

Students will travel to Melbourne on a bus with Legatees from the surrounding area as well as students from schools in Ararat and Stawell.

Students who are interested in nominating, please see Mrs. Higgins on or before Friday, 7th March.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**Beaufort Basketball Association**

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

On Wednesday, 26th February, the SRC (Student Representative Council) had their first meeting for 2014.

Student Representatives have already been at work gaining feedback from their form groups to act as SRC’s focus areas for this year.

The SRC members also elected the following students to executive roles:

President: Kira Venes
Vice President: Shae Ambry
Secretary: Cathryn Thorpe
Treasurer: Cody Morrison
Publicity: Coen Ambry.

Design & Technology

In recent weeks, there has been an effort to improve the teaching and learning environment within the Design and Technology classroom.

Improvements have been made to classroom layout, presentation of shadow boards, carrying out of essential repairs, general tidying as well as the addition of new welding screens.

A special thanks to Zak Biggin, Riley Clark and Tom Dawson for volunteering their time during lunch and free periods to assist with these improvements.

This is an ongoing effort and further works will continue as the year progresses.

Mr. Lindorff
Design & Technology Teacher

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Hepburn School needs your help

They are searching for past students, teachers, parents to join in celebrating 150 years of education at Hepburn

Also searching for photos memorabilia for display on the day.

When: Saturday, 29th March, 2014

Program:
- 12pm -4pm School is open
- 2:00pm Official Ceremony
- Opening the time capsule
- Planting of a tree

Afternoon tea is available
- 6:30pm Dinner
- 2 course meal, drinks at bar prices
- $35 per person (tickets for the dinner will be pre-sold only)

Where: At the school
- 156 Main Road
- Hepburn Springs VIC 3460

Contact the School on Email:
- 150years@hepburnps.vic.edu.au

Above: SRC representatives at their first meeting for 2014.

Above: Fraser working in the welding bay in front of the new welding screens.

Below: Tools arranged on the shadow boards for easy access and safe storage.

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House Athletics Trials

In warm and sunny conditions, the House Captains ran the Athletic Trials on the school oval on Monday afternoon. Taltarni and Tanaranga and Kambara and Wandarra combined to ensure there are enough competitors for each event, including relays. The Inter-House Athletic Sports will be held at Llanberris Reserve in Ballarat on Monday, 18th March. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to come on that day and enjoy the carnival. For more details, contact Mr. Collins or Mrs. Higgins.

Photos
Top: Kayleb attempting to clear the high jump bar.
Above: Junior girls line up for their race.
Left: Taltarni and Tanaranga Vice Captains, Kira and Briana, organising their teams.
Below left: Keisha and Tammie-Lee waiting to compete.
Below: Keisha ready for her next event.