Principal’s Report

Building Program @ BSC.
This is at its final stages prior to starting construction. We are excited by the plans for the new building, update of the old PE shed to a music studio, and the improvements of the sports courts at the front of the school. 2020 will be a year of much activity around the school, with a great outcome for all students by the end of 2020.

STUDY IN CHINA OPPORTUNITY!  Our application was successful for the Victorian Young Leaders in China program—through the Alpine School for Leadership - for 6 year 9 students 2020 (2 boys and 4 girls).  This is an amazing program of 4 weeks in China at the Utahloy International School during term 3.  Students are invited to submit an expression of interest to me. You can read about the program and experiences of some of our students who attended last term, in this newsletter.

Year 12 Final Assembly  Thursday 24th October 9-15
Parents are welcome to attend the year 12 final day assembly.

Pupil Free day  - Staff professional Development  Nov 4th
This will be held on Monday November 4th VCAA exams will be running on this Monday, and staff will be at school. Year 12 students are welcome to attend to use the facilities for study and support.

Exam Week
Week 8 (Nov 25-29) will be a week of revision and exams for all students. Attendance is very important throughout this week as we take each year level through revision techniques and strategies which will help them reinforce the learning which took place across the semester. Core subjects will finish their 2019 program on the 29th with a final exam-based assessment which will contribute to each student's report.

Headstart
Headstart is a program which we are running where we commit two weeks of our 2019 calendar to moving all students into the Year level they will experience for 2020. This program will take place off the back of Exam week and run from December 2nd to December 13th. All students will move up into their new year level and participate in the commencement of the 2020 timetable and learning program. We recognise that most students will not have access to their 2020 text books so consideration has been made in the planning undertaken by the teaching staff, however the work commenced in the fortnight of Headstart will be the first two weeks of the 2020 courses and will not be repeated in the new year.

Transition
On December 10, 11 and 12 we welcome our new enrolments to BSC as the Grade 6 students join us for their Transition program. We look forward to them having longer with us than in previous years as this allows them to familiarise most effectively with our setting and for students to be allocated lockers, meet their teachers and coordinators and start to form strong relationships with their new classmates. We are being well supported by our feeder Primary schools who have already commenced handover conversations with us and we look forward to using the recommendations passed on from their years of experience with each child to support the entry of each individual learner.

Patricia Broom Principal

Don't Forget
Grab some breakfast at Breakfast Club every Tuesday morning!
Well done Liam Eaton!

On the school holidays, Liam came 2nd in the Under 17s and 21st overall in the McKayos Mountain Bike Gravity Enduro event held at Falls Creek.
YR 12 Biology

Pictured here are our year 12 Biology students, transforming bacteria using a gene from a bioluminescent jellyfish. The gene causes the jellyfish to glow in the dark. Following the transformation procedure, the bacteria express their newly acquired jellyfish gene and produce the fluorescent protein which causes them to glow a brilliant green under ultraviolet light.

Chris White
Biology Teacher

Year 10 Visual Art

Acrylic paint and mediums on canvas board ‘A Still life composition’

Students have been learning traditional painting techniques. Acrylic paint is fast drying, easy to blend and can imitate oil paint when additional mediums are added to the paint. Observational skills are applied to a very simple vase with flower on plinth composition. Layers of paint are built up over time to imitate the techniques of the Renaissance painters use of chiaroscuro.

Still life
• A painting of an arrangement of objects, typically including fruit or flowers and objects contrasting with these in textures, such as bowls or vases.

Chiaroscuro
• The effect of contrasted light and shadow. The treatment of light and shade in painting.

Year 10 Visual Art students
Watercolour paint on specialist paper and mounted on foam core ‘Beyond the Landscape’

Students have discovered that these paints are made of pigments suspended in a water-based solution, or gum Arabic, and are applied with a brush and water to a thick paper. It is a difficult paint media to master. There are many techniques like washes, working wet in wet and wet on dry and many other techniques to achieve textural effects.
Adolescent Health Nurse Report

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all had an enjoyable break and managed to get outdoors and soak up some sunshine.

• Unfortunately the Year 8 Mental Health First Aid Training that was due to occur this week has been postponed. I have been assured by Mental Health Australia that this will hopefully be rescheduled for later in the term. Once dates have been firmed up I will communicate this accordingly. It is well worth it.

• The first group of Year 9’s had their first ‘GP Help 4 U’ session on Tuesday. This program helps them to better navigate local health services and improves their overall basic health literacy. We are grateful that the Quercus Community Fund continues to support this program on an annual basis. This program will run throughout October for all Year 9s.

• Don’t forget…Breakfast Club! This is every Tuesday morning from 08:30-09:00 in the canteen. Everything provided is free of charge, so it’s a great way to get a feed in before the day starts. This coming Tuesday we have some representatives from the Red Cross popping by to see their kind donation is being put to good use. So please come and support this.

• If any students have ideas for activities to do at lunchtime, I would love to hear them. Now the weather is getting warmer it’s a great opportunity to do some fun things outside. This can be team sporting games, yoga, Zumba, whatever you like!

Finally, just a reminder of my working days: Tuesday, Wednesday and alternate Fridays.

Sarah Williams  Adolescent Health Nurse

House Athletics 2019
Albury Athletics Track, Thursday October 17th

Buses will be leaving after form assembly from BSC and will return to BSC at the end of the day for the usual bus departure arrangements. There will be NO pick up or drop off at Yackandandah due to difficulties with bus numbers, permission forms and supervision.

Permission forms that were returned for the House Swimming and Cross Country are still valid for the Athletics.

Students who have not returned forms from earlier in the year will receive a new one to return. NO FORM – NO GO.

Please note: There will be NO student supervision or classes at school.

Competitors can be in only 5 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS and ONE Relay.

What to bring:
Hat, Sunscreen, Dress in house colors, Face paint available, Sunglasses, Water Bottle, Kiosk will operate, will and drive to compete in as many events as you can!

Cross fingers for the weather!
Ben Appleford and Andrew Mackenzie

School Captain's Report

Welcome back all,
Many students will most likely be upset at the moment as the holidays have unfortunately ended, however on the flip side some parents will most likely be overjoyed that their children have finally returned to school!

This term is the last one of the year, and the year 12’s will finish official classes in just under two weeks! I believe I can speak on behalf of everyone when I say we all can’t wait for that. I don’t think we’re the only ones though, as the year 11’s appear fairly eager to start ruling the roost.

While we’re on the topic of replacements, I look forward to seeing who will be the new school captains, and continue to see the school being represented in a positive and professional manner.

Have a great term,
Jarryd Carr.
Our time in China

For the last 6 weeks of Term 3, we have been on a cultural exchange to China with VYLC. (Victorian Young Leaders To China Program). This program is designed to give kids for rural schools the opportunities that otherwise would only be available to bigger schools. Most of us had never left the country before, so we were pretty intimidated.

We flew into Guangzhou on the 10th of August and drove the few hours to Utahloy International School ZengCheng, where we were staying for the majority of our time in China. Utahloy International School is a massive school where kids from all around the world come to live and study. While we were there we did classes in the Mandarin language and Chinese culture, like papercutting, calligraphy and kung fu.

We also got to travel around and explore China heaps while we were there including our time in Heishan Village and Pak Lap Bay. We spent a week in Heishan Village, a remote village in the mountains and lived in houses with the local people. We helped with tea picking and farming, and we also got to try traditional Chinese cooking and tea tasting. Pak Lap Bay is a beach in Hong Kong and we did abseiling, sea kayaking and walks on the beach.

This has been an amazing and life changing experience and we are so grateful to have been a part of this program.

Ruby Ryan
Motionally Intelligent Parenting

Learn how to:
- Understand what they’re going through at this stage in life
- Understand their emotions
- Manage conflict more effectively
- Communicate more effectively
- Create a closer more connected relationship
- Build on your skills as a parent.

Ask a headspace worker about the Tuning in to Teens™ program and other services this centre offers family and friends.

Lost Property

Sentimental handmade wooden box.

Yesterday at BSC in the woodwork room a small wooden box was removed. It’s approximately 3” x 2”. It’s made out of Apple wood. My son Owen collected this wood from his grandfather’s orchard after he passed away. He has dried it over 17 months and crafted it into a beautiful box with lid in remembrance to his late grandfather. If anyone knows the whereabouts of this box could you please let us know?

Thanks Michelle Christesen

Donation by Athlete's Foot

Thank you to Athlete’s Foot Albury for their donation of $70 as part of the Athlete's Foot School Reward Program. For every pair of shoes that you purchase, they donate $5 to our school.

FESTIVAL OF SHORT WALKS: MYSTERIOUS BEECHWORTH

Saturday, 19th October
4-5 p.m.
Meet at the Burke Museum in Loch Street, Beechworth.

Beechworth holds many well-hidden and intriguing stories that are not often revealed. This walk will introduce you to places, and the people connected with them, that constitute the mysterious aspects of the beautiful town of Beechworth. Be prepared to be ‘shocked and amazed’.

COST: $20.00
Tickets available online: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mysteries-of-beechworth-tickets-70461378881

FESTIVAL OF SHORT WALKS: CHURCHES OF BEECHWORTH

Sunday, 20th October
3-4 p.m.
Meet at the Burke Museum, Loch Street, Beechworth.

The many churches of Beechworth reveal fascinating stories associated with this gorgeous town and the determination, resilience, respect and gratitude of its residents. The Churches of Beechworth walk, a part of the Festival of Short Walks, will introduce you to the forgotten stories contained in these elegant buildings: from those in which worship still takes place; to those that have had more than one transformation into a new purpose; to past, less recognised places of worship; to time capsules; to catastrophes overcome through sheer grit; and, to the beautiful streetscapes in which they each still stand.

COST: $20.00
Tickets available online: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/churches-of-beechworth-tickets-70462530325