



"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.

House Swimming Sports

The Inter-House Swimming Sports were held last Monday in very pleasant conditions.

Lots of parents and grandparents took the opportunity to come along and barrack for their children.

The day ran smoothly with all lanes filled for many of the races. The participation was excellent with some races closely contested.

Thank you to Mr. Collins for his organisation and to the staff, parents and students who acted as officials on the day.

The next swimming carnival is the Mid Western Complex Swimming Sports which will be held at Beaufort on Friday, 20th February. All parents are invited to attend.

Congratulations go to the winning house combination of Wandarra and Taltarni.

The Age Group Champions were:

	Girls	Boys
13 Years	Brittany Davies	Wayne Bruty
14 Years	Alisha Rose	Jessy Kroon
15 Years	Chloe Barnes	Brendan McIntyre
16 Years	Jacqui Swadling	Daniel Chester
17 Years	Ashlee Woods	Mitchell Biggin & Dylan Jenkins
Open	Kylie Bruty	Shayne McIntyre



Above: The Age Group Champions following the medal presentation. Congratulations to each of you.



Above: Winners are grinners - House Captains of the winning combination (L-R) Shani, Kayde, Lachlan and Laura.

Andrew Campbell Shield

The first event at the House Swimming Sports is traditionally, the Andrew Campbell Shield event - freestyle Under 15 Years.

This year we had eight competitors and the winner was Brendan McIntyre, who was also the 2008 winner, with the runner-up, Shaun Fuller.

Representing the Campbell family, College Principal, Mr. Macaulay, presented Brendan and Shaun with their trophies (pictured below).



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Beaufort Secondary College - Care, Concern and Quality Educational Programs

From the Principal's Desk



Whilst thankfully being spared the impact of bushfire on this occasion, the tragic situation taking place in other parts of the state has given us all a reminder that we need to be prepared to respond to a bushfire emergency at any time during the summer period. As is the case with other schools in our region (which, of course, experienced the terrible bushfires in the Grampians in 2006), we have a number of measures in place, including:

- A Bushfire Action Plan – completed with the assistance of the local CFA, this details the preventative measures undertaken in preparation for the bushfire season, and response plans should we be faced with a bushfire during school hours
- Emergency Evacuation Procedures tested regularly through drills
- The Beaufort School Bus Network Emergency Management Plan – recently updated and included in this newsletter (see Pages 6 & 7)

Whilst on the matter of extreme weather conditions, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development recently made it quite clear that there is no provision for the closure of schools during days of extreme heat. Obviously, we would support a parent who requested to collect their child, or keep him/her at home, on a day of extreme weather conditions such as was the case last Saturday, and see this as sensible. However, we cannot allow a student to go home unless we are certain that there is someone at home to look after him/her.

Steve Macaulay
(Principal)

Wanted

Ice-cream containers - with or without lids.

CareerNews

Full-time apprenticeships available:

- Farm hand
- Printer
- Bricklayer
- Sheetmetal worker

Please see Mrs. Hinton for details

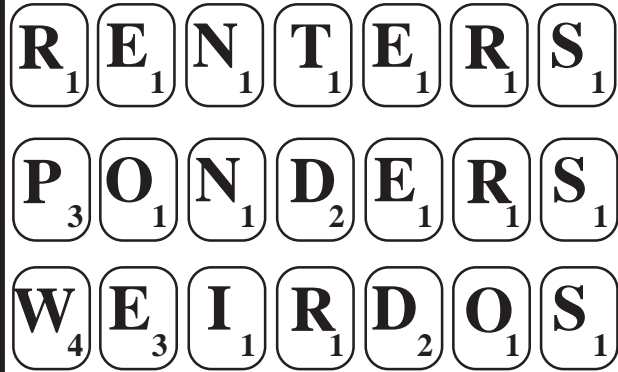
English Puzzle 16

Answer to puzzle 15 (Newsletter 3/12/08)
AFIELD, GROPED, STRAIT

This weeks puzzle:

Seven Letter Shuffle

Rearrange the letters below to form, in each case, another seven-letter word.



MATHS PUZZLE

Answer to puzzle in Newsletter 3/12/08

Assuming 2 wheels for each cycle, 15 cycles will have 30 wheels. But, there are $35 = 5$ extra wheels. As bicycles have 2 wheels and tricycles have 3 wheels, there is 1 extra wheel per tricycle in the park. Thus, the 5 extra wheels belong to 5 tricycles.

This Week's Puzzle: The Carpenter and the Nails

A 30" x 30" square metal plate needs to be fixed by a carpenter on to a wooden board. The carpenter uses nails all along the edges of the square such that there are 31 nails on each side of the square. Each nail is at the same distance from the neighboring nails. How many nails does the carpenter use?

Answer Next Week

EMA

Parents who have healthcare card, are pensioners, have Centrelink entitlements, are Veterans Affairs Pensioners or Foster Parents, are entitled to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance for students under 16 years of age.

Application Forms need to be completed by parents and a copy of their current card submitted to the school office by Wednesday, 25th February, 2009.

Year 12 Study Camp

The Year 12 Study Camp is being held at the University of Ballarat's Mt. Helen Campus this week. We look forward to a full report next week.

Community BBQ

The Beaufort Secondary College invites all students and parents to a School Community BBQ which will be held on Tuesday, 24th February at 6.00pm at the College.

This is a great opportunity to meet staff, students and other parents. Please keep this date free. More details will follow in next week's Newsletter.

Out of Uniform Day

School Council have nominated Thursday, 19th February, as an Out of Uniform Day.

Proceeds from this day will go to the Bushfire Relief Appeal. All students are encouraged to come to school in neat casual clothes (no thongs) and make a donation to help the victims of the recent Victorian bush fires. The cost will be \$2.00 per student.

2008 School Magazine

There are some copies of the 2008 School Magazine available. Cost \$10.00. This is a wonderful collation of the years activities at Beaufort Secondary College. Contact the General Office to purchase your copy now.

FRIDGE POCKETS \$4.00 each

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

Available from the General Office - NOW

BUCKET HATS

Available from the General Office - \$8.00 each.

Rotary Programs

Expressions of Interest from students is still being sought for the three Rotary programs mentioned in last week's Newsletter (see Page 5).

Interested students can contact Mrs. Beer at the General Office or phone 5349 2168 after 6.00pm.

Beaufort Community House
and Learning Centre

2009 BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Support our fellow Victorians who are affected by the current bushfire crisis.

They need donations of:

Toiletries – tampons, pads, nappies, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes and paste, hairbrushes, moisturisers.

New **underwear** of all sizes.

Non perishable **food** items

New electrical items – **kettles, toasters, fry pans** – any that are not brand new need to be checked and tagged.

Clothing – clean and in good repair

Bedding

Toys

**Take your donations to
DULC'S SHOP, Neill Street,
BEAUFORT.**

**Monday to Saturday
10am to 12noon**

Monday to Friday – 6pm to 7pm

Community Houses are working together in this appeal - goods will be delivered, already sorted, to the crisis centres at Diamond Creek and Whittlesea

We will need volunteers to help to sort the donations, please register your assistance by phoning

Angela or Helen on **5349 1184** or
Leanne on **0428 497 411**

House Swimming Sports Photos



Thank you to the Pyrenees Advocate's sports photographer, Mr. Norm Dickman, for the use of some of his photos taken at the sports.



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A FAMILY DANCE with
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14th FEbruArY, 2009

At 7:30pM

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ON thE NIGHT

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AND YOuR DANCING FEET AND
JOIN uS FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

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**ALL PROCEEDS TO
SUPPORT THE
VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE
APPEAL**

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BEAUFORT & DISTRICT SCHOOL BUS NETWORK EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN (as at Feb 2009)

WHAT'S IN THIS PLAN?

The plan describes the potential hazards to which school bus travellers are likely to be exposed and the manner in which emergencies will be managed. It assumes that staff and students will be familiar with its contents and will be regularly drilled in the procedures to be adopted during an emergency. It assumes that preventative measures, such as the distribution of the Bus Safety Code of Conduct, will have been implemented to lessen the likelihood of an emergency occurring.

Note that the bus co-ordinator is the Principal of Beaufort Secondary College.

An emergency on school buses could include any of the following:

- Bushfire
- Flooding
- Other extreme weather eg fog, snow, storm
- Siege/hostage/disappearance or removal of a student
- Accident involving injury or fatality
- An incident involving significant traffic diversion

IDENTIFYING THE RISKS

The environment through which school buses travel to Beaufort each day is at risk each year during the bushfire season. The six bus routes travel through areas ranging from heavily timbered and hilly country to open grasslands. All bus routes are subject to flooding during periods of prolonged rainfall or sudden thunderstorm activity. Occasional snowfall can also cause problems.

Whilst it is expected that the school will be informed of any risks by the relevant authorities, the School Bus Co-ordinator will be responsible for assessing risks, e.g. by monitoring the following websites:

<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/>

<http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/dse/>

PROCEDURES

- The procedures have been designed so that safety is paramount – for students and drivers.
- Should an emergency prevent bus travel at the end of the day, students will be kept at school or at a location consistent with the school's emergency evacuation procedures. Buses will not be permitted to travel until it is judged to be safe to do so.
- Where an emergency prevents the normal departure of school buses, the following people will be informed as soon as possible:

The parents of affected students (by the particular school of the eldest child in the family)

The Principals of each of the schools affected

Police and other relevant authorities

- Should an emergency develop whilst a school bus is travelling to or from school, the bus drivers' emergency plan will be activated.
- If conditions are predicted to cause an emergency at bus departure time, one or more buses may depart early. This will only occur if parents have been notified and the students involved have someone at home to look after them.
- Bus contractors/drivers will contact Beaufort Secondary College immediately if they are informed of a bus emergency. Conversely, the College will contact the bus contractors/ drivers if it is informed first.
- Bus rolls are maintained by bus captains and kept on file for future reference. However, each school will also keep a record of who is travelling on a particular afternoon so it can respond quickly to an emergency should one arise. This is particularly important on days of extreme fire risk.
- Students who travel on a school bus must be familiar with the Bus Safety Code of Conduct
- The Pyrenees Shire emergency management plan will to be referred to in any emergency.

BEAUFORT & DISTRICT SCHOOL BUS COORDINATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Bus Coordinator will:

- Liaise closely with the police, CFA and other authorities, and the Principals of other schools in the Beaufort school bus network in applying this plan
- Monitor risks, especially on days of extreme fire danger
- Maintain accurate records of bus travellers and keep such records in one place
- Maintain an accurate list of emergency contacts
- Educate bus travelling students about the "Bus Safety Code of Conduct"
- Provide all schools and bus contractors/drivers with a copy of the Bus Emergency Management Plan
- Maintain accurate bus route maps showing student bus stops and approximate pick-up and drop-off times. This will require liaison with the Department of Transport
- Liaise with the DEECD Grampians Regional Office Disaster Coordinator

Please note change to cost of participation in the Presentation Ball

BEAUFORT SECONDARY COLLEGE PFA PRESENTATION BALL 2009

Training for the Presentation Ball will commence in March. Cost, to be paid on the first night of practice, will be approximately \$90.00 per participant.



Students who are participating in the Presentation Ball are asked to complete this form and return it to the General Office by Friday, 13th February, 2009.

Name of Girl: _____ Name of Partner: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

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IMPORTANT DATES

Please check each Newsletter for additions/deletions or changes.

February 2009	
Tuesday 10 to Friday 13	VCE Study Camp - University of Ballarat
Thursday 19	Out of Uniform Day - Bushfire Appeal
Friday 20	Mid Western Complex Swimming-Beaufort
Tuesday 24	School Community BBQ
Wednesday 25	BSSSA Swimming -Eureka Pool
March 2009	
Wednesday 4	Mid Western Complex Triathlon
Monday 9	Labor Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 10	School Photos School Council Meeting
Wednesday 18	Year 7 & Year 10 Immunisation
Friday 20	House Athletic Trials
Wednesday 25	Western Zone Swimming
Monday 30	House Athletics - Llanberris
April 2009	
Friday 3	Final day - Term 1
Sunday 12	Easter Sunday
Monday 20	First Day - Term 2
Friday 24	Mid Western Complex Athletics
Wednesday 29	BSSSA Athletics
MAY 2009	
Monday 4	Year 10 Driver Education - Charlton
Thursday 7	Western Zone Athletics (Geelong)
Tuesday 12	School Council Meeting
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 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