PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Although school won’t close for the Christmas holidays until Tuesday 20th December, this will be the last newsletter for the year. Activities have continued this week, with a group of 14 students going to Torquay for ‘Beach Camp’. Thanks to Ann Bellingham for organising the camp and to Jamie Armitage, Grace Taylor, Chris Greenhalgh and Jenny Farrington for being the supervising teachers. Students spent their time snorkelling, surfing, paddle boarding and just enjoying time in the sea.

Students back at school have been offered a wide range of activities to participate in this week. Quiet reading, card and board games, whole school capture the flag, basketball and of course the Annual picnic day have all been on offer. The weather put a slight dampener on the Mountain Creek picnic with students returning to school earlier than planned.

Don’t forget, if you are coming onto the school grounds during school time, we ask that everyone enters via the front entrance and reports to the General Office to sign in. Students will be collected for you, or you could arrange to meet them at the office. These procedures form part of our Child Safe actions that we are implementing into our school.
COMING EVENTS

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Dear Parents,

It is with a touch of sorrow that I write my last newsletter report, however I am truly looking forward to my retirement, having the opportunity to be able to spend time with my husband, Jim, doing the things we love like skiing, hiking and taking Wiggle for walks.

I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and presents; it has certainly been a bit overwhelming. I would also like to say thank you to all of the parents I have worked with over the years. Although it has sometimes been a difficult relationship, I have always believed that we were all working towards the best interests of our students.

I will miss working with such a competent group of professionals, but what I will really miss the most is the interactions and relationships I have built over the years with the students.

Thankyou
Rhonda Gargan

BOOK LISTS AND FEE SHEETS

Packed booklists will be available for collection on Friday 27th January 2017 between 10am-12pm. The office will also be open selling calculators, hats and planners. Books not collected on this day will be available from College at the start of Term 1 2017 BUT MUST BE PREPAID!

If you missed putting an order in you can still go online and order before Christmas and the order will be posted to you with a postage charge of $10. yorkebooks.com.au/

Fee sheets have been given out with booklists which can be handed in with payment now or early next year. Please use your student’s course selection to fill in the Fee Sheet.

REPORTS

If you were unable to collect your child’s report on presentation evening, they are available from the General Office today, Monday and Tuesday. The 2016 School Magazine is also available to pick up. Otherwise they will be given to students at the beginning of school 2017.

The staff of Mt Beauty Secondary College would like to wish all parents and students a safe and happy Christmas, New Year and summer holiday.

We look forward to seeing all students back at school on Tuesday 31st January 2017.

Although not quite finished the ball wall near the wood/metal work rooms is looking fantastic. Thanks to Kim Lane and the students who helped design and paint the wall during activities week. It will be a work in progress to be completed next year.
2017 Kiewa Mitta Murray Community Enterprises Limited - David Harley Memorial Scholarship

Open for applications from Thursday, 1 December 2016 until Friday, 27 January 2017

Details of Program
The scholarship / bursary / award / prize (The Scholarship program) aims to assist academically motivated students from the Upper Kiewa, Mitta and Upper Murray Valleys of North East Victoria, who have been offered a full-time place at an Australian university or college for the first time in 2017 and are experiencing challenging circumstances.

The Scholarship awards support the following study related expenses - accommodation costs, course costs, study-related materials/equipment, textbooks, tutoring and/or education related travel (within Australia).

The Scholarship award value is $5,000 per year for 3 years for each successful recipient, subject to the criteria set out below and satisfactory academic performance.

Key qualification criteria:

- You are an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
- You must reside in and/or attend a secondary school in the Upper Kiewa, Mitta or Upper Murray Valleys of North East Victoria.
- You will be a first-time, first year undergraduate in 2017 - this is your first attendance at university/college;
- You will be studying a full-time degree in an approved Australian course at an Australian university or college campus;
- You graduated from secondary school in either 2016 or in 2015 (you took a gap year);
- You can demonstrate the challenging circumstances (financial &/or social) hindering your ability to undertake further study; and
- You are an academically motivated student who can demonstrate community involvement.

For further information please contact the Mount Beauty Community Bank® Branch.

For assistance with applying - phone 1300 304 541.
cia.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/Program/Index/2

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

As of next year the Mount Beauty Secondary College will be only publishing local community group events. There are many other platforms available for advertising other events and we are happy to put posters up at school. We would like to maintain the newsletter for school related items only.

Thank you.

MOUNT BEAUTY UNITED CRICKET CLUB
NEW YEAR’S EVE EVENT

It is an all age’s event with live music, great food and drinks, and activities for the kids. Feel free to bring your picnic blanket, bean bag or deck chair.

Presale tickets are on sale at $15 for adults, $5 for youths and children under 12 free entry from the following:
- Mount Beauty Visitor Information Centre.
- Mount Beauty Newsagent.
- Mount Beauty Holiday Centre.

On the night adult tickets will be $20, with youth & children entry at presale prices.

All proceeds from the event go towards funding much needed facility upgrades and funding junior programs.

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Staff can provide you with information and support. On this trip, the Australian Taxation Office will be available to assist with advice and information about tax and superannuation.

Neighbourhood Centre car park, Tennis Court Ave

MOUNT BEAUTY

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

9.30 am to 4 pm

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.
The Totally 80s Disco was a hit! Thanks to the Year 8 girls, Kim Lane, Rhonda Gargan and Jenny Farrington for organising it, everyone that helped on the night and especially the DJs.