School Values in Action.

I would just like to highlight a few activities which occurred last week which really highlighted students displaying positive values and promoting what Balmoral Community College is all about.

Firstly the reports I have received from Somers Camp were exemplary. Our college has such a positive reputation at that camp and once again this year’s group were acknowledged by the camp as being the best-behaved, well-mannered and eager to try everything.

The gentlemen from the Balmoral Men’s Shed worked alongside our Yr. 7/8 class last Thursday taking a keen interest in students and their work. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase the shed and converse with community members about their work.

Well done Yr. 7/8 for the respect and care that was shown (we expect nothing less) and the Men’s Shed group are welcome back anytime.

Last Friday Yr. 4 ran a seed planting afternoon with Preps to Yr. 3. They showed great organisational skills and were very patient in helping the younger students. Congratulations Mrs Shewry and Yr. 4 for such an enjoyable afternoon.

Hockey

Good luck to all our Un12 hockey players who play at Dimboola on Tuesday. Thankyou to Mrs Anita Weaver who has volunteered her time to assist with coaching and also to Mr Brennan and Mrs Munro.

Go Hockey 7’s!

HEATED LUNCHES

Please send your child’s heated lunches as follows:

- Wrapped in foil, not in plastic or a plastic bag
- Foil wrapped contents put in a brown paper bag that is clearly labeled with your child’s name and year level on it

A lot of names are getting rubbed off of the foil due to the condensation and please make sure the food is defrosted.

Parent opinion surveys to be returned by this Friday 31st July.

‘Experience is what you get when you didn’t get what you wanted.’ Randy Pausch
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives Schools the chance to earn new educational resources. Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent.* We have set up a collection box at Horsham Safeway and hope to get one at Hamilton also. We will send home a Sticker sheet which you can use, copy as many times as you like and send into School, (note the College will also have spare ones, just contact the Office and we'll send some home). The other option is to download the Sticker sheets from woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn, stick on the stickers and send them into the College. Please contact the College for further information. Thank you for your support!

**WANTED**
The Middle Years CAM time students are embarking on an art project and we need CD's. They can be used, coloured, or broken as we will be cutting them up. If you have any, please send them into the office. Also if anyone has any buttons (any size, shape or colour) they don't want, we need them too.
Thanks, MY Students.

**Hockey 7's**
Good luck to our junior boys and girls who are participating at the Little Desert Hockey 7's Carnival in Dimboola on Tuesday. Thank you to Anita Weaver and Mr Brennan for taking on the coaching roles and thank you to parents for their support with transport to this event.

**Guess How Many Chocolate Hockey Balls are in the Jar.**
The Year 6 students are organising a fundraising event for Chloe Russell who has been selected in the Victorian State Schools Girls Under 12 Hockey team to play in Perth in early August. The chocolate hockey balls are maltesers and the cost of one guess is $1.00. The person who guesses the correct number will win the jar of lollies and a $25 gift voucher from Sportspower in Hamilton. The Year 6 students will be selling the guesses at recess. Bring along a dollar and support Chloe and have the chance of winning the prizes.
Thanks for your support
Yr 6, Mrs Merryfull & Mrs Smith.

**VCE/VCAL/VET/9-10 DATES:**
- VCE/VCAL/VET/9-10 Info evening will be Wed 26 August.
- Booklets out Wed 19th August
- Interviews with student & parents available from 27th August – 3rd September
- Subject selections for 2016 due Friday 4th September
- Student intentions for 2016 due 4th September
WELFARE NEWS TERM 3

• BATFORCE Parent Information Night, 24th August 6-8pm. An informative evening, great presenter and target age group of the 8-15 year olds. Child care available. We would like to see lots of Mums and Dads come along! RSVP to School by 20th August. Free and nibbles provided.

• “Guys and Girls on the Go” Program commencing on the 27th of July, for Years 7 and 8. Duration of 12 weeks (1 period per week, plus 2 days of outside school activities). Topics to be covered will be, Self Esteem, Positive Body Image, A Healthy Mind, Personal Safety, Healthy Eating and Trust and Confidence.

• “SWIPE” Program for Years 10 students. RMIT in Hamilton on Thursday 30th July. This is an injury prevention program, relating to risk taking behaviours, in the adolescent years. Interactive day and students will be with year 10 students from Heywood and Casterton.

• Alcohol and Drug Ed- VCAL Students.

• “ICE” talk from a presenter who has a very personal story to tell regarding the drug, ICE. She is also works for Ambulance Victoria. 31st August, 2015. This will involve students in years 9 to 12. Thanks to Emma Wallace, for sharing her contact.

• Rocklands Ride- Whole School Health Promotion Activity, FRIDAY 16th of October, Term 4.

• Healthy Scrumptious Lunch Day, Monday, 17th August. PASTA BAKE $3- (Spag sauce base).

Jo McCure- Adolescent Health Nurse.

Year 9 Gilmore/Balmoral camp to Rocklands
The last week of term 3 our year 9 students welcomed 11 year 9 students from Gilmore College for Girls to Rocklands Lodge. The camp was a great cultural exchange between all the students. Balmoral students shared their love of and knowledge of fishing, a visit to Duggan’s working shearing shed and farm to pet lambs and calves, a visit to Harrow Police station, the Johnny Mullagh Cricket Centre and a tour of our school. The Gilmore students represented about 10 different nationalities and shared about their country of origin with stories and photos. All the students made new friends and will look forward to catching up with the girls when we visit them later in the year. Many thanks go to the staff, students, parents and community for welcoming the girls and supporting the camp in so many ways.

Men’s Shed meets the Tech Shed!
We were delighted last Thursday when the Balmoral Men’s Shed came to visit us in the Year 7/8 Tech Shed! We were not quite sure who was more excited - the students or the ‘Men’!!! Many of the students received some fantastic help from the ‘Men’. The ‘Men’ had a great time looking at the students in action and enjoyed seeing all the machines and tools!
It was a great experience for all. We are hoping another visit may not be too far away!
### Term 3 Calendar

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**Pigeon Ponds Sports and Social Club**

**Annual Quiz Night**

Friday 31st July 2015
Time: 7.30 for 8.00pm start
Pigeon Ponds Hall
$8/head - supper and entertainment provided
BYO drinks
For table bookings (8 people) phone Claire 55797226.

**WANTED!**

(JUNIOR ARTROOM)
Any ply, or colour, **wool**.
Outdated **scarves** and **beads**
Any type of **fabric** off cuts
**Ribbon, Buttons etc.**
Thanks!
Betty Perry

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