School Uniform
It was passed at school council last year that we would have two new additions to the Winter Uniform. Students may wear a navy scarf and/or a navy beanie. The beanie can only be worn outside. The scarf can be a hand knitted scarf or one purchased through the school.

60 minutes
Last Sunday night the television program 60 Minutes ran a segment on the ever-raging debate of private vs public schools. It was interesting that they brought up the 'My School' site and how parents can use this tool to compare schools. Of course the data on the site is not the only data to take into consideration when choosing a school, however, I would encourage parents to look at the site and compare our data with that of other schools. I am very pleased to report that a high percentage of our school data is not only outperforming 'like schools' but also out performing schools both public and private across the state.

I have included some of the data that shows student-learning growth from Years 5 to 7. The transition from primary school to high school can see students decline in academic performance this is not the case at Balmoral and one of the advantages of a K-12 schools is that transition is quite seamless as indicated by the learning growth data.

Year 5 to 7 Learning Growth in Reading. BCC is the square, the diamond is all the other schools.

Please take the time to go into the site and look at our data and other schools.

ANZAC Day
Look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday at the ANZAC Day Service.
ANZAC DAY To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the dawn landings at Gallipoli, by the Australia New Zealand Army Corps, the Balmoral RSL Sub Branch will be conducting a dawn service beginning at 0630 am. After the dawn service, a traditional ‘rum and coffee’ will be served with an Anzac Biscuit and Breakfast for $5.00. The RSL will still host the traditional street march and service, stepping off from the Post office at 10.15 am, followed by activities at the RSL Hall.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
To book an interview time for your child please go to the online booking system www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Booking code is FEJMC.
Parent/Teacher Interviews on 22nd April from 1pm.

AUSKICK 33 eager children attended Auskick last Monday. Week 1 Award Winners were Charlie Jarvis, Ryder VanSomeren and Rhys Daffey. A big shout out to the Balmoral Community Store for donating fruit for the snack. Thankyou!

Parents and Friends Association have a meeting Monday 20th April (tonight) @ 7pm at school. The show catering will be discussed and we welcome all coordinators and any other interested persons to come along to help plan the show for next year.

There will be no heated lunches this Wed 22nd April due to Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parents & Friends Working Bee will be on Wednesday 29th of April commencing at 9am. We are planning to prune, replace bark chips and tidy mainly the East side of the school to prepare for planting of new plants. We need parents to bring secateurs, chainsaws, spades, rakes, wheelbarrows and Utes to assist with pruning and replacing of bark chips. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. We would appreciate any help on the day. For further information contact Ann Vaughan and Anita Weaver

Lunch Orders Due to the lack of lunch orders, the Balmoral Café will no longer be providing lunch orders to the school.

News Items

New Day...New Time...New Location!

Shake Rattle & Read
A fun program of songs, dances rhymes and stories for children aged 0 - 4 years.

2015 Term 2 Dates:

Tuesday 21 April
Tuesday 28 April
Tuesday 5 May
Tuesday 12 May
Tuesday 19 May
Tuesday 26 May
Tuesday 2 June
Tuesday 9 June
Tuesday 16 June
Tuesday 23 June

11.40am in the Library

Contact Us!

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Chloe Shrives Work Experience at the Melbourne Zoo

Last week Chloe was very privileged to complete her work experience at the Melbourne Zoo. She worked 7:20am – 5pm and she mostly completed tasks like cleaning, food preparation and feeding the animals. She was able to observe a lot of training sessions and interact with a lot of the animals herself.

It was very hard for Chloe to pick a highlight for the week as there were so many however, she said that hand feeding the giraffe and giving a tiger milk through a syringe was very amazing. All the people were fantastic to work with. They were very helpful, welcoming and friendly. All the staff are very enthusiastic about their work.

Chloe would like to pursue a career with something to do with animals and says that this is “One of the best things I’ve ever done.”

The Middle Years students are enjoying their new couches that were delivered last Thursday.

**Choose Water as a Drink**

Water is the best way to satisfy your thirst – and it doesn’t come with the added sugar found in soft drinks, fruit juice drinks and other sweetened drinks.

Milk for children of all ages is a nutritious drink and a great source of calcium.

Give kids whole or cut up fruit to eat, rather than offering fruit juices which contain less fibre.

Sourced from Healthy Kids at www.healthy-kids.com.au