**Parent Teacher Interviews**
The booking system is now open for Parent/Teacher Interviews please refer to the code which appears later in this newsletter. ([www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au))
Please note that we have a number of staff who are not available on that day. If you would like to make an interview time with these staff, please ring the school and a time will be arranged that suits the staff member and families.
The following staff will not be available on the day: Mr Mark Kuchel, Mrs Bernadette Kirby, Mrs Jackie Grant, Mrs Jane Francis, Mrs Betty Perry, Ms Kerrie Groves, Mr Keiren Brennan.

**Hockey 7's**
Congratulations to both the boys and girls Hockey 7's teams who were successful in winning the Greater Western Region Championships and will now go on to compete in Melbourne at the State Championships.
The students played brilliantly and exhibited great skills, team work and sportsmanship on the day.
Thankyou to Mrs Anita Weaver and Mr Keiren Brennan for training the students at lunchtimes and coaching on the day of the tournament.

**Athletic Sports Cancelled**
The Balmoral Community College Athletic sports have been cancelled. This decision was made due to the long range forecast still predicting small amounts of rain which hinders the preparation of the ovals. The preference is for a dry surface to avoid unnecessary injury risk to students.
I apologise for any inconvenience and a new date will be set for early term 4.

**Science Week**
The science faculty have been very busy planning extra science activities to acknowledge Science Week. I hope you enjoy the family science quiz in the newsletter.

‘In youth we learn, in age we understand.’ Marie Ebner-Eschenbach
GWR Hockey 7's
Congratulations to the girls and boys teams who played in the Greater Western Regional Hockey 7's Carnival in Dimboola last Friday. It was an excellent achievement by both teams to win all their games and now they will proceed to the State Finals in Melbourne on Thursday 10th September. A huge thank you to Mr Brennan and Anita Weaver who have trained and coached the teams over the past two weeks. Thank you to all the parents who transported their children to this event and cheered them on from the sidelines. I will send out further information about the next event during the next two weeks.

Yr 7/8 Boys Football
Congratulations to all the Yr 7/8 boys who played in the carnival last Wednesday at Pedrina Park in Hamilton. The competition was very tough but together with the students from Good Shepherd our boys put in a great effort. Thank you to Christine Flavel and Craig Grant for supporting Mr Kuchel and the boys on the day. The muddy legs and hands indicated that a fun day was had by all who attended and some of our boys made it into the Spectator. Well done to Matt Jones for receiving a medal for the Best Player for our team.

Noorat Trap Shooting
Senior students have registered their interest in this event and a note was sent home on Friday which needs to be returned by Wednesday so I can enter the team and organise transport. Please hand in this note to the office as I will not be able to accept any notes after Wednesday 19th August.

Rhonda Merryfull, Sports Co-ordinator

Year 1 and the sandpit crew would like to thank Kate and Terry Wardlaw for donating lovely clean sand to refill the sandpit. It is fantastic to have new sand to create and make some amazing 'sand' constructions.
Kate and Terry, our future engineers thank you!

Mrs Kirby and the Year 1s.

Premiers Reading Challenge
The closing date for the Premiers Reading Challenge is August 31st. Please return your forms to the Library a.s.a.p. to allow for data to be entered. Thankyou.

Missing Library Books
There are a number of missing library books at the moment. Lists have been sent home with students. Could you please encourage students to check under beds, bookshelves etc as books often turn up in odd places.
Thanks.

SCIENCE WEEK!

National Science Week Dress-Up Day
Friday 23rd August, 2015
Come to school dressed in colours of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Please bring a gold coin donation with funds going to the WOT Run Pergoda School in Cambodia.
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National Science Week – Making Waves The Science of Light

Family Quiz Time!

This week is National Science Week and the theme is ‘Making Waves – The Science of Light.’

At school we have created a gallery of self-portraits – students and staff in all of the colours of the rainbow. Rainbow colours in the form of light mix to produce white light.

Mr Middlebrook and VCAL students created holograms using old CD cases, Stanley knives and tape.

We have celebrated in many ways at school, now it’s your turn! Answer the following questions relating to ‘Light’ and submit your answers to Maria at the Office by Friday 14th August. Prizes will be given for the first correct response drawn out of the competition box. Good Luck!!

Family Science Quiz 2015

1. Which comes first – Thunder or Lightning?
2. Which of the following are sources of light and which can you see because they reflect light?

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3. What is the coolest (temperature) colour to wear on a hot day – Black or White?
4. How are shadows formed?
   A. By black light passing through an object.
   B. By light reflecting from a shiny object.
   C. By an opaque object blocking the path of light.
5. There are 7 main colours of the rainbow. Write them down. I have put down some of the letters of each word to help you.

   R_ _, O__E, Y_L_, G__N, B_ _, I__G_, V__T

6. Which of these is FALSE?
   A. Light travels very fast.
   B. Transparent objects like glass let light through.
   C. Translucent objects like tissue paper do not let any light through.
7. TRUE or FALSE? – Light travels in a straight line.
8. TRUE or FALSE? – The French translation for ‘light’ is ‘lume’
9. Which tool can be used to separate white light into different colours?
   A. Mirror.
   B. Prism.
   C. Hammer.
10. What is light?
    A. What we see with our eyes.
    B. A form of energy that travels.
    C. A tonne of feathers.
We were very fortunate to be involved in this program at RMIT in Hamilton on the 30th July, with Year 10s from Casterton and Heywood. The program has been designed to educate, promote and highlight injury prevention and health promotion to youth from our region. It was based on the model "PARTY" program which currently operates in 2 major Melbourne Hospitals. It was funded by Uniting Way Glenelg and was a pilot program.

The program helped to create awareness of potential harm caused by risk-taking behaviour, give strategies to reduce this risk, assist in recognizing potential injury causing situations and help young people to make informed decisions. The day involved 6 stations that the students rotated around which were: CPR, Trauma, SES, Ambulance, Intensive Care and Rehabilitation-Speech Pathologist, OT and Physio. In the afternoon there was an inspirational speaker called John Maher, who spoke about the death of his youngest daughter, Carmen who was tragically killed in a car crash at 18 years of age. John has been sharing his story, "Carmen’s message" for 15 years at secondary schools and universities, in the hope of promoting more conscientious and safer road users.

[Link to video on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/user/Carmenroadsafety)

Some comments from the students:
"Life changing", "confronting", "want to become the best driver I can be", "don't drive!"

Thanks to Ms Wilson for transporting the students to Hamilton.

Jo McCure- Adolescent Health Nurse.

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**CAN YOU HELP?**

**JUNKYARD PERCUSSION WORKSHOP**

**Arts Performance August 28th**

**WE NEED:**
- Off cuts of PVC Pipe 50mm & 75mm (no shorter than a metre) approx. 1.3 metres
- Any large type tin cans i.e. baby formula tins, old saucepan lids etc
- Any broom handles or similar dowel
- 1.25 ltr, or 2 ltr empty soft drink bottles (washed with label off if possible)

Thanks, Betty Perry

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If you wish to create a unique gift for special people for Christmas or for any occasion, the Crazy Camel Fundraising forms are out now. Special art paper to draw on is available from the Balmoral Community College front office. Photos can be sent in or submitted online. A display of available products are at the school’s front office.

- Greeting Cards (8/pk incl env’s) - $12
- Notebooks / Diaries - $16
- Calendars - $11
- Family Planners - $13
- Pillowcases - $18
- iPhone covers - $13

(*Incorrect pricing on order forms. Sorry. These are the correct prices.)*

Completed art works, order form and full payment to be returned by:**28th August / 2015 for Christmas/other orders**

Cheques are payable to 'Balmoral Community College'.

Contact Jan Rees on 5574 3232 or prees@aussiebb.com.au if you have any queries.

(On behalf of Parents & Friends, Balmoral Community College)
Term 3 Calendar

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Whole school assembly 25th of August
Arrive at 2:20pm for a 2.30pm start.

Do you have something you would like the school to advertise?
Please email photos and details to the schools Publicity Officer, Alex Mason, (mason.alexandra.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) and we will publish it in either the School Newsletter, the School Website and/or the School Facebook Page. Thank you.

SCHOOL INTENTIONS FOR 2016
RETURN TO FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

STUDENT NAME: ________________________________

CIRCLE YOUR INTENTION:
Will be attending BCC  Will NOT be attending BCC  We are undecided

What’s on the school Facebook Page you may be interested in reading?
- Silkee rooster to give away, contact details online.

A king thank you to Di Collett from Geelong West, for posting Earn & Learn sticker sheets to our school.
THANK YOU!

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