



TRAWALLA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES

Dec 5 **School Council meeting**
Dec 6-11 **Grades 4-6 swimming Ararat/Beaufort**
Dec 7&8 **Beaufort Secondary Transition Days**
Dec 11 **MARC van**
Dec 13 **School Concert**
Dec 22 **Last day of year.**

PATHS STAR
For this week is:

Alyssa Palmer

Robotics

Last Wednesday was fantastic! We were joined by the cluster schools for a fun day of building, making friends and eating yummy food.

The Robotics leaders, Kevin and Pauline provided everyone with a wonderful opportunity to design, build and refine robots that had a connection with the Commonwealth Games in Qld next year.

A big thanks to Mel and Kerryn for cooking the BBQ lunch for everyone and thanks also to the parents who sent in morning tea.

Attached are some recounts of the day written by the students.

Beaufort PS Swimming Program (6th – 11th December, 2017)

Grades 4,5 & 6 Students will be participating in the Beaufort Primary School swimming program starting Wednesday, 6th December & 7th, 8th & 11th then Swimming sports 15th December. The swimming program is about making your child safe in and around cold water. By participating in this program the 4-6 students are able to join in the swimming sports.

There has been a delay in the opening of the Beaufort pool, at this stage the plan is to attend the swimming program at the heated pool in Ararat tomorrow leaving Trawalla at 12.45 and returning by 3.30 and fingers crossed the Beaufort pool will be right to use on Thursday.

Students will travel in Kate's car to Ararat/Beaufort. Please complete the attached permission & medical forms.

Children will be provided with sunscreen but children (and parent helpers) **must** wear a t-shirt or rashie top whilst swimming.

Scholastic Book Club Orders to be returned by 8th December.

FEEDBACK

As staff are reflecting on 2017 we are setting up a feedback box in the front hallway. Students and family members are invited to make a comment about our school, surveys earlier this year from students and parents highlighted that we don't provide opportunities for feedback to be collected. We would also like some feedback on how safe students and parents feel at school.

Headlice

We need all families to regularly check and treat children who have headlice. Students are to be treated and lice and eggs removed before children attend school. This will assist our school to be headlice free.

PFA - Concert

*****the students in years 4,5&6 will be going to the hall on Monday Dec 11 to help the hall committee clean up the hall. Any parents that are able to assist with this clean up are invited also.*****

The School concert is on Wednesday December 13th at the Trawalla Hall starting at 7.30pm and all family and friends are invited.

The PFA will be running a hamper raffle to raise funds on this night. All families are asked to provide items for the Christmas Hamper. Raffle tickets will be sent home for families to sell.

The night consists of a concert put on by the students followed by a visit from Santa, who will have gifts for all the children. This is followed by a supper that is supplied by the families attending.

All families are asked to bring two plates for supper.

One plate suitable for adults and one plate "kid friendly".

We are pleased to acknowledge donations for our raffle from Beaufort Rural Hardware, Beaufort UFS Chemist & Golden Age Hotel.

Swimming – Ballarat Aquatic Centre

Our whole school swimming program continues at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre on Tuesdays during term 4 until 12th December. Sessions will run from 1.00 – 1.45pm.

Next week Emma's group need to bring a long sleeve top and long pants

SunSmart

All students and staff are required to wear broad brimmed hats when outside for term 4 and term 1 each year.

Robotics

On Wednesday the 29th of November we had robotics with the cluster schools except Natte Yallock. Our presenters were Kevin and Pauline.

To start the day off Pauline talked about how the robotic pieces worked and what they are made of. They also demonstrated how to link the cubes and parts together.

After Pauline's information talk, Kevin gave us all a little discovery bag which had axles, spacers, wheels, levers and larger construction pieces. We built arms and legs out of them and they were like our mini robots before we built the actual robot.

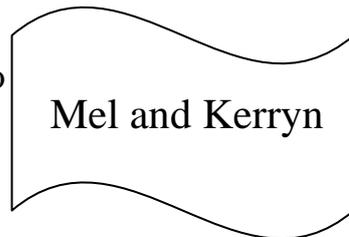
Every year we have a theme and this year was the Commonwealth Games.

We were put into groups with people from different schools. I was in a group with Abbey and her Aide Therese from Landsborough.

Our robot's name was Lulu. She was a cleaner for the grand stands of the Commonwealth games. Lulu was amazing she had 2 supersonic dusters, one million connectors and 9 body plates.

Next year I hope our theme is robot transportation because I have a really good plan for building a truck.

A really big thanks to everyone.



for cooking the barbeque lunch for

Graduation Day by Nick

On Monday the 4th Dan and I went to Natte Yallock to do our graduation. It was fun. It was fun because we got to see some of our friends, there was food and we will get to be in the newspaper.

I was nervous because it was my first time doing a speech for school in front of an audience, because I had only practiced it twice in front of my class room and I thought I might mess it up.

The food was great we had roast, corn, potato and more. After the food we did the speech everyone who was doing a speech was nervous especially me as I have already said I had only practiced my speech twice.

After we did our speeches we had dessert there was 3 different ice-creams, cookies and cream, rainbow and three striped ice-cream. The adults had pavlova, pudding, fruit salad and other stuff I don't remember.

After dessert we got our prizes we got a CD, certificates, a book of all the graduates speeches and a Guinness World Records 2018 book.

To finish the night, Mr Compston, Ms Williams and their band sang some songs, it was good.

Now I know what it will be like when I graduate from Beaufort SC. I know what it'll be like just a lot more people and lots more words.