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BEAUFORT SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER 2009

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Our Core Values are:

Caring. Tolerance. Consideration. Truthfulness. Loyalty. Fairness. Friendliness. Co-operation.

Red Hot Cinders

At the end of last term, the Year 9/10 Drama class performed the play *Red Hot Cinders* for the Year 7 and 8 students.

The play was a comic version of Cinderella, set to rhyme and all students performed admirably using their improvisation skills and their rehearsed lines to present an entertaining play.

A lot of fun was had dressing up, applying make-up and padding Martin up as the very, very fat Ugly Sister. Martin's side kick was Matthew Rowe who portrayed the mop haired, skinny Ugly Sister. They both kept everyone amused, although they didn't need to act as just looking at them was funny enough!

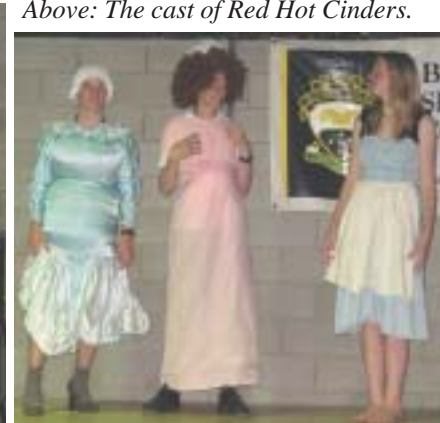
Tegan Fanning gained the audience's sympathy as the down trodden, but trendy, Cinders, while Tori Chester played a wonderful snooty Step Mother.

Newcomer to the Drama class, Carolyn Nunn, was a very lively Fairy God Mother and we enjoyed her tears for the happy ending. Chrys Morrison turned the Prince into an interesting and rather mysterious character and Katie Yates popped up as an extra, proving to be a champion chaffler. It was Hannah Thorpe's role to compete the performance and keep the story flowing. She did a wonderful job narrating the story in rhyme. Many of her lines were tongue twisters and she managed to deliver them with great aplomb.

Well done everyone in the 9/10 Drama class.



Above: The cast of *Red Hot Cinders*.



Photos
The much loved
fairy tale of
Cinderella, as
told by the Year
9/10 Drama
class in '*Red Hot
Cinders*'.



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Please phone or send a note if your child is absent from school - **It's not OK to be Away.**

From the Principal's Desk



Welcome back to all students for the start of Term 2. Having completed one term, this time of the year is extremely important for all students, but particularly senior students, who are effectively one third of the way through the school year. I would expect that all students are completing the homework requirements for their particular year level and use the advice contained in interim reports to achieve ongoing improvement.

I have recently received a copy of the DE&ECD's revised "*Procedural Guidelines for Contract School Bus Services in Rural and Regional Victoria*". Whilst there are no major changes, there are a couple of matters that we need to attend to. I have written to the parents of all bus travellers (approximately 50% of our school population) with this information.

Whilst on the topic of buses, our new bus interchange, which involves widening of the turning circle and construction of a shelter and guard fence, is in the process of being completed (see photo below). This will cause some traffic-flow problems before and after school over the next couple of weeks.

Consequently, school buses will drop students at the town oval near the pedestrian gate connecting the town oval and school property. I also ask that parents who drive their children to school to drop them off at the Park Road gate. If it is absolutely necessary to enter the car park, PLEASE drive slowly and carefully, as cars leaving the car park are periodically being required to exit by travelling the wrong way around the roundabout.

Whilst I have been satisfied with most students' uniforms as at the start this term, I have seen fit to meet with our girls to outline the policy in relation to the wearing of make-up. Please assist us by ensuring that your daughters don't leave home with heavy eye make-up. It is unnecessary and not good for the image of our school. Our response will be to insist that girls with heavy eye make-up wash it off before going to class.

Steve Macaulay
(Principal)



Year 9 PINARC Excursion

As part of the Year 9 Health program, students studied disability awareness during Term 1.

They were introduced to the topic and then decided on a type of disability to research. During this research, they completed an audit of the school to find out how 'disability friendly' our school is.

To complete the program, all students made a visit to PINARC, which is a disability support service catering for around 60 people in the Ballarat community.

People with varying disabilities attend PINARC during the day where they are involved in a range of activities including craft, music, relaxation/rehabilitation and swimming at the YMCA, just to name a few.

During our visit, two of the PINARC clients gave us a presentation on their life journey. It was very insightful. This visit was a valuable experience for our students and our school will certainly be keen to visit PINARC again next year.



Above: Our students make notes during their visit to PINARC.

Below: Some of the PINARC clients and carers.



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A handy magnetic A4 plastic pocket to hang on your fridge door for notices and reminders.
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MATHS PUZZLE

Last Week's Answer:

My cousin won 5 games. Since I got 25 chocolates, I must have won 25 games more than my cousin did. So, I won a total of 30 games. Thus, the total number of games that we played was 35. Since we played a game each day, that was the number of days my cousin stayed at my house!

This Week's Puzzle: The Bird & The Train

The distance between Station Atena and Station Barcena is 78 miles. A train starts from Atena towards Barcena. A bird starts at the same time from Barcena straight towards the moving train. On reaching the train, it instantaneously turns back and returns to Barcena. The bird makes these journeys from Barcena to the train and back to Barcena continuously till the train reaches Barcena. The bird finally returns to Barcena and rests. Calculate the total distance in miles the bird travels in the following two cases:

1. the bird flies at 70 miles per hour and the speed of the train is 60 miles per hour
2. the bird flies at 60 miles per hour and the speed of the train is 70 miles per hour

Answer Next Week

ANZAC Day Service Melbourne

A small group of students from Years 7 and 8 have volunteered to represent our school at the ANZAC Commemorative Service at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne today.

We look forward to a full report next week.

EMA Cheques

There are still some EMA cheques to be collected from the General Office. They can be collected by parents or by a student if they have a signed note from their parents giving them permission to collect the cheque on their behalf.

English Puzzle 24

Answer to last weeks puzzle:

“V” DEVELOP

This weeks puzzle:

Extensions

A₁ C₃ L₁ M₃ R₁ T₁

Place three letters from the row above in front of the five-letter word below to make a new eight-letter word.

___ ___ ___ **A₁ P₃ A₁ C₃ E₁**

Ballarat & District Division of General Practice

invites you to

DIAMONDS IN THE DUST

Bringing WOMEN together
in drought affected communities

SUNDAY, 3rd May, 2009, 11am—4pm

Ercildoune Homestead Gardens, Ercildoune Road,
Ercildoune - **\$20 per ticket**

Come and enjoy this outstanding event dedicated to recognising and inspiring rural and farming women who face the many daily challenges, decisions and opportunities posed by this ongoing drought.

Keynote speakers:

- Founder of Farm Day, Deb Bain
- Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria President, John Fox
- *Mistress of Ceremonies, Kathy Bedford, ABC radio*
- Buffet lunch including wine
- Private access to the rarely-open historic gardens for the afternoon
- WHealth Check – participate in a simple Women's Health Check
- Gift bag for each woman

RSVP: PremierPR on 5333 4426 or

rsvp@premierpr.com.au by Monday, 27th April, 2009

Advance excursion to Ballarat Police Station and D24

The Advance program is quite unique in the way that it is run from year to year. It is very flexible in relation to the activities undertaken, as the young people in the group decide on and organise many of these activities as part of their skill development.

One thing that remains constant, however, is our community partnership. The Advance curriculum requires schools to form a partnership with an organisation in the community and for many years now, Beaufort Secondary College has been in a community partnership with the Victoria Police.

The aim of the partnership is for members of the local station to attend classes at the school on a fortnightly basis. Overtime, barriers between the police and young people are broken down and relationships, built on trust, are developed.

The police member assisting our program this year is Adrian Finnegan. Adrian is stationed in Beaufort and has attended many of our classes, assisting our students to plan Term 1 activities. In the last week of term, Adrian organised a tour of the Ballarat Police Station to give our students a deeper understanding of the Police Force and their role in the community.

Right: Beaufort policeman, Adrian Finnegan, engaging with our students during their Advance class.

The excursion included a general tour of the police station and facilities, access to the cells and a brief lecture from Pat Arnts who is the Sergeant in charge of the Crime Scene Office at Ballarat.

Pat gave demonstrations of the "Livescan" fingerprint scanner and breath testing, and talked about information relating to forensic evidence. We also went to D24 which is the emergency call centre for the western region.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Adrian for organising the excursion and to the Ballarat Police for allowing us to tour their facility. It was a very valuable excursion and will definitely help to strengthen our link with the Victorian Police.



MWC Athletic Sports

The sports will be held in Warrnambool tomorrow, Friday, 24th April, 2009.

Students are asked to wear full school uniform and bring suitable clothes to compete in. The weather forecast is for showers/rain so it is important that students have dry clothes to wear home. A canteen is available, but students are advised to bring some food and their drinks from home. If you have any concerns, please contact Mr. Collins or Mrs. Higgins.

REMINDER

Could parents please ensure that the 'Student Information Full Details' forms, recently sent out to all families, are returned to the school ASAP. Even if you have no changes to the details on the forms, please write 'No Changes' on the top sheet and return the forms to the General Office. This will ensure we keep all our student records correct and up to date. Thank you.

Wimmera Hearing Van visits our school

The Wimmera Hearing Society visited Beaufort Secondary College on April 1st and conducted hearing tests on the Year 7 students and students from other year levels and some staff members.

The operators of the hearing van were very happy to show off their brand new, purpose built vehicle, which has much better facilities and additional space to conduct their hearing tests.

This is a free service and we thank the Wimmera Hearing Society for the opportunity to have our students' hearing tested.

Right: Year 7 students, Paige, Tayla and Peta received a bag of goodies following their hearing tests.



2009 Grand Prix visit

On Thursday, March 26th, the Year 9 students, accompanied by our two Youth Exchange students, travelled to Melbourne to attend the practice sessions for the first Moto GP of the year.

The Australian Grand Prix program is a subsidised program which offers a unique learning experience to secondary school students throughout Victoria.

During their visit to the Albert Park circuit, the students undertook activities which formed part of their curriculum based project.

The students obviously enjoyed the opportunity to see the Formula 1 cars and the many and varied cars on display around the circuit.



Photos:

Top left: Teacher, Mr. Ferguson, conducting an orientation of the Albert Park circuit at the start of the day.

Left: Students get the opportunity to watch the Formula 1's during practice sessions.

Below left: Shaun, Jess and Kaitlin check out the custom cars.

Top: Anyone for loud dance music?

Above: Rick somehow manages to have his photo taken with the GP grid girls.

Below: Jaclyn, Hannah, Shayley and Charlotte take a break.



WANTED - Old Car Batteries

A Rotary Club of Beaufort Community Service Project

Phone Chris Johnston 5349 3066 or

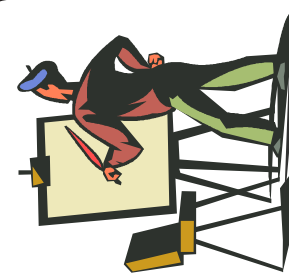
Harold Beer 5349 2168, to arrange collection of your old batteries.



IMPORTANT DATES

Please check each Newsletter for additions/deletions or changes.

April 2009	
Friday 24	Mid Western Complex Athletics
Wednesday 29	BSSSA Athletics
Thursday 30	Year 7 2010 - Transition Day Year 7 excursion to Wave Pool
MAY 2009	
Friday 1	Year 9 Sovereign Hill Humanities Excursion
Monday 4	Year 10 Driver Education - Charlton
Tuesday 5	Year 7 2010 - Parent Information Night
Thursday 7	Western Zone Athletics (Geelong)
Monday 11	PFA Meeting - 6.00pm
Tuesday 12	Year 9 - Smart Assk Program - Ballarat NAPLAN Tests Years 7 & 9 School Council Meeting
Wednesday 13	BSSSA Senior Sport NAPLAN Tests Years 7 & 9
Thursday 14	NAPLAN Tests Years 7 & 9
Friday 15	House Cross Country
Wednesday 20	BSSSA Intermediate Sports
Tuesday 26	Mid Western Cross Country
Wednesday 27	Year 7 Girls Immunisation
JUNE 2009	
Monday 1	PFA Meeting - 6.00pm
Monday 8	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9	School Council Meeting
Wednesday 10	Mid Western Complex Junior Sports
Wednesday 17 to Friday 19	Year 7 Roses Gap Camp
Wednesday 24	Western Zone Cross Country
Friday 26	Final day - Term 2 BSC Presentation Ball
JULY 2009	
Monday 13	First Day - Term 3 PFA Meeting - 6.00pm
Monday 20 to Friday 31	Year 10 Work Experience
Wednesday 22	BSSSA Senior Sports
Monday 27 to Friday 31	Year 9 Rubicon Camp
AUGUST 2009	
Wednesday 5	BSSSA Intermediate Sports
Thursday 6	Australian Mathematics Competition



Pyrenees Art Exhibition 6th, 7th & 8th June, 2009

Shire Hall, Beaufort

Official Opening - Friday 5th June, 7.30pm - \$20.00 pp - 5349 2168 for tickets

Art Exhibition Opening times - Saturday & Sunday - 10am to 5pm
Monday - 10am to 2pm

Admission

\$5.00

includes

Devonshire Tea

