



Our Core Values are:

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

### Kokoda Leadership Day

A group of Year 9 and 10 students travelled to the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne last week to participate in the Kokoda Leadership Day.

This event was held in honour of the late Reginald and Laura Gregory, supporters of the Shrine of Remembrance Education Program. Different regions from across Victoria are chosen each year and this year it was the Western Region which was chosen and we were one of four schools invited to attend.

Charlie Lynn from the Kokoda Trust, delivered an entertaining and interesting lecture on the history of Kokoda. His lecture included relevant poetry about the war. He then took questions from the floor. The first question was asked by Glen Holtkamp.

After lunch we were given a tour of the Shrine. Sammy Briody laid a wreath on behalf of our school during the Remembrance Service. Martin Goode thanked our tour guide at the conclusion of the tour.

We travelled back to Ballarat on the bus where Nick Robinson thanked the driver and Mrs. Higgins for organising the day.

The students got a lot from the day and their presentation and behaviour was excellent.

Below are some comments about the day from the students:

- Great how the speaker used poetry in his talk.
- Tour was interesting.
- Speaker was very inspiring.
- Learnt a lot.
- Good day.
- Very interesting.
- Fulfilling experience.
- Lucky to be chosen.
- History of Kokoda very interesting.
- Appreciate what others have done.



Above: Our students with their Shrine of Remembrance guide.



Above: The students listen intently to the presentation at the Shrine.



Above left: Girls always like a man in uniform.

Above right: Brandon checks out a war-time gas mask.

**NOTE - CANTEEN CLOSED**  
**Wednesdays**  
**19th and 26th August, 2009**

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# From the Principal's Desk



One of the best programs we have access to is “**Mindshop Excellence**”. This leadership program was established by a highly successful Melbourne businessman a few years ago when his son was in Year 10 and asked to do work experience. He concluded that the most profitable form of workplace learning took place when students were given a real life problem and asked to develop a solution. Having semi-retired, he now generously gives a considerable amount of his time to conduct the program with schools throughout Australia. The program is offered to a small number of government and non-government schools in our region each year. We are pleased to have been included in this year's list of invitees.

This week, six of our year 10 students are working at the Pyrenees Shire offices preparing a report on a communication issue. Specifically, they have been requested to make recommendations on “how the Pyrenees Shire can best engage with art and culture groups across the shire”. They will present their findings on Friday, locally at the Shire, then regionally at the Ballarat Town Hall.

Term 3 is a hectic time for Year 10 students, and a most important one in their school careers as they make the transition to post-compulsory education.

As part of their “**Life Skills**” program, students are investigating post school options and completing a “pathway plan”. Well done to those Year 9 and 10 students and their parents who attended the 2010 Senior Studies information evening on Tuesday, 11th August. At the senior end of the school, students are faced with a myriad of choices - including “straight VCE”, VCE with VET or a New Apprenticeship, or VCAL

(Intermediate or Senior) including a VET course. Our school size means that the only way we can offer such a diverse range of choices is by way of flexible delivery of programs and tailoring courses to individuals. It is most important, therefore, that students and parents receive the right advice on course selection.

Any parents who were unable to attend should contact Mr Crouch at the school.

We are, at present, in the middle of the annual survey season. I have just received the results of our 2009 student “**Attitudes to School Survey**”. I am in the process of analyzing them, but can say that they are consistent with previous years in that they show a very high level of student connectedness to the school and teachers.

In the two week period between Monday, 24th August and Friday, 4th September, the **parent opinion survey** will be conducted. The data gained is important for monitoring school performance and making our school the best it can possibly be. Forty (40) randomly selected families will receive a parent opinion survey shortly and we ask that these families return completed surveys to the school.

Parents of Year 12 students please note that there are a number of scholarships provided by philanthropic organisations that are available to students. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development advertises these but does not administer them and students need to apply to individual trustees.

Mr Crouch has provided information about these to the Year 12 students.

*Steve Macaulay*  
(Principal)

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## SRC Fundraiser - 19th August

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 are providing a BBQ on Wednesday, 19th August. (Note: The Canteen will be closed on this day). 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 this week. These must be returned, with the money, to the General Office by Monday, 17th August.

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

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## ADVANCE Fundraiser

On Wednesday, August 26th (Note: The Canteen will be closed on this day), the Advance class will be holding a Mini Games Day and Sausage Sizzle with a sports theme, dress-up and/or casual day for Years 7-10.

As well, there will be a pie eating contest at Recess for Years 7 - 12 students.

The sports will be run in House Teams so wear house colours to support your team. The activities will be run throughout Periods 5 & 6.

Order Forms will be sent out and must be returned by Friday, 21st August with the money.

Dress-up/Casual will cost \$2.00. Sausages \$1.50, Hamburgers \$2.00, Primas \$1.00 and \$2.00 entry for the pie eating contest.

13th August, 2009

***Remember the 3 Rs - Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.***

## Invitation

Parents and friends are invited to attend  
**The Great Debate**

An annual event between the  
**Rotary Club of Beaufort**  
and a team of **VCE Students**

Next Monday, 17th August, 7.45pm  
in the Library

Come along and support our students as they  
debate with the Rotarians this year's topic -  
"The By-Pass will be Good for Beaufort"  
Our students will argue the negative side  
of the debate.

## MATHS PUZZLE

**Last Week's Answer: 72**

**Solution:** This problem is conveniently solved by writing down the necessary equations. Note that there are 12 months in a year, 52 weeks in a year, and 365 days in a year.

Let  $m$  be my age in years. If  $s$  is my son's age in years, then my son is  $52s$  weeks old. If  $g$  is my grandson's age in years, then my grandson is  $365g$  days old. Thus,  $365g = 52s$ .

Since my grandson is 12g months old,  $12g = m$ .

Since my grandson, my son and I together are 120 years,  $g + s + m = 120$ .

The above system of 3 equations in 3 unknowns ( $g$ ,  $s$  and  $m$ ) can be solved as follows.

$m / 12 + 365 m / (52 \times 12) + m = 120$  or

$52 m + 365 m + 624 m = 624 \times 120$  or

$m = 624 \times 120 / 1041 = 72$ . So, I am 72 years old."

**This Week's Puzzle: Family Ties**

Each child in a family has at least 2 brothers and 2 sisters. What is the smallest number of children the family might have? *Answer Next Week*

## Rotary Club of Beaufort Information Afternoon

Beaufort Community Development Centre  
(opposite the Beaufort Hotel)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Between 1.30 pm and 4 pm

Afternoon tea provided. All welcome.

This is an opportunity to find out about the FUN,  
FELLOWSHIP and COMMUNITY SERVICE  
that occurs in your local Rotary Club.

## Maths Competition

Last Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of August, all of the Year 7 & 8's and some students from other year levels, sat the annual Australian Mathematics Competition.

The students will each receive a certificate indicating their achievement and are eligible to receive prizes and medals if they are the most successful in their region. The Australian Mathematics Competition is designed to be a fun event removed from the pressures of formal assessment with problems designed to be of sufficient interest to stimulate discussion with friends, parents and in the classroom.

The competition ran for 75 mins with 30 questions from a range of mathematical areas.

All students involved participated to the best of their ability and were great ambassadors for the school.

We encourage all students to take part in opportunities such as this, when they are offered..



Above & below: Students sit the Maths Competition.



## 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.



## RMIT Open Day

Beaufort Secondary College students, Jesse Fountain, Melinda Holtkamp and Kael Mullins-Smith took the opportunity to visit the RMIT Open Day last Sunday as part of the MIPS Mentoring Program running at our school.

Mrs. Macdonald, our Librarian, drove the students to Melbourne, arriving early to locate where the various information sessions were to be held.

They all enjoyed using RMIT's facilities, especially their food hall and made good use of the free icecream which was made by the Food Technology students. There were plenty of RMIT students to help out with any of their enquiries.

The information session run by the Civil Engineering students was the most enjoyable and informative and had everyone, including Mrs. Macdonald, ready to enrol in the Civil Engineering course.

They also went to the 'Living Away From Home' session about accommodation alternatives.

It was a great day and a good base from which to compare other campuses and courses.

We encourage all our students to attend the various Open Days and to find out first-hand information on the courses offered, accommodation and the advantages of attending different institutions.

For further career advice, see Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Hinton or Mrs. Higgins.



*Above: Mel lining up for free icecream.*

*Left: Among the crowd.*

*Right: Jesse and Kael taking a break between sessions.*



## University of Ballarat

### Regional Outreach Program

Representatives from the University of Ballarat came to the school on Monday and spoke to our Year 10 students about the benefits of completing a post secondary course at either the University or TAFE (Technical and Further Education) at Ballarat, or any other university.

Two current students from the University also came and spoke from a student's perspective on all the advantages of completing a Uni course. One of the girls was Meg Dridan, whose sister is Ella Dridan, a current Year 7 student.

The University will be coming back at a later date to address our Year 11 students.



### Boys Netball

Last Wednesday, August 5th, a group of VCE boys went to Ballarat to compete against Belmont Secondary College in the Western Zone netball.

A lack of teams entered meant that our boys went straight through to the Western Zone level (the level before State). They all did a great job; first learning the rules in such a short time and second, competing against a team that make it to the State Level every year and being competitive against them. Well done, boys!



*Left: Goal Shooter, Daniel, takes a pass in the goal circle, hotly defended by the Goal Keeper.*

*Right: The boys take a break during half time and plan their second half attack.*



## Senior Studies Night

Thank you to students and parents for coming to the information session on Tuesday night.

It was a great opportunity to meet the Ballarat staff who organise School Based New Apprenticeships, VET courses and staff from the University of Ballarat. Thank you to Mr. Crouch for organising the evening and staff who attended to answer questions.

If students and/or parents would like further advice on course selection, please make an appointment to see Mr. Crouch or Mrs. Higgins.

Remember: VET applications close on Friday, 21st August.



Above: Parents and students who attended the Senior Studies night were able to gain a greater understanding of course choices and career selection processes.

Below: On the Panel - (L-R) BSC Senior Studies Co-ordinator, Mr. Phil Crouch, Mr. Ian Trigg, VECCI, Ms. Lisa Howlett, Ballarat VET Cluster and Mr. Simon Jess, Primary Industries-Agriculture.



### English Puzzle 38

Answer to last weeks puzzle:  
LEMONADE, MINORITY, NEWSCAST

This weeks puzzle: Extensions.

A<sub>1</sub> E<sub>1</sub> B<sub>3</sub> G<sub>2</sub> L<sub>1</sub> P<sub>3</sub> S<sub>1</sub>

From the row above, add three letters to the row below to make an eight-letter word.

\_\_\_\_ T<sub>1</sub> R<sub>1</sub> A<sub>1</sub> C<sub>3</sub> T<sub>1</sub>

## Muffin Magic



The Year 7 classes have started their new electives for this semester. Year 7A are studying Music & Art and Year 7B are studying Technology Food & Wood/Metal.

Year 7B have made chicken salad wraps and pizzas and are pictured here with their banana muffins. These muffins were very popular with their families and were enjoyed for afternoon tea.

# IMPORTANT DATES

Please check each Newsletter for additions/deletions or changes.

<b>AUGUST 2009</b>	
Thursday 13	BSSSA Year 8 Sport
Monday 17	Japanese Cooking Y8B - P5 & 6 Year 12 v Rotary Debate
Tuesday 18	Japanese Cooking Y8A-P1&2, Y7-P5&6
Wednesday 19	Canteen Closed Today SRC BBQ Lunch/Cup Cake fundraiser
Tuesday 25	BSSSA Year 7 Sport Y10 Employability Skills
Wednesday 26	Canteen Closed Today Advance Games Day & Sausage Sizzle Y9/10 Drama Students - Stawell Excursion
<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
Thursday 8	Year 10 Health Day, Ballarat
Monday 12	Western Zone Athletics - Geelong PFA Meeting - 6.00pm
Tuesday 13	School Council Meeting
Wednesday 14	Year 7 Girls Immunisation
<b>NOVEMBER 2009</b>	
Tuesday 3	School Council Melbourne Cup Day holiday
Monday 9 to Friday 13	Year 10 Urban Camp - Melbourne
Monday 9	PFA Meeting - 6.00pm
Tuesday 10	School Council Meeting
Monday 16 to Wed.18	Year 8 Camp
<b>DECEMBER 2009</b>	
Monday 7 to Wednesday 9	Year 7 2010 - 3 Day Orientation Program
Tuesday 8	School Council Meeting
Tuesday 15	Presentation Evening
Friday 18	Final day - Term 4

**\$15.00**

## **FAMILY or CHILD PORTRAIT**

### **Help Beaufort Primary School With their Fundraising Effort**

Beaufort Primary School has arranged for Professional Portrait Photographers, **Choice Photographics** to be available at the School, located in Hill Street, Beaufort on **Saturday, 5th September, 2009.**

For a \$15.00 sitting fee, paid to the School for their Fundraising needs, you will receive a FREE 25cm x 33cm (10" x 13") FAMILY or CHILD Colour or Black & White Portrait presented with frame. Valued at \$95.00. (Limited to one per Family and no person appearing in any other FREE OFFER PORTRAIT). However this does not apply to packages. Participants have the option of a variety of poses, maybe the Family then just the Children followed by the Parents then maybe the Family or the Children with the Grandparents. A set of various sized portraits (includes some Black & White) of each pose will be available for purchase on the viewing day at very reasonable prices.

Character portraits for children and adults involved in sports, arts, etc are also catered for. Please bring related items, i.e. sports uniforms, musical instruments, etc., creating a lasting memory of you or your child's favourite activity.

### **For bookings**

**Phone Karleen Cuthbertson  
5349 7393**

Upon receiving your \$15.00 sitting fee you will be allocated a booking time.

This invitation is open to everyone, so please help us in our fundraising effort and tell your friends.

*Thank you for your support.*

**1 Day only: Saturday, 5th September, 2009**