



"Work Conquers All"

# BEAUFORT SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER 2009

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Our Core Values are:

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

## Year 10 Work Experience Week Two

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who successfully organised their work experience program. Students took their assignment of investigating career options very seriously, ensuring that the workplace they chose was one they thought might suit their abilities and interests. The time and thought spent on choosing appropriate job areas has certainly paid off, judging from the encouraging comments made by students, visiting staff and employers.

It was pleasing for me to observe how often these employers, particularly those from Ballarat, emphasised our students' superiority, in terms of not only the skills they brought to the job, but also their initiative and excellent work ethic. One Ballarat firm's supervisor stated that our student was the best they had had for some time.

A Beaufort employer noted his student's enthusiasm and excellent skills and this same student was mistaken for a second year apprentice by other sub-contractors on the same work-site. Another Ballarat employer was impressed with his students' approach and his skills in pulling motorbikes apart and servicing them. A veterinary clinic had our student assisting in an amputation as one of her initial tasks, the staff again remarking on this student's excellence.

These students have also been dedicated, some even prepared to give up their school holiday time to work in their dream professions, starting work on construction sites at early hours of the morning, or in one case, commencing work at 3.00am to experience the world of a baker.

A big thank you, therefore, must go to the parents of these impressive young people as they have assisted them in gaining positions, been prepared to convey them to and from workplaces or have found accommodation in areas as far away as Melbourne.

The importance of positive parental support of their student's dreams and aspirations cannot be overestimated, as was clearly demonstrated in the students' optimistic approach and their excellent work

**Issue No. 23** experience results in 2009.

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Above: Sarah working at Day Cafe.



Above: Martin working at the Base Hospital.



Above: Tegan working at Ballarat Books. (More photos P.5)

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# From the Principal's Desk



## Senior Subject Selection Process

Parents of students currently in Years 9-11 are strongly encouraged to attend our Senior Studies Information Evening which will be held in the school library on Tuesday, 11th August beginning at 7.00 pm.

The course options available for Year 11 and 12 students are quite complex these days, and we attempt to tailor a course for each student individually. Our senior students are divided roughly equally between VCE and VCAL. Students in both streams may undertake a VET study or School-Based New Apprenticeship (SBNA).

As the group entering the senior years, our Year 10 students have been provided with a considerable amount of information about post-compulsory school options and careers. This has been accomplished by way of the Year 10 "Lifeskills" program. The students have also been preparing individual MIPS (Managed Individual Pathways) plans, as well as having individual interviews. It is important, however, that parents have an understanding of the options and actively support their children whilst they make some important decisions affecting their futures.

At Year 10, and even Year 9, students may undertake a VCE subject as part of their elective program. We believe that if students at these levels are sufficiently motivated, they can benefit greatly from doing a VCE unit. As a general rule, the parents of students in this category will be contacted, although please feel free to contact the school to discuss such a possibility.

This year, there will be no VET information evening held in Ballarat. Rather, staff from the Ballarat Learning Exchange and Ballarat VET cluster will be present at our Information Evening. They will provide information and be available to speak with parents on a one to one basis regarding VET courses, SBNA's and Traineeships.

Further information will be provided in next week's newsletter. If you will be unable to attend, please contact Mr Phil Crouch (Senior School Co-ordinator).

*Steve Macaulay*  
(Principal)

## Leadership Day

A group of Year 9 & 10 students from our school have been selected to attend a Leadership program at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne.

This is an excellent opportunity for our students to extend and develop their leadership skills.

The day has been organised by the Shrine's Education office and we thank them for giving our school the opportunity to participate.

The excursion will be held on Wednesday, 5th August with students required to be at school at 7.15am and they will return at 6.00pm.

Full school uniform is required.

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## De La Salle College Band

The De La Salle College band will be performing for our school on Tuesday, 4th August. Our band will then be given the opportunity to workshop with the group.

This is a great opportunity for our students and we thank De La Salle for coming to our school.

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## Australian Mathematics Competition

The annual Maths Competition will be held on Thursday, 6th August.

All our Year 7 and Year 8 students plus a selection of students from other year levels, will be participating in this exam.

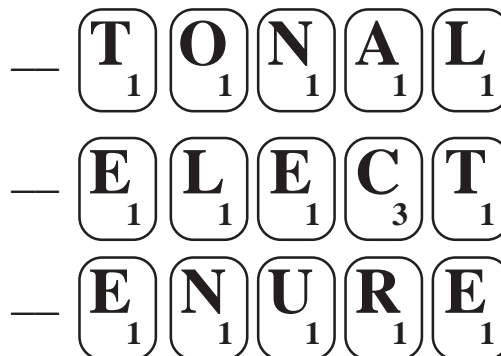
This is a national competition and we wish all our students good luck.

### English Puzzle 36

Answer to last weeks puzzle: BEVEL

This weeks puzzle: HOOKS

Place one letter in front of each word below (a different letter for each), to form three new words.



**PLEASE NOTE  
CANTEEN CLOSED**

**Wednesdays  
19th and 26th August, 2009**

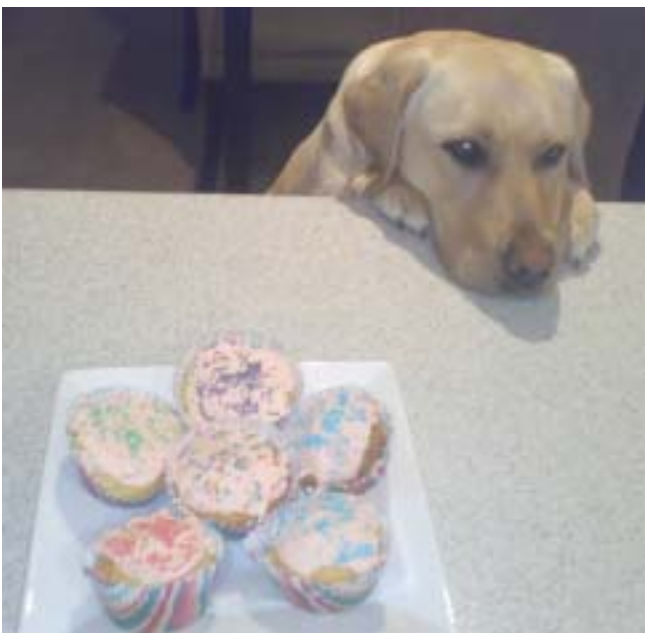
### **SRC Fundraiser**

This term, the SRC (Student Representative Council) have nominated to raise funds for the RSPCA and the Cartledge family.

As a means of raising the funds they will be offering cup cakes and a providing a BBQ on Wednesday, 19th August. All proceeds will go to these good causes.

To participate in the fundraising, you will be asked to complete an order form which will be distributed in early August. These must be returned, with the money, to the General Office. More details later.

Donations of cup cakes would be most welcome. Please contact the General Office.



### **EMA APPLICATIONS**

Eligible parents, who did not apply for EMA in Term 1, or parents whose circumstance have changed and who are now eligible to collect EMA (ie. have a current Health Card or Pension Card) can apply for the Second Payment of the EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance).

**You must apply by 31/7/09.**

Applications available from the General Office. If you received EMA in the first half of the year, you do not need to reapply.

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## **Senior Studies Information Night**

**Tuesday, 11th August at 7.00pm  
for**

**2010 Year 11 & 12 students and parents,  
as well as any interested students from  
Years 9 and 10 in 2010 and their parents.**

### **MATHS PUZZLE**

**Last Week's Answer: 0.50**

In one hour, the large inlet pipe fills  $1/3$  of the tank; the small inlet pipe fills  $1/6$  of the tank; the outlet pipe empties  $1/9$  of the tank; and therefore all three pipes together fill

$[(1/3) + (1/6) - (1/9)]$  of the tank.

Fraction of the tank that will be filled in 1.29

**Solution:** hours =  $1.29 [(1/3) + (1/6) - (1/9)] = 0.50$ .

**This Week's Puzzle: The Great Pizza Deal**

**1.** The 10" pizza sells for \$3.99 at my favorite pizza store. The store claims they have a great deal on the large 12" pizza, which is specially priced at \$4.31. What is the per cent discount the store is offering? *Answer Next Week*

### **Beaufort Basketball**

**We have extended the tryouts for basketball for another 2 weeks. Come along on Monday 3rd and Monday 10th August, 2009**

Primary - 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Secondary - 6.30pm to 7.30pm at

Beaufort Secondary College Gymnasium

You don't have to have played basketball to join up.

Further enquiries contact

Marcus Jenkins      Heather Avery

President              Secretary

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### **Beaufort Market**

**at the Memorial Park**

**Western Highway**

**Saturday, August 1st - 10 am to 2 pm.**

Plants, Sheep Manure, Garden Ornaments, Craft, Jewellery, Gourmet Food, Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, Grain & Bird Seed, Secondhand Collectables,

**BBQ by Beaufort Rotary**

New Stallholders and Community Groups interested in our free Community Cake stall contact Penny on 5349 2396.

## Beaufort Business Winter Festival Dinner

On Monday night, the Apex Club catered for the Beaufort Business Winter Festival Dinner organised by the Pyrenees Shire and asked our school to provide waitresses for this event.

Six Year 7 girls accepted the challenge. Tatiana, Kira, Peta, Ella, Ashlee and Tayla practised their waitressing skills during lunchtimes. At the dinner they were well presented in black and white and did an excellent job serving the three course meal.

It was pleasing to receive so many positive comments about our students from the people attending the dinner. The owner of the Beaufort Newsagency, Mr. Jim Cox, even took the time to phone the school the following day to congratulate the girls on their work, presentation and support of each other during the evening. These positive comments are certainly appreciated and were passed on to the girls.

Well done to these students.



## Table Tennis - Year 8 Boys

On Wednesday, 22nd July, four Year 8 boys represented Beaufort Secondary College at the Ballarat Secondary School's Association Table Tennis competition.

Callum Foster, Josh Rowe, Luke Skelly and Shannon Brown played as one team against Mt. Clear Secondary College and Ballarat Secondary College.

Boys were seeded in their team from 1 -4 and played the corresponding teams seeded players.

They played single matches - best of 5 and also played doubles against each school.

All boys conducted themselves extremely well and were

great ambassadors for our school.

Well done.



## School Uniform

The uniform in the school has been excellent at the start of this term.

A reminder, that with the continuing wet and cold weather, only plain navy coats and plain navy or white scarves are to be worn. These can be purchased at Messer and Opie in Ballarat.

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs. Higgins at the school.

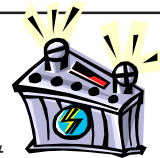
### WANTED

### 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 battery.**



# More Work Experience Photos



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# IMPORTANT DATES

Please check each Newsletter for additions/deletions or changes.

<b>JULY 2009</b>	
Monday 27 to Friday 31	Week 2 - Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 27 to Friday 31	Year 9 Rubicon Camp
Thursday 30	Year 8 & 9 English - Lake Bolac excursion
<b>AUGUST 2009</b>	
Tuesday 4	De La Salle College Band visit to school
Wednesday 5	BSSSA Intermediate Sports Year 9/10 Kokoda Leadership Day
Thursday 6	Australian Mathematics Competition Band & Choir perform at Day Care Centre
Friday 7	Year 7 & 8 Legacy Public Speaking
Monday 10	Visit from Ballarat Uni - Years 10 & 11 Mindshop Excellence - Year 10 Year 12 v Rotary Debate PFA Meeting - 6.00pm
Tuesday 11	Year 11 & 12 Information Night 7pm School Council Meeting
Tuesday 11 to Thursday 13	Outdoor Ed. Camp
Thursday 13	BSSSA Year 8 Sport
Monday 17	Japanese Cooking Y8B - P5 & 6
Tuesday 18	Japanese Cooking Y8A-P1&2, Y7-P5&6
Wednesday 19	Canteen Closed Today Advance BBQ Lunch fundraiser
Tuesday 25	BSSSA Year 7 Sport Y10 Employability Skills
Wednesday 26	Canteen Closed Today
<b>SEPTEMBER 2009</b>	
Wednesday 2	Safety Day - Years 7 to 10
Monday 7	Y7 Maths Camp-Melb - selected students
Tuesday 8	School Council Meeting
Wednesday 9 to Friday 11	Outdoor Ed. Hike
Monday 14	PFA Meeting - 6.00pm
Wednesday 16	Year 9 Health Day
Friday 18	Final day - Term 3
<b>OCTOBER 2009</b>	
Saturday 3	Band play at Waubra Wind Farm Opening
Monday 5	First day - Term 4