Mrs Hobbs’ Headlines

Dear Students, Parents & Staff

2017

I will be taking Long Service Leave for term one of 2017. Ms Melissa Twaddell who is currently an Assistant Principal at Horsham College will be Acting Principal whilst I am on leave. I am sure that you will make her feel welcome and make yourself known to her during her time as AP.

Mr Michael Bishop will be the Yr. 7/8 English teacher for term 1 of 2017

Staff Responsibilities

Leading Teacher: Mr Mark Kuchel.
Mr Kuchel is responsible for Data, Reporting and ICT Management, as well as teaching duties.

The 2017 Learning Community Leaders (LCL) will have the primary responsibility of ensuring that students in their Learning Community succeed in their learning, and they feel known, supported and valued at school and are contact point for parents.

Learning Community Leaders

Early Years – Miss Emma Wallace
Middle Years – Ms Bev Munro
Senior Years – Mrs Jackie Grant

Welfare and Wellbeing Coordinator is Mrs Bernadette Kirby.

The Home Group teachers for 2017:-

Prep/1 Miss Emma Wallace
Yr. 2 Miss Dana Talbot
Yr. 3 Mr Graham Lewis
Yr. 4 Mrs Lyndal Shewry
Yr. 5 Mrs Bernadette Kirby
Yr. 6 Ms Bev Munro
Yr. 7/8 Mr Victor Selway & Mrs Wendy Hobbs (Ms Twaddell term 1)
Yr. 9/10 Mr Tom Middlebrook
Yr. 11/12 Mrs Jackie Grant

This week Mr Selway and I are in Melbourne with the Yr. 9/10 students as they present their Small Business projects to a panel at NAB. This is a great opportunity for our students and there will be a full report in next week’s newsletter.

Postponed

"Having the Talk"
Info Evening
planned for this Wednesday 7th December has had to be postponed until next year as our speaker is unable to attend. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Parents & Friends Association

Xmas Raffle

Raffle Books have gone home with the Youngest Child from each Family. Please remember to drop your Prize Donations into the Office as soon as you can. If you did not receive a Raffle Book or would like another Book at any stage, there are spares at the Office. Thank you for supporting the Association that supports our Children.

Any queries please contact
Kate Wardlaw 0427 205591 or
Fiona Jagger 0427 816 203

2016 School Council Members

Ms Helen Grego – President

Mrs Wendy Hobbs Mr Mark Kuchel
Mr Sam Roberts Ms Bev Munro
Mrs Kaye Parker Mr Daniel Thomson
Mr Luke Rees Mrs Jackie Grant
Mrs Lisa Cameron Miss Alice Houlihan
Mrs Kylie McClure Mrs Maria Merryfull
Mr Justin Weaver Mrs Kate Wardlaw

Balmoral Community College is committed to Child Safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as, staff and volunteers.
2016 VASEY CHRISTMAS PARTY
Friday 9th December – 5.00pm
Vasey Hall
Bring a picnic dinner to share.
BYO drinks and chairs.

Children are welcome to stay on the bus until stop 10 (Gaussen’s), I will collect, walk and supervise them at the hall until 5pm when parents arrive.

Santa will be making a visit at approx. 7.30pm.
Santa may need a hand with a small parcel for each child, with name attached. Approx $10.
Any queries please contact:
Ainslee Daffey: 0427337556

ALL WELCOME

Library Stocktake
The Library will begin its annual stocktake during the first week of December. It would be appreciated if all overdue books could be returned by the end of November. Books like to hide in places such as bookshelves, under beds and especially it seems, under the seats in cars.
Many thanks Tania Shalders

Pigeon Ponds Community
Christmas Tree
Friday 16th December
6.30pm for 7pm Santa arrival
BBQ tea $15/family
RSVP for catering and Santa numbers to Claire W
Ph: 55797226 or 0438 163745 by 1st Dec.

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For further information Dr Tim Harrison
Telephone: +61 3 5327 6265 Email: t.harrison@federation.edu.au

KANAGULK CHRISTMAS PARTY
9TH OF DECEMBER
Kanagulk Hall
Shared picnic tea at 6:30pm
Santa arrives at 7:30pm
Come along for a fun night for the kids and family

UMBRELLAS WANTED...
The Middle School would like umbrellas. If Spring & Summer ever arrive, and the shops start discounting umbrellas, we would greatly appreciate the donation of umbrellas. All colours, patterns and sizes are acceptable. Mr Thomson has some brilliant ideas for their use!
This is not compulsory, but would be fantastic to have lots of them.
Mr Thomson & Ms Munro
Party With The Ponies

"On Monday we went to Party With The Ponies. We took a Trotters bus, it was very flash. When we got there, we got off the bus and went to find Miss Talbot because she did not take the bus. When we found her, we sat on the grass and had fruit. After fruit we had a big play. There were heaps of things to do. When the teachers were ready, we could go off to our activities.
The first thing I did was the Petting Zoo. Then I went to the table tennis where I played Mr T. in doubles with Ryder. The next thing I did was Trouble with Hunter, Hunter came first. When we finished playing Trouble, I found Harry practising his ball skills. I asked him "would you like to sing a song?". He replied "yes". We sang Thunderstruck, TNT and Highway to Hell with Mr T.
After we finished singing those three songs it was time to go back to school". - Clive Dunstan Grade Two

What did we like about Party With The Ponies - by Grade One
Sian: I like the activities and the horse & cart & the Petting Zoo.
Chloe: What I really like was the wooden "people" statues that you could dress up in clothes.
Leegen: I liked the horse & cart, table tennis & cricket.
Heidi: I really liked the pretend horse races.
Adelyn: I loved the face painting. I got a butterfly.
Kayla: I liked the nail polish because you could choose the colour you wanted.
Ebony: I liked the actual horse racing and going to the Petting Zoo.
Tamsin: I liked having nail polish on and the Petting Zoo.
Ryder: I really liked the archery.
Eliza: I liked the face painting and the nail polish.
Digby: I loved the Petting Zoo, especially the guinea pigs.
Justin: I liked everything!
Charlie: I got my nails painted and my face painted.

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Challenge this year. We had 59 school students and 6 Kindergarten students complete the Challenge. Thanks to Miss Alice for your assistance with this, it was great to be able to include the Kinder this year. Thanks also to the Balmoral Parents & Friends for donating book vouchers for the school students.
The 2016 Reading Champion will be announced at Awards Night next week so stay tuned.
## 2016 Term 4 Planner

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### 2017 - Dental Services Available

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
- Exams
- Fluoride Sealants
- Extractions
- Cleanings
- Root canal treatments

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

### Harrow Christmas Street Party

To be held at the Harrow RSL Hall
**Sunday 11th December 5 pm** till you leave
BBQ & salads provided for everyone, along with kids drinks. Adults please bring your own drinks, chair or rug

**Santa and his Elf** arrive approx. 6pm so don’t be late – come along and meet with family, friends and neighbours for a celebration of the season