As part of the Disability Awareness Unit, all Year 9 students travelled to Ballarat last Wednesday to the Pinarc Disability Support Adult Centre.

Pinarc provides a variety of services for families and individuals; caring daily for them as well as providing weekend camps and trips. It was a more than a welcoming facility where students were able to help within the different rooms. All students experienced time with different staff in their small groups, recognising ways to help and interact with different clients.

The students gained an insight into the lives of people who have been affected by a disability, especially Neville and Keiren the two guest speakers.

The visit to Pinarc has given students a greater understanding of the different types of disabilities. They are also aware of the variety of different services and the support that are available within the community.
From the Principal’s Desk

Last week we introduced some new procedures to students relating to homework. We spoke to all of the students in Year Level assemblies and emphasised the high expectations we have for our students and the importance of the students having high expectations of themselves. It is important for students and teachers that homework is completed on time to ensure the learning 'flows' for everyone involved.

Homework helps students by:

- Complementing and reinforcing classroom learning
- Fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- Providing an opportunity for students to become more responsible for their learning

The homework procedures for when homework has not been submitted have been attached to this newsletter, so that parents can support our students in their learning and study habits.

Karl Schier, Principal

Senior Studies Information

A large crowd of interested parents and students attended the Senior Studies Information Night last Tuesday evening in the Drama Centre. The Principal, Mr Schier spoke on the commitment, motivation and dedication which is expected of senior students and is necessary to achieve success.

This was followed by Mr de Zoete-Spiero who gave an outline of VCE and VCE courses. Ms Stacey Gill of Highlands LLEN spoke on the range of VET programs available in the Ballarat Cluster and also the online application and interview process.

Mr Andrew Loynes, the Quality assurance Officer in the Grampians Region spoke on the VCAL course and Mr Trigg spoke on school based apprenticeships.

This formal part of the evening was then followed by parents and students meeting with presenters, VCE subject and VCAL teachers. Parents are welcome and encouraged to make an application to meet with Mr de Zoete-Spiero or Mrs Higgins to discuss course options and career pathways.

The evening was a great success and clarified pathways available for Beaufort Secondary College students.

Year 11 Camp

All Year 11 students will receive an individual letter this week inviting them to attend the Year 11 camp. The camp is held after Year 11 & 12 exams from Tuesday 25th November until Friday 28th November.

The cost of the camp is approximately $750.00. The school is asking for $200.00 deposit which is to be paid by Monday 15th September. This enables airfares to be booked during the holidays. Any concerns please contact Mrs Higgins.

Presentation Ball 2015 Information Night

Wednesday night 10th September 7.00pm in the Student Centre

For all participants & parents
Individual invitations will be posted home

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2015 VET Applications
A reminder that first year VET applications close on Wednesday 27th August.
Students need to have completed their On-Line Application with Mr de Zoete-Spiero and paid $70.00 to the school by this date.
Mr de Zoete-Spiero is interviewing students in regard to their course selection.
Many parents are coming to the school and meeting with either Mr de Zoete-Spiero or Mrs Higgins to discuss their children’s course pathway.
If you would like to make an appointment, please contact the school.

Year 12 VCE English
All Year 12 students studying VCE English should have received a letter outlining expectations for the remainder of the year and assistance available.
If you did not receive this letter or would like further explanation, contact Mrs Hinton or Mrs Higgins.

Keys Please
Our students were fortunate to have Joe Grbac, who has been a member of the Victorian Police Force for over 25 years, speak to all the Year 10 students regarding road safety and driving experience.
Joe’s presentation looked at the specific requirements of gaining probationary and learners drivers licenses, road trauma and drink driving.
Joe delivered an engaging presentation which no doubt students gained valuable information from.
KEYS 2 DRIVE is a federally funded program that provides a FREE driving lesson to Learners with an accredited Driving instructor.

Go to the website below to register:
www.keystodrive.com.au

Debate - Year 11 vs Rotary
Four Year 11 students will represent the school next Monday night at the annual Beaufort Rotary Club versus Year 11 students debate.
The Secondary College team consists of Matt Mahony, Liam Christian, Natalie Pickersgill and Emily Crowley.
The topic this year is: “Facebook is failing to live up to its promise.”
The evening starts at 7.00pm in the library and other students and parents are welcome to attend.
Please let the office know if you intend to come and support this event.

Biology to Ecolinc
Last Tuesday, the Unit 4 Biology class travelled to Ecolinc at Bacchus Marsh. Sam, Bryah, Peta and Jake worked with students from Kardinia International College and St Arnauds College.
They extracted DNA from various plant samples, amplified the DNA numbers and sorted it in order to determine whether the plants were genetically modified or not.
It was a great opportunity for students to have hands on experience with cutting-edge biotechnology.

Aidan helps demonstrate the risks for new drivers of Passengers in Cars and Distraction

Jake concentrates on his experiment

Bryah, Peta and Sam take their Biology to the field during the Ecolinc excursion
Follow-up process when homework is not submitted

1st
- Teacher talks to student and resets the due date and/or consequence

2nd
- Classroom teacher makes either a phone call or sends a letter home and determines when the work will be resubmitted
- This is communicated with the YLC - YLC will have a conversation about what happens next in moving to step 3 with student

3rd
- YLC handles the situation and will result in student having 2 lunchtime sessions and will include a phone call to parents/guardians to explain the next step

4th
- Failing to attend the YLC lunchtime sessions will result in an afterschool detention
- YLC will communicate this with the parents/guardians

Parents & Friends will hold a school fete in Term 4 The fete is the one major fundraiser for the year

Beau Gala
Friday 10th October, 2014 from 4 - 8pm

Help is needed with the following:
- On a roster to serve on a stall at the fete
- Help in the kitchen at the fete
- Donating baked goods for a cake stall
- Collection of or delivery of goods, prior to fete
- Selling raffle tickets prior to fete
- Set up or pack up of activities

If you are able to help in any way please fill in the this form and return to the School Office

Name: .................................................................................................................................
I would be available to help at School Fete: ........................................................................
I would be able to help with the following: ........................................................................

Signed: .................................................................................................................. Date: ..................

For further information contact Angela on 0439 565 468 or Sally on 0428 497 488

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National Young People and Asthma survey

To help inform future activity under the National Young Person and Asthma Strategy managed by Asthma Australia, we have developed a comprehensive survey for young people aged 12-25 years. This survey was designed by the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre, the evaluators of the strategy, and released in June.

As well as finding out about their asthma and use of medications, this survey will also explore health and well being indicators, allowing for comparisons with more general young person populations.

If you are reading this before 31 July, the cut off date for the survey, please inform any young people you know with asthma of this opportunity. They can access the survey link via the Asthma Australia website. Thank you.

We look forward to sharing the survey finding with the Australian community in national Asthma Week (1-7 Sept).

Update on the new asthma online training for staff

During this term the new online asthma training package will become available and replace the current one. The changeover will be seamless for you as users.

We encourage staff to use the online package to update their asthma knowledge at any time, e.g. when you have newly enrolled students with asthma.

Funded by the Australian government, asthma training packages are FREE for staff in schools and other education settings. Contact your local Asthma Foundation on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) for more information on asthma training options for your school or setting.

Your experiences with asthma in the school setting

We are always interested in hearing about your experiences with students’ asthma as staff members. This will help us to share real stories so other staff can understand the importance of being trained and feeling confident to deal with an asthma attack.

Through our website, training packages and social media we can alert other staff to the benefits of Asthma Australia’s FREE training and help improve outcomes for students with asthma across Australia. All information will be de-identified to ensure privacy.

Please share your story by:
- telling the trainer when they are at your site
- contacting your Schools Coordinator on 1800 ASTHMA
- or you can email your story to info@asthmaaustralia.org.au
  (subject: School Case Study).
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**ABC Open Snapped**

Mount Buangor
Free Photography walking tour
Saturday 6th September 10:30am to 2:00pm
Meet at the Ferntree Falls Visitor area
RSVPs are essential call Larissa Romensky on 5320 1062 or mail abcopen.ballarat@abc.net.au
More information at School Office

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**Loose Change Challenge**

Today the fun will begin with a Loose Change Challenge
A one-off fun excursion will be won by the form who collects the most loose change

**School Uniform Reminder**

Students who are not wearing the correct uniform, without a note, will get a detention

**Canteen Update**

Students and staff now have the option of ordering snacks and lunch On-line
Flyers are available at the School Office
Assistance for setting up your account can be viewed on https://www.facebook.com/UltimateSchools or contact Judy by phone on: 0427 497 445 or email on: judy@waterlootreats.com.au If you prefer, lunch orders can still be placed using the brown paper bag system.
Thank you for supporting the school canteen.

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**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: .....................................................................................................................