The first of December saw Beaufort Secondary College 9/10 Advance class students travel to Ocean Grove for two nights. When we arrived we immediately set up our tents and ate lunch. We then travelled to the beach in Barwon Heads and admired the rock pools. The next day we drove to Dive Victoria in Anglesea for our scuba diving and snorkelling lesson. We spent time in the pool learning how to use the equipment and developing our skills.

We then sailed to Popes Eye Marine Park for our dive session. It was an amazing experience. We then travelled out further to snorkel with the seals. Later that night we went for a walk to Barwon Heads. When we got back after our long day we were exhausted and fell asleep straight away.

The next morning we packed up all our tents then Mr Collins cooked us up a feast. After breakfast we made our way to Ocean Grove main beach for a surfing lesson with Go-Ride-A-Wave. Although it was cloudy the water was exceptionally warm which let everyone participate. Everyone put in a lot of effort and caught lots of waves. Then we had a rinse in the showers and were on our way home. It was great experience for all of us and we really enjoyed it. Many thanks to Mr Collins, Miss Fuller and the rest of the Advance Camp.

Milli and Lyam

Booklists Change of Date
The date for completed booklists to be returned to the school is now Thursday 11th December, 2014.

This is the day after the Second Hand Books and Uniform Sale which is on Wednesday 10th December, 2014.
From the Principal’s Desk

Music concert

Our Music Concert was last Thursday night in the Drama Centre. It was a wonderful display of the talent we have in our school. Although the focus of the evening was on the Year 7 students, we had students perform from right across the year levels, as well as staff up on stage performing solo or with students. It was a very entertaining evening and it was fantastic to see so many people in the audience supporting our students. I admire everyone’s willingness to get up on the stage to perform and be part of such a successful evening.

There are many people to thank: Mrs Kehoe for all of her hard work and making it happen, Adrian Page for his technical work and performing on stage, Mr Jeffries for his recording work, Mrs McKelvey for being the compere for the evening and for leading and performing with the choir, and all of the teachers and parents who supported the evening – and of course, to ALL of the students who entertained us on the night. Well done!!

Grade 6 Orientation Days

We’ve had two orientation days this week for Grade 6 students. We had students from Beaufort Primary School, Skipton Primary School, Waubra Primary School, Amphitheatre Primary School and Mount Blowhard Primary School. The students participated in variety classes that gave them a taste for what secondary school life will be like for them next year. The students all seemed to enjoy themselves with lots of positive comments about their experiences in and out of the classroom. It was great to see the smiling faces and the students obviously enjoying spending time with the new friends they met from other schools. Students commented on feeling comfortable and welcome at Beaufort Secondary College – and we would expect nothing less!

Duke of Edinburgh’s Gold Award

Last Saturday night Mr Collin’s and I attended the Duke of Edinburgh’s Gold Award Gala with Natasha Carland and her family. The Dinner and Awards evening was held at the Melbourne Town Hall – it was a very big show! We had a terrific evening and were very proud to be there to see Natasha walk across the stage and receive her award. Very few who start out in the Duke of Edinburgh go on to attain the Gold Award due to the very high level of commitment and time that is required. Natasha demonstrated determination and dedication to complete the Award through: Service to her community, development of skills, participation in physical recreation, pursuing a spirit of adventure and discovery and broadening her experiences through involvement with others in a residential setting. Congratulations to Natasha for achieving at such a high level!

VETiS Awards

Congratulations to Zac Biggin and Matt Mahony for their success at VETiS Cluster Awards. Matt was successful in winning the ‘Building and Construction’ Student of the Year Award. Zac Biggin won the ‘Engineering’ Student of the Year Award. He was also the overall VET student of the year from across the entire cluster. An amazing achievement!

It is a credit to the students and our school for being successful in attaining these awards, particularly considering the size of our school when competing against larger Government and Non-Government Schools throughout the Ballarat and Grampians Region.

End of Year

We have less than two weeks of school remaining and Christmas is fast approaching. We have formal classes continuing until the end of this week and will run an activities program over the course of next week.

Presentation Evening is next Tuesday, 16th December 16th at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start in the Drama Centre. I look forward to seeing everyone there to celebrate our successes before the holiday break. We will begin next year with teachers returning on Wednesday 28th January and students starting the following day on Thursday the 29th.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank our staff for their hard work this year. There is a significant amount of time, effort and care put into the learning of the students at our school. I would also like to thank our students for their contribution to our school community. Thank you to the parents and the community for their support throughout the year. On behalf of the staff, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, happy New Year and a safe and enjoyable holiday period.

Karl Schier
Principal
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Year 8 Camp

The Year 8 students are enjoying the Beach Camp at Anglesea this week. Mr Cunningham, Miss Fuller and Mr Kynoch are at the camp for the duration with Mr de Zoete attending on Monday and Mr Schier on Wednesday.

Students are enjoying the activities so far and learning about water safety at the beach. The students learn to surf and will visit the Adventure Park Geelong.

Welding Course

Last week Josh Franc went to Ararat and completed a 3 day welding course at the Ararat Secondary College. Josh was taught basic welding techniques and was presented with a certificate at the conclusion of the course.

Well Done Josh.
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Year 7 Music Concert

The Drama Centre was full on Thursday evening as the annual Music Concert was held. The night was a chance for Year 7 music students to showcase what they had learnt during the year. Many talented students from all year levels performed at the concert making for a very entertaining night. Many thanks to Mrs Kehoe for organising the event, Mrs McKelvey for comparing, Mr Page and Rohan Gerrard for managing the sound and lighting box. A supper was enjoyed after the concert. Congratulations to all those who performed.

Pictured
Top - School Choir
Left - Year 7B L-R Eliza, Joshua, Ayla, Issy, Tiarna, Rhiannon and Will
Below L-R - Lachlan, Emily, Samara, Channing and Rebekah
Bottom L-R - Laura and Cathryn, Robert and Peta
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Grade 6 Orientation Days

A group of enthusiastic Grade 6 students attended Beaufort Secondary College for the 2015 Year 7 Orientation Program on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Students came from Skipton, Amphitheatre, Waubra, Beaufort, Mt Blowhard and Carisbrook. Students enjoyed a wide variety of activities that were planned during the two days. We look forward to welcoming the Grade 6 students back as year 7 students in 2015. If parents have any questions please contact Mrs Higgins.

Scienceworks Excursion

On Monday, Year 7 and 9 students went on an excursion to Scienceworks in Melbourne as part of the studies and research for maths and science.

Pictured
Below - Joe and Brenton try racing wheelchairs
Left - Ben tests out one of the activities
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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**Beaufort & District Junior Disco**

Friday 12th December
Prep– Year 7
6.30pm – 8.00pm
$5.00 Entry
Beaufort Scout/Guide Hall

For more information: 53492508

**BEAUFORT PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**STUDENT ART CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Support our P&F Fundraiser and purchase these unique cards, created by students at BPS. 15 different designs for $10 per pack.
For sale from the Primary School and Secondary College Office.

**School Diaries**

- **for 2015** -

Beaufort Secondary College
Student Diaries for 2015 are now available.
Families can purchase the diaries for $6.00 each at the school office.

**Merry Christmas**

and a Safe New Year

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