Year 10 Science Excursion - EcoLinc

On Tuesday the 17th of February, 30 Year 10 students travelled down the highway to EcoLink in Bacchus Marsh to attend a session comparing the muscle protein of various animal species as evidence of evolution. The session started with an overview of evolution and the animals being studied. They were then required to predict which species were most closely related, given this evidence. This was quickly followed by the practical component. Students sampled and denatured proteins using buffer solutions and micropipettes. They then took turns in loading their samples onto a gel for electrophoresis. After the gel had run they then removed their gels for staining and analysis of results. The day was extremely full of information, all relevant to what the students are currently studying. They got to use laboratory equipment that they had not seen before and it was an informative and fun day for all.

Year 10 Science - making DNA

Year 10A have been learning about the structure and function of DNA by building their own ‘Double Helix’ using lollies. Pictured above showing their finished DNA structures are L-R Alex, Ethan, Eliza, Cara and Abraham.
From the Principal’s Desk

At Beaufort Secondary College we aim to create a safe, supportive and productive learning environment in which all students can reach their full potential. Over the past weeks our Year 7 students have been working with their teachers to develop an understanding of how we would like our classes to operate. Together we created a ‘Y Chart’ which clearly describes how we want our classes to look, sound and feel like in order for us all to be able to work and learn together.

We also discussed a set of steps and consequences that can be put in place should anyone decide to work against the way in which we want people to behave according to our ‘Y Chart’. All of our Year 7 students agreed that the ‘Y Chart’ and the ‘steps’ were appropriate for their classes and provide a framework for all to use to ensure they maintain a positive classroom culture.

I have included a copy of the ‘Y Chart’ and ‘steps’ in this newsletter. Our student diaries have a copy of our classroom culture expectations, as well as information about our focus areas: Respectful Relationships, High Expectations, Excellence – and how they relate to our corresponding Values and Beliefs. We have also been working with the Year 8 students in a similar way over the last week and will work with Year 9 and 10 students in a different way to give them an understanding of the importance of a positive classroom culture.

These expectations have been particularly evident in the way in which our classrooms have been working over the start of this term. Congratulations to the students and staff for all of the productive work and for establishing such an excellent school climate.

Karl Schier
Principal

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Monday 2nd March, in the morning. All students should have received an individual envelope which needs to be returned to the office ASAP. Families who would like family photos taken need to collect a separate envelope and return this to the office along with their individual envelope. All students must be in full school uniform and are asked to wear/bring their school jumper. Girls have permission to wear their hair out for the photos and then tie it back after their photo has been taken.
Any concerns please contact Mrs Higgins.

School Council Election
This week’s newsletter again 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. Parents are encouraged 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 Mr Schier at the school.

Presentation Balls 2015
COUPLES PLEASE NOTE
A new trainer has been secured for the Presentation Balls.
Due to this the Training Roster has changed.
All couples will commence training on Sunday 26th April from 7.00 - 9.00pm.

New Training Roster will be handed out at Meeting on Wednesday 4th March
Year 12 & partners 1.00pm
Year 11 & partners 1.15pm

Skipton Lions Youth of the Year
Beaufort Secondary College is sending two students this year to compete in the Skipton Lions Youth of the Year. Emily Crowley and Bianca Gerrard will be competing against other students from across the region. We wish both our girls luck and look forward to a full report next week.

It’s hard to learn anything if you are absent from school - It’s not OK to be Away.
School Council
Student Representative
The school is seeking expressions of interest from a student who would like to represent the students on the Beaufort Secondary College School Council. Students from Year 10 and 11 usually apply but occasionally we have a Year 12 student fill the position. (It is difficult for Year 12 students because of their work commitments)
The meetings are held once a month on the last Tuesday and run from 7.00pm - 9.30pm.
Any student interested please see Mrs Higgins.

ANZAC School Service - Melbourne
Beaufort Secondary College have been invited again to attend the Commemoration Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance, Thursday 23rd April.
9 students from Year 7 will be given the opportunity to attend. We will travel to Melbourne on a bus with members of district Legacy groups, teachers and students from schools in Stawell, Ararat and Lake Bolac.
Students will wear full school uniform and will leave Beaufort at 7.30am and will return at 4.00pm, therefore unable to use school buses.
A Beaufort teacher will accompany students on this event. Interested students see Mrs Higgins.

School Uniform
Thank you to all students for wearing the correct school uniform.

School shoes
Some parents, in good faith, have purchased the incorrect school shoes after being told by shop assistants that they met our uniform policy and OH&S standards.
We have meet with all these students this week and have explained that
1. Shoes that are clearly incorrect, need to be replaced as soon as possible.
2. Shoes that are close, but do not meet uniform requirements can be worn until new shoes are required this year, and then the correct shoes purchased.
3. Next year, all students must be in the correct lace up school shoes. Boots are also in this category.
An individual letter has been sent home to the students affected.

Girls Shorts
Mrs Higgins met with the uniform supplier last week to chase up girls shorts. The girls shorts that Beleeza are selling are not suitable for most girls. (Unfortunately no-one told us) Beleeza are now going to source a more appropriate design and material and advise the school when this is available. Mrs Higgins will then meet with girls and keep families informed.

Coats
School blazers and spray jackets are now available to all students. We are investigating adding another warmer coat to the uniform list.

School ties
Beaufort Secondary College ties are now available at Beleeza. Students who would like to wear a tie are reminded that they should be worn with a plain cotton white shirt, not a polo shirt.

P E Tee-shirts
These are available at a cost of $20.00 from Beleeza. These are navy blue with the school logo. All students in Year 7 are expected to wear the uniform tee-shirt (or a plain navy polo shirt) from the beginning of Term 2.
Thank you to parents for your support. Our students are well presented and we receive many positive comments about the excellent appearance of our students.
Any concerns contact Mrs Higgins.
World Challenge

Jasper from the World Challenge team met with participants in this year’s challenge to Thailand regarding the Pre-Challenge expedition training which will be held shortly in Gembrook looking at a range of scenarios which could take place while on the World Challenge. The group also started to think about packing.

Beaufort to Thailand

Beaufort Recreational Oval
7,000km Walk/Run
March 27th, 2015.

We are looking for enthusiastic people to walk/run with us and cheer us on. Our purpose is to raise funds so that we can take part in the World Challenge Expedition to Thailand later this year.

Starting time: 9:00am
Finishing time: midnight.

Register your interest in attending via email to: evans.bellinda.a@edumall.vic.gov.au or ring the BSC on 53 492 305

Youth Worker

We are fortunate to have the services of Mr Kevin Griffith, a Youth Worker from Grampians Community Health. Kevin works with individuals and groups of students and comes to the school once every two weeks. If you don’t want your child to be involved in this valuable program please contact Mrs Higgins.

Free Seminar on Autism

GMHBA is excited to present two free seminars by world-renowned expert on autism Professor Tony Attwood. Tony Attwood is a clinical psychologist who specialises in autism spectrum disorders. Both seminars are designed primarily for the parents and carers who have a child on the autism spectrum and will also be suitable for health and education professionals looking to further professional development in this field.

Session details
Thursday, 19th March at the Pier, Cunningham Pier, Geelong.
Session 1: Managing Challenging Behaviour in Children with Autism - 9.00am for a 9.30am start - 12.30pm
Session 2: Adolescent Issues for Teenagers with Asperger’s Syndrome - 1.30pm for a 2pm start - 5pm

Light refreshments will be available prior to each session.
Numbers are limited and registration is essential
Register Now
(Contact GMHBA Limited 60-68 Moorabool St, Geelong 3220)

The Pyrenees Shire Council & Playgroup Victoria would like to invite you to join in the fun at OUR “2nd” BIG PLAY DAY Held at Children’s Centre – Liebig St Avoca
5th MARCH 2015, 10.00am

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25th February, 2015  School Phone 03 5349 2305  

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**Apples for Ag Studies**

On Thursday the 19th February, the year 9 and 10 Agriculture class worked together during periods 3 and 4 to cook an Apple crumble. We collected 64 apples each which was enough to provide an apple crumble each. The ingredients that were used were Green apples, Self-raising flour, brown sugar, coconut, oats, cloves and butter. This is part of our “Paddock to Plate” program in Agriculture, just teaching us that what we have produced in the Veggie garden can be cooked into something delicious.

*Lachlan Ford*

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**Ella’s fundraising finished!**

I, Ella McLean World Challenge team member, over the weekend, reached the $5,500 fundraising to cover the expense needed to go to Thailand. To reach this I did a trailer load of wood raffle, worked in the shearing shed along with my family and was given the day’s wage, and this weekend I held another shearing day where there was 550 sheep shorn. This last fundraiser would not have been possible without my family, friends, Pearse Shearing Ararat and Coryule Pastoral Company. On the day we started at 7:30 am and finished at 1:20pm with a BBQ lunch. I would like to give many thanks to Roger Pearse and all his work staff for donating their time on Saturday, it was greatly appreciated. Also to Beaufort Butchery for donating the meat for lunch, Coryule Pastoral company where the day’s work took place, Abraham & Gary Knight, Eliesha Harbour, Hilary Menzies, Terry Coad, Alex Johnson, Paddy Kavangah, Alison, Bailey & Glen Flenley, John Mcgarth, Lachy and my family, without your help I would not have managed to raise the funds for my trip, let alone have the day flow smoothly.

*Ella McLean*

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**Japanese Visitors**

Students from Obirin High School in Yokohama, Japan visited the school last week. They gave Year 7 students a chance to practice their newly learnt Japanese phrases. The students stayed with the Kehoe and Bruty families as part of farm stay program experiencing farm life. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and hope to keep in touch with the students.

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**Science of dropping eggs**

Year 7 have been working like Scientists by analysing the strengths and weaknesses of a device to protect an egg from smashing. They then had to design and construct their own device that would carry a fresh egg safely to the ground.

We had a lot of success with special design features of pillows and parachutes.

*Above - Tanisha, Jeremy and Jessica*

*Right - Connor drops his egg*
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Steps for Managing Classroom Behaviour

Students earn the rights and privileges that all students have via cooperative behaviour, getting along with others and attempting the work.

Step 1
- Warning

Step 2
- Move within the classroom

Choice

Step 3
- Restorative process after class / possible detention or further consequence

Choice

Step 4
- Report to Level Co-ordinator or Assistant Principal

Choice

Step 5
- Negotiated consequences to fix the situation

Choice

Note:
Any of the above steps can be skipped if the behaviour warrants it. For example, if behaviour is blatantly inappropriate, a student may skip straight to Steps 4 or 5, depending on the incident.

Any student who, by their behaviour, chooses to proceed to Step 5 will have to negotiate consequences, appropriate to the circumstances, and demonstrate a commitment to improving classroom behaviour to meet the agreed values of our school.
**Beaufort Football Netball Club**

**Meet the Coaches night**

**Thursday, February 26th at 7pm sharp.**

- Seniors/Reserve Football - Train from 6-7pm
- Seniors/Reserves - Lake Wing - 7pm
- Under 18 - In front of the Clubrooms - 7pm
- Under 15 - Caravan Park End Goals - 7pm
- Under 12 - High School End Goals - 7pm
- All Netballers - On the Netball Courts at 6pm

**Netball Coaches:**
- 17 & Under - Amelia Pollock 0437 212 477
- 15 & Under - Chantelle Whiting 0431 341 272
- 13 & Under - Heather McBean 0428 844 063

At 7:15 all footballers train together practising skills.

7:30 - BBQ and refreshments. All food and drinks a gold coin.

Please stay and socialize and enjoy the evening. Beaufort Football Club

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

Please check each Newsletter each week for additions/deletions or changes

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| **Beaufort Ranger Guides**

**- OPEN NIGHT -**

**Come and Try**

**Thursday night 5th March**

6.30 - 8.30

At Beaufort Guide Hall, Jackson St Beaufort

For more info contact Angela on 53492905
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 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: ................................................................................................................................

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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 ...................................................................................

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.

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