Premiers Spirit of ANZAC Prize Tour

Over the last two weeks I have been privileged to travel with 11 other students from across Victoria as part of the Premier’s Spirit of ANZAC Prize Tour. The study tour took us first to Lemnos in Greece where we followed the trails of the nurses and injured ANZACS of WWI as Lemnos was the base for the Australian hospitals during the war. Whilst in Greece we had the opportunity to meet with students from the local secondary college, the students taught us all some Greek dancing and in turn we taught them how to throw a boomerang. We also had the opportunity to meet the Mayor at a commemorative service held at the East Mudros Military Cemetery, Lemnos which we attended with the students.

After spending 3 days in Greece we headed on to Turkey where we visited the majestic Hagia Sophia and Blue Mosque which both featured stunning architecture, we also enjoyed learning of their history and purpose from our tour guide Bitsy. We also visited the underground cistern of Istanbul which is a reservoir which has now been converted into a tourist attraction.

The following day we headed to what we now know as the birth place of the ANZAC Spirit, Gallipoli. Here we visited ANZAC Cove, Pluggies Plateau, The Nek, Lone Pine and many other major battle sites and memorials which were all very emotional and impacting. After walking the trails of Gallipoli which our ANZACS walked 100 years ago, and taking time to see the Turkish story of Gallipoli through sites such as the Turkish memorial, we headed to Cannakale, where we visited students of the Cannakale College. We headed out with the students to a war museum built on a boat which was exhibiting the jobs of the boats in World War I along with participating in some other fun activities with the students.

The study tour then took us to Belgium where we started our Western Front studies at sites including Polygon Wood and Tyne cot; the biggest World War I Cemetery which is home to 11,986 bodies. We also participated in the nightly commemoration service at Menin Gate by laying a wreath and singing our National anthem. We then took time to look around the astonishing amount of names on the walls, this made us realise just how much loss occurred on the battles of the Western Front.

The last country on our tour was France where I gave a commemoration to a local soldier Thomas Henrey Roberts who is buried at Villers-Bretenneux and I had researched before the trip. We then travelled to our last city for the tour, Paris where we embarked on a cruise of the River Seine, walked through the great halls and prayer rooms of Sacré Cœur, and slowly made our way through Notre Dame Cathedral while reflecting on our amazing journey. That night we visited the Arc de Triumph where we watched the nightly flame ceremony. The next day we climbed to level three of the Eiffel tower and made our journey home.

Rohan Gerrard

Rohan is pictured
Left - at ANZAC Cove
Above right - In Lemnos, Greece, with other tour recipients
Right - fun photos at the Eiffel Tower, Paris.

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From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome back to everyone! We started Term 2 in a slightly different fashion with our House Athletics Sports day at Llanberris Recreation Reserve in Ballarat. We had brilliant weather and there was an extremely positive ‘atmosphere’ — aside from the competition, I think it was great opportunity for the students and staff to catch up after the break and enjoy each other’s company. Our focus on ‘Respectful Relationships’ was clearly evident in the way the day played out.

Thanks to Ms Fuller for organising the day – not an easy job but it all went smoothly and thanks also to the staff for performing their various roles throughout the day, with some of the students alongside to help. Well done to the House Captains for all of their work in keeping the teams organised. In particular, I would like to acknowledge our Sports Captains, Maycee and Kyle, for the way they are performing so admirably in their roles. It was terrific to see students dressed up and in House colours. It was also great to see some parents there to support our students – much appreciated. We announced the details of Age Champions and the winning House at General Assembly Tuesday morning but well done to all who participated and gave it their best shot on the day.

There is a more detailed report in this newsletter but I would like to commend Mrs Evans, Chappy and all of the World Challenge students on their efforts and successes with their ‘Beaufort to Thailand’ walk on the last Friday of term. Aside from raising some money, there were many positive outcomes with the involvement of so many students at different times during the day, lots of parent support, and good community connections formed. I am guessing there would have been some very tired people on the Saturday but it was well worth the effort.

We have been able to get off to a great start and I’m looking forward to another successful term at Beaufort Secondary College.

Karl Schier, Principal

Greater Western Regional Swimming

On Wednesday during the last week of Term 1, 11 students travelled to Warrnambool to compete in the Greater Western Region Zone Swimming Carnival. The students had reached this stage after winning through from the Eureka Swimming Carnival. All students were highly competitive. Ned Watkins came third in the Boys 17years 50m Backstroke event. The 16year Boys Freestyle Team of Lyam Oxnam, Abraham Johnson-Knight, Bailey Thompson and Nathan Lilley just missed out on a place, coming fourth in their age group relay.

Linley Eastick had another busy day competing in the 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly, and the 50m Backstroke events. Milli Smith competed in the 16yrs 50m Freestyle, Bianca Butcher in the 16yr 50m Backstroke, Hayley Crowley in the 50m 15yr Breaststroke and Ashleigh Crowley in the 50m, 13yr Freestyle.

We had one medley girls team get through with Milli Smith, Cara Eastick, Bianca Butcher and Linley Eastick in the 16yr age group. All students represented the school extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts. Special thanks to Tanya Eastick, Stuart and Louise Crowley for travelling to Warrnambool to support the students.

Eureka Athletic Sports

These will be held at Llamberris this Friday, 17th April. The team will be selected after our interhouse carnival. Students in the team will be notified. Any concerns contact Mrs Higgins or Mrs Fuller.

9/10 Netbook Training

The final netbook training session for any Year 9/10 students and parents who wish to take advantage of borrowing a netbook for this year will be held on Friday 24th April in Room 7.
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**Trees**

A number of trees around the school ground had died or were dying because of age and / or lack of water. It was suggested that these trees be removed for safety reasons. This was done during the school holidays.

**That Sugar Film**

During the final week of Term One, Year 11 and 12 Health and Human Development students travelled to Ballarat to view the film ‘That Sugar.’ The movie highlighted one man’s journey to discover the truth about sugar in his diet.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Reece and his Mum meet with Mrs Atkinson

**A proud performance in Public Speaking**

As everyone’s holidays had begun, Bianca was travelling to Horsham to compete in the Lion’s Youth of the Year District Final.

The day comprised of firstly an interview to a panel of five judges. Later that evening the impromptu speeches and prepared speeches were presented to a room of family and friends, Lion’s committee members and judges.

Bianca’s performance is something she should be proud of and I had the pleasure of being a part of it. She spoke confidently and was entertaining to listen to; having the whole room laughing and intrigued with her prepared speech: ‘Building strong women.’

Bianca was up against some strong competition, including the awarded winner from Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School. There has been a lot of preparation that Bianca has done in addition to her regular studies to compete at this level. A great achievement.

Mrs Evans

**Warehouse Shopping Tour**

Saturday 24th October, 2015

Book your seat now ....

Beaufort Secondary College PFA
On the last day of Term One, the World Challenge team in conjunction with Freeza organised a community event to help them walk to Thailand. The day began with a video conference with Woady Yallock Primary School – Snake Valley Campus to get them ready to run “10 Laps for Thailand” on their school oval. At the Goldfields Reserve, Beaufort, all teachers and classes participated throughout the day and when the school bell rang at 2:30pm we had hit 2000km.

Throughout the day we were entertained by DJ’s Kyle and Rohan and in the evening soloist Riley Mason and the cover band Rage against the Machine. There were many community members who heard the call for “WALKERS WANTED” and came and walked the oval in support of the World Challenge team. The walking continued into the night only to be damped by weather close to midnight. The day was a success with many individual and team goals being achieved. Unfortunately we did not make it to Thailand on this day, however the map will be placed at school and students and the community can continue to ‘Walk to Thailand’ until the World Challenge group departs at the end of November. If you would like continue to walk to Thailand please contact the school or speak to a World Challenge participant about how you can do this. The World Challenge team would like to thank everyone who participated including Trawalla Primary School who joined the walk on the day and the Beaufort Primary School who walked laps of the oval the week before for a gold coin donation, Year 7 Food Technology class for making biscuits and the Advance class who also made biscuits and assisting with the running of the day, and for continued support of the community, including the Beaufort Butchery and the Pyrenees Shire.

Thank you also, to the many volunteers we had who assisted the team have a successful day and night.

Special mention needs to go to the Beaufort and District Op Shop who donated $2000 to the team to help them get to Thailand. Over $3500 was raised and together we walked 4000km.
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Inter-House Athletics

The House Athletics were held in Ballarat on Monday, at the LLanberris Athletics Track. We were lucky to have perfect weather for the entire day. Throughout the day, all students participated in a variety of track and field events. Well done to all students on a terrific day filled of team spirit and a high level of participation.

Kambara/ Taltarni won the overall day by only 2 points on 1,388. While Wandarra/ Tanaranga achieved 1,386 points.

Age group Champions and Runners Up:

13years girls
Champion: Tammie-Lee Bimrose
Runner up: Ashleigh Crowley

13years boys
Champion: Jude Poyser
Runner up: Hamish McLinden

14years girls
Champion: Linley Eastick
Runner up: Jessica Dridan

14years boys
Champion: William Sawtell
Runner up: Matthew Tracey

15years girls
Champion: Jenna-Lee Poyser
Runner up: Laura Bruty

15years boys
Champion: Alex Damalas
Runner up: Dalton Brodie

16years girls
Champion: Beth Homan
Runner up: Eliza Grigsby

16years boys
Champion: Joel Chester
Runner up: Caylem Keenan

17years girls
Champion: Tegan Avery
Runner up: Emily McErvale

17years boys
Champion: Lakota Stranks
Runner up: Cody Thompson

20years girls
Champion: Mardi Upland
Runner up: Kiesha Formosa

20years boys
Champion: Kyle Keenan
Runner up: Liam Christian

Special thanks to the student helpers, the parents who came and supported on the day and staff members for helping make the day such a great success.

The next stage of Athletics (Eureka) will be held this Friday, the 17th of April. Notes have been handed out to students competing and they need to be returned by Thursday at the latest.
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### IMPORTANT DATES

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**Free Breakfast**

Change of start date

Tuesday morning breakfast
Starting Tuesday 28th April

**Pyrenees Art Exhibition & Sale**

6th, 7th, 8th June, 2015

**JUNIOR PHOTO COMPETITION**

**THEME:** ‘This Is My Community’

**JUNIOR ART COMPETITION**

To be exhibited at the ‘Art Trax Gallery’

**Great Prizes on offer**

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Beaufort Secondary College
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Next meeting this Friday 17th April 9am
Conference Room - All Welcome