Mrs Hobbs' Headlines

Dear Students, Parents & Staff

Student Attitudes to School Survey.
In this newsletter I have attached the summary report for the Yr. 5/6 and Yr. 7 to 12 Student Attitudes to School Survey. In general the surveys show a consistent approach how students are feeling and responding to their peers, environment and teachers.

NAPLAN
The individual NAPLAN results were sent home to parents in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. If you have not received your copy or you require further information about how to interpret the result please do not hesitate to contact the College. Remember that it is one test/one day and the College collects a variety of assessment and data to accurately report on student improvement.
We also have access to a larger amount of information then the report sheet that is sent home and again that can assist in interpreting your child’s learning growth over the two years of the NAPLAN testing.
Once again our results are very strong across all year levels – well done to students and teachers.

A Reminder
Please return the student intention slip which will again appear in this newsletter – it is vital for our financial planning and for staff stability that we can accurately plan for 2017. The funding of the College is based on student numbers.

College Activities
The Production is well into rehearsals I look forward to seeing many of you next week at this event.
Also the ‘Food for Thought’ festival planning is well underway, please support the hard work of the committee and choose one, two or three events to attend. Students are starting to think about and organise their stalls.

Science Week 2016...
We celebrated by:
* Making a start on our Science Mural! Boxes of colourful plastic lids were separated into the colours of the rainbow. A big thank you goes to the students and staff who worked quickly to complete this step. (They say many hands make for light work and this was certainly the case!) Our next step will be to decide on our environmental design and then to stick the lids onto the backing board. Any plastic lids still at home will be gratefully received by Mrs Lyons.
* Researching Robotics. Junior Science classes learnt about what a robot actually is and the various types of robots: Humanoid/Android/Droid, Medical, Manufacturing, Service and Field robots. Students then designed their own robot from this group with boxes, bits and pieces and lots of creativity and masking tape!
* Showing and demonstrating our robots from home. We had a fantastic display of various machines! Thank you to the students who brought in their robots from home and ably demonstrated them to other students and staff.

A big thank you to all the students and staff who supported Science Week. Keep an eye out for robots.....

Mrs Julie Lyons

Premiers Reading Challenge closes for Balmoral K-12 Community College this Friday!!!
The Adventures of Six

“Six” is a good natured lamb with a spirit of adventure who is lured away from the safety of his paddock and learns how to deal with the world and its dangers. “Six” quickly meets many quirky and interesting characters in his efforts to experience the world and find his way home. Characters such as “Poppet” (the destroyer of curtains), a once pampered house cat who has opted for a life on the streets; “Rex”, a reclusive and hungry goanna; “Jeff”, a newly orphaned joey who is lost and afraid; “Alistair”, a fox with few redeeming features and many more.

Author, Mr Glenn Hayes writes:
“I wrote “Six” without a clear vision of where it would end up. It began as a puppet show, and many of the jokes started as puppet manipulation, but the made the transition to masks fairly smoothly. The music was written to be catchy and easily sung by young voices (which puts the musicians in very tricky keys for most of the songs), with a mixture of styles from classic show tunes, to a military style song and even a reggae style number”.

The Adventures of Six will be performed by Balmoral K-12 Community College students on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st August at 7.00pm (both nights) at the Mechanics Hall, Balmoral.

Crazy Camel Fundraiser

If you wish to create a unique gift for any occasion, the Crazy Camel Fundraising forms are out now. Special art paper is available from the Balmoral Community College front office. Photos can be sent in or submitted online.

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

Completed art works, order form and full payment to be returned by: 24th August / 2016

Cheques are payable to ‘Balmoral Community College’. Contact Jan Rees on 5574 3232 or pjrees@aussiebb.com.au if you have any queries.

(On behalf of Parents & Friends, Balmoral Community College)
Student Attitudes to School Survey Summary

Factor Mean Scores Trend - Detail - 2014 to 2016 - Years 5-6

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### Mean Factor Score

- **Classroom Behaviour**
- **Connectedness to Peers**
- **Student Safety**
- **Region**
- **State**

1 = Strongly Disagree
5 = Strongly Agree
The pitfall of using other children as benchmarks

By Michael Grose
Benchmarking children’s progress with that of other children is not a wise parenting strategy. Inevitably, it will lead to parent frustration as there will always be a child who performs better than your own on any scale you use.

Have you ever compared your child’s behaviour, academic progress or social skills with a sibling or your friend’s children?
Comparing your child with others is a stress-inducing and, ultimately, useless activity. But it’s hard to resist, as we tend to assess our progress in any area of life by checking out how we compare with our peers.
When you were a child in school you probably compared yourself to your schoolmates. Your teachers may not have graded you, but you knew who the smart kids were and where you ranked in the pecking order.
Now that you have kids of your own do you still keep an eye on your peers? Do you use the progress and behaviour of their kids as benchmarks to help you assess your own performance as well as your child’s progress? Or perhaps you compare your child to yourself at the same age?
Benchmarking children’s progress with that of other children is not a wise parenting strategy. Inevitably, it will lead to parent frustration as there will always be a child who performs better than your own on any scale you use.

Kids develop at their own rates
Each child has his or her own developmental clock, which is nearly impossible to alter. There are slow bloomers, early developers, bright sparks and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom. The slow bloomers can cause the most concern for parents who habitually compare children to siblings, their friends’ kids and even themselves when they were in school.
The trick is to focus on your child’s improvement and effort and use your child’s results as the benchmark for his or her progress and development. “Your spelling is better today than it was a few months ago” is a better measure of progress than “Your spelling is the best in the class!”

Gender matters
It’s no secret that boys’ and girls’ brains were developed by different architects. One major difference lies around timing, or maturity. The maturity gap between boys and girls is anywhere between 12 months and two years. This gap seems to be consistent all the way to adulthood.
Quite simply, girls have a developmental head start over boys in areas such as handwriting, verbal skills and relationship skills. Boys benefit greatly from teaching strategies designed for their specific needs. They also benefit from having teachers and parents who recognise that patience is a virtue when teaching and raising boys, as it seems to take longer for many boys to learn and develop.

Avoid linking your parenting self-esteem to your child’s performance
As a parent you should take pride in your children’s performance at school, in sport or their leisure activities. Seeing your child do well is one of the unsung pleasures of parenting. You should also celebrate their achievements and milestones, such as taking their first steps, getting their first goal in a game or getting great marks at school.
However, you shouldn’t have too much personal stake in your children’s success or milestones, as this close association makes it hard to separate yourself from them. It may also lead to excessive parental pressure for kids to do well for the wrong reasons – to please you!
The maxim “You are not your child” is a challenging but essential parental concept to live by. Doing so takes real maturity and altruism, but it is the absolute foundation of that powerful thing known as “unconditional love”.

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FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Wed, 24TH August 7:00pm

What to know more about becoming a foster carer?
Come along to an information session
@ Frances Hewell Centre,
2 Roberts Street, Hamilton

For more information contact the Recruitment Team on
Ph: 5561 8888
E: fostercare@brophy.org.au

Horsham Branch
Asthma Foundation of Victoria

2016 WIMMERA ASTHMA CAMP
For 6 – 12 year olds (Primary School Age)
21st – 23rd October 2016
TANDARA LUTHERAN CAMP HALLS GAP
The camp is conducted by Doctors, Nurses & Support Staff, so you’re in GREAT hands!
Heather: 0437531722
Renee: 0429812324

Heated Lunches
Reminder to families that heated lunches will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout Term 3.
Monday, 22nd August - Susie McClure
Wednesday, 24th August - Kylie McClure
Monday, 29th August - Jasmine Blake
Wednesday, 31st August - Kate Wardlaw

“Understanding Youth Allowance”
Do you have a child undertaking studies at Year 11 or Year 12 who is intending to go on to Tertiary studies?
Do you have a child already attending tertiary education?
Advance Accounting are holding an “Understanding Youth Allowance” seminar on Tuesday 6th September 2016
Seminar will be at Harrow Bush Nursing Centre commencing at 7pm for approx. 2 hour session.
Presenter will be Gavin Simmons who worked for Centrelink for over 10 years and now manages Centrelink affairs for over 350 clients.
Topics covered includes Independent vs Dependant, Bachelor vs Diploma/Certificate, On-Campus vs Off-Campus, Income Tests and Scholarships
This seminar is a must to understand your families choices when your child does head away for tertiary studies.
Please ring Lyn Beaton on 5588 2000 to register your attendance ASAP
Seating is limited.

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84 Wilson St Horsham 3400
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Black Tie Dinner - Four Course Meal with wines to match
Friday 7th October 6.45pm for 7.00pm
Chef: Deidre from Deidre’s at Lahirum Grove with senior students  Bookings Essential $120.00 per ticket

Literary Morning Tea - Author Discussion Panel
Friday 14th October 10.15am for 10.30am
Bookings Essential $20.00 per ticket

Food For Thought Fete - Official Opening of Refurbished Home Economics Centre
Saturday 15th October 12 noon - 7.30pm
Adults $10.00, Children under 16 Free  Unlimited Children's Rides Tickets available for pre purchase

For Bookings, Stalls and Enquiries:
Balmoral K-12 Community College  03 5570 1247
email: balmoral.k12.cc@edumail.vic.gov.au
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### 2017 Student Intentions

Name/s:

**Please circle**

- My child/ren will be returning to Balmoral Community College in 2017
- My Child/ren will not be returning to Balmoral Community College in 2017
- At this stage we are still undecided.

Please return to the College by 29th August

**The Library is seeking donations of saleable second hand novels, children’s, general interest books etc., to stock a book stall at the "Food For Thought" Festival in October. Please leave any donations with the Office. A great way to clear out your shelves for some new books!!! Thankyou**

**Attention: Year 12 Students & Parents**

If you intend going to university next year you need to be registered for VTAC.

Course applications close on 29th September at 5pm

### DID YOU KNOW - DENTAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT BBNC?

South West Healthcare dental staff visit BBNC every second Friday.

Public dental services are available **free** of charge to **eligible** children.

Services are available to all other clients on a fee for service basis.

**Dental services available include:**

- Check-ups
- X-rays
- Fissure Sealants
- Extractions
- Cleaning
- Root canal treatments
- Filings

For an appointment or more information please call BBNC on 5570 1304 or South West Healthcare on 5551 8347