On Thursday 27th October the Year 12 class of 2011 celebrated their last day of formal secondary education. They did so in the light hearted and fun way they have become known for and displayed imagination and creativity in their outfits and the way they decorated the school. However, very importantly, they did so in a responsible and mature manner without any of the negative or damaging events that get media attention at this time each year.

The Year 12s also sang a farewell song at a whole school assembly and then had a great Graduation Dinner at the Corowa RSL. The students expressed their appreciation of the school and teachers, and gave their Year 12 teachers presents. School Captains Shae Talbot and Sam Bowers and Vice Captains Felicity Webster and Kelsey Pleming also gave a speech on behalf of the Year 12 cohort.

Special thanks to the VCAL class for organising the dinner and providing the entertaining rolling photo display and memory cards.

The Cross Country was run last week around the Golf Course and Lake King rather than Lake Moodemere as in previous years. This change was a result of the poor conditions around Lake Moodemere and the demolition of the toilet facilities. Nonetheless the day was very successful and the students enjoyed the activities and the BBQ lunch. Individual age group winners were given medals and the overall trophy was presented to Mitta House.

Congratulations to all competitors and thanks to Brooke Rasmussen and Claire Megarrity for organising the day.

This week and next week current Year 11 students have commenced their Year 12 studies in the Head Start program. It is important for all students to attend this program so that work covered this year does not have to be repeated in 2012. Year 11 students are required at school for the last week of November if they have to complete work requirements, sit make up exams or have unsatisfactory or overdue work.

Rutherglen was again entered in the Keep Australia Beautiful / Sustainable Communities Awards in 2011. When the judges visited Rutherglen, they spoke to the Year 9 School for Student Leadership Students who explained the school programs, the leadership program and ‘9-Alive.’ They must have impressed the judges because Rutherglen High School was a State Finalist in the ‘Active School’ and ‘Young Leaders’ categories. Last week James Cooper and Hannah Kerr accepted the framed award on behalf of their team of six. The presentations were made by Indigo Shire Deputy Mayor Bernard Gaffney and Destination Rutherglen Chair Marion Hansford.

Congratulations to the successful candidates. Your School Captains for 2012 are: Ryan Griffin and Dylan Oats, and Vice Captains, Marni Harris and Kirsty Nixon.
As part of the unit on French food, Ms. Folino’s and Mr. LE’s year 8 French classes organised a French picnic. In Mr. LE’s class, delicious cupcakes, brownies, chocolate cakes and crépes were displayed for the picnic. Students participated in setting the picnic; some French Chefs made the batter and cooked the crépes. Students could choose between crêpe au nutella (crêpe with nutella), crêpe à la confiture de fraises (strawberry crêpe); crêpe au citron et au sucre (lemon and sugar crêpe), crêpe au sucre (crêpe with sugar) and to accompany the “délicieuses” crêpes and mouth watering food, students tasted French Monin cordial grenadine and framboise (raspberry). C'était un pique-nique formidable!

On the 19th of September Ms. Folino’s year 8 French class had a picnic out on the hockey field. Everyone had to bring something to eat. We had croissants, chocolate éclairs, lollies, soft drink and heaps more food. We played some football on the oval and Ms. Folino brought some French card games that some of us played. It was a great day and everyone had a great time. C'était formidable!

By Larissa Cooper and Georgina Windebank
The 11th Impact Student Leadership Conference (ISLC) for secondary students came to the COMMERCIAL CLUB ALBURY on the 26th of October.

Rutherglen High Schools' four School Captains for next year attended this interactive, hands-on and practical day that aimed to prepare the students for their roles and responsibilities of leadership, encourage them to be leaders who make a difference in their schools and leave a legacy and equip them with the tools to do so.

The students enjoyed their day and returned full of motivation and ready to approach their roles next year with numerous ideas and enthusiasm. The key messages that each student took from the day were:

"Being a leader is more than just organising events and fundraising" - Kirsty Nixon

"I learned about how I can leave a legacy by helping to change and improve the schools' environment, relationships and growth" - Marni Harris

"I learnt that you don't have to speak to be a good leader" - Ryan Griffin

"The untold principle of leadership is attitude" - Dylan Oats

REGISTRATIONS OPENING SOON!
2012 HEALTH CAREERS FORUM – FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2012
CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY – ALBURY WODONGA CAMPUS

Considering a career in the health industry? Enjoy helping people?
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Register for the 2012 Health Careers Forum where you can learn about the exciting careers and opportunities available in health from the industry professionals themselves!

The Health Careers Forum is a biennial event in the Albury Wodonga region that showcases the variety of fascinating and rewarding careers in the Health industry to our local students.

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Social Work
Podiatry
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Orthoptics
Prosthetics and Orthotics
Radiation Oncology
Chinese Medicine/
Chiropractic

Further details and a link to the registration page on the CSU website will be sent through soon. Make sure you register early to secure your place!

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

AGE CHAMPIONS

BOYS
13 Y Banjo Rogers 20.15
14 Y Mitchell Carmody 19.00
15 Y Brendan Morris 16.29
16 Y Danyon Williams 18.40
17 Y Gary Douglas 16.08

GIRLS
April Burmeister 18.39
Meredith Quick 20.25
Sarah Arnold 23.00
Chevellie Dunn 23.00

HOUSE AGGRIGATE

1ST MITTA 203 pts
2nd KING 158
3rd MURRAY 156
4th OVENS 144

Second hand uniforms
There are second hand uniforms available to any families requiring assistance with purchasing school equipment – see the office for details.

Donations needed
If you would like to donate old uniforms to the school please contact the office for more details. We desperately need school dresses and PE uniforms.
Who Stole the Sole? is a high impact, explosive theatrical journey that combines break-dance and pop music to deliver a captivating show with a very important message about cyber-bullying, for young people.

**Storyline**

_When Tanya texts one of the boys a picture of herself, she never considered that everyone at school would be seeing it too. The situation that ensues is going to change all of their lives ….._

This is a play that explores the complex world of teenage communication on and off-line, dealing with issues such as, cyber-safety, bullying, relationships and homophobia. It creates a catalyst for further discussion and is developed for secondary school audiences and parents.

Given the rise of social networking sites aimed at young people, and youths who are more technologically savvy with the internet, 'Who Stole the Sole?' is particularly relevant for engaging with a problem currently faced by young people today in Australia.

The performance is opportunity to address cyberbullying and respectful communication in our communities and to create discussions from a lively innovative performance and to explore cybersafety.

| **Audience**          | Year 7 & 8 Students, Parents, and Community Members  
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------  
|                       | Beechworth Secondary College                          
|                       | Rutherglen High School                                 
| **Date:**             | Wednesday 16 November 2011                            
| **Time:**             | 11.00am – 12.30pm                                     
| **Venue:**            | Rutherglen Memorial Hall                              
|                       | Main St                                                
|                       | Rutherglen                                             
| **Cost:**             | Free – funded by Youth Bushfire Response Gift        

This event is being funded by the Youth Bushfire Response Gift and proudly supported by Beechworth Health Service, Indigo Shire and Alpine Shire.

For more information contact Gabriella Tange Health Promotion Officer at Beechworth Health Service on Gabriel-la.tange@bhs.hume.org.au or 03 5728 0200.
School Attendance – Part 1.

Rutherglen High School is proud of its attendance record with the majority of the student’s attendance rate at or above 90%. In recognition of this outstanding attendance rate we would like to take this opportunity to highlight why high attendance rates are of such importance.

In upcoming newsletters we will be featuring the topic of school attendance. This week we are discussing the significance of poor attendance on young people.

The following statements highlight the potential impact poor attendance patterns may have on children:

- Missing one day a week of school from prep to year 10 means missing two years and one term of schooling.
- Being half an hour late to school each day from prep to year 10 equals missing one year and one-and-a-half terms of schooling.
- Patterns of attendance/absence are set up in the early years of schooling.
- Being absent five days a term from prep to year 10 adds up to more than one year missing schooling.
- Girls are absent more often than boys.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.
- Research shows that students who are often absent from school are likely to earn less than their peers as adults.

NOVEMBER cont’…….

Thurs 10th—Yr 7 NotStupidGirls
Fri 11th—Yr 9 BIG DAY IN
Mon. 14th—Yr 9 & 10 Girls Hockey
Wed 16th—Yr 7/8 Excurs. - CS
Wed 16th, pm.—Yr 9s’ Trivia Nite @ RHS

BEING ABSENT FROM SCHOOL MAKES IT HARD TO CATCH UP MISSED WORK, AND AFFECTS HOW WELL CHILDREN CAN DO.