Inter-House Swimming Sports

Last Friday the 13th February, the House Swimming Sports were held at the Beaufort Swimming pool. Congratulations to all students who competed on the day. Thank you to the student helpers, staff and parents for their support and encouragement throughout the day. The overall house points for the day went to Wandarra / Taltarni. The final points were Wandarra/ Taltarni 713.5 to Kambara / Tanaranga 675.5.

Janet Sturgeon Memorial Cup

A new event was added to the inter-house swimming program this year. The Janet Sturgeon Memorial Cup has been donated to the school in memory of Janet who grew up in Skipton and went to secondary college in Beaufort. Then known as the Beaufort High School, Janet was an excellent swimmer and still holds records at the school and also at the Mid West Complex Swimming Carnival. Janet's’ sister-in-law Cheryl and her three nieces, all who attended Beaufort Secondary College were on hand to present the inaugural cup and trophies. The winner of this event, the fastest girl over 50 metres was Bianca Butcher and the runner up was Linley Eastick. Well done girls and thank you to the Sturgeon family.
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Year 12
VCE Study Camp

Seventeen year 12 students stayed at Federation University last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to experience three days of expert lectures and university facilities. During the day students attended lectures in each subject they are studying. At night, all students gained information on study skills, goal setting, young drivers road safety and responsibility and keeping yourself safe. Students particularly enjoyed these sessions. Students stayed at the University in the Halls of Residence and enjoyed meals provided by chefs at the University Café. 130 students from across the Western District took advantage of the opportunity. Our students found the camp to be very educational and enjoyable. It was also a great opportunity to make new friends.

Year 12
VCAL Work placement

Year 12 students who are studying VCAL organised a three day work placement last week. This was to give students the opportunity to complete their orientation to the work site and also some valuable hours in the workforce. Mrs Evans coordinated the program and had the opportunity to liaise with students and their employers.

VET begins

Students completing Vocational Education and Training (VET) headed off on the train last Thursday to begin their courses. Beaufort Secondary College students are taking part in a variety of VET courses including automotive, equine, hair and beauty, Community Services, Multimedia, Music Technology, Hairdressing, Animal Studies, Building and Construction, Hospitality, Information Technology, Nursing, Integrated Technologies, Sport and Recreation and Aviation.
**Results**

**Andrew Campbell Shield**
Winner: Linley Eastick
Runner up: Joe Watkins

**Janet Sturgeon Memorial Cup**
Winner: Bianca Butcher
Runner up: Linley Eastick

**Individual Age Group Champions**

**13 Year Males**
Winner: Jeremy Broadbent
Runner up: Dylan Ford

**13 Year Females**
Winner: Ashleigh Crowley
Runner up: Alarah Ford

**14 Year Males**
Winner: Joe Watkins
Runner up: Lucas Kelley

**14 Year Females**
Winner: Linley Eastick
Runner up: Victoria Homan

**15 Year Males**
Winner: Bailey Thompson
Runner up: Lachlan Ford

**15 Year Females**
Winner: Hayley Crowley and Donna Brutty

**16 Year Males**
Winner: Abraham Johnson-Knight
Runner up: Nathan Lilley

**16 Year Females**
Winner: Bianca Butcher
Runner up: Milli Smith

**17 Year Males**
Winner: Ned Watkins
Runner up: Cameron Gadsby

**17 Year Females**
Winner: Elise Crick
Runner up: Tegan Avery

**20 Year Males**
Winner: Liam Christian
Runner up: Kyle Keenan

**20 Year Females**
Winner: Maycee Eastick
Runner up: Danielle Gore

**Overall House Results**
1st Wandarra/ Taltarni 713.5 points
Kambara/ Tanaranga 675.5 points

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**Andrew Campbell Shield**
The Andrew Campbell Shield for the fastest swimmer under 15 years, over 50 metres. The event was strongly contested this year. A full field of 8 swimmers participated, 3 girls and 5 boys.

The winner was Linley Eastick with the runner-up Joe Watkins.

We thank Mrs Heather Sandford who is Andrew Campbell’s daughter, she donates the trophies and comes to the swimming sports each year to present them. Thank you to Heather and her family for their support to the school over many years.

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**Age Group Champions**

Liam 20yr          Maycee 20yr    Ned 17yr         Elise 17yr      Abraham 16yr Bianca 16yr
Bailey 15yr Donna, Hayley 15yr     Joe 14yr     Linley 14yr Jeremy 13yr  Ashleigh 13yr

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**Beaufort Football Netball Club**

Dear Current Players, Prospective Players and Beaufort Families. You are all invited to our Meet the Coaches night on Thursday, February 26th at 7pm sharp. Players will meet next years coaches as well as meeting other team members. It will be organized as follows:

**Seniors/Reserve Football- Train from 6-7pm**

- Under 18- In front of the Clubrooms. 7pm
- Under 12- High School End Goals 7pm

**Netball** - Welcome all new and existing 13/U, 15/U and 17/U netball players to a meet and greet training session on Thursday 26th February at 6.00pm, followed by a BBQ tea. Please contact the respective coaches to register your interest, even if you are unable to attend on the night.


At 7:15 all footballers will train together practising some skills. 7:15

**At 7:30**- Our committee are providing a BBQ and refreshments. All food and drinks can be bought for a gold coin. Please stay and socialize and enjoy the evening. Thank you in anticipation, Beaufort Football Club

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TEN TIPS FOR RAISING A HAPPY CHILD

1. **Express gratitude every day.** If you make the expression of gratitude routine in your home, everyone will feel a greater sense of contentment with life as it is.

2. **Spend one-on-one time with your child.** When you give your child your undivided attention on a regular basis, he feels he matters to you. Consistent special time creates the opportunity for regular communication and connection.

3. **Create opportunities for your child to help other children.** Being of service builds your child’s empathetic response and strengthens her sense of purpose in the greater world.

4. **Ask your children to come up with their own solutions to their problems.** If you solve their problems for them, they lose the opportunity to feel empowered and build resiliency.

5. **Make sure your children know your love for them is not contingent on their performance or achievement.** Communicate with your children that your love for them is without conditions of accomplishment.

6. **Identify daily stress points.** If aspects of your daily routine are consistently stressful, see if you can make changes and create solutions; perhaps you need more time, more nutrition, more exercise, more communication, more organization, or different expectations for a better routine.

7. **Encourage competency.** From an early age, let your child do whatever he is capable of doing for himself. This will develop his sense of competency in the world, which in turn affects his self-confidence and self-esteem.

8. **Self-confidence is a learned behavior.** Teach your child to be aware of her inner voice and to identify the thoughts that help or hinder her self-esteem. Give her examples of reassuring thoughts she can use to replace the critical ones.

9. **Model perseverance.** Share your own small challenges and quiet triumphs with your children. Let them see by your example how to persevere in the face of disappointment.

10. **Talk with your children about uncomfortable subjects.** When you communicate your feelings about difficult topics, you share your values.

Compiled by Jessica Williams with Kids In The House interviews from Christine Carter, PhD, Ross Greene, PhD, Michael Gervais, PhD, Laura Markham, PhD, Lee Hausner, PhD, Michael Bradley, EdD, Robert Brooks, PhD, Denise Pope, PhD, Rabbi Sherre Hirsch, and Rona Renner, RN.
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION 2015

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): ……………………………
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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 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.

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.

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