Year 9 Rubicon adventures

Year 9 students from Beaufort Secondary College joined with Stawell Secondary College students and enjoyed a week of adventure on their Rubicon camp last week.

The students challenged themselves with cross-country skiing, mountain bike riding, white water rafting, high ropes courses and tree planting.

Read some reflections from students attending the camp on page 4.

Pictured
Top Left - Bailey
Top Right - Christopher
Below Left - High Ropes Courses
Below Right - Linley during National Tree Planting Day
**Tutors**

Thank you to all who have volunteered to work with our students.
Mrs Atkinson ran an information session on Wednesday morning at 9.30am in the Conference Room.
If anyone else would like to volunteer your help would be appreciated, please contact Mrs Higgins.

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**Catch-up Homework Session**

**Held in the school library at lunchtimes on Tuesday and Friday**

Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Maxted and Mrs Newberry are running catch-up homework sessions in the school library on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes.
This provides students with a quiet place to work, have access to computers, access to resources and also teacher support.
All students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.
Thank you to Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Maxted and Mrs Newberry for their support of this program.

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**Breakfast Program**

The Breakfast Program will continue to run during Term 3. It will now run every Thursday morning in the Student Centre. All students are welcome to attend for the FREE breakfast.

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**Parent Opinion Survey**

This week the school is required to coordinate the completion of the Parent Opinion Surveys.
Each year a small group of parents (approximately 15%) are randomly selected by the computer and asked to complete the survey, which takes approximately 20 minutes.
The survey is then to be returned to Mrs Higgins. Once all surveys are collected, they are sent to Melbourne to collate the results.
Please return them to the school by Friday 31st July. Students who are away on Friday can bring the Survey in on Monday.
If you have any questions or concerns in regard to the survey, please contact Mrs Higgins.
Thank you for your assistance.

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**Senior Studies Night**

Year 9 and 10 students and parents are invited to attend the Senior Studies night on Wednesday 12th August at 7.00pm in the school Drama Centre.
VCE, VET, VCAL and School based apprenticeships will be discussed and opportunities for combinations of courses explained.
Year 11 and Year 12 subject coordinators and teachers will also be available.
Students will have attended a subject information session during the day.
This is an important evening and it will help students make important decisions about career pathways.
Any concerns contact Mrs Higgins or Mr De Zoete-Spiero.

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**Intermediate Basketball**

Year 9 and 10 students travelled to Ballarat to play in the Eureka Basketball Competition last Wednesday. Both the girls and boys team were competitive, however they were beaten by stronger teams who were well-drilled and play together on a regular basis.

**Members of the teams:**

- Donna Bruty
- Leah McErvale
- Lanah Tiley
- Fraser Morcombe
- Fletcher Taylor
- Cree Stranks
- Brad Uwland
- Bailey Thompson

Thank you to Mrs Fisher for coaching and student teacher, Mr Devlin for umpiring.
Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students are completing their second week of work experience this week. Students were encouraged to organise their work experience in a different work placement for the second week.

Feedback from employers about the students from the first week was very positive. Thank you to Mr Crouch for coordinating the program, staff for making work place visits and to parents for supporting this program.

Rae was happy as she did her work experience at Pet Stock

Rune concentrating during his week at John Thomas Electrical

Bianca completed her work experience at Goodstart Early Childhood Centre

Rohan enjoyed using this sound mixing desk during his work experience at Powa Productions in Melbourne last week

Cara was happy to help students at Trawalla Primary School as she did work experience as a primary school teacher

29th July, 2015

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Year 9 Rubicon Reflections

On Monday the 20th July, selected Year 9 students attended the Rubicon Outdoor Camp with Stawell Secondary College. The main aim of the camp was to learn teamwork and develop personal characteristics. We all arrived at school at 8.30am to be picked up by Stawell Secondary College. We all hopped on the bus and soon enough (5 1/2 hours later) we arrived at Rubicon. We were then divided into our dorms. There was Pininanger, Sugarloaf, Torbreck and Goldbourn. Most of the girls slept in Torbreck. After that we were divided into Group A, B, C and D. We soon got to know each other and by the time that was done it was time for bed.

On Tuesday we were originally meant to be woken up by music over the fire alarm system, but the person in control turned up too late, so Miss Fuller woke us up. We all got dressed and headed down for breakfast then we all got ready for our outdoor activity. Group A and B were getting ready for skiing, as Group C and D were getting ready for mountain bike riding and high ropes. I was in Group A. When we arrived at Lake Mountain we started to head up the slopes to get our skis on. I personally fell over the most out of my group. The best overall was Lucky, who was from Stawell, but best from Beaufort was Bailey Thompson. Overall it was an enjoyable day. Let me just say everybody in Group A & B just wanted to go to bed because we were so tired.

Eden Kidd 9A

On Tuesday Group D went to the high ropes course, we all pushed ourselves, helped each other and cheered everyone on. But we made sure that everyone was ok. Then we went back to camp and had some lunch, after that Group D went on a bike ride, Mr Schier came with us for a bit of it. On the way back I was the leader and that was great because you could go as fast as you wanted. Overall the day was good and Group D had a great time together.

Beth Homan 9A

On Thursday we had the choice of what activity we would like to participate in for the day. The options we were given consisted of white water rafting, skiing, geocaching and mountain bike riding. Everyone chose either skiing or white water rafting. White water rafting was an amazing experience that I would highly recommend to future campers. The point of the day was to participate in something we enjoyed doing. The camp was a great experience for all skill levels. Our schools focus was teamwork and rafting reflected that.

On our final day of camp we were asked to participate in National Plant a Tree Day. One of the Stawell girls, Julia, spoke on the radio about our week and our last day at Rubicon. After breakfast, Groups A and B went up the mountain to go for a bush walk while Groups C and D planted trees. At around morning tea time, Groups A and B came back and planted trees and the other groups drove up the mountain for a walk. We planted over 80 trees including a lemon tree. After returning to Rubicon, it was a rush to eat lunch, pack and clean up our cabins before getting on the bus to return home. We ate McDonalds for tea at Ballan. Thank you to Mr Lindorff, Miss Fuller, Celia, Scotty and all the staff at Rubicon for all the Stawell students for an amazing camp.

Hayley Crowley 9A
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Australian Mathematics Competition 2015

This Thursday, the 30th July, will see a number of students take part in the Australian Mathematics Competition. In Years gone by this competition was a regular fixture for all students. This year in its reinstatement into the mathematics curriculum it has been offered to all students and only those who choose to do it will sit the paper this year. It is hoped that over time the number of students participating will increase.

The competition is run over 1.5 hours and on top of certificates for students who participate, there are also prizes on offer to students for outstanding achievement. Details of how well students have done will be listed in the newsletter when the school has been notified.

Students entered this year are listed below:

Year 7
Joey Dridan
Davey Sawtell
Reace Petrie

Year 8
Isabelle McIlinden
Jessica Dridan
Joelle Godfrey
Courtney Saunders
Willem Greymans
Bradley Saunders
Alex Gerrard
Rhiannon Goossens
Keisha Leech
Madeline Arvidson

Year 9
Will Sawtell
Lachlan Ford
Eden Kidd
Hayley Crowley

Year 9
Hayley McKenzie
Jacqueline Blyth

Year 10
Rohan Gerrard
Laura Bruty
Eliza Grigsby
Stevie-Anne Blyth
Rae-Annon Pickersgill

Year 11
Caylem Keenan
Emily Mcervale
Meeka-Jo Watson
Ned Watkins
Aiden O’Brien
Rachel Kendall

Year 12
Natalie Pickersgill
Lachlan Pfeifer

Congratulations Hayley

Congratulations to Hayley Stichling for winning the Junior Photography at the Pyrenees Art Show.

She was awarded First and Second prizes for the ‘Under 17 Years Best Photo.’

Good luck to Hayley also as she will compete in many sections of speech and drama at the Royal South Street Competitions.

DO YOU HAVE A PENSION CARD OR HEALTHCARE CARD?

LAST CHANCE TO APPLY

Card holders can claim the new Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund Allowance made available by the State Government.

Ask at the school office.

The fund of $225 per student is available for Secondary College students aged up to 18.

This fund is paid to the school and allocated to eligible students to be used for sport trips, camps and excursions.

Further information is available on the website www.education.vic.gov.au/cesf

BSC - CHESS Champions Tournament

Round Robin Elimination Knockout!

Monday 3rd August - for 5 weeks
Room 11 - Bring your lunch

The first two weeks will be practice sessions with an experienced chess player on hand to give tips and strategies. All level of players welcome.

Round Robin Tournament Starting 17th August
Pairings will be randomly drawn for starting positions
Please sign up at General Office

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!

All levels welcome
Never played chess?
Learn as you play

Xavier Baseball Success

Congratulations to Xavier Woolley who competed in the Under 14 Victorian State Winter Baseball Championship last weekend in Frankston.

Xavier represented the Geelong Baseball Association playing 3rd Base, Short Stop and he pitched in the final.

He played 2 games on Saturday and 3 on the Sunday, including the Grand Final, to be Runners-up. Well done.
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Bicycle Centre Ballarat - during August

Test your speed on the bike simulator

Register your name and school

The school with the fastest sprint wins prizes

All students, parents and teachers can compete as many times as they like

Gold coin donation to Cancer Research Institute

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Beaufort Secondary College Drama Centre.

Please register your interest at the school office or by telephoning Kerri-Anne on 03 5466 2337

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**Free Shuttle Available**

Contact Sarah Dalton on 52207177 or sdalton@goldenplains.vic.gov.au

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**Warehouse Shopping Tour**

Saturday 24th October

Save up to 70% off retail prices!

Gourmet Breakfast on the bus

$40.00 (Prizes and Giveaways all day!)

Book now - Limited Seats!

Final Itinerary

Out Now

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**Pyrenees Community Food Pantry**

Learn about food pantry

Thank you to the community for support

Tuesday 18th August at 10.30am

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Liebig Street (next to Tristar), Avoca

For more information contact 0419 120 687

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