Mrs Hobbs' Headlines
Dear Students, Parents & Staff

Farewell to Mr Forget
Mr Gilles Forget has resigned his position at Balmoral Community College. On behalf of all staff, students and community members, I would like to acknowledge Mr Forget’s contribution to the College, both in and out of the classroom. However, as one door shuts another opens and we can now look at our LOTE options into the future. I am seeking Parent feedback, so please complete the feedback form at the back of the newsletter and return to the Office as soon as possible. Thankyou.

Book Fair
Congratulations and thankyou to Mrs Tania Shalders for putting together another terrific Book Fair. The room looks inviting and if today’s recess is anything to go by Tania will be kept very busy. In this day of technology it is still lovely to see that children love to have that hard copy in their hand to turn the pages and enjoy the story.

A busy week
There is a lot happening this week, keep checking the diary and the newsletter for information.

The Biggest Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 19th May from 10.30-11.00am at Balmoral Community College for all students, staff, parents and Community members.

Reminder
Families are asked to donate a plate of finger food, cupcakes, slice, sandwiches etc and a small money donation, to be brought in on the morning of the 19th May.

If you are unable to attend our function the school has a donation page on the Biggest Morning Tea website-you will need to search for Balmoral Community College.

We look forward to your company this Thursday-what could be better than coffee and cake with friends!!!!

Bernadette Kirby
Student Welfare Coordinator

FRIDAY 20TH MAY

A whole school activity
Students who travel on buses to school will be dropped off at Seymour Park in Balmoral and will walk to school from there. Students who live in town are encouraged to meet at Seymour Park at 8.30. Parents/ Carers are very welcome to come along and join in. Teachers will be walking with the students as well. Normal classes will resume after the walk and breakfast.

Any queries, please call the school, 55701247.

A HEALTHY BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE STUDENTS WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT SCHOOL.

Jo McCure
Adolescent Health Nurse.

BREAKFAST CLUB FOR THIS WEEK WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY

Wanted - Plastic lids!
The Science department is planning a recycling project using unwanted plastic lids! Please help us by saving these. A drop box will be placed in the office for term two. Thank you! Mrs Julie Lyons

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Engaging Every Student, Every Lesson, Every Day

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Kindergarten News

Experience:
As a group we discussed the meaning of ANZAC day. Some children had heard of it and had some idea of what it was about. Some descriptions were; ‘it’s a march,’ ‘we say thank you,’ ‘old people.’ We learnt about diggers and how we give respect back and say thank you. To link ANZAC day to the children in an age appropriate way we decided to make ANZAC biscuits. We explained the relevance of these biscuits and tried to reinforce the word and meaning of ANZAC. As the children have done cooking before they were able to take turns, listen and respond to the educator. We made and cooked the biscuits so we could eat them for morning and afternoon tea. After ANZAC day we listened to the Ode and the Australian anthem. We then decided to make flowers for a wreath for ANZAC day. The children used tissue paper to create flowers and stuck them on a green circle. We also decorated a poster with the ANZAC emblem and the words Lest We Forget. The children enjoyed the experience and also worked on their fine motor skills and links to the community which we have been concentrating on.

Reflection:
As evident in the term 2 plans, one goal was to help employ empathy and respect in the children at the kindergarten. The plan suggested we did this through group discussions and carry out work in respect of ANZAC day in an age appropriate way. We did this through the cooking and discussion of ANZAC biscuits and making some wall art of our kinder. Although it is a hard concept to grasp, thanking another human being is not. This is what we pushed to the children to get out of this experience. As educators we tried to encourage and work off outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity. We wanted the children to gain a shared identity as Australians.

James and Karen are so thankful for other very willing volunteers to step in and run Auskick in our absence. Shelley Hindhaugh coordinating a couple of weeks ago and last week Damien Van Someren, who bought along with him helpers Alistair Penny, Leah Van Someren and Melissa Matthews, running the program in trying conditions in the school stadium as we needed to seek shelter from the welcome rain. Thanks to Wendy Hobbs for allowing us this privilege. Week 3 award winners Rhys Penny, Charlie Jarvis and Jakob Shrive, Week 4 award winners Hartley Johns, Leegan Hura and Maddox Blake.

2016 School Council Members
Mrs 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 Houllihan
Mrs Maria Merryfull

Heated Lunches
Monday, 16th May
Wednesday, 18th May
Monday, 23rd May
Wednesday, 25th May
Narelle Evans
Renee Shrive
Sarah Laidlaw
Kylie McClure
One on One with the Principal

This week I chatted with Chloe Shrive (CS) and Izzy Davis (ID) from Yr. 11.

How is Year 11 going?

CS & ID: Good, it is hectic we have really busy workloads. Izzy you are doing RIST, a 3/4 VCE subject in Studio Arts and your Yr 11 subjects.

ID: Yes, I have training days for RIST throughout the year and I work on the farm to get credits for the subject. Studio Arts is about keeping my portfolio up to date and doing a lot of annotating. At times it is stressful but I just keep going and organise my time. I love what I am doing so you just do it!

Chloe you are doing a Cert IV in Vet Nursing and a 3/4 in Agriculture.

CS: Yes, every Wednesday I have my work placement in Horsham and I have to keep up all my studies as well. It is very busy and at times stressful but like Izzy I love what I am doing so when you enjoy it you just keep being organised and fit it all in.

You have both mentioned that the workload can be stressful. How do you manage your busy schedule?

ID: I go horse riding and spend time with my family. I try to have a good homework plan and do something every night so that it is not left to the last minute.

CS: I play netball and try and do some sort of a social activity as well as school work. I keep a diary and if it is not in the diary then it doesn’t happen.

What has been surprising about Yr. 11?

ID & CS: The homework, there is a lot of research for our topics or portfolios that we have to put together.

What do you like so far about Yr 11?

ID & CS: Our own classroom.

ID: The VCE subjects on offer are great and I really like the small classes and the one on one time with the teachers.

CS: Going right through with the same students we are all really good friends, it is really special.

What careers are you thinking about?

ID: A stock agent

CS: I am still aiming to be a Vet.

Anything else

ID & CS: Yes, the boys need to be tidier with our Yr 11 room!!!
# 2016 Term 2 Planner

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**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
- Fillings
- X-rays
- Extractions
- Root canal treatments
- Cleanings

* Next available appointments - 20th May 2016

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

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**THIS WEEK !!**

16-19 May 2016

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**LOTE Options Feedback Form**

Please complete and return to school as soon as possible

Do we continue to offer French as our LOTE subject?  YES / NO

If No, what Language would you like? .................................................