Mrs Hobbs' Headlines
Dear Students, Parents & Staff

Young Youth of the Year Award.
This week we welcome the Lions Club into the school to adjudicate the Year 6 students who are competing in the first stage of the Young Youth of the Year Award. All students get to present a topic of their choice in the public speaking competition. This will be held on Friday at 2pm whereby, the Lions Club adjudicators will select 6 finalists and invite them and their parents to present once again at the Balmoral Lions Club dinner on the 26th April, from here two finalists are chosen to speak at Casterton on May 9th.

Good Luck to all students and once again we welcome and value the partnership that we have with the Lions Club and the tradition of this competition which allows our students to practise their ‘Public Speaking’ skills.

Cross Country
Our Cross Country event for P-Year 12 will be held on Wednesday 27th commencing at 1pm. Please come along and support the students as they compete for house points. Also on this day we do require parent helpers if you can assist please fill in and return the helpers list to the school by Friday 22nd.

Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) Course
Where: Balmoral Community College
When: 2nd May 2016  6-10pm
Facilitated by: Tony “Gilly” MacGillivray, Hamilton District Skills Centre.
Cost: $80 per person
Finger food will be provided.
Please book through the school, 5570 1247.
RSVP by 27th April, 2016. Limited places.

Overview
If you are seeking employment in a licensed venue or applying for a liquor license in Victoria, a Victorian Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certificate is essential. This short course provides all the training required to obtain an RSA certificate from the Victorian Commission for Gambling & Liquor Regulation (VCGLR).

Specific Objectives
Upon satisfactory completion of this course, you will understand the legal requirements of the sale and service of alcohol and the major problems associated with excessive consumption of alcohol, under-age drinking, drinking and driving and serving alcohol outside of legal hours. A certificate from the Victorian Commission for Gambling & Liquor Regulation will be issued upon successful completion.

Content
• Employer/Employee responsibilities  • Drink driving
• Defining standard drinks  • Intoxication
• Underage drinking  • Customer responsibilities

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

Anzac tokens will be available for sale at the junior end of the College at lunch time on Wednesday 20th.

Please buy a token as all monies raised will be directed to our local Balmoral RSL.
CAREERS

University Open Days - again, many families decide to visit open days in year 11 not just year 12 to help minimise the hectic schedules of year 12 life. Sometimes, the early visit to a university can help focus a student with their studies as they have something they can aim for.

There are university course guides and information arriving daily to the school and these are kept in the year 11/12 room - Room 6 for students to peruse.

Current open days are: Melbourne University - Parkville - 21 August / La Trobe University - Bendigo Campus 6 July, Melbourne Campus 7 July, Mildura Campus 8 July, Shepparton Campus 2 June.

We also have information about Charles Sturt University and Deakin University. More information coming in future bulletins!

Work Experience

Balmoral Community College sets time for work experience for year 10 and 11 students. Work Experience is invaluable in assisting students discover or eliminate career options. Helping your student discover their career interests can be a real challenge. Never expect an answer to a question about a future career because they may simply not know the answer yet! However, you can help by just asking in a friendly manner and then moving on from the topic to allow thinking time. You may receive an answer several weeks later. Let them have that time to think about where their interests might lie. Sometimes questions are best asked after a work experience round. The school will endeavour to assist your student discover areas of interest to them.

Auskick began last week with 35 keen participants. They began the session with fruit and sandwiches kindly donated by the Balmoral Community Store and prepared by Helen Grego. We hope you get the chance to drop in and see Annie and Helen at the store and say a big thankyou! We welcomed parent helpers Andrew Cameron, Melissa Matthews and Nicole Lease who made a huge difference to the session running so smoothly. Week 1 Award winners were Ollie Wardlaw, Justin Mutch and Hunter Van Someren.
**Heated Lunches**
Reminder to families that heated lunches will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout Term 2.

Please send your child’s heated lunches:
Food must be **defrosted**
Wrapped in foil, **not plastic**
Foil wrapped food in a brown paper bag that is **clearly labelled** with your child’s name and year level. Marker pen rubs off the foil due to condensation.

Wednesday, 20th April  
Kaye Parker

Monday, 25th April  
Anzac Day – Public Holiday

Wednesday, 27th April  
Lisa Cameron

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time. The children really look forward to it and appreciate these lunch days.

The Eco Centre has taken flight. The first arrival to our new space is this fantastic recycling station. A great first addition. It is hoped that in the future we will see these stations over the whole school, in a bid to promote sustainability and to keep our school environment tidy.

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open. For the first time we welcome our Kindergarten students to the Challenge. There is plenty of time to register if your child is interested and has not already done so. Please call me or pop into the Library to pick up a registration form.

Up to date booklists are available on the PRC website.

The closing date for the Challenge will be Friday September 2nd so that I can finalise our entry.

Good luck to those completing the Challenge.

Tania Shalders, Co-ordinator

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**BCC Cross Country Parent Helpers**

**Wednesday April 27**

I am    able / unable    to assist with the running of the Cross Country on April 27.

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