Beaufort Secondary College
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EXCELLENCE
100% Effort - Determination

HIGH EXPECTATIONS
Responsibility - Commitment

RESPECTFUL
RELATIONSHIPS

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Year 8 Camp

Year 8 students travelled to Anglesea on Monday morning for the annual Year 8 surf camp.

Students will learn about water safety in rivers and the sea. They will be able to recognise dangers and act safely when at the beach.

River kayaking and surfing are two of the activities students participated in.

Thank you to Mr Cunningham, Miss Fuller and Mr Crouch for accompanying students to the camp.

Top - kayak lessons. Middle - Rhiannon and Samara are helped by Mr Schier with their surfing lessons and Mr Schier and Jock in their kayak. Above - Year 8 students take to the waves and their surfing lessons

Beaufort Secondary College
Presentation Night
Tuesday evening, 15th December, 7.15pm
In College Drama Centre
All students are to attend in correct school uniform

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From the Principal’s Desk

Grade 6 to Year 7 Orientation Days
Grade 6 students visited our school this week, experiencing two days of a Year 7 orientation program. Students from the following Primary Schools attended: Beaufort, Skipton, Waubra, Amphitheatre, Snake Valley, Buangor, Linton, Trawalla, Maryborough and Wendouree. The students participated in variety classes that gave them a taste of what secondary school life will be like for them next year. They all seemed to enjoy themselves with lots of positive comments about their experiences in and out of the classroom. It was great to see the smiling faces and the students obviously enjoying spending time with the new friends they met from other schools.

Camps and World Challenge
Our Year 11 students had the opportunity to visit Tasmania and those who attended had a fantastic time. I was able to join them for a day and really enjoyed their company and humour as we caught a plane from Tullamarine, arrived in Hobart and then drove a bus to see some of the natural beauty for which the state is so well known. Thank-you to Mrs Higgins for organising the camp and Mrs Atkinson for supporting her over the four days. A brilliant experience for our students!

Our Year 8 students are enjoying three days at the coast in Anglesea this week with the camp getting off to a great start on Monday with surfing and kayaking. I was able to get out into the water with our students and it was impressive to see the positive attitudes in the surf, with quite a few students standing up and riding a wave in their first session. Thanks to Mr Cunningham for organising the camp and to Ms Fuller and Mr Crouch for supporting him over the three days. We also had number of staff members who visited while our students were on the camp – which is a great support for our young people.

It has been entertaining and inspiring to hear from our World Challenge students through their blog as they have negotiated their way to different parts of Thailand over the last couple of weeks. Their community project in a small village outside of Bangkok sounded extraordinary and will be an experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives – a tangible example of being ‘global citizens’ and giving to others who can benefit from their help. They are currently trekking in Northern Thailand and we look forward to hearing about that experience. Our students have organised and lead various aspects of the trip and Mrs Evans made the comment that they have done an excellent job. We wish them well for the rest of their journey.

End of Year
We have less than two weeks of school remaining and Christmas is fast approaching. We have formal classes continuing until the end of this week and will run an activities program over the course of next week.

Presentation Evening is next Tuesday December 15th at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start in the Drama Centre. I look forward to seeing everyone there to celebrate our successes before the holiday break. We will begin next year with teachers and office staff returning on Wednesday January 27th and students starting the following day on Thursday the 28th.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank our staff for their hard work this year. There is a significant amount of time, effort and care put into our teaching and learning programs. I would also like to thank our students for their contribution to our school community. Thank you to all parents and community members for your support throughout the year. On behalf of the staff, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe and enjoyable holiday period.

Mr Karl Schier, Principal

Last Week of School
Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 are asked to return their permission form for the activities week. An exciting week has been planned with fun and educational activities planned.

Students can come to school in appropriate casual clothes and shoes (no thongs or singlet tops). Hats and sunscreen are advised. Students must bring their own lunch and snacks as the canteen will be closed. Students are not allowed to go down the street.

Students will finish school on
Thursday 17th December.

Only students required for an interview need attend on Friday 18th December.

Mrs Higgins will contact parents of the students involved.
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Presentation Night

This will be held in the Drama Centre on Tuesday 15th December at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Students are expected to wear full school uniform with their hair tied up and clean shoes.

Families are asked to bring a plate of supper to share.

Those families who are unable to attend are asked to advise the General Office by Monday 14th December.

Second Hand Book Sale

The Second Hand Book Sale will be held today, 5.00pm, Wednesday 9th December at the school office.

Due to changes in the curriculum very few books are available for purchase second-hand this year.

There are still a large number of VCE books available.

Please note the change of venue. The Second-Hand Book Sale will now be held at the school office.

37 students from 10 local primary schools attended Beaufort Secondary College for the orientation program this week.

The Grade 6 students followed a special timetable for two days and moved from room to room to learn the layout of the College.

Teachers provided educational and engaging lessons. All the students enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to Year 7 in 2017.

Any concerns parents have, please contact Mrs Higgins.

Canteen Closed

The canteen will close Friday 11th December.

Students will need to bring their own lunch, drinks and snacks during the final school week.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs O’Connor and their friendly staff for the wonderful service they provide to our school community.

2016 School Start

School Office will be open on Wednesday 27th January 2016
First day of school 2016 will be Thursday 28th January 2016
World Challenge Update
Rest and Relaxation - Chiang Mai the Trekking

After three exhausting days working during the project phase it was some relief to spend some time in the air conditioned comfort of the bus from Sangkhlaburi to Bangkok, the novelty had well and truly worn off after the seven hour trip to Bangkok. We had a minibus ride which was a tight fit when we had all our packs in with us to get us from the bus terminal to the train station. We had some tea at the train station and then boarded the train for the over night trip to Chiang Mai. Some of us enjoyed some tea on the train and some of us were able to get some sleep. It was quite noisy as we slowly meandered along.

When we got to Chiang Mai we found our way to the accommodation which the team had organised while we were in Bangkok. Our work early in the trip has certainly made for some smooth transitions from place to place. The team were able to have some down time before we ventured out with Sawang, our in-country agent to sample some street food. The team have enjoyed the night markets and honing their bartering skills.

During our second day in Chiang Mai we went to the Wat Phra That Doi Suthep temple. We also spent the afternoon exploring the Chiang Mai Zoo and Aquarium. It was quite a strange thing to see some Australian animals displayed so prominently. Today we have made another bus trip, this time to Chiang Rai, where we will begin our trek. We have met up with Mr Apae Amor who has talked us through our trek and what we might expect. There are mixed feelings about the trek but I am sure that it will be a great experience, enjoying the local countryside and meeting some of the local and traditional Thai people.

While we are on trek we will not be blogging so hold onto your hats, sit on the edge of your seat with anticipation for the next exciting instalment. I will try and get it posted as soon as I can once we are back in Chiang Rai.

Chappy

‘We caught the night train to Chiang Mai, which was surprisingly comfortable and I was able to get some sleep. In Chiang Mai we explored the city, going to the local food courts and night market. The second day in Chiang Mai we went to the temple on the mountain overlooking Chiang Mai and to the Zoo, they were both interesting. We are now heading to Chiang Rai to commence our trek’.

Ned

‘Chiang Mai was good! I enjoyed going to the zoo and getting an opportunity to get up close to an elephant. We went to the night market both night we were in Chiang Mai, they were amazing and pretty’.

Lauren

Follow the Team Blog
http://wcbeaufortsc.blogspot.com.au

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2016 Books that cannot be sold second hand due to changes to the curriculum

Year 7-9 Health and Human Relations will use Flexibooks in 2016. These books are new and cannot be purchased second hand as they are designed specifically for Beaufort Secondary College.

Year 7
Science
- Will use the Big Ideas Textbook only Workbooks

Humanities
- “Alive 7” series

English
- Skillworks 1

Technology Food
- E-Food Book 1

Mathematics
- Essential Maths 2016 must be second edition

Year 7
Health and Human Relations
- Jump Start

Science
- Will use the textbook only

Humanities
- “Alive 8” series

English
- Knowledge Quest English 1 Workbook & Game
- Skillworks 2 Student Book

Mathematics
- Essential Maths 2016 must be second edition

Year 8
Health and Human Relations
- Jump Start

Science
- Will use the textbook only

Humanities
- “Alive 8” series

English
- Knowledge Quest English 1 Workbook & Game
- Skillworks 2 Student Book

Mathematics
- Essential Maths 2016 must be second edition

Year 9
Science
- Will use the textbook only

Mathematics
- Essential Maths 2016 must be second edition

Year 10
Mathematics
- Essential Maths 2016 must be second edition

Science
- Will use the textbook only

Humanities
- “Alive 10” series

VCE UNITS 1-2 (Year 11)
BIOLOGY
- Nelson Biology NEW TEXT in 2016

PSYCHOLOGY
- Psychology for the VCE Units 1&2 (6th edition)
  (MUST BE 7TH)

PHYSICS
- Heinemann Physics 11 (3rd edition) MUST BE 4TH

MATHMATICS
All mathematics books are new for 2016

ENGLISH
The Book Thief
Triage

ENGLISH LITERATURE
All Books except A Dolls House & other plays

VCE UNITS 3-4 (Year 12)
MATHEMATICS
All mathematics books are new for 2016

ENGLISH LITERATURE
All Books except A Dolls House & other plays

Art selected

A collection of four acrylic paintings by Year 11 student Bianca Gerrard have been selected as shortlisted entries in the ‘Next Gen’ Exhibition of VCE art in the Art Gallery of Ballarat. The artwork is currently at the Gallery awaiting final selection.

Volunteer Morning Tea

A morning tea was held in the Student Centre on Monday to thank the large number of community members who have willingly donated their time to help students and the school throughout the year.

Volunteers are involved in literacy tutoring, working in the library, Chaplaincy Committee, fundraising and donating money, organising functions and helping with sport, camps and excursions. The school is very grateful for the valuable contribution all volunteers make to our school community.
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IMPORTANT DATES
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Second-hand Book Sale
Wednesday 9th December
- at the Office -
Doors open at 5.00pm

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE
Due to the change in curriculum and textbooks, few books can be purchased second-hand this year for Years 7-10
There are limited books and uniform for sale and a large number of VCE books available

The venue is now the Office.

Retirement Best Wishes
Principal of the Beaufort Primary School, Mrs Jan Dunwoodie has announced she will take long service leave at the end of 2015 followed by her retirement at the end of First Semester, 2016.
Beaufort Secondary College would like to acknowledge the many years of dedication and hard work contributed by Mrs Dunwoodie to the Beaufort Primary School. In particular the extensive amount of work which was involved in the recent transition of the Beaufort Primary School to the new site and new building.

We wish Mrs Dunwoodie all the best in her retirement.

Community Presentation
Friday 11th December, 7pm
Actors, Singers, Dancers, Poets, Bands, musicians, etc
Contact Kerrianne on 5466 2337
All Welcome to attend

Looking for a great Christmas Gift?
Beaufort Primary School’s cookbook, ‘Nourish’ is the perfect gift idea!
• Features recipes collected from the school community
• Fabulous student artwork
• All proceeds go to the BPS Parents & Friends Committee to be used to support our school community
• Professionally designed and printed, glossy soft cover

Cost: $20 each
Estimated arrival date 14 December 2015
We will arrange for your order to be sent home to you or delivered on arrival

Order your copy now:
Name: _______________________________
Number of copies _______________________
Payment Included: ____________________
Contact number*: _____________________
(*Needed to ensure prompt delivery of your order)

Please phone Ange Chandler on 0408 690 374 if you have any questions, otherwise order forms can be returned to the school

Presentation Balls 2015
DVD - $12.00 each - Place your order with payment to the Office Now

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