VCAL - Multicultural Day

On Wednesday the 9th of September, the VCAL Year 11 and 12 classes hosted a multicultural day for students in year 7 and 8. The day started with a rush of decorating rooms and setting up in anticipation of running our activities. The students were split into 6 groups which rotated between activities such as Chinese lantern making, friendship bracelets, ojo de dios, poi balls, Gaelic football, origami and gothic culture. Students were able to learn the history of various cultures as well as making multicultural items as part of their activities. The students and Chappy helped during their breaks to provide a BBQ at lunch time. The feedback from the participants was very positive and a great day was shared by all. Thank you to all the staff who supervised our activities and ensuring the smooth running of the day. Year 11 and 12 students also had a celebration at the end of the day and held some activities of our own.

Kiesha Formosa

Enjoying all the fun of the VCAL Multicultural Day.
Top L-R Tiani and Ethan
Left - Brittany teaching origami
Above - Riley and Tiani on BBQ
Right - Lakota helps Vicky and Kymberlee are helped make Poi, from New Zealand Poi

Early Finish

Please note:
This Friday is the end of Term and School will finish at 2.30
School will resume Monday 5th October 2015
Another busy term is coming to an end. Can I take this opportunity to thank the staff for their continued dedication and hard work in delivering an exciting and challenging curriculum to our students. Year 12 Biology students experienced a two day excursion/camp last week and studied molecular evolution at the zoo and museum as part of Outcome 2. Thank you to Mrs Kerr for organizing this exciting opportunity for the Biology students.

The Year 9/10 Information Technology students were invited to instruct Beaufort Senior Citizens in how to use technology effectively. The equipment used in the program included laptops, iPhones, iPads and computers at the Beaufort Resource Centre.

Thank you to the manager of the Resource Centre, Ms Jenny Sheriff for coordinating this activity. Congratulations to all students and staff who have been involved in football, netball and hockey finals. May you play well and enjoy your success.

A reminder to Year 12 students to take the opportunity over the next two weeks to revise work and prepare for your final exams. Also take the time to attend revision lectures and practice exams that are being held at school over the holidays. Have a safe and happy holiday and thank you to the school community for your support while Mr Schier has been on long service leave.

Mrs Heather Higgins,
Acting Principal

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held tomorrow, Thursday 17th September from 3.30 - 6.30.

Please take this opportunity to catch up with your child’s teachers.

Schedules were sent home with students earlier this week. If you have not received your scheduled times, please phone the school.

ADVANCE Camp

Year 9/10 Advance students will be attending their outdoor camp on Monday 12th October until Friday 16th October. Information will be sent home with the individual students involved this week.

For any concerns about the camp, please contact Mrs Fisher or Mrs Higgins.

Choir Workshop

The choir will be holding a holiday workshop on Tuesday 22nd September at the Beaufort Secondary College from 10am until 3pm.

Students can wear casual clothes and bring drinks, snacks and money for lunch.

For any concerns, please contact Mrs McKelvey or Mrs Higgins.

Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships that are available for students to apply for. It is financially very worthwhile if students are successful. If you meet the criteria, take the time to apply.

The following 2 scholarships are available to Year 12 male and female students who have attended a government school for the last five years, intend to enrol in a full-time course at a Victorian University in 2016 and whose parents have a combined income of under approx. $74000.

The criteria’s can be found on the following web pages:

MALE - Dafydd Lewis
The Dafydd Lewis Trust Scholarships

FEMALE - Mary Jane Lewis
http://www.lewisscholarships.org.au/

Expected Camp

Year 9/10 Advance students will be attending their outdoor camp on Monday 12th October until Friday 16th October.

Information will be sent home with the individual students involved this week.

For any concerns about the camp, please contact Mrs Fisher or Mrs Higgins.

Canteen

Please note: The canteen will be closed this Friday - last day of term

Wanted - Drink Containers

Plastic drink bottles for the Science Department

Any donations of empty 1.25lt and 2lt bottles would be appreciated.

Please leave at the school office.
**YEAR 12 VCE ENGLISH PRACTICE EXAM**

**Date:** Thursday 1st October  
**Time:** 9.00am – 12.15pm  
**Venue:** School Library  
**Materials:** pens, dictionary, water  
**Purpose:** To simulate conditions of a three hour English Exam, as well as to provide prompt feedback on the quality of writing and extent of knowledge demonstrated by the student prior to the actual exam.

*If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hinton.*

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**Year 12 Holiday Revision Classes**

Year 12 students are encouraged to attend revision classes which will be held at school during the holidays. Students will either complete coursework, revision or practice exams.

- **Monday 21 September 9am - 12pm**  
  - Mr Walton
- **Monday 28 September 9am - 12pm**  
  - Mr Walton
- **Thursday 2nd September 9am - 12pm**  
  - English with Mrs Hinton

Parents are asked to organise transport to and from classes. If students are driving themselves they are reminded to drive in a safe and responsible manner and cannot transport other students to and from school.

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**Uniform**

Holidays are a great time to check, replace and or repair school uniforms. Our official uniform suppliers are Beleeza who are now located opposite Target at Shop 2, No.24 Doveton Street North, Ballarat. Any uniform that is unwanted can be donated to the school for welfare use. See Mrs Higgins if you can help.

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**YEAR 12 VCE ENGLISH EXAM PREPARATION LECTURES**

Many companies are conducting informative seminars on the topics we have studied over the year. Many of these sessions comprehensively cover each Area of Study, and usually provide notes to take home.

Some of the companies and seminars include:

**Victorian Association for the Teaching of English (VATE)**

- [www.vate.org.au](http://www.vate.org.au)
- English Revision Program  
  - Saturday 10th October 10am-3pm  
  - $44 for the day, including all areas of study.  
  - Excellent value, as it is one of the few companies offering text specific lectures.  
  - Monash University, Caulfield

**TSSM**

- Offer holiday programs and end of year revision programs  
  - Saturday 10th October 1pm-4.30pm  
  - $69, including a general strategies for exam success lecture, as well as subject specific exam revision – but not text specific
  - Federation University, Ballarat

**TSFX**

- Offer ‘essentials lectures’  
  - Saturday 10th October 9am-5.30pm  
  - The cost varies, from $25 to $45 per Area of Study
  - MCTC Collins Street, Melbourne

**NEAP**

- From Tuesday 22 September onwards  
  - Cost varies, from $40-$65 per Area of Study  
  - Venues vary – all Melbourne

**ACCESS EDUCATION**

- Sunday 4 October 9am-6pm  
  - Cost $30 per lecture  
  - Venue: Monash University, Clayton

**HAMILTON AND ALEXANDRA COLLEGE**

- [www.hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au)
- Monday 28 September 9am-2.10pm  
  - Cost: $30-$40 per Area of Study  
  - Venue: Hamilton and Alexandra College, Hamilton

*For further information see Mrs Hinton*
Evolution Adventure

Last Thursday and Friday, the Unit 4 Biology students were treated to an Evolution Adventure. Natasha Carland, Natalie Pickersgill and Mardi Uwland travelled into Melbourne for an epic two days which included walking (thanks to a tram strike), a “Darwin to DNA” exhibition at the Melbourne museum, shopping, tigers, more walking (thank goodness the weather was fine), a lab session at GTAC, a full-blown fire evacuation, and at last a visit to the Sugar Station on our trip home. While the excursion was jam-packed full of information, experiences and hands-on tasks involving the many facets of Evolution, we had many opportunities to have some fun. We stayed in the Space Hotel in the heart of Melbourne and this meant that we had our pick of eating out – Italian on Lygon Street won the day. Shopping at Melbourne Central was a nice opportunity for some down-time. We even feasted on some Astronaut ice-cream (dehydrated). This was a true adventure; hard work, fun, fatigue, new experiences and adversity (unforeseen strikes and fire evacuations), and worth every second.

Mrs Kerr

Yr 8 Inheritance Assignment

Year 8B Cross-curricular Investigation – Uncle Williams Inheritance

Over the last few weeks the students from 8B have been trialling a cross-curricular activity involving the Mathematics, Science, Humanities, English and Art domains. This activity involved students working through a series of tasks that began with receiving an inheritance and being told how and on what to spend their money. They had to design an environmentally sustainable theme park, on a budget. Students were asked to create their own logo that could be replicated in all forms of media, come up with environmentally friendly attractions, create a budget sheet on excel, draw their own map with a key and finally present their work to the class with an oral presentation. The students did some awesome work and showed wonderful creativity. It is hoped that more of these will occur in the future.

Mrs Ham

Congratulations Mrs Fisher

Congratulations to Mrs Fisher who was awarded Runner Up Netball Best and Fairest for the Maryborough Castlemaine Football Netball League.

HPV Register overdue letters for adolescents

The National HPV Program Register has advised that vaccine History statements were sent out late August 2015 to overdue adolescents aged up to 17 years who began their HPV vaccination course in 2014.


Criteria for eligibility:

Year 7 in the secondary school program or aged 12 to 13 years outside of school

Adolescent boys aged 14 to less than 16 years old.

Mop-up for this cohort ends 31 December 2015.
Studio Arts Excursion

On Tuesday, 8th September, Year 12 Studio Arts students travelled to Ballarat for a lecture at the Art Gallery of Ballarat to address their final written Outcome for Unit 4.

The featured exhibition was the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards and students heard from a variety of Gallery staff as to their specific role in the preparation of this exhibition, from curating to installation.

The afternoon was spent in the background environment of the Gold Museum where students were educated in the conservation of artworks and artefacts displayed and stored there. This was of great interest to the students and proved very beneficial in writing their final Outcome.

Mrs McKelvey

Food and Technology

Year 12 Food and Technology students have completed the production for their portfolios creating very professional and exciting food items. Danielle Gore produced Pandan Crepes, Coconut Ice Cream along with spun toffee for decoration. The bright green crepes looked fantastic beside the coconut ice cream, however her amazing spun toffee magically dissolved overnight before she had the opportunity to present her creation!

Alysha Lilley’s Berry Curd was an unusual food item, created to meet her criteria of a food item to give as a gift using berries. The Berry Curd was delicious and could be used to compliment ice cream or yoghurt.

The Year 11 Food and Technology students are continuuing to build their skills in the kitchen and have mastered choux pastry and confectioners custard. The profiteroles they produced were of a high standard and proved very popular with anyone lucky enough to be offered a taste test!

Mr Liston

Learn IT teach IT

‘Learn IT Teach IT’ was offered for the first time last Thursday and was attended by an enthusiastic group of Year 9 & 10 ‘IT’ students along with members of the local community.

‘Learn IT Teach IT’ is the brainchild of Jenny Sheriff, the Resource Centre Manager who, in consultation with Mrs Heather Higgins, has arranged this great opportunity for the College students and the local community.

The program is designed to offer assistance to community members who need help with anything to do with today’s technology. IT teacher Mr Bruce McKenzie who accompanied the students on their first day of the program said, ‘This is an opportunity for members of the community to meet and converse with local students and to receive the IT assistance they need to enable them to perform a range of IT tasks.’ ‘There is probably very little in the area of IT that these students won’t be able to assist with’.

‘Learn IT Teach IT’ is timetable to continue next Thursday 17th September and will continue after the school holidays.

For additional information about this and other programs offered by the Beaufort Resource Centre please contact them on 5349 1184.

Mr McKenzie

Thank you to Mr McKenzie who has been relieving Miss Spicer this term.

Taking part in ‘Learn IT, Teach IT’ are Above - Jacob, Dalton and Abraham. Below - Riley, Aidan and Ethan

Above - Tegan and Catherine enjoy their profiteroles
Right - Danielle’s Pandan Crepes and Alysha’s Berry Curd

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IMPORTANT DATES
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Wanted: Shoppers
Seats are still available on the
Beaufort Secondary College Parents and Friends
Warehouse Shopping Tour
Saturday 24th October - Book Now!

headspace Ballarat is excited to bring you
Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
When - 15th & 16th October 9am - 5pm
Where - Avoca Visitor Information Centre
Cost - FREE! With thanks to the generous support of the Kathleen & Joseph Tuddennham Trust.
For more information or registration form
Contact Headspace on 5304 4777
Or Email info@headspaceballarat.org.au
Web - www.headspace.org.au/ballarat

Library Update
Well done to Hayley McKenzie, Hayley Crowley and Rae Pickersgill. A lovely jigsaw created by a determined group of girls. The library has lots more jigsaws if you want to have a go too. We also have boards so you don’t have to complete the puzzle in one session.

The Library Staff

FReeZa in the Pyrenees
Youth Forum
You are invited to tell us about your vision for where you live, work and study in the Pyrenees Shire. Contribute to Council’s decision making and represent youth views
Saturday 10th October
Time: 11.00am - 5.30pm
FREE FUN ACTIVITIES
*FOOD *GAMES *MUSIC
For 12 to 25 year olds
Contact: Maria Loriente, Community Liaison Officer
Ph: 5349 1138 Mob: 0438 077 183 Email: maria.loriente@pyrenees.vic.gov.au

2015 TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS
Fri 18 Sept - 9am - 2.30pm        Sat 19 Sept - Closed
M-F 21 - 25 Sept - 10am - 4pm     Sat 26 Sept - Closed
M-Th 28 Sept - 1 Oct - Normal Hours
Fri 2 Oct - Closed                Sat 3 Oct - 10am - 1pm

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