The Great Debate

Monday night, four Year 11 students competed in the annual debate between Beaufort Secondary College Year 11 students and the Rotary Club of Beaufort.

The school team comprised Matt Mahony, Liam Christian, Emily Crowley and Natalie Pickersgill.

The Rotary Club was represented by Mr Peter Oddie, Mr Ian Lovejoy, Mr Tony Sutherland and Mr Rob Pelletier.

The topic ‘Facebook has not lived up to it’s promise’ was chosen by Rotary.

The Secondary College took the affirmative.

Matt Mahony opened the debate and outlined the students case. Liam Christian and Emily Crowley followed on and Natalie Pickersgill concluded.

After a long deliberation, Rotary came out a few points ahead.

Well done to our students and thank you to Mrs Atkinson and Ms Moore for helping the students prepare their speeches.

Writing Protocols Brochure

The brochure, which is attached to this newsletter, contains clearly set out explanations about how written work should be completed. Please put the brochure in a safe place (perhaps on the fridge?) so that both you and your students are able to check that the guidelines have been followed.

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From the Principal’s Desk

Attached to this week’s newsletter is a copy of our Writing Protocols brochure, which has been distributed and explained to all students in Years 7 to 11 over the past two weeks. The brochure explains in detail the ways in which students are expected to complete written and word-processed tasks. It also includes a set of Editing Marks, which will be used by teachers to help students improve the quality of their writing. The contents of this brochure have been developed in consultation with all Domains, as we strive to help our students to produce work of which they can be proud.

We have high expectations and believe that by introducing these guidelines we will improve the level of consistency across the school, as well as ensuring we are all on the ‘same page.’ Please put the brochure in a prominent place so that you and your students are able to refer to it as they complete written tasks.

Karl Schier, Principal

Senior Studies Interviews

Mr De Zoete-Spiero and Mrs Higgins have been busy interviewing students and parents to discuss career pathways and course options. All VCAL students should have completed their VET application. Students who have applied will receive a letter in the mail either stating their application was unsuccessful or offering them an interview. Any concerns please contact Mr De Zoete-Spiero or Mrs Higgins.

Advance Camp

Year 9 and 10 Advance students are busy organising their camp to the Grampians. Students have to organise all aspects of the camp, including bookings, activities and food. The camp will be from Monday 1st September through until Wednesday 3rd September. Permission forms should be returned to the General Office ASAP. For any concerns please contact Mr Collins or Mrs Higgins.

40 Hour Famine

4th, 5th, 6th September

Please return your permission slip to the office by Thursday this week. Spare permission forms can be collected from Mrs Evans. All donations need to be handed in to the general office and the school donation will be sent in as a group. Sponsorship monies need to be returned by Monday 9th September 2014.

SPONSORSHIP FORM

4th, 5th 6th September 2014

Students will fast from 3.00pm Thursday 4th until 7.00am Saturday 6th September, 2014

Students will be provided with Barley Sugar and 1/2 cup rice for Friday lunch

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Eureka Basketball

Last Tuesday three teams represented the school at the Year 7 and Year 8 Eureka Basketball Competition held at the Miner Dome in Ballarat. All teams had a great day and were very competitive playing against Ballarat High School, Phoenix College, Ballarat Secondary College and Mount Clear College.

Thank you to Tegan Avery and Miss Vass for coaching, Lucas Kelley for scoring and Caylem Keenan and Mr Collins for organising the team. Caylem represented Beaufort Secondary by umpiring throughout the day. Well done to Caylem for his terrific efforts.

The Year 7 Boys team played fours games in total, winning two games. Team members were:
Cooper Smith  Bradley Saunders
Blaine Young  Lhiam Hammond
Alex Gerrard  Willem Greymans
Joshua Dodson

Best on for the day:
Cooper, Willem, Alex and Bradley

The Year 8 Boys team played five games in total, winning one and drawing another.
Members of the Year 8 Boys team were:
Bailey Thompson  Blake Thompson
Cree Stranks  Brad Uwland
Fraser Morcombe  Jake Crack
Lachlan Ford  William Sawtell

Best On for the day:
Brad, Cree, Bailey and Jake

The Year 8 Girls team played 5 games in total for the day. They won two of the five games.
Members of the Year 8 Girls team, including three Year 7 girls were:
Jenna-Lee Poyser  Donna Bruty
Leah McErvale  Linley Eastick
Joelle Godfrey  Tirana Prattley
Eliza Christian  Lanah Tiley
Beth Homan

Best On Court - for the day:
Linley, Jenna-Lee, Eliza and Donna.
Welcome Mrs Pitt

Mrs Pitt will be working in the General Office for the next few weeks. Mrs Pitt worked at Beaufort Primary School for many years and is well known to the Beaufort community. Please make her feel welcome.

Making Sushi

Year 7 Japanese class made sushi this week.

Exchange Opportunities

Secondary Student Exchange Program

Julie Bernane from ‘Student Exchange - Australia and New Zealand’ is coming to the Outdoor Assembly on Tuesday 9th September to speak to students about what her company offers.

This is a private organisation that arranges student exchange between different countries.

There is a cost involved for students who participate in this program.

For further information contact Mrs Higgins.

Uniform

Students are expected to wear complete school uniform each day.

- Canvas shoes are not acceptable or safe.
- Girls socks must be white.
- Boys socks must be grey.
- Socks must not have any logos or printing on them.

Lunchtime detention and after-school detention may result for students who are not in the correct uniform.

It is important that the presentation of our students continues to be of a high standard.

Any concerns please contact Mrs Perkins or Mrs Higgins.

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

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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**Eye dissection**

This term the year 9 students have been learning all about ‘how does a wave carry energy?’

As part of the science course this semester the students dissected an eye to get a closer look at how this organ functions. As you can see from the photos, our students really got into the activity and their impressive scalpel skills suggest some budding future surgeons!

_Pictured Top_  
L-R - Ella, Bronte and Milli enjoy studying eyes.  
Centre - Tatum and Right - Joel, both concentrating on their dissections

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**Legal Studies Excursion**

Should rights, especially those of marginalised groups, be protected under the Australian Constitution? If so, how?

Four VCE Legal Studies students from Beaufort Secondary College, along with participants from Ballarat schools grappled with this question. Emily Crowley, Jake Morcombe, Maddi Smith and Jamie Talbett travelled to Ballarat Grammar on Thursday to participate in the Schools’ Regional Constitutional Convention. They had the opportunity to discuss the topic with Keynote speaker, Senator Richard Di Natalie. They were asked to analyse existing rights provided by the Australian Constitution, discuss legislation and the key refugee policy platforms of Australian political parties. As a group, they were able to reach a resolution, with their final communique being forwarded to the State Convention for debate in October.

As Year 12 student Jake Morcombe commented, “it was a great opportunity to put our learning into practice. I could see how the Constitution is a tool that can be used…” for extending the rights of individuals within our community. Beaufort Secondary College Legal Studies students may now apply to participate in the State Convention to be held at Parliament House, Melbourne, and the National Convention in Canberra next year.

*Ms Perkins*  
Unit 3 & 4 Legal Studies.

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**Keys Please - Correction**

Please note that Keys 2 Drive is a federally funded program that provides a FREE driving lesson to Learner with an accredited Driving instructor. The website address in the newsletter last week was incorrect.

The correct web address is:  
www.keys2drive.com.au

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### Important Dates

**August**

- Mon 25: Debate - Year 11 vs Beaufort Rotary
- Tues. 26: School Council Meeting
- Wed 27: Community Lunch
- Fri. 29: ADVANCE CFA Visit - P 3 & 4

**September**

- M 1- W 3: Advance Camp (TBC)
- Tues 2: Year 12 Biology Excursion
- Wed 3: Year 11 & 12 Biology Excursion
- Fri. 5: Federation Uni - Year 10s
- Mon 8: Year 7 Rotary Public Speaking
- Wed 10: Presentation Ball Information Night
- Wed. 10: Immunisations - Yr 7s & Yr 9 Boys
- Fri 12: Student Reports Out
- Fri. 12: Year 10 YOUTHINK Session
- Mon 15: Parent Teacher Interview Forms Due
- Mon. 15: Year 9 SSMART ASSK Program
- Wed 17: Year 11 Biology to EcoLink
- 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

### 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

### 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

### Beau Gala

The fete will be a bi-annual major fundraiser Beau Gala will be held 4.00 - 8.00pm

### Loose Change Challenge

The fun has begun with a Loose Change Challenge

A one-off excursion will be won by the form who collects the most loose change