



"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.

Anyone for the 'cuts'?

Year 10 English students are currently studying *Lord of the Flies* with issues of rules, power and anarchy. The story follows the fictional experiences of school boys stranded on an island.

To give the students an insight into a different era of schooling, Mr Rob Pelletier spoke to students on his experiences in Catholic schools in a time when rules were sacrosanct, consequences were severe and punishment was metered out routinely.

Year 10 students were riveted to hear Mr. Pellitier's recollections and, of particular interest, were corporal punishment and some items that he brought to school that resembled implements used to dish out punishment. Students were surprised to hear that even having legs out at the side of the desk was grounds for punishment.

Contrary to the notion that the past is always the 'good old days', Mr Pellitier reflected that though rules are necessary, cruel rules and abuse of power is never right.

Year 10 students have a greater understanding of an era close to when the novel, *Lord of the Flies*, was set and they have a greater appreciation for the gentle but firmly guiding hands of their teachers, Ms. Hyland and Mrs. Hinton.

Thank you Mr. Pellitier.



Above: Rob Pelletier displays one of the many implements for inflicting punishment in days gone by.



Above: Year 10 students, Sarah, Tegan and Paige come to grips with some of the 'old fashioned' discipline measures.

BSSSA Success

A newsflash from the swimming team attending the Ballarat Schools Swimming Sports Association championships reveals that our school has again been successful in winning the Alexander Memorial Standardised Shield. This is the fifth year in a row that our school has been successful in winning this Shield.

Congratulations to Brendan McIntyre who won the 15 Years Age Group Championship.

Further details and hopefully some photos will be in next week's Newsletter. Well done team!

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
will be held next
Wednesday, 4th March at 7.30pm
All parents, especially new families, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Out Of Uniform Day

Thank you to all the students who supported the Out of Uniform day last week. \$244.60 was raised.

The Staff Morning Tea raised a further \$100.00.

Funds raised from both these events will go to aid the Victorian Bush Fire Appeal. Well done, everyone.

From the Principal's Desk



I have just received notification that our local member Mr Joe Helper, who is also the Victorian Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Small Business, will officially open our new student centre and refurbished gym/drama centre at 11.00 am on Friday, 27th March. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to show off our new facilities. Parents are welcome to attend.

Thank you to members of the Parents & Friends Association and their families for catering for Tuesday evening's community barbecue. I am fortunate to have a small group of excellent workers who regularly put themselves out for the school, and am grateful to them for their efforts.

A strategy listed in our 2007-2010 School Strategic Plan is to "establish a college wide approach to the development of students' writing skills". This will be a major curriculum focus this year. During the three student-free days at the beginning of this year, teachers attended two professional learning sessions aimed at providing them with a range of approaches to develop students' writing skills. Students sometimes think that they only need to produce their best writing in English classes. Our faculty teams are currently developing a set of principles that will be applied to writing across all subject areas.

Steve Macaulay
(Principal)

School Photos

All students should have received their School Photo Order Form envelopes.
Please fill in and return with your payment to the school as soon as possible.
School photos will be taken on Tuesday, 10th March.

FRIDGE POCKETS \$4.00 each

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

BUCKET HATS

Available from the
General Office
\$8.00 each.

English Puzzle 18

Answer to last weeks puzzle:
AVIDLY, THRIVE, VIXENS

This weeks puzzle: Add a Letter

Which letter of the word



can be added to the word



to form a seven-letter word when all the letters are rearranged?

MATHS PUZZLE

Answer to last week's puzzle.

Last Week's Answer:

Your teacher uses one chalk each day. Hence the total number of days she uses 49 chalks is 49. Each chalk leaves a fraction of 1/7 its size... so 49 such fractions remain. Since 7 such fractions are joined to give a new chalk, your teacher combines all the fractions to get 7 chalks which can again be used for 7 days. Hence, she has managed to use 49 chalks for (49 + 7) days!

This Week's Puzzle: The Snail on the Wall!

A snail creeps 5 ft up a wall during the daytime. After all the labor it does throughout the day, it stops to rest a while... but falls asleep!! The next morning it wakes up and discovers that it has slipped down 2 ft while sleeping.
If this happens every day, how many days will the snail take to reach the top of a wall 44 ft in height?

Answer Next Week

Sport, Computer, Photo Privacy Forms

A reminder to all parents and students that these forms need to be signed and returned to school by tomorrow, Friday, February 27th, to ensure ongoing computer access, sport participation etc.

Homework

The homework grid will not be included in the Newsletter this term.
All students should have a diary and be using this each day to record their homework. Parents are welcome and encouraged to write comments in diaries as well. If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs. Higgins.



Trivia Night

Organised by Charlotte Lindahl, the Rotary Youth Exchange Student, to raise funds for the Rotary Shelter Box Program.

WHO: Everyone is invited, young and old. Organise tables of 10 or come along and join a table.

WHAT: It's a chance to test your knowledge of current and not so current topics.

WHEN: Friday March 20, arrive at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

WHERE: The new Student Centre at Beaufort Secondary College

HOW MUCH: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles.

PAY ON THE NIGHT

Ticket includes entry into lucky door prize and complimentary light supper

HOW DO I BOOK: Contact Charlotte at school or on 5349 2977, leave your name, phone number and the number of people attending. Bookings by Wednesday, 18th March.

Great Prizes, Great Fun, Great Cause!

What is a Shelter Box: A Shelter Box has all the necessary items for families to survive following natural catastrophes - accommodation for an extended family of 10 or more, plus everything, including the kitchen sink. Over 120 Shelter Boxes have been deployed by Rotary in the last two weeks to assist bushfire victims in Victoria.



Social sites now online in the Pyrenees

Virtual Social Networking is now available in the resource centres of the Pyrenees Shire.

The resource centres in Beaufort and Avoca have now made the social networking websites Facebook, MySpace and YouTube available to customers.

Resource Centre users can now use these networks to connect and interact with people on the internet – meet friends, join online communities and share interests with others from around the world.

They are also a great way to share photos and messages with friends and family who are far away, or keep up with the latest trends, news and entertainment.

The Beaufort Resource Centre is also adding colour printing to its already extensive list of services. Come into the Neill St centre and give your next printing job an added burst of colour.

Pyrenees Resource Centre locations:

Beaufort Community Resource Centre
72 Neill St, Beaufort
ph: 5349 1180

Avoca Information Centre
122 High St, Avoca
ph: 5465 1000

HOMELESS DOCUMENTARY SPECIAL SCREENING

If you have a child, you must show them this documentary.

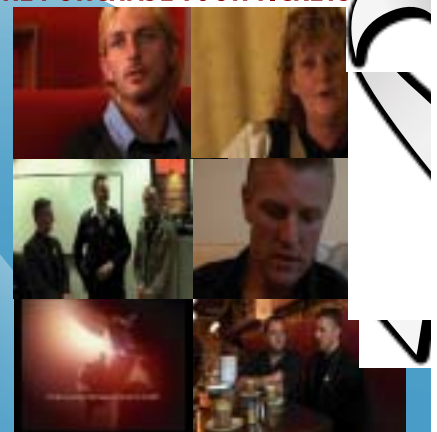
A touching doco shot in Ballarat that tackles homelessness and domestic violence. Your teenagers won't complain about doing it tough after seeing this.

The 3rd documentary produced by Collins Media for the On Track Charity Ball. **Encore Screening.** Ticket sales donated to On Track Foundation.

WARNING: It's confronting, moving and inspiring.

March 11. 6.15pm Tickets from Regent Cinemas \$5 with proceeds donated to On Track Foundation

YOU MUST PRE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS



See it in Cinema 1 at Regent Cinema

Mid Western Complex Swimming Sports

Friday the 20th of February saw the running of the 2009 MWC Swimming Sports at the Beaufort Pool. The weather was fantastic and a great crowd turned out to see a wonderful day of competition.

Our students were excellent on the day with 99% of our events filled. With great parent support our students put in a very good performance finishing the day 3rd behind Lake Bolac and Mortlake. To do this took a great team effort, with a number of very good individual performances including:

Jessy Kroon 14 Years Male Age Group Champion

Brendan McIntyre 15 Years Male Age Group Champion

Daniel Chester 16 Years Male Age Group Champion

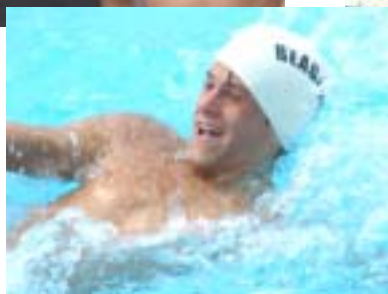
Many thanks to all parents who supported our school on the day, to the PFA, Sally Crick and Gaylene Swain for providing the BBQ and to the staff and students who performed duties on the day. Without these people the competition would not have been possible.



Above: Winners of the Open Freestyle Relay (L-R) Lachlan Murray, Daniel Chester, Shayne McIntyre and Brendan McIntyre.



Above: Age Group Champions (L-R) Jessy Kroon, Daniel Chester and Brendan McIntyre.





Thanks to Mr. Chester for supplying some of the photos of the swimming.



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.



CareerNews No15; 25/2/09

1. CAREER NEWS FOR 2009 – This career newsletter will be published throughout the year, giving you news of **career events, open days, information sessions, new courses** and so on. Do yourself a **favour** and read it **regularly** to keep yourself **informed** and to assist you in your career **decision-making**.

2. WHERE WILL I STUDY AFTER YEAR 12? If you are in Year 12, no doubt you have begun to think about where you will study in 2010. Your choices include universities, Technical And Further Education (TAFE) Institutes and independent colleges.

- There are several **universities** in Victoria: **Australian Catholic University, Ballarat, Charles Sturt (a NSW uni with a campus at Albury), Deakin, La Trobe, Melbourne, Monash, Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria**. They offer degrees.

- **TAFE's** are located throughout Victoria, with most areas well served. Some TAFE's are linked with a university (eg **RMIT, Swinburne and Victoria**) while others stand alone (eg **Box Hill, Chisholm, and Kangan Batman**). They offer pre-apprenticeships, certificates, diplomas and sometimes degrees.

- There are many specialist independent colleges such as **Australian College of Natural Medicine, Australian College of Sports Therapy and Photographic Imaging College**, offering certificates, diplomas and degrees. Undergraduate university degree courses are subsidised by the government with **Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)**, except for international students who pay full fees; most TAFE places are also subsidised (fees are under review), while private colleges require the payment of full course fees. There are government loan arrangements available for many fee-paying courses; to find out about payment for courses, and a lot of other info, see www.goingtouni.gov.au. NOTE: If you have a CSP you will be required to pay a portion of the fees; this payment, however, can be deferred until you are earning about \$40,000pa (currently) and re-paid through the tax system.

You need to **find the most suitable alternative**; you can get assistance in this process by attending **Open Days** (mainly Sundays in August), going to **seminars**, reading course **information**, talking to **friends/relatives** and by meeting with the school **career counsellor**.

3. HOW DO I CHOOSE A CAREER?

Think about what you **enjoy** doing; what you are **good at**; what school **subjects** you enjoy most; what you **value** most; what **interests** you. Considering these things will give you valuable clues as to careers that will suit you. For example, do you enjoy science? art? English? business subjects? technology? Is helping others important? Do you like being indoors/outdoors? Are you good with your hands? What sort of activities did you enjoy as a younger child? Spend time using the **Job Guide** researching jobs that fit your interests/abilities. **Remember**, you are not choosing a **job for life**. Think in terms of the next few years only. Technology is rapidly changing various aspects of the job world, and we can't anticipate what we might be doing in 10 or 15 years' time.

4. ADVICE FOR CHOOSING A COURSE –

- Make sure that you have the **pre-requisite subjects** for the course
- Don't choose a course just because it has a **high ENTER**; you need to **enjoy** and be **suit**ed to the course. If your ENTER is higher than necessary to get into your chosen course it will probably mean that you will achieve very well.
- Don't choose a course because **someone else** thinks it's what you should do – it's **your** life!
- Take **time** in making your decisions
- Consider applying for a course and then **taking a year off** from study to work/volunteer/travel, particularly if you are very unsure (ie **defer** your offer of a place)
- Go to **Open Days** (August) to check out the institutions you are considering
- Don't assume that you will be **able to transfer** to a preferred course after first year – check what is required for this to happen

5. WANT TO STUDY FORENSIC

MEDICINE? A career information session is being held for Years 10-12's by the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. It will provide insights into various **career options in forensic sciences**. **When:** 12.30-4.00pm, Mon 6 April; **Where:** VIFM Lecture Theatre, Coronial Services Centre, 57-63 Kavanagh St, Southbank; **Registration (do it soon):** complete the form available at: www.vifm.org (for the form see: Job Opportunities, then Careers Information). **Info:** 9684 4313. A second session will be held later.

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6. FOLIO PREPARATION COURSES AT RMIT - Folio preparation and career discovery courses are held at City/Brunswick campuses on weeknights, Saturdays and school holidays. Designed for Year 11/12's, they give insights into particular design industries, study options, and selection procedures. Apply for an early program as ones later in the year fill quickly. Some **folio preparation areas covered:** graphic design, digital media, multimedia, interior design, visual merchandising, 3D product design, fashion drawing, textiles and in visual/fine art. **Contact:** RMIT Training P/L on 9925 8111, www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au.

7. WHAT ABOUT HOSPITALITY? **Trial-a-Trade** is a fun and affordable opportunity for you to learn **new skills** and explore a **range of career options** in the foods and hospitality industries. It will give a feel for the working life of a chef, baker, butcher, waiter, barista, confectioner or patissier as you collaborate with others to prepare a shared luncheon **When:** Sat 14 March; **Where:** William Angliss TAFE Institute, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne; **Cost:** \$35 (\$25 for parents, public attending lunch only); **Bookings:** 9606 2111; Info: 9606 2111, info@angliss.edu.au, www.angliss.edu.au.

8. WANT TO BE A VET? If so, you may wish to attend VET-DAY, the Veterinary Science Open Day. This is a chance for future students to go behind the scenes at the Uni of Melbourne Veterinary Clinic and Hospital. Talk to staff, meet current students and tour facilities. **When:** 10am-4pm, Sun 22 March (lectures for Year 10 and above students will be held at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm); **Where:** 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee (Mel 206, G5); **Enquiries:** 8344 7357, email via <http://vet-unimelb.custhelp.com>, www.vet.unimelb.edu.au.



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Lost Property

The following list is lost property left at the school. Any items not collected by the March 2nd will be donated to the Op Shop.

School Jumpers Blue beach towel
Grey hoodie 3 x T-Shirts
Black leggings in Supre bag
1 x black and 2 x Navy blue fleecy jackets
2 x school polo fleecy jumpers
Navy blue hooded cardigan
2 x shorts 2 x track pants
3 School T-shirts Black zip fronted hoodie
Fawn, fur lined jacket
White T-shirt with blue strip on collar
Blue and grey striped rugby top
'Body Glove' grey jacket Purple scarf.

Book selection a hot topic

The recent visit by Ballarat Books to our school library saw a large number of students and staff keen to have a look at the latest releases on offer.

The input of the students and staff is one of the reasons our library gets so much use and the books purchased, much sought after reading material.

Thank you to Librarian, Mrs. Macdonald for organising this opportunity for book selection available to our school.



Photos: Students, from all year levels, took advantage of viewing the latest offerings from Ballarat Books.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Please check each Newsletter for additions/deletions or changes.

February 2009	
Friday 27	* Sport, Computer Access & Photo Privacy Forms must be signed and returned today. * Final day for acceptance of EMA Applications
March 2009	
Wednesday 4	Mid Western Complex Triathlon PFA AGM - 7.30pm
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
Tuesday 24	VC&D students 'Top Design Exhibition'
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
Wednesday 6	Year 7 2010 - Parent Information Night
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