Mrs Hobbs' Headlines
Dear Students, Parents & Staff
The year is coming to a close very quickly, we held our last whole school assembly last week, thank you to Mrs Perry for organising each assembly and all of the students who have participated throughout the year to showcase the work that they do in class time. Thankyou also to the parents and grandparents who were able to attend the assemblies, as the students love to see you in the audience.

Athletic Sports.
We look forward to finally having the Athletic Sports this Thursday. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the day.

Applications Now Open
The Greg Rogers Further Education Scholarship
The scholarship offered by The Greg Rogers Further Education Scholarship is to assist a student to further their education. The Greg Rogers Further Education Scholarship offers a scholarship of $5,000 (payable $2,500 each semester on proof of enrolment) towards the cost of student accommodation for one year. Students may apply if:-

► They have completed Year 12 at Balmoral K-12 Community College.
► Enrolled in a Full Time Australian Tertiary Institution or TAFE course.
► The student will require accommodation away from home during the course of study.
► They can demonstrate a career pathway on completion of the course.

The applicant must supply a copy of the Tertiary or TAFE offer. Short listed candidates must be available for an interview.

Applications close February 10th 2017
For further details contact Mrs. Wendy Hobbs Principal Balmoral Community College. Ph. 55701247

BCC BBQ for Athletics Day
Sausages - plain $1.50
Gourmet sausages $2.50
Hamburgers $2.00
Fruitbox $1.00
Water $1.00
Quelch Ice Stick - 50c

Entering the College
We are updating our Visitors to the College procedures:
Parents or visitors to the College are still required to come to the office immediately on arrival and sign in; you must now pick up a visitors badge before entering any other part of the College. This should occur if you are a parent helper, or going into a classroom, or seeing a staff member (even for a short period of time).
If you do not have a visitors badge you will be directed back to the office to collect one. On leaving the College you will sign out and return your visitors badge to the box on the front counter. Exclusions to this will be sports days, assemblies or other large events, where staff, students, parents and community members are present.
A reminder also that if you have a concern or a complaint that it is important to follow the procedures set down in the Raising Concerns & Complaints pamphlet that all parents receive at the beginning of each year. Please ring or make an appointment to speak to the Principal or appropriate teacher. It is not appropriate to interrupt class time to speak to a teacher.

Balmoral Community College is committed to Child Safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as, staff and volunteers.

Principal: Mrs Wendy Hobbs School Council President: Ms Helen Grego
Harrow Road, Balmoral 3407 Phone: 03 5570 1247 Fax: 03 5570 1419 Email: balmoral.k12.cc@edumail.vic.gov.au
Grade Five Science

Grade 5 student Tom Hindhaugh participating in a practical activity involving the construction of a small electrical circuit. Grade 5’s have completed a Science Unit on ELECTRICITY. More recently students have been learning about ‘States of Matter’ and have enjoyed applying their theoretical knowledge to a range of Practical activities. As part of the process students clarify their thinking with a PREDICT, OBSERVE, EXPLAIN process to help organise their thoughts and consolidate their learning.

Mr Lloyd-Jones

UMBRELLAS WANTED...

The Middle School would like umbrellas. If Spring & Summer ever arrive, and the shops start discounting umbrellas, we would greatly appreciate the donation of umbrellas. All colours, patterns and sizes are acceptable. Mr Thomson has some brilliant ideas for their use! This is not compulsory, but would be fantastic to have lots of them.

Mr Thomson & Ms Munro

Library Stocktake

The Library will begin its annual stocktake during the first week of December. It would be appreciated if all overdue books could be returned by the end of November. Books like to hide in places such as bookshelves, under beds and especially it seems, under the seats in cars.

Many thanks Tania Shalders

Expression of Interest for 3 year old Kinder

Names are now being taken for enrolment for 3 Year Old Kindergarten Program at Balmoral K-12 Community College 2017.

We are looking to run the program from 8:45am till 1:30pm on Thursdays. Once your child has turned 3 they are eligible to attend.

Please contact the College if you require any further information or would like an enrolment pack sent home.

Expressions need to be into the College by 6th of December. The program will only run if we have sufficient numbers.

Balmoral Community College phone no. 5570 1247 or email: balmoral.k12.cc@edumail.vic.gov.au

Mrs Wendy Hobbs, Principal
Miss Alice Houlihan, Kindergarten Director

Pigeon Ponds Community Christmas Tree

Friday 16th December
6.30pm for 7pm Santa arrival
BBQ tea $15/family
RSVP for catering and Santa numbers to Claire W
Ph: 55797226 or 0438 163745 by 1st Dec.

Parents & Friends Association

Xmas Raffle

Ho! Ho! Ho! - OH NO! NO! NO!

Back by popular demand is our famous Xmas Raffle.

For those of you that are new to the College, we ask for an item to the maximum of $10 to make up the prizes. In previous years people have donated kids toys, gardening equipment, food & wine. Some families have chosen to get together and have been able to provide holiday vouchers and garden seats! We appreciate anything, big or small. All the donations are collated to make Hamper prizes which go out on Awards night as the Raffle is drawn. We hope to aim for five prize hampers! It brings lots of Xmas joy to the end of the night.

One raffle book for each family will be coming home soon with the youngest child. It would be appreciated if your prize donation together with sold raffle tickets and money could be dropped into the Office as soon as possible. Tickets will also be on sale at Awards Night.

Thank you for supporting the Association that supports our children.

Any queries please contact Kate Wardlaw 0427 205 591.

2016 School Council Members

Ms Helen Grego – President
Mrs Wendy Hobbs
Mr Sam Roberts
Mrs Kaye Parker
Mr Luke Rees
Mrs Lisa Cameron
Mrs Kylie McClure
Mr Justin Weaver

Mr Mark Kuchel
Ms Bev Munro
Mr Daniel Thomson
Mrs Jackie Grant
Miss Alice Houlihan
Mrs Maria Merryfull
Mrs Kate Wardlaw

Xmass Raffle
Grade 4-5 Camp
We went to Roses Gap. It was finally nice and sunny and we had no trouble getting to the camp. We unpacked and then met our instructors, Tyrone, Turtle and Drew who was the owner of the camp.
After sorting out who was going to sleep where in the cabins, we split into two groups, the girls got Turtle and the boys got Tyrone. Some of the things we did were the giant swings, abseiling, low ropes, vertical playpen, canoeing and the flying fox.
After tea we watched a movie and spent some time in the games shed. On the second night we conducted an X-Factor competition which Charlotte and Lilly won.
The funniest thing was when Sean lost his shoe in the canoe pond and we all had to walk through the water to find it. Luckily Jet and George found it and everyone celebrated.
"My favourite part of the camp was the canoes with Kaeden" – Will.
"My favourite thing was the Giant Swing because I went right to the top and it was really scary" – Lilly.
We want to thank Mrs Shewry, Mrs Perry, Mr Lloyd-Jones, Drew, Turtle and Tyrone for a fun camp at which we made lots of new year four friends.

Lilly & Will

ICAS Results 2016
Earlier this year we had some students sit ICAS (International Competition and Assessments for Schools) at their respective levels. Congratulations on displaying academic success in literacy and numeracy. The students received the following results and should be very proud of their achievements:

English:
Neve McClure – credit, Tara Sullivan – credit, Matthew Blaik – distinction

Mathematics:
Neve McClure – participation, Matthew Blaik – credit

Writing:
Neve McClure – credit, Tara Sullivan – credit
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Don’t forget
Book Club Due Back
23 November 2016

**HARROW CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY**

To be held at the Harrow RSL Hall
**Sunday 11th December 5 pm** till you leave

BBQ & salads provided for everyone, along with kids drinks. Adults please bring your own drinks, chair or rug

*Santa* and his *Elf* arrive approx. 6pm so don’t be late – come along and meet with family, friends and neighbours for a celebration of the season

**KANAGULK CHRISTMAS PARTY**

9TH OF DECEMBER
Kanagulk Hall
Shared picnic tea at 6:30pm
Santa arrives at 7:30pm
Come along for a fun night for the kids and family