



"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.**

## **Trials for Inter-House Athletics**

The trials for the Inter-House Athletics were held last Friday, 20th March.

With good participation in all events, House Captains were kept busy and did a great job in organising their teams.

We look forward to strong competition between the two House combinations at Llanberris next Monday when the Athletic Sports will be held.



*Photos: Students participating in the Aths Trials.*



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**END OF TERM**  
Term 1 concludes on Friday, 3rd April  
with school finishing  
at 2.30pm on that day.  
Parents need to make appropriate  
arrangements to collect their children  
if they are not bus travellers.

# From the Principal's Desk



We are very excited at the progress of Year 8 student Andrew Mahony and younger brother Matthew on Channel 7's "Australia's Got Talent" program. The boys made it through the first stage a few weeks ago, and last night appeared for a second time. Their performance of Andrew's composition "The Murray River" was outstanding, and reaffirmed my view that we will be seeing them on stage at Tamworth in the not too distant future. Further progress in "Australia's Got Talent" comes down to viewer voting and I ask every member of the school community to support the Mahony boys by ringing and registering a vote by noon Friday. You can phone 1902 553 335 or SMS Mahony to 199 77 77 2.

As you would no doubt be aware, an important part of the Commonwealth Government's economic stimulus package is the "Building the Education Revolution" program, which involves significant school infrastructure spending in every school throughout Australia. The first part, "National Schools Pride", provides an amount of money linked to enrolment to complete small projects. In our case, I am led to believe it will be around \$125,000, with a requirement that it be spent quickly. At this stage, we are likely to use the money either for refurbishing the Wood and Metal Technology centre or completing school beautification works. The BER funding, incidentally, is separate and in addition to state funding under which our school rebuilding program will occur in the next couple of years. The challenge will be to co-ordinate the various funding programs.

At long last, work has begun on our bus interchange. Over the next few weeks we will see construction of a guard fence and shelter in the vicinity of the round-about at the entrance to the school.

Student interim reports will be distributed to students on Friday, 27th March, with parent-teacher interviews scheduled for Thursday, 2nd April. The purpose of interim report is to give parents an indication of their children's progress and provide suggestions for improvement well in advance of full reports at mid-year. I strongly encourage parents to complete the form attached to reports and attend parent-teacher interviews even if there are no "issues" evident. We believe that student achievement is greatly enhanced when a partnership of teachers, students and parents develops.

*Steve Macaulay*  
(Principal)

## For Sale by Tender

Pool table, slate base, turned legs.  
2800 x 1430 x 800 high, plus accessories.  
Good condition.  
Contact the General Office 5349 2305.

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## Opening of new Student Centre

This Friday, the Student Centre will be officially opened by Mr. Joe Helper MLA, Minister for Agriculture. The Regional Director, Mr. Malcolm Millar, plus other important dignitaries, will be in attendance. The official opening will be held in the Drama Centre at 11.30am. If you would like to attend, please notify the General Office so the appropriate number of seats can be organised.

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## Reports

Reports will be sent home tomorrow with students. With the reports will be a form to request Parent-Teacher Interviews.

This form needs to be completed and returned by Monday, 30th March so appointment times can be allocated.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, 2nd April from 3.30pm till 6.30pm. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to touch base with teachers.

We look forward to seeing you on the night. If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs. Higgins at the school.

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## Inter-House Athletics

The Athletic Sports will be held at Llanberris Athletic track in Ballarat on Monday, 30th March.

Students will come to school as normal and then travel to Ballarat by bus. Parents who wish to take their children to and/or from the sports need to send a note to Mrs. Higgins by Friday of this week so the number of buses can be finalised.

Students are to come to school in full school uniform and bring suitable shoes and/or spikes, tee shirt and shorts to compete in. Hats and sunscreen and a coat if the weather looks like being cold are recommended. Students can bring their own lunch, snacks and drinks, however, there will be a canteen operating on the day. We look forward to a good day on Monday with strong competition using the great facilities at Llanberris. May the best house win!

## MATHS PUZZLE

Answer to last week's puzzle.

**Last Week's Answer:**

Answer 528

Solution:

Here's an elegant way:

$$1 + 32 = 33$$

$$2 + 31 = 33$$

$$3 + 30 = 33$$

$$16 + 17 = 33$$

Adding the above equations gives

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 32 = 16 \times 33 = 528$$

**This Week's Puzzle: First Day at School**

It was Cheryl's first day at school. The teacher suggested that it would be a good idea for each child to meet every other child in the class. The teacher said, "When you meet, please shake hands and introduce yourself by name."

If there were 12 children in the class, how many total handshakes were there?

*Answer Next Week*

## Can you help Fiji students

In April this year, local farmer and former School Council President of Beaufort Secondary College, Mr. Peter Oddie, will be travelling to Fiji as part of a Rotary International work party.

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills have invited Mr. Oddie, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Beaufort, to accompany them on their forthcoming trip where they will spend time building low cost housing for Fiji nationals.

They will also visit the Namasi Memorial School where they will deliver books, pens etc., which they hope to have donated by members of their local communities. If you would like to help the Rotarians to provide some very basic equipment for this school, you can do so by purchasing any of the following and dropping them into the Beaufort Secondary College before the end of this term. The equipment will then be passed on to Mr. Oddie for him to take to Fiji.

- Exercise books (120 pages)
- Ball point pens (Blue, Black, Red)
- Rulers      ■ Coloured Pencils
- Crayons      ■ Cellotapes
- Glue      ■ Screen printing paint & Brushes

All donations will be gratefully received. Thank you.

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## English Puzzle 22

Answer to last weeks puzzle:

**OMELET, TEENSY, PARROT**

**This weeks puzzle:**

**Four Letter Shuffle**

The word below has three useful anagrams.

Can you find all of them?



## Region 16 Fire Brigade Championships

The Region 16 Championships were held last Sunday, 22nd March at Crowlands.

Sixteen students from our school represented four Brigades including

**Burnbank** - Jessiann LeGuen, Olivia Hocking, Caine Hocking, Kathryn Brown

**Beaufort** - Mary Moormann, Chris Goode, Daniel Diprose, Keith Wilkinson, Josh Moormann, Mitchell Biggin

**Skipton** - Jessica Crack, Shannyn Henricksen

**Langi Kal Kal** - Jake Morcombe, Tatiana Briody, Samantha Briody, Natasha Briody

Well done to all the participants.



Above: Jessiann LeGuen (Burnbank) shows off the medals she won at the Region 16 Championships to Beaufort's Mary Moormann.

**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*

## Trivia Night – out of the box

*How many stars are there on the Australian flag?*  
That was one of the questions at last Friday night's trivia night which was held in the new Student Centre at school. My aim was to raise money for the Rotary Shelter Box program, and to have a good time together with friends.

Our MC, Mr. Rob Pelletier, led us through a night filled with fun games, great door and raffle prizes, and of course exciting trivia rounds with topics from general knowledge to questions about Sweden. The prizes were donated by local shops, businesses and individuals and we thank them for their generosity. The night turned out to be a big success, with just under 100 people attending. The students on Table 1 were very proud to win the wooden spoon "with room for improvement" written on the handle.

As a Rotary Exchange student one of my projects was to raise money for Shelter Boxes. On Friday night, together we raised enough money for one Shelter Box worth \$1200. A further \$100 will go towards another Shelter Box.

A special thanks to Mr. Macaulay for letting us hold the trivia night in the Student Centre. Also, a big thanks to all the students and teachers who helped us move all the tables and chairs.

*The answer to the question above is six.*

*By: Charlotte Lindahl*

### What is a Shelter Box?

**A Shelter Box provides warmth and shelter for up to 10 people. The Box includes a tent, sleeping bags, cooking equipment, tools, and a whole host of other items a family would need after losing everything in a disaster.**

**While Shelter Boxes are usually used overseas, Rotary was able to supply over 120 Shelter Boxes to help victims of the recent bush fires in Victoria.**



*Above: MC Rob Pelletier and Rotary Exchange Student, Charlotte Lindahl from Sweden.*



*Above: Students won the wooden spoon at the Trivia Night.*



## Instrumental Music

We welcome back Mr. Yates, our Instrumental Music Teacher, who has returned to the school after having knee surgery. The Instrumental Music program will now be up and running again.



## Beaufort Youth Day

**Saturday, 4th April - 10am to 5pm**

**Beaufort Show Grounds**

**Free Activities All Day - Ages 4 to 20**

**Canteen open to purchase lunch**

**Buses will be available to bring young people to Beaufort Youth Day from:**

**Amphitheatre, Avoca, Elmhurst, Landsborough, Lexton, Moonambel, Snake Valley and Waubra**  
**See notice boards around the school.**

**Programs and booking forms are available from Beaufort Community House - Phone 5349 1184.**

## Top Design Exhibition

On Tuesday this week, Unit 3 & 4 students in Mrs. McKelvey's 'stylish' VCD class and Mr. Ferguson's 'extra cool' Design Tech class, had the opportunity to go to Melbourne to see the Top Design Exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. Each student in VCE has to design and develop a chosen object, and present it in a folio. We spent the day looking through other students' folios from last year. We found a wide range of design ideas including dresses, clothing pegs, chocolate boxes and houses based on solar energy. There was a lot of impressive work and we all left with many ideas for our own folios.

We had an inspiring day in Melbourne, and we enjoyed the unexpected trip to KFC thanks to the people reading the GPS. In simple terms, it cooked with gas.

By: *Charlotte Lindahl*



Above: Charlotte and Natasha were 'over the moon' on their Melbourne Museum excursion.

Below: Our Unit 3 & 4 VCE students at the Top Design exhibition (L-R) Matt, Melinda, Natasha, Justin, Shayne, Kayde, Charlotte and Lachlan.



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## Beaufort Blue Light Disco

Friday, 27th March, 2009

Juniors - \$5.00 Entry

6.30pm to 8.00pm

Seniors - \$6.00 entry

8.30am to 11.00pm

Prizes to be won - No passouts  
Scout/Guide Hall, Beaufort

### Launch

- ⇒ Re-opening of Beaufort Gymnasium
- ⇒ Mobile Fitness Trailer
- ⇒ Group Exercise Classes at The Development Centre (new equipment, new classes)
- ⇒ B&SHS - new equipment, new times

**When:** Friday, 27th March

**Time:** 5.30pm to 8.00pm

**Where:** Gymnasium at the Beaufort Community Bank Complex, Park Road, Beaufort.

**Guest speakers - Steve Moneghetti  
Mr. Joe Helper, MLA**

**Children's activities - Jumping Castle**

**Face Painting - Catering available**

**Demonstration Classes**

Come and try the new equipment

Presented by:

Beaufort Community House & Learning Centre  
Beaufort & Skipton Health Service  
Ararat YMCA

### PYRENEES SHIRE

#### ANIMAL MICROCHIPPING DAY

**DATE:** 28<sup>TH</sup> March 2009 (Saturday)

**TIME:** 10.00am – 2.00pm

**VENUE:** Beaufort Community Centre  
27 Pratt Street Beaufort  
(Senior Citizens Centre)

**COST:** \$25 per animal (no booking required)

- Dogs on leads
- Cats in cages

\*New animal registrations available on the day.

**Enquiries: Pyrenees Shire Rangers  
53491103**

**ALL WELCOME**

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## Year 9/10 Drama

On Wednesday, 18th March, the Year 9/10 Drama class attended 'Impro Zone' at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre.

Impro Zone is an exciting and motivating performance presented by Regional Arts Victoria to encourage drama students.

Three professional actors demonstrated a wide variety of very entertaining and comical improvised scenes. They also coached the students on basic theatre terminology.

The students all enjoyed the performance and returned to school with renewed enthusiasm for drama. A lot of fun has been had experimenting with the improvisation activities.

All the students are proving to be very capable and very entertaining 'impro actors'!



Above: Our Drama students are pictured with the professional actors from 'Impro Zone'.

## Hearing Tests

The Wimmera Hearing Society will be coming to the school on Wednesday, 1st April, to test the hearing of all Year 7 students. A special letter and permission form has gone home to all Year 7 parents.

This is a FREE service and if other students in the school would like to take advantage of this service they can collect a permission form from the General Office. Permission forms must be returned to the school on Monday, 30th March.

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

## Ballarat Farm Expo Excursion

On Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, nine year 9/10 Agriculture and Environmental studies students attended the Ballarat Farm Expo.

The excursion provided a great opportunity for the students to enquire into and be exposed to agriculture related businesses and products.

A large static display of farm machinery and equipment meant there was a lot to look at. Companies providing farm products such as fertilizers and seed for pasture improvement were well represented with sample products available for observation. All the stands had professionals available for questions on there products.

The pavilion provided a diverse range of home crafts and food products that showed the wide range of diversification that can be applied to managing a property. The weather was excellent and a fine day was had by all.

*Mr. Balson*

## IMPORTANT DATES

Please check each Newsletter for additions/deletions or changes.

<b>March 2009</b>	
Friday 27	Official Opening of new Student Centre Reports distributed
Monday 30	House Athletics - Llanberris
Tuesday 31	Visit to PINARC, Ballarat - Year 9
<b>April 2009</b>	
Wednesday 1	ADVANCE visit to Ballarat Police Station
Thursday 2	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 3	Final day - Term 1
Sunday 12	Easter Sunday
Monday 20	First Day - Term 2 PFA Meeting - 6.00pm
Friday 24	Mid Western Complex Athletics
Wednesday 29	BSSSA Athletics



