Aztec Excursion

Last Wednesday, the Year 8 class was lucky enough to go on an excursion to the Aztec Exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. On arrival, we were taken to the theatre to watch a film about the daily life of the Aztecs and their festivals. After the film finished, we were allowed to enter the exhibition. The exhibition was split into five different sections, each filled with different pieces of information regarding the Aztecs daily life, religion and living with the Gods. The guides were all friendly, and willing to answer any questions that the students had. Over all it was a very beneficial day for all the Year 8’s who participated, and was enjoyed thoroughly by all who went. Thank you to Mrs Maxted and Mrs Hinton who generously gave up their time to plan and organise this trip.

By Hayley Crowley, 8A

Pictured above are the Year 8 students outside the Melbourne Museum

Pictured right - Jacqueline, Brayden and Christopher explore the Aztec Exhibition.

Parents & Friends will hold a school fete in Term 4. The fete will be a bi-annual major fundraiser.

Beau Gala

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

Loose Change Challenge

Next week the fun will begin with a Loose Change Challenge. A one-off excursion will be won by the form who collects the most loose change.
**School Play**
Mr Rob Smith has started auditions for the annual school play. Many students have taken the opportunity to be part of this production. We thank Mr Smith for his continued support and enthusiasm for this program.

**Lexton Bus**
The bridge on the Lexton-Amphitheatre Road has now been replaced. The Lexton bus will now revert back to the original bus route and times.

**Term 3 Reports**
Interim school reports will be distributed on Friday 12th September to students. Parents are asked to return the Teacher Interview Request Form to the General Office on Monday 15th September. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during the first week in Term 4 on Thursday 9th October from 3.30 until 6.30. Please mark this in your diaries.

**Year 7 students**
Year 7 students are preparing a portfolio for parents which will be discussed at a three-way interview on the 9th September. Year 7 students will not come to school on this day, but will attend school in full school uniform with their parents and meet with their form teacher at their allocated time. This interview will be in place of Parent Teacher Interviews. Individual letters will be posted home to Year 7 families. Any concerns please contact Mrs Higgins.

**Parent Opinion Survey**
Thank you to all families who took the time to complete the Parent Opinion Survey. These have been sent to Melbourne for collation. Please remember, if you have any concerns make an appointment and come to the school. This is the most effective way to address concerns. Issues cannot be dealt with if we don’t know about them.

**SEPEP**
For the next six weeks the Recreational Leadership class will be conducting a SEPEP. The class will be organising and running a round robin competition consisting of 5 rounds and one grand finale. This will include three teams, The Gazelles, ‘Da’ Raccoons, and the Minecrafters. Each week they will be playing a different sport. Week One - Basketball. Week Two - Hockey. Week Three - Mat ball. Week Four - Soccer. Week Five - Netball. Week six, and the Grand finale - Speed ball. All of this is organised by the students down to who is in what team. It’s is conveniently organised so the teacher, Mr Cunningham, sits there, watches, and does, well, practically nothing.

This will all start on the 12th of August and you will be updated with a weekly article advising of scores and news.

*By Cameron Gadsby and Jemmelle Venes.*

**Work Experience**
Tegan Avery worked at the Beaufort Primary School for the second week of her Work Experience. Tegan received great reports from her mentor Miss Feely who is pictured below presenting Tegan with her report this week.
Beaufort Secondary College was fortunate to have had a guest teacher from Japan work with students over the last two weeks. Mr Hiro Osaki from Sapporo in Japan has had a great time getting to know students and conversing with students - particularly Anastasia Damalas as she studies for her VCE LOTE. Mr Osaki has also been cooking up a storm with all the LOTE and Literacy classes! Students created a traditional Japanese dish known as Ramen which is a spicy curry type soup with noodles. Thank you Mr Osaki!

Mr Osaki receives a very Australian gift.

VTAC Applications

Year 12 students are completing their online VTAC application this week with the assistance of Mr de Zoete Spiero. Parents please remember that payment at a Post Office or by BPay needs to be completed to finalise the application.

Ben and Declan complete their VTAC Applications

Tennis Courts

The synthetic courts are taking shape. The green turf has been laid and the court lines now have been done. The surface has to be dry before sand is added to the surface. The fence has been painted and the wire will be installed after the sand has been distributed.

Mr Schier and the Tiger Turf consultant inspect the surface

Teaching Japanese

Mr Osaki gives Rebekah a thumbs up for her soup.

Top - Mr Osaki takes Year 7 for karate lessons

It’s hard to learn anything if you are absent from school - It’s not OK to be Away.
On Monday ten Year 8 students went to the Ken Kay Badminton Centre in Ballarat to participate in the Greater Western Region Badminton Championships. The boys’ team consisted of Calvin Wilkinson, Lachlan Ford, Brayden Lovell and Jacob Darvell. The boys managed to win one rubber for the day, beating Mt Clear Secondary College and were successful in winning a lot of other matches against bigger schools. The girls’ team consisted of Jenna Poyser, Linley Eastick, Beth Homan, Donna Bruty, Lanah Tiley and Eden Kidd. The girls weren’t able to win any rubbers for the day but Donna Bruty won two matches and Beth Homan, one. All students improved throughout the day as they got used to the competition and will benefit from the experience.

On the 6th August VCAL students, Tim and Kayleb organised Lunchtime Dodgeball as part of their Work Related Skills. The outcomes of the program saw valuable skills learnt in planning and organising, teamwork and communication. The activity went well with lots of students from various year levels and teachers supporting and taking part in the activity.
Ahchoo!
Sniff, Sniff!

Asthma and Hay Fever (Allergic Rhinitis) in Spring.

During Spring time plants, grasses and trees release pollens into the air. As a result, students and staff who are sensitive to pollen may find their asthma and hay fever (allergic rhinitis) symptoms worsening. During days of windy conditions or during thunderstorms more pollen is released into the air. When breathed in these tiny particles penetrate the lungs.

Hay fever is very common during spring and as a result of the strong association between asthma and hay fever, those with both conditions will often experience increased asthma symptoms during this time.

Tips to help your students and staff reduce asthma and hay fever symptoms during spring:
- Ensure Asthma Care/Action Plans are up to date.
- Ensure Asthma Emergency Kits are suitably equipped, accessible and medication is in date.
- Ensure staff are up to date with asthma training & aware of the policy for an Asthma Emergency.
- Be aware of which students have pollen as a trigger for asthma or hay fever.
- Encourage students to be aware of their own symptoms and to seek assistance when needed.

Check the daily Pollen forecast at melbournepollen.com.au and consider planning activities indoors.

For more information on asthma and hay fever please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria. Or visit our website: asthma.org.au

National Asthma Week
1st - 7th September 2014

Why not get your school involved in National Asthma Week (NAW) this year!

We can provide you with all you need to develop your own Asthma Information display. Check out our website asthma.org.au for Brochures and other Resources available. Or send us an email with your ideas and we will see how we can help!

Stay tuned for more about National Asthma Week.

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria

www.asthma.org.au
1800 ASTHMA (278 462)
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IMPORTANT DATES
Please check each Newsletter each week for additions/deletions or changes

August
Tues. 26  School Council Meeting
Fri. 29  ADVANCE CFA Visit - P 3 & 4

September
Fri. 5  Federation Uni - Year 10s
Wed. 10  Immunisations - Yr 7s & Yr 9 Boys
Fri. 12  Year 10 YOUTHINK Session
Mon. 15  Year 9 SSMART ASSK Program
Thurs. 18  MWC Summer Sports Round Robin
Fri. 19  Final Day Term 3

October
Mon. 6  First Day Term 4
Fri. 10  GWR Athletics
Thurs. 16  Years 7 & 8 Eureka Boys Cricket
Mon. 20  Eureka Year 7 & 8 Tennis
Tues. 21  State Athletics Finals
Tues. 28  School Council Meeting

November
25 to 28  Proposed Year 11 Tasmania Camp

December
8 to 10  Year 8 Camp
Tuesday 16  Presentation Evening
Fri. 19  Final Day 2014

PRESENTATION BALL 2015

Information Night

Wednesday night 10th September
7.00pm in the Student Centre

For all Presentation Ball participants & parents
Individual invitations will be posted home

CANTEEN UPDATE

As you may or may not be aware students and staff now have the option of ordering their ‘recess snack’ and lunch on-line.

Attached is a ‘flyer’ from Ultimate Schools with further information.

To give everyone the opportunity of trying this system the ordering fee of $0.35 per order will be reimbursed until the end of Term 3. The fee will be reimbursed to your Ultimate Schools account.

Assistance for setting up your account can be viewed on https://www.facebook.com/UltimateSchools or give me a call on 0427 497 445.

If you prefer, lunch orders can still be placed using the brown paper bag system.

Thank you for supporting the school canteen.

Judy O’Connor - Waterloo Treats
Tel: 0427 497 445  Email: judy@waterlootreats.com.au

BRICK PAVERS - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

‘LEAVE YOUR MARK AT THE SCHOOL!’

As part of the East Quadrangle upgrade the World Challenge Team are seeking expressions of interest from students, parents, teachers and past students and staff, or families to purchase engraved brick pavers to be laid in the quadrangle.

If there is sufficient interest, the project will proceed and we will provide you with order forms. Pavers can be engraved with the student or teachers name or a family name. Named Pavers cost $40.00 each. Hand Drawn Pavers cost $50.00 each.

Students Name: ........................................................................................................................................

I would be interested in purchasing engraved pavers

Number of named pavers: ............................................................................................................................

Number of hand drawn pavers: ....................................................................................................................

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