World Challenge Car Wash

On Saturday 14th of June, Beaufort Secondary College students conducted a Local Car Wash in the car park of the school, to raise funds for Thailand. With a well-planned date the car wash was arranged to coincide with the local football match between Beaufort and Skipton. This has always been a big match between the two junior sides, considering most of the players go to Beaufort Secondary College. The day also had a well-planned roster for the 12 students attending World Challenge. But every effort could not prevent the rain that kept coming down making it very cold and wet for all involved. A reasonable amount was raised, but the fundraiser did not go as well as was hoped. But all had a good time and worked together as a team.

A big thanks to Mrs Belinda Evens for being there, to not only help with the organising of the car wash but for being there on the day to help conduct this fundraiser. Thanks also to Mr Phillip Kynoch for supplying the sponges and the waterproof coats and for being there on the day to help out.

*Emily McErval and Caylem Keenan*

School Holidays

Last Day of Term 2 is Friday 27 June, 2014
School will finish at 2.30pm on this day
Can parents please make appropriate arrangements
School returns on Monday 14 July

Laptop Information Night

Years 9 and 10 Netbook Information Night.
To borrow Netbooks student and parent must attend
Wednesday 18 June, 7.00pm in Room 11
This is the final session for this year
Any concerns contact Mrs Higgins
From the Principal’s Desk

Our report writing process continues this week concluding with reports being sent home on Friday. Our teachers put a great deal of time and effort into providing feedback on student achievement and progress and I thank them for their commitment. Students need to keep working solidly as they finish work from this semester and begin work for the second half of the year.

We are trialing Parent/Teacher Interviews in the first week of term 3 this year. I encourage parents to take the opportunity to attend the interviews on Thursday July 17th, so they can receive specific feedback about the progress of their child and gain insight into how to improve their future learning.

A ‘Parenting ideas’ article related to reading your child’s report is in this week’s newsletter. It has some useful tips and I encourage parents to read the article to assist in having a discussion with their son or daughter about their report.

Karl Schier, Principal

Year 8/9 Health Day

The Year 8 and 9 students will be involved in a health day, along with students from Lake Bolac College on Monday 23rd June.

Details of the program have been sent home with individual students.

Students are able to wear appropriate casual clothes for the health day.

(No thongs or Ugg boots)

Mid West Complex Cross Country

On Friday 13th of June our Beaufort Secondary College students travelled to Lake Hamilton to compete in the Greater Western Region Cross Country Championships. Each of the six competitors attending the day were chosen to compete based on their performances at the Eureka Cross Country on the 28th of May. Congratulations to Trinity Lecch, Kianie Hyde, Hayley Crowley, Beth Homan, Caylem Keenan and William Sawtell for their efforts. They all competed to the best of their ability.

Thankyou to the parents who made the trip to support our students, we appreciate your effort very much.

Mid West Complex (MWC) Football and Netball

On Thursday 19th June, selected students from Years 7, 8 and 9 will be representing the school at the MWC Football and Netball Carnival.

The teams have been training and are keen to experience success on the day.

Students attending are asked to take a towel and a complete change of clothes to wear home.

Students are asked to bring their own lunch, drink and plenty of snacks. There will be a canteen operating on the day.

Any concerns please contact Mr Collins or Mrs Higgins. Full report next week.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews to be held Thursday 17th July between 3.30 and 6.30

Student Reports will be sent home Friday 20 June

Parent Teacher Interview Request Forms to be returned to the school by Monday 23 June.

Any concerns contact Mrs Higgins

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Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Four students were awarded the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Awards at their own age levels at assembly this week. The Duke of Edinburgh Award requires participants to challenge themselves and to participate in a physical activity, a skill and do volunteering. They must also undertake an adventurous journey. Congratulations to Maycee Eastick, Briana Tiley and Carly Drinkwater who were all awarded with the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Bronze Award is for young people aged over 14 years who have given a commitment of three months to all sections of the award and a further three months to one section of either physical, skill or service. Congratulations also to Rohan Gerrard who was awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Compass Award for those aged 10-14 years. The Compass Award requires fifteen hours participation over two sections and twenty hours over the third.

VCAL Presentations

Throughout semester one, in their Personal Development Unit (PDU), VCAL students have been working on a rejuvenation of the outdoor assembly area. A major component of this project was a formal presentation to Mrs. Higgins, proposing our intended improvements. Everyone worked exceptionally hard on this task and the construction of planter boxes has commenced. The assembly area improvements are due to be completed mid Term 3.

New Garden Beds

Student in the Agricultural Studies Class busy building a wonderful selection of garden beds for the school.
Psychology experiments on Primary School students

On Thursday the 5th of June, the Year 11 Psychology class migrated over to the Beaufort Primary School in order to conduct a series of experiments concerning Piaget’s Cognitive Theory. Piaget’s Theory is that people move through sequential stages, based on their thinking and reasoning, called Cognitive Stages.

The experiments conducted were conservation of volume, number, length and egocentrism. This had the purpose of determining whether or not participants fitted mentally into either the pre-operational (2-7 years) or concrete operational (7-12 years) cognitive stages.

_Natalie Pickersgill and Eliza Hammond_

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Parents & Friends will hold a school fete in Term 3
The fete will be a bi-annual major fundraiser

**Beau Gala**

Beau Gala will be held 4.00 - 8.00pm
**Friday 10th October, 2014**

- Fun Activities -
- Spinning Wheel -
- Great Food -
- Prizes -
- Music and much More -

Sponsors, prizes and helpers will be required.
Any questions contact Angela on 0439 565 468

**Watch for fete updates**

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**Year 7 Breakfast program**

Next Tuesday will be the final morning the Breakfast Program will run for 2014.
In conjunction with the SRC and Year 7 students bacon and egg sandwiches will be on offer as well.
Students who are wanting bacon and egg sandwiches will need to complete an order form and return it by this Friday, 20th June.
All proceeds will support Zak Biggin in the next level of World Skills in Perth.
Please support this great donation as well as the yummy breakfast.

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**JUNE/JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

All activities are FREE

**Cook up some comfort food** (Ages 10+)
Tuesday 1st July, 9.00am-11.00am
Beaufort Shire Hall

**Hepburn Bath House** (Yr 7 +)
Wednesday 9th July
2hrs of access to the relaxation pool and spa pool
Depart Youth Space 9am

**FREE Loom Band Workshop** (Ages 8+) BEAUFORT
Wednesday 2nd July, 2.00-4.00pm
Beerimpo Centre

**FREE Loom Band Workshop** (Ages 8+) SKIPTON
Thursday 10th July, 2.00-4.00pm

**SplashOUT** (Yr 7+)
Friday 4th July
Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre

**Youth Moves** (Yr 7+)
Friday 11th July
FREE public transport to
The Park, Geelong’s indoor skate park, or choose to shop at Westfield

**Bookings for each activity**
Essential Phone Nicole 5340 1135
Or email nicolep@bashes.org.au

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*It’s hard to learn anything if you are absent from school - It’s not OK to be Away.*
Reading your child’s report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder… always does her best… lacks concentration… easily distracted… a pleasure to teach… Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar?

Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

   Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

   There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?

   Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

   Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

   - Focus on strengths. Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
   - Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

   Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

   Take note of student self-assessment

   Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

   Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

   After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.
**IMPORTANT DATES**
Please check each Newsletter each week for additions/deletions or changes

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**IBM EXCITE Camp**
**Ballarat - 2014**

*Introducing girls to the wonder and promise of technical careers*

Throughout the camp the girls will learn about technology and engineering from IBM volunteers through fun, hands-on activities.

**Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd August**

For further information, please see Mr de Zoete-Spiero

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**EX.I.C.E.**
Exploring interests in technology and engineering

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**VISION PORTRAITS**

Beaufort Secondary College
Friday 25th July
Book Online with credit card: www.trybooking.com/FCFW
For Cash bookings return voucher to school office with $15.00

**Our Portrait Fundraising Event Invitation**
Only $15 for a 10” x 13” Portrait with Frame

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Hurry, bookings close Friday 18th July
Help the school raise between $15 - $75 per booking

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