Mrs Hobbs' Headlines

Dear Students, Parents & Staff

Kowree Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the Balmoral Community College swimming team who competed at Goroke last Friday and returned home with the shield. There were a couple of outstanding individual performances: Amber McClure in breaking the record in the Year 12/13 girls 50m breaststroke and 25m Butterfly and Joel McClure in the 10 Year old boys backstroke. Thankyou to the Junior House Captains who led the team with encouragement, organisation and care for those students who were competing for the first time in an interschool event. I wish all competitors both junior and senior who will now go on and represent the College at the Greater Western Region swimming carnival, good luck and do a personal best!

Balmoral Show

Please come and support the SRC drinks stall, Coffee Stall, Show Bags and the catering teams on the day. Thankyou to the many parent helpers who have assisted in any way through donations, time, organisational skills, etc. Your work is very much appreciated by the College.

Hope to see you at the Balmoral Show.

The Fete/Food Festival Committee

As you know the College is organising a fete/food festival for October and thankyou to the following for being on the organising committee: Kate Wardlaw, Lisa Cameron, Helen Grego, Alberta Shrive, Tom Middlebrook, Bernadette Kirby, Jackie Grant, Alice Houlihan and Wendy Hobbs.

The philosophy behind this event is to bring people together by celebrating the importance of food to our culture and the joy it brings when shared.

We have had our first meeting and are very excited about coordinating this event. Please rest assured, as parents that we are not asking for donations of any kind, but closer to the event we might need a working bee or some parent helpers on the day to assist with some of the stalls.

We will keep you informed and if you would like to help in any way please speak to one of the committee members.

Medication

All medication must be clearly labelled together with a note to say what it is for and brought to the Office where it will be securely stored in the First Aid room. All information will be kept strictly confidential. Thankyou.

Greetings from Canada

Last Friday Mr Kuchel’s students attended a Skype session with Mr Tristan Frechette and his class in Canada. Mr Frechette’s class is studying Australia and students were able to exchange questions and information.

Bulb Fundraiser

Reminder that orders are to be returned by this Thursday, 17th March. Order forms along with cash or cheque payment (payable to “Balmoral Community College”), can be left at the College office, the Balmoral Post Office or the Harrow Bush Nurse Centre.

Happy Gardening, Parents & Friends Association

Show Bag’s

Once again the P&F are organising Show Bags to sell at the Balmoral Show on 19th March.

We are looking for helpers to pack these show bags on Thursday 17th March at the big shed (rec reserve) from 9.30am.
**SRC News**

Last day of each term will be a casual dress day. Term 1 Casual Dress Day - Easter Theme, gold coin donation to the Royal Children’s Hospital.

Look out for us at the Balmoral Show, we will be selling soft drinks.

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**Harrow Balmoral Football Netball Club**

**Junior Football Training**

Starts Wednesday 16th March at 5.30pm at Harrow

**Junior Football Parent Information Night and Training**

Tuesday 22 March at 5.30pm at Balmoral

*All parents please attend this night.*

2016 Coaches

Under 14s Craig Grant 0427704227

Under 17s Ryan McClure 0422274446

Junior Co-Ordinator Derek Brody 55756220

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**Tech Thursday @ Balmoral**

We are running information sessions at school around any questions you have on IT at school. If you have any questions in regards to this, whether it is to do with iPads or laptops, family sharing or how to get the best use, every Thursday at lunchtime (12.45pm) in the Middle School we will be ready and willing to answer your questions. Please sign in at the office before coming over to the Middle School.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

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**Balmoral P&A Society Annual Show**

**Saturday 19th March 2016**

Unlimited kids rides just $15

- Mechanical Bucking Bull
- Jumping Castle
- Men’s Shed
- Woodwork
- Annual Sports
- Shear Competition
- Poultry & Cattle
- Harness events, Stockman’s Challenge
- Terminal, Maternal & Merino Sheep classes
- NEW: Commercial Ewe weaner comp for all wool breeds
- Wool - Save a fleece now
- Historical Book for sale
- Cookery, Craft, Art & Photography, including junior sections
- Food Stalls
- Lots of Free Entertainment for all the family.
- Petting Zoo
- Dunny Derby
- Motor bike comp 15+
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Dr Jenny Brockis

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There are four main ingredients required for creativity:
Mess
Mistakes
Make-believe
Mucking in together

Top tips for fostering creativity
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<td>7.00pm Public Meeting &amp; AGM School Council</td>
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<td>Whole School Assembly SRC Casual Dress Day Easter Theme Term 1 Ends</td>
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