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Our Core Values are:

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

Celebrating Book Week

A range of activities took place last week to celebrate Book Week.

Four Year 7 students accompanied Mrs. Macdonald to Melbourne on Wednesday for the Melbourne Writers' Festival. We were lucky enough to have booked the session with Shaun Tan, the winner of this year's children's book award for older readers. His book *Tales from outer Suburbia*, full of his wonderful illustrations, formed the basis for his informative talk. It was a great, fun day. (See the report from the girls on Page 2).

Other activities during the week were our daily Trivia Question challenge and our Chess Challenge that took place on Thursday and Friday. A few more games need to take place to find our best Chess player.

Interest was keen with players taking up the challenge from across all year levels and as you can see from the photos, there were lots of interested onlookers.

Thank you to Mr. Jeffrey and Mr. Walton for also taking part.



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

From the Principal's Desk



This week, I have been meeting with students in year level groups to discuss the **Beaufort Education Regeneration Project** that was the subject of last week's funding announcement. I have emphasized the following points during our discussions:

- The \$4 million announced last week is for Stage 1 of the project – construction of a new Early Childhood Centre (to be located in Park Road in the north-west corner of the school property), Beaufort Primary School classrooms and an Administration area. This is expected to be completed by March 2011.
- The reconstruction of Beaufort Secondary College will be Stage 2 of the project. It is likely that funding for this stage will be announced at this time next year, with construction completed by around March 2012.
- Beaufort Secondary College and Beaufort Primary School are pooling the money they have received under the Rudd Government's "National School Pride" program in order to refurbish the Technology (Woodwork/Metalwork) Centre for use by the students of both schools. This is outside (although obviously related to) the project described above.
- Other than the location of the Early Childhood Centre, NOTHING has been decided at this stage concerning the location of the school facilities or the form they will take. The architectural firm Morton-Dunn Architects has been appointed by the Department to prepare a master plan for the site and is currently considering options.

- School Council and I are extremely keen to involve all stakeholders – students, parents, staff and the local community - in decision-making about all aspects of the project.

The opportunity that exists for all parties to have input into the development of the Beaufort education precinct "from the ground up" provides an exciting challenge.

I have recently received our **2010 Year 7** placement list and am happy to report that 30 students have been placed at Beaufort Secondary College. This will allow us to run two Year 7s that are of a good size but small enough to permit teachers to provide the amount of personal attention that each child deserves.

The end of term is approaching quickly. Semester 2 interim reports will be distributed to students on Friday, 11th September, with **parent-teacher interviews** to take place on Thursday, 17th September. This set of interviews is placed in the middle of Semester 2, and in time for any concerns to be addressed. They will also be the final interviews for 2009. I therefore encourage all parents to attend.

Thank you to all those parents who have completed and returned **Parent Opinion Surveys**. There are still a few outstanding. Please complete and return them by the end of this week.

Steve Macaulay
(Principal)

EMA Cheques

EMA cheques have now arrived and can 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.

If parents want their EMA money kept at the school to pay for camps, excursions etc., you will have to collect your cheque and a deposit form so that you can deposit the cheque into the schools bank account.

If you have any questions about this, please contact the Business Manager, Ms. Lynne Dickman.

English Puzzle 40

Answer to last weeks puzzle:
DEXTRIN, EXTREME, LEXICON

This weeks puzzle: **Three-Letter Word**

N₁ **E**₁ **B**₃

What letter can replace the "E" in the word above to make a word that means the point of a pen or quill.

Year 11 Camp

This camp will be going ahead. A payment of \$200.00 must be made by Friday, 4th September (tomorrow) so flights can be booked.

If there are any concerns, please contact Mrs. Higgins at the school.

MATHS PUZZLE

Last Week's Answer: 204

Solution: The following table shows the number of different types of squares on a 8 x 8 chessboard:

Type of square	Number of squares
8 x 8	1
7 x 7	4
6 x 6	9
5 x 5	16
....
1 x 1	64

So, total number of squares = $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \dots + 8^2 = 204$.

To gain a better understanding, consider the 8 x 8 chessboard. Note that there is one 8 x 8 square, four 7 x 7 squares, and so on.

Food for thought:

Is there a formula for the sum of the squares of the first n positive integers?

Is $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \dots + n^2 = n(n+1)(2n+1)/6$?

This Week's Puzzle: The Pole in the Lake

There is a pole in a lake. One-half of the pole is in the ground, another one-third of it is covered by water, and 9 ft is out of the water. What is the total length of the pole in ft? *Answer Next Week*

World Skills

Beaufort Secondary College had two VET Building and Construction students compete in the prestigious World Skills competition last Friday.

Brandon Millar and Lachlan Murray acquitted themselves extremely well on the day.

The task was to build a carpenter's stool from scratch which meant they had to devise a materials list, draw a full size design and then build the final product.

They started working at 8.00am and finished at 5.00pm - a very long and arduous day!

Brandon performed brilliantly to finish second, which means he now advances to the State Finals in Melbourne early next year.

Congratulations to both boys for representing our school in such a fine manner.

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Melbourne Writers Festival

On Wednesday August 26th, Mrs. Macdonald drove Peta, Kira, Tatiana and I to Melbourne to the Writers Festival where we were able to see the award winning author, Shaun Tan being interviewed. We all had a great, fun day. *Hannah*

It was great to visit Melbourne again and see the architecture you don't experience at home. I enjoyed the day and a big thank you to Mrs. Macdonald for the yummy lunch at Southbank. *Tatiana*

I enjoyed Melbourne and its sights. It was a good day out. Thank you Mrs. Macdonald for driving us. *Kira* I had great fun visiting Melbourne for a day. On our way to the Writers Festival we saw great locations. Thank you to Mrs. Macdonald for supplying us with ice-creams. *Peta*



Above: The Peta, Hannah, Kira and Tatiana at Federation Square.

Below: The girls enjoying their ice-cream treats.



BEAUFORT SECONDRY COLLEGE

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 8th September at 7.00pm

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

Monday, 14th September at 5.30pm

Outdoor Ed Camp

On August 10th, the Unit 3/4 Outdoor Education class travelled to the Coach House Inn at Bright, a small town located near the base of the Australian Alps and Victorian High Country, where their snow adventure was about to begin.

Leaving at 10am, they jumped into the car and set off on their five and a half hour journey towards the snowfields. Lunch was at a small but beautiful town along the highway called Euroa. Arriving at the Inn at 3.30pm, Jacqui Swadling, Mel Holtkamp and Mr. Collins booked in and got geared up for their days at the snow on the Tuesday and Wednesday. Mel and Mr. Collins both decided on skis, while Jacqui chose to snow board. After going for a short walk down the main street, they all headed back for their 6.30pm dinner. The Year 9, 10 & 11 boys and girls from Parkdale Secondary College, who were also staying at the Inn, arrived back from their first day at the snow and were grateful for a big, satisfying meal. After making a few new friends among both the staff and students, the Outdoor class went to bed, setting their alarms for an early start.

Breakfast the next morning was at 6.30am sharp and then everyone was to be on the bus before 7.30am for a quick departure. The destination for the day was Falls Creek, a two hour journey on a windy mountain road. After a few stops, due to motion sickness, everyone arrived at the Falls Creek car park and went immediately up the mountain for a bit of free time before 12 noon lessons. The lessons were extremely helpful for first timers Jacqui and Mr. Collins and a good refresher for Mel. Suddenly, the sky was filled with thunder as an F1-11 fighter plane screeched past the mountain to the delight of everyone there. Not long after, the sky was again filled with thunder, but this time, along with lightning and heavy snow. All lifts were closed so everyone made their way down the mountain for lunch, then, because there was no way back to the runs, everyone got back on the bus for the trip back to our accommodation and our 6pm dinner.

Another 6.30am breakfast and 7.30am start, and everyone was on their way to Hotham, this time only an hour and a half on winding roads. On reaching the car park, it was discovered that you could only see 10 metres in any direction due to cloud and drizzle. Regardless of the hindrance, everyone set off down the surprisingly steep hill. Lessons were at 11.30 and lunch at 1pm, then more free time.

Remembering a promise made to his daughter, Mr. Collins enlisted Mels help to build a snowman and

with no carrots around, a kit-kat was substituted for the nose.

Back on the bus by 3.30pm for an early departure for the Parkdale kids and teachers to make it back to Melbourne at a reasonable hour.

After another early night and a later breakfast the next morning, it was an easy drive to Glenrowan before a short stop then back on the road until the 2.40pm arrival back home in Beaufort.

Mel and Jacqui would like to thank Mr. Collins, the Parkdale crew, Mrs. Atkinson and the Beaufort Secondary College for giving them the opportunity to have this great experience.



South West Zone Regional School Clay Target Shooting Championship - Noorat

On Wednesday, 26th August, the South West Zone in conjunction with the Victorian Clay Target Association, held the annual Zone School Students Trap Shooting Championships.

There were 280 competitors, which meant 56 squads had to shoot two events through the day. The grades were split into senior boys and girls and junior boys and girls (Juniors classified as being under 15 on the day of the shoot). There was also a nominated team event, with the total score of the 5 nominated shooters (any age group, male or female, from the same school).

The weather conditions were a blustery cold south westerly blowing from the right with some showers. This provided changing and difficult shooting conditions throughout the day.

Despite the conditions, the competition and scores were high throughout the grades. Lachlan Murray shot a perfect 10 in the first round and dropped a few in the second.

Two shooters from Beaufort were in the shoot-off to be in the top 10, Marcus Grigsby and Lachlan Murray. Marcus shot well in the trying conditions and shot two rounds in the shoot-off to be one of the top 10 shooters from the 280 competitors and was presented with a certificate.

Shayley Grigsby shot to an equal fourth place in the junior girls. Shayne McIntyre, Peter Frost, Jimmy Gardiner, Jarod Crick, Mark and Mitch Baetz also represented Beaufort Secondary College and all shooters did their best in tough conditions. Well done to all.

I would like to thank Mrs Frost for driving some students to the event and providing support, as well as Mrs Higgins who gave encouragement and endured the conditions throughout the day.

Thank you to the Beaufort Gun Club for supplying some ammo and guns for the school competitors to practice with and opening the Club on Wednesdays with Len, Alan, Graeme (Sparrow) and Dawn being there for us to be able to shoot.

A thank you also to Mr De Zoete for the use of his gun for practice and competition use.

Mr. Balson.



Photos:

Top: Shayley & Mitch in action.

Middle: Shayley & Mitch check their guns.

Bottom: Mitch, Jimmy, Marcus, Peter and Lachlan.

Right: Marcus with his certificate presented to him as one of the Top 10 shooters from the 280 competitors on the day.



Year 9/10 Drama - Penalty Shot

On Wednesday, August 26, the Year 9/10 Drama class travelled to Stawell Secondary College to view a performance of *Penalty Shot*.

The show was fabulous with lots of laughs and brilliant acting. The two actors cleverly told the story, with limited props (a soccer net), transforming their characters, the time and place.

The story was about two teenage boys, both new to the area and with very different backgrounds and passions in life. It showed how their friendship developed and the thin line between sport that unites and divides.

While the play was very entertaining, it was also fantastic to see the acting skills employed by Chris and Ben. They made time for questions at the end of the performance where the students were surprised to find out that Ben had only four days rehearsal while Chris had been playing his role for two years.

The actors were also happy to chat with our students and join them for a photo shoot!



Above: The Year 9/10 Drama students with Chris and Ben.

Beaufort Market

Saturday September 5,

9.00am to 1.00pm, Memorial Park.

A chance to shop for Father's Day and find something special.

Craft, garden ornaments, plants, preserves, fresh fruit & vegetables, secondhand goods, grain and bird seed.

BBQ by the Anglican Ladies Guild.

Employability Skills Workshop Wednesday 9th September

On September 9, all Year 10, 11 and 12 students will have the opportunity to participate in a highly informative and practical workshop on gaining employment, which will be run at the school and provided by the Highlands Local Learning and Employment Network which is based in Ballarat. The sessions will run for half a day, (Periods 1, 2 and 3 for Year 10s, and Periods 4, 5 and 6 for Years 11 and 12).

The workshops will require some preparation by the students.

Requirements from each student on the day of the workshop:

1. Choose a fictitious or real employer to base your employment case study on.
2. Write up a three page document on the following for your position of choice:
 - one page job description
 - one page position application addressing the job description
 - one page resume
3. Come to the workshop **dressed in clothing** you would wear to the interview. You will need to bring your interview attire with you, as you are expected to be in full school uniform as per usual for the rest of the day.
4. A review will be given on the choice of attire that you have worn to the interview. This will be conducted in a fun, Self Marketing Team exercise.

Tips to remember:

- * Investigate your choice of employment.
- * Investigate the advertising employer and their line of business.
- * What skills do you have to fulfil the position?
- * What skills do you have to value add to the position?

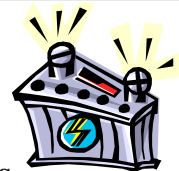


WANTED - Old Car Batteries

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.



Rotary Club of Beaufort

Invites you to attend
An informal, no obligation
Information Afternoon

At the Beaufort Community
Development Centre
(opposite Beaufort Hotel)

Sunday, 13th 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.

Netball success for Heather

Congratulations to
Beaufort Secondary
College Year 8 student,
Heather Tweddle, who
won the Lexton Plains
Football/Netball
League Under 14
Netball Best & Fairest
award.

Heather polled 22
votes to win by one
vote.



Heather also polled well in the League's Under 17s
gaining 13 votes. Well done Heather on a very
successful year.

Good Luck

Good luck to all our students and staff who are
participating in finals over the next few weeks in local
football and netball competitions.



Some more creative designs in cup-cake decoration.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please check each Newsletter for
additions/deletions or changes.

SEPTEMBER 2009	
Friday 4	VCE Legal Studies - Melbourne Uni visit
Monday 7	Y7 Maths Camp - Melb - selected students
Tuesday 8	Year 9 Port Campbell Coastal Systems exc. School Council Meeting
Wednesday 9 to Friday 11	Outdoor Ed. Hike
Friday 11	Reports Distributed
Monday 14	SCOPE Melbourne Exc. VCAL & Advance Y7 Ext. Group-Rotary Public Speaking PFA Meeting - 5.30pm
Thursday 17	Year 9 Health Day (note change of date) Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 18	Final day - Term 3
OCTOBER 2009	
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 - 5.30pm
Tuesday 13	School Council Meeting
Wednesday 14	Year 7 Girls Immunisation
NOVEMBER 2009	
Tuesday 3	School Council Melbourne Cup Day holiday
Monday 9 to Friday 13	Year 10 Urban Camp - Melbourne
Monday 9	PFA Meeting - 5.30pm
Tuesday 10	School Council Meeting
Monday 16 to Wed.18	Year 8 Camp
DECEMBER 2009	
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



Fire Safety Day

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 took part in the Safety Day program today.

Thank you to members of the local Fire Birgade, Ambulance and Police who attended and provided the students with information on being a volunteer fireman and ambulance officer and the role of the police in the community.

Students were able to inspect the emergency service vehicles and have hands-on experience with CPR, how to escape a smoke filled building and 'beer goggles' which give the effect of being drunk.

An informative and enjoyable day for our students.

