2016 Term 1 Planner

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week Three 8-12 Feb</th>
<th>Parents &amp; Friends AGM 7pm</th>
<th>Kindergarten 9-12.30</th>
<th>Prep Rest Day Prep English Assessments Welfare Meeting 12.45pm</th>
<th>Kindergarten 9-12.30 BCC Swimming Carnival</th>
<th>Book Club Orders Due In</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Week Four 15-19 Feb</td>
<td>Kindergarten 9-1.30</td>
<td>Kindergarten 9-1.30</td>
<td>Off This Planet Incursion P-10 Prep Welcome Prep English Assessments</td>
<td>Kindergarten 9-1.30 Kinder Family Night 5.30pm “Aussie” Theme</td>
<td>Final Day for February Uniform Orders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week Five 22-26 Feb</td>
<td>Kindergarten 8.45-1.45 (Bus Travel) BCC Meet &amp; Greet 3.45pm</td>
<td>Kindergarten 8.45-1.45 (Bus Travel) School Council Nominations due</td>
<td>Prep Rest Day Kindergarten 8.45-1.45 (Bus Travel) Kinder Working Bee 1.45 start</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week Six 29 Feb - 4 Mar</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week Seven 7-11 Mar</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week Eight 14-18 Mar</td>
<td>Labour Day Public Holiday</td>
<td>Final Day for March Uniform Orders</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week Nine 21-24 Mar</td>
<td>School Council 7.00pm</td>
<td>Term 1 Ends Enjoy the Holidays</td>
<td>Good Friday Happy Easter</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

R.S.V.P. Please complete and return to school by Wednesday, February 17:

**Meet and Greet**
Monday 22 February, 2016, 3.45pm

I am able / unable to attend the Meet and Greet Function at Balmoral Community College on February 22.

Name: ____________________________ Signed: ____________________________

Mrs Hobbs’ Headlines
Dear Students, Parents & Staff

**Reporting News**
The first term Reporting News will be sent home today. This report gives a general overview of what your child will be doing in classes this term.

**Meet and Greet**
Staff would like to invite all parents to a “Meet and Greet” session on Monday February 22nd at 3:45pm in the Middle School area.
This is an opportunity for parents to meet and chat with staff that they may not be familiar with, especially for parents who have students who have transitioned out of the Junior School into the Middle School area. This is an informal social occasion and not a Parent/Teacher interview. Occasions like these help to build positive partnerships between staff, students and parents.
Please complete the RSVP slip for catering purposes.

**School Council**
School Council play a key role in Victorian Government Schools, being a member of School Council is a rewarding experience. Acting as a team, council supports the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. School Council is responsible for developing the broad direction and vision for the College, interpreting data or financial statements, working effectively as a council and understanding legislative and policy requirements.
We have a number of councillors whose term has ended: Luke Rees, Kate Wardlaw, Kaye Parker and Narelle Evans. On behalf of all School Council members and the College community I would like to thank them for their time and commitment to Council. These parent representatives are eligible to re-nominate as are any parents within the College.
If you would like a School Council Nomination form please contact the office. Closing date for nominations is Tuesday, February 23rd.
At this time I would like to acknowledge the work of our School Council President Mrs Lisa Hutchins who is retiring from her position and will chair her final meeting at our February meeting. Lisa has over the last five years, guided School Councillors in their roles and responsibilities as councillors and has supported the Teaching and Learning vision of the College as the way forward for school improvement. Thankyou Lisa, for your outstanding service in promoting Government Education.

**Hoax calls to schools**
You may have heard in the news that a number of schools have been receiving hoax calls with regards to bomb threats. We have not had any such phone calls; however, if one does occur we will take it seriously and put our Emergency Management Plan into action. The Education Department, Hamilton Police Station and Southern Grampians Shire have a copy of the emergency plan so that if any type of emergency occurs they have a thorough understanding of the College procedures. Last week we also practised an emergency evacuation of all buildings.

**Swimming Sports**
I look forward to seeing parents at the swimming sports on Thursday. We encourage all students from Yr. 3 to 12 to attend and compete in the range of events that will be held for all swimming abilities.

**Swimming Sports Cafe**
Coffee $3.50
Hot Chocolates $3.50
Iced Coffee or Iced Chocolate $3.50
Water $1.00
Muffins & Cakes $3.00
Biscuits 50 cents
Fruit Salad $1.50

Principal: Mrs Wendy Hobbs     School Council President: Mrs Lisa Hutchins
Harrow Road, Balmoral 3407 Phone: 03 5570 1247 Fax: 03 5570 1419 Email: balmoral.k12.cc@edumail.vic.gov.au
**Kinder is back!**

This year we only have five kinder children but we are busier than ever. All the children have settled in well and seem to be enjoying their time. Our favourite parts about kinder so far are the bikes, painting and going to the big school to feed the chooks our scraps. The children are having a lot of fun and building long lasting relationships with their peers and educator. We also have a tight knit kinder family. We have enjoyed meeting each and building new friendships.

---

**Wanted Stump Stools**

The Home economics centre is setting up a ‘Cafe’ outside on the veranda and we would love someone who is chopping down some trees if they could cut us some ‘stump stools’ they would need to be large enough for a bottom to sit on comfortably and about 40cm high. The year 7’s will then make some cushions for the tops in Textiles. We are converting some old tables and making new ‘pallet’ tops so it should all look great and cost very little. We would need about 10-12 stumps if possible.

Any enquiries to Jackie Grant, thanks.

---

**Kidsmatter Survey**

A Kidsmatter survey form was sent home last Wednesday for each family in Years Prep to Year 4. The survey has been sent out to help collect data for the school’s implementation of the Kidsmatter/Mindmatters mental health framework. We would encourage families to take the time to complete the survey and return it to school by Friday 12th February. Parent opinions will enable the school to reflect on how we are doing things; what we are doing well already and what we could do differently to improve student mental health and well-being. The Action Team would like to thank you for your participation and we look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Kidsmatter/Mindmatters Action Team
Bernadette, Jo, Cherryl, Jackie, Mark and Kate Wardlaw

---

**Volunteers required for Balmoral Community College Breakfast Club**

To commence our Breakfast Club program this year we are looking for some new volunteers. This would be a wonderful opportunity for grandparents or community people to reconnect with the school and to input into the lives of the future generation of young people. The only qualifications are to be friendly and enthusiastic! Volunteers help prepare toast and milo for the 30-40 students who pop in for a quick top up after their long bus journey to school. The commitment would be for about an hour every 3 or 4 weeks on a Wednesday.

If you or anyone you know may be interested could you please contact the school. We need more volunteers to sustain this very popular and worthwhile program.

Cherryl Amery  School Chaplain  5570 1247

---

**Balmoral K-12 Community College Newsletter 9.2.2016**