Rohan wins Premier’s Spirit of ANZAC Prize

Congratulations to Rohan Gerrard who was presented with the Premier’s Spirit of ANZAC Prize at Parliament House last Friday. Rohan is one of twelve students in Year 10 and 11 from across Victoria chosen to participate in a two week war study tour of Greece, Turkey, Belgium and France.

The twelve winners were selected from a record number of over 650 entries. The students were required to present a project answering the question of ‘The 2015 ANZAC Centenary is a time for us to reflect on the ANZAC Spirit, to what extent do you think it is relevant to life in Australia today, what can it teach us about the Australia we want for the future?’

For his entry Rohan wrote a short story on the life of his Great Uncle, William Murphy who served in World War II. He then presented the story in a book for which he produced all of the graphic design along with a 500 word essay.

After reaching the Regional final, Rohan undertook an intensive interview process in the Premiers Office in December before being selected as one of twelve recipients to travel to Gallipoli and the Western Front. Rohan is pictured above with Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews and Mr Schier at the presentation of the Premier’s Award in Parliament House last Friday.

Rohan will leave for the 16 day war study tour on March 28th and will visit, Lemnos, Istanbul, Gallipoli, Belgium and France.
From the Principal’s Desk

School Council Election

This week’s newsletter contains information about the School Council Election process and a nomination form. School Councils play an important role in setting the directions of the school within central guidelines. However, Beaufort Secondary College Council meetings are traditionally informal, positive and informative.

I encourage parents to seriously consider standing for School Council. An information sheet for parents is provided, along with a Schedule 5A form to be used if you wish to nominate yourself, whilst the Schedule 5B form is used to nominate another parent (with his or her agreement). If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

Premier’s Spirit of ANZAC Prize

Congratulations to Rohan Gerrard on his outstanding achievement in being successful in winning the Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize.

Rohan worked hard on his application and went through a rigorous interview process to be chosen from over 650 secondary students who applied for the award. As reward for his effort, Rohan will take part in an overseas tour of Gallipoli and the Western Front with 12 other students - an extraordinary experience. I had the pleasure of attending Parliament House last Friday with Rohan and his parents (Colin and Angela) when he received his award from Premier Daniel Andrews. The Presentation Ceremony was impressive, with high profile guests and aspirational students from Government and Non-Government Victorian schools. This was followed by an amazing experience at the Shrine of Remembrance. This is the second year in a row that we have had a student successful in attaining this award (Bianca Gerrard won last year) – a rare achievement for any school! We wish Rohan all the best on his ‘educational tour’ of a life time.

Karl Schier
Principal

Uniform

A boys and girls assembly will be held this week to outline the school uniform.

Students who are out of uniform need to bring a dated and signed note from a parent and get a uniform pass before Form Assembly.

Monday and Tuesday
• Year 10, 11, 12 see Mr de Zoete Spiero
• Year 7,8,9 see Mr Cunningham

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
• All students see Mrs Maxted

Any concerns, see Mrs Higgins.

School Buses

Trawalla - Langi Kal Kal
Trawalla - Brewster

Due to the road works around Trawalla, these buses will now be taking longer time to get to and from school.

A meeting was held on Monday at Trawalla Primary School with VicRoads, the bus companies involved, Mr Schier, Mrs Higgins and Mrs Morcombe.

The current changes in traffic conditions were discussed. The old highway through Trawalla will close on Tuesday 17th February while a new bridge is being built. The Trawalla by-pass road will be open to traffic, a dual carriage way, with traffic travelling in an easterly and westerly direction. The road into Trawalla is scheduled to re-open at the end of June.

Bus times will be affected and the school will notify parents if times will change significantly.

A VicRoads newsletter has been attached to this newsletter. Any concerns please contact Mr Schier or Mrs Higgins.

Year 12 VCE Study Camp

Year 12 students who are studying VCE this year are attending the Federation University for three days this week. They are participating in the Mid Western Complex / Western District Colleges Study Camp. Students will be staying in the Halls of Residence and using the University facilities.

Guest lecturers from the University and assessors will be running the lectures.
It’s hard to learn anything if you are absent from school - *It’s not OK to be Away.*
Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015
Dear Principal
The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015
The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’

The ATO will continue working with teachers to educate students about tax and superannuation. The curriculum resource Tax, Super & You is a free, easy to use, online educational resource aligned to the school curriculum of each state and territory. This resource can be accessed at taxsuperandyou.gov.au

In the coming weeks we will provide more information by email on how students can apply for a TFN and the educational services we can provide. In the meantime if you require any further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Regards

Steve Vesperman
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation

COME ALONG AND ENJOY “THE TALK” WITH COMEDIAN NELLY THOMAS
All parents know that they need to talk to their kids about the “birds and the bees” but many are unsure how to go about it or outright dread it! This informative and humorous live show is based on Nelly’s ground-breaking sexual health and ethics DVD of the same name, as well as her 12 years’ experience delivering sexual health shows across Victoria.

The show is about supporting parents to have The Talk with their kids. It is a fun, educational and light-hearted presentation, followed by an interactive discussion where the audience can ask questions of Nelly and a panel of local health professionals.

There will also be opportunity to learn more about local services with the launch of the Grampians Pyrenees Sexual Health Services Guide.

WHEN: 11 MARCH 2015
6.30 pm (for a 7 pm start) to 9 pm
WHERE: Alexandra Oval Community and Recreation Centre, Waratah Avenue, Ararat

Or visit eventbrite.com.au and search: The Talk Nelly Thomas

AUDIENCE: Parents of primary and secondary school students.

EVENT ENQUIRIES: please contact Women’s Health Grampians
adminb@whg.org.au or 1800 013 432

SRC APPLICATIONS
Now Open
Collect an application form from the General Office
Return to Mrs Evans by Thursday 12th February, 2015
Presentation Ball 2015

THE FOLLOWING FORMS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE GENERAL OFFICE
BY END OF FEBRUARY

- Suggestion Forms for Theme -
- Suggestion Forms for Color -
- Voting Forms for Suit Style -
- Voting Forms for Music -
- Nomination Form for Juniors -

Meetings will be held Wednesday 4th March
Year 12 & partners 1.00pm
Year 11 & partners 1.15pm

Year 8 Humanities

Year 8 students have begun studying History this semester. One of the activities was to present a play demonstrating how life changed between the early and late Middle Ages.

As you can see, students were quite willing to express their medieval side!

Top - Joelle
Below Right L-R - Keisha and Rebekah
Below Left L-R - Will, Cooper and Bradley

World Challenge Fundraising

Participants in the World Challenge 2015 team held a successful fundraising bbq and cake stall at the Beaufort Market on Saturday morning. Almost $850.00 was raised at the group fundraising event. Lauren Broadbent raised $300.00 from her fundraising car wash held in the Christians Bus Depot on Saturday morning. Thank you to everyone who supported these events.

Pictured L-R at the bbq on Saturday
Mr Kynoch, Mrs Evans, Shae, Emily and Kianie

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10 February 2015

Western Highway – changes to traffic conditions (Burrumbeet-Trawalla)

John Holland, delivering the Western Highway Project – Burrumbeet to Beaufort on behalf of VicRoads, provides an update about the major changes to traffic conditions on the highway and surrounding roads between February and June, 2015.

Highway opening date changes

It is important to be aware that the timeframes and traffic impacts for the highway opening previously advertised to occur on Friday 13th February 2015, have changed.

The highway between Burrumbeet and east of Trawalla is now expected to open to four lanes the week commencing 16th February 2015, weather permitting.

Electronic message boards on the highway will advise of the opening date in the days leading up to the opening.

The highway will be opened in sections at various stages throughout one day next week.

The day of the opening is reliant on the completion of other works along the highway and weather.

Traffic impacts

On the day of the highway opening, traffic travelling on or entering the highway between Burrumbeet and west of Trawalla can expect the following impacts throughout the day:

- Short-term closures to local roads and private accesses to the highway between Burrumbeet and Trawalla. Delays up to 30 minutes as traffic is moved from the old highway to the new highway.

Speed reductions will be in place for up to one week after highway opening until loose stones on the newly constructed highway are fully embedded.

Traffic switch works

Works in preparation for traffic being moved from the old highway to the new highway have progressed well during the past three weeks. All crushed rock pavements are now complete and bituminous sealing and line marking will be completed in coming days.

Short term lane closures on the highway have allowed removal of temporary concrete barriers and completion of kerbing at intersections. These works are necessary for the opening of the upgraded east-bound traffic lanes.
Ongoing works and key road closures
Once east-bound traffic is moved to the upgraded highway, key road closures will be in place.

Old Western Highway closure, Trawalla
The existing highway (what will be the old highway) between Langi Kal Kal Road and Trawalla-Waterloo Road will temporarily close the day of the highway opening. The road is expected to be closed until 30th June 2015 to allow for the construction of a new bridge over Mt Emu Creek.

Signed detour routes and traffic management will be in place (see map). Motorists are reminded to take care and observe changing traffic conditions.

Please note that during this time, the V/Line coach service will not stop at Trawalla. Please call V/Line on 1800 800 007 for further information.

Remembrance Drive closure, Burrumbeet
The Remembrance Drive intersection at Burrumbeet will temporarily close the day of the highway opening until the 31st March 2015. The closure will allow for works to safely modify the west-bound entry and exit lanes at the Remembrance Drive interchange and works to re-connect the Avenue of Honour north of the highway.

Access to properties will be maintained, while accesses to the highway will be available via detoured routes and alternative local roads.

Signed detour routes and traffic management will be in place (see map). Motorists are reminded to take care and observe changing traffic conditions.
Beaufort Secondary College’s Council has the following composition:

- 7 Parent Members (elected by parents)
- 5 Department of Education and Training (DET) employee members.
  Four are elected by DET employees, with the Principal acting as an “ex officio” member
- 3 members co-opted from the school community.
  At BSC, they will be comprised of a PFA representative, a student and a community member

Elected representatives serve two year terms, with half up for re-election each year.

As at 31 March this year,

**PARENTS:**
Parents who will retire or are up for re-election: Tim Carland
  Michael McGuire
  Louise Crowley
  Mark Morcombe

Parents who are mid-way through their term: Tracy Gibson
  Kerri-Anne Neil
  Sandra Holtkamp

**STAFF:**
Staff who will retire or are up for re-election: Greg Walton
  Belinda Evans

Staff who are mid-way through their term: Heather Higgins
  Lynne Dickman

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS (2014-15):**
  PFA Representative: Leonie Perkins
  Community Representative: Michael O’Connor
  Student: Jake Morcombe

** These positions are filled on a year by year basis by the council itself.

The result of all this is that there are FOUR parent and TWO DET employee vacancies to be filled at this election for the term of office 1/4/15 to 31/3/17.

**2015 Election Timeline:**
Notice of election and call for nominations: Tuesday, 10th February
Close of nominations: Tuesday, 3rd March (4.00 pm)
Distribution of ballot papers via newsletter (if required) Wednesday, 4th March
Election closes: Wednesday, 11th March (4.00 pm)
Declaration of Poll Results: Tuesday, 17th March
First meeting of 2014-2015 School Council** Tuesday, 24th March

** The co-opted members will be appointed at the first meeting of the 2015-2016 School Council

See the attached documents:
- School Council Elections - Information for Parents
- Schedule 5A - Self Nomination Form for Parent Member Category
- Schedule 5B - Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

Other documentation and information will be distributed via the school newsletter.

Under Department of Education and Training Development rules, the Principal is required to be in control of the School Council election process.
School Council Elections 2015
Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category – its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a notice of election and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
Consider standing for election to council this year
Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Principal for further information.
School Council Elections 2015

Schedule 5A  Self-Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the Beaufort Secondary College School Council.

Name..................................................................................................................................................

Residential address ..............................................................................................................................

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Contact Phone (Mobile or Landline): ..................................................................................................

Email: ...................................................................................................................................................

I am the parent/guardian of ......................................................................................................................,
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council.
I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt, of unsound mind, currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence or registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate: .................................................. Date: _______________________________

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the Principal on 5349 2305.

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested, your nomination may not be accepted.
If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the Principal.
**School Council Elections 2015**

**Schedule 5B  Nomination Form for Parent Member Category**

I wish to nominate the candidate listed below for an elected position as a parent representative on the Beaufort Secondary College School Council.

Name:  

Residential address:  

Contact Phone (Mobile or Landline):  

Email:  

I am the parent/guardian of , who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of , who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training Development but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator:  

Signature of Nominator:  

Date:  

**Candidate to complete**

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt, of unsound mind, currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence or registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate:  

Date:  

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine the eligibility of a candidate and nominator.

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