



**FRIDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016 - No. 14**

**2016 DIARY DATES**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>—Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October*

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

*Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October*

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>—Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

*Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October*

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

*Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**Term 4 Commences**

**Spec Sport Camp, Sydney**

*Y7 & 8 Eureka Tennis*

**GWR Athletics, Llanberris**

*Art/Tech Night, 6-8.30pm*

**Y8 Anglesea Camp**

*Y7 & 8 Eureka Cricket*

**State Athletics**

**Minyip Trap Shoot**

*Y7 & 8 T20 Blast Cricket*

*Y11 Drama Performance Evening, Robinson Centre, 6pm*

**Valedictory Assembly, Peacock Hall, 10am**

**Valedictory Dinner, Bray Raceway, 6.15pm**

**SSV SOCCER**

Ballarat High School senior girls can now proudly say they are the second best soccer team of all Government schools in Victoria. The girls won their regional competition in Ballarat, and then won against the Greater Western Region to book a place in the SSV State Finals in Melbourne. After playing three 40 minute games, the girls were on top of their pool which meant a tough grand-

final against Maribyrnong Sports Academy. Although they played with determination, they were unable to match the skills and speed of the other team. The girls are to be congratulated on their team effort and the way they represented Ballarat High School.

The team consisted of:

Naomi Mavrikas, Kristen Prebble, Ebony Tucker, Tayte Fraser, Ebony Kappe, Jazz Kawa, Lily Fraser, Georgie Simper, Dannielle Leigh, Katie McAloon, Portia Hughes, Peggy Hills, Montanna Fenton, Tayla Caddick, Samantha Huggett, Natalia Ripani, Paris Bedggood-McNicoll.

*Jill Muir*

## ***Honouring Australian Vietnam Veterans Competition***

*Earlier this term I was given the privilege of being the Ballarat electorate's representative at the Honouring Australian Vietnam Veterans Competition Tour to Canberra, after entering an essay that I'd written about the Australian Army Train Team and the Australian Navy Diving Team 3. Thank you to the teachers who assisted me during that process. As well as attending commemorations for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, I was lucky to learn much more about the history of Australia through the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century and was given the opportunity to make friends with students from around the country.*

*Laura Benney*

### **REMINDER – PLEASE PAY OUTSTANDING SCHOOL CHARGES PARENT PAYMENTS AND SCHOOL CHARGES 2016**

**Thank you to all parents/students who have paid, or made arrangements to pay, their School Charges for 2016.**

**For those parents/students with outstanding charges, I kindly ask that you make payment in the near future.** Ballarat High School needs your support to continue to provide a high quality educational service.

The following payment options are available to you:

Cash

Cheque

EFTPOS

Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard), in person or by phone

Centrepay

The General Office is open from 8.15 am to 4.30 pm each school day to assist.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **LAST CHANCE - ARCH MAGAZINE ORDERS**

Each year Ballarat High School produces a school magazine. This is available to any member of the school community.

**If you wish to order a copy,  
please ensure you pay \$15.00 to the General Office by the end of  
TODAY – FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016.**

All payments received by the close of business today, will be calculated and the printing company advised of the numbers to be produced. No late orders can be accepted.

*Lesley Thorpe, Business Manager*

## CASA



On Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, Year 12 students attended a presentation by the Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA). Year 12 student, Hannah Board, was instrumental in initiating an invitation to CASA to speak to fellow students about the seriousness of sexual assault. This is Hannah's introduction to students, staff and presenters from CASA.

*'A few weeks ago I approached a group of teachers and students out of concern about the prevalence of negative attitudes and behaviour regarding sexual health, sexual assault and rape. Statistics inform us that one in three females fall victim to some form of sexual assault in their lifetime and of that 70% are committed by someone we know and trust. It is important to also acknowledge that males can be victims of sexual assault and rape. However statistics indicate females are 5x more likely to encounter this crime. The general view is that society has come a long way regarding these issues, however the reality is more people are engaging in high risk sexual behaviour which is often assaultive and at earlier ages than ever before.*

*I am standing here today because I personally know three people under the age of 21 who have been victims of serious sexual assault and rape. I have seen the torment that they suffered. I have sat in conversations where people have debated and questioned the female's sexual history, the amount of alcohol she had drunk and what she was wearing. This is not okay and it is not relevant to the fact that she was raped.*

*We must change the language we use when talking about sex and sexual assault. We must never question, judge or debate a victim's story. That is a job only for the legal system.*

*Both sexes must become mindful and respectful regarding sexual behaviour. We need to empower people to say no and to speak up if that little word is not respected. No is not negotiable!!!! No is not permission to wait until someone is drunk and their judgement is impaired. No is not always verbal, it comes in the form of body language, of avoidance and social cues that we all need to learn and respect. The consequences of not doing so can be serious for both victims and perpetrators.*

*It is important that we create safe environments for people to explore and develop sexually. To do this we need to begin to speak up when we see behaviour that disrespects another person. We have all seen it, we have been at parties when someone's photo has been taken and shared without their permission. A small amount of cleavage leads to name calling and trashing that person. These actions are not okay; these actions are harmful and illegal. We must step in, speak up and not tolerate this type of behaviour. That is not only how we protect victims, but we protect good people from unwillingly becoming perpetrators.*

*As a group of young people, we need to learn about what sexual assault is. We need to learn how to empower individuals to have a zero tolerance toward sexual assault and rape. We need to stop the whispering, stop the tormenting and stop the judging. Sexual behaviour is confusing, but it should be a safe and positive experience for everybody.*

*Keep it simple people. Respect and kindness always!!"*

CASA provide free and confidential support. If you or someone you know has been affected by sexual assault, please contact **CASA: 53 203 933** or **Sexual Assault Crisis Line: 1800 806 292.** *Jodie Griffin*

## SECOND HAND SHOP

Term 4 the Second Hand Shop will be open Thursday and Friday 12.00pm. to 3.00pm. All second-hand uniform presented for resale is to be in good clean condition.

*Marg Egan*



*pride, respect and responsibility*



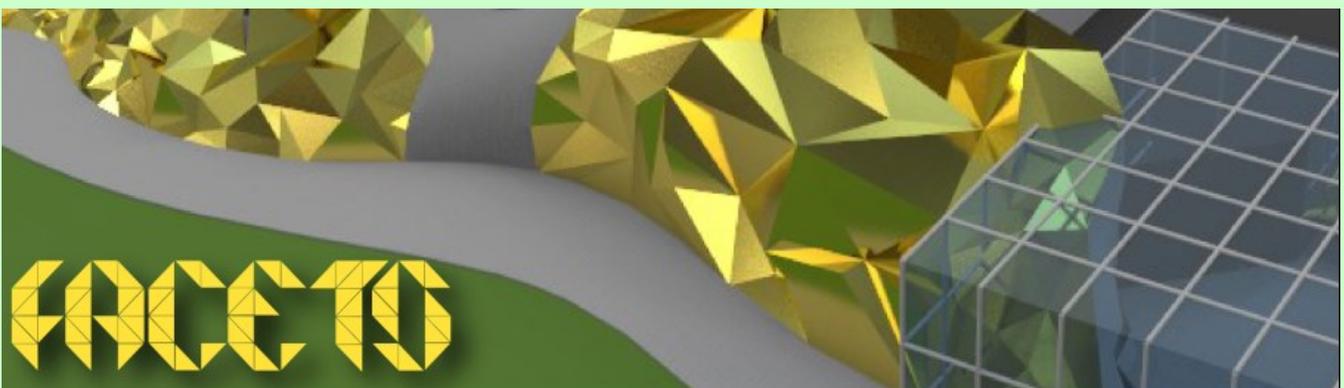
# Bravehearts

Educate Empower Protect Our Kids



*On Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of September it was White Balloon Day, so as a part of my VCAL project I organised to get some balloons, tattoos, posters and pins. The association that run it is called Bravehearts and I worked with them to be able do this day. The VCAL students helped blow up balloons and raise awareness for Bravehearts. Even with such a small turn out, it was still fairly successful and raised enough awareness; next year should be a greater turnout and we'll be able to raise even more. Bravehearts is an organisation made in Australia to raise awareness for child abuse and help those suffering from child abuse, homelessness, domestic/sexual abuse and other children in need.*

*Ruby McDougall*



**BALLARAT HIGH SCHOOL ART AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION**

**ART TECH NIGHT- October 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

**Come along to the Robinson Centre and enjoy the works of VCE students from Art, Media, Studio Art: Photography, Visual Communication and Design, Design Technology: Wood and Design Technology: Textiles. There will be nibbles provided by the VET Hospitality students and a fashion catwalk.**