Mrs Hobbs' Headlines
Dear Students, Parents & Staff

Congratulations
Congratulations to the junior girls’ hockey 7 team who have once again won their way through to the state finals (third year in a row), as the Western Region Champions. Good Luck, girls! Also well done to the boys’ team who combined with St Malachy’s who were runners up in the Western Region finals. Thankyou to Mr Brennan who on this day coached both teams and umpired six matches of hockey.
We now have two girls’ teams into State Finals; hockey and badminton.

How does this happen from such a small school?
Yes, we have very athletic, fit children who enjoy sport and are supported by parents to participate where ever and whenever possible. However, to get to this level of achievement it is only through the commitment of staff who are prepared to put in the extra time for the benefit of students to achieve their best.
Mr Brennan has for the last term and half spent every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (the only reason it is not every day is that he does not work Tuesdays and he has yard duty Thursday!) lunch time training teams for badminton and hockey, so that students are refining their skills and working as a team to be as competitive as possible. Our teams that go to regional events are selected on skill and the best combination that we can put together so that students are competitive at that level of competition.

Combined Sporting Teams.
We are fortunate that other schools are happy to combine with us so that all students have a sporting opportunity to participate in their preferred sport.
St Malachy’s, Edenhope and Goroke with hockey, Good Shepherd and Hawkesdale with senior football are just a few of our valued partner schools. These partnerships promote shared values of cooperation, respect, sportsmanship and promote the good will and good work that schools do in promoting harmonious and shared relationships for the benefit of children.

"Thank you for allowing Rachel and Olivia to participate in the 2016 Senior Hockey side. As you can see from the picture over half of the team were young girls which have plenty of hockey years ahead of them. The girls held their own and competed with passion and skill, Rachel even taking on the biggest year 12 from Kaniva (ending up a little worse for wear!) The combine Edenhope/Goroke/Balmoral team has in my opinion been a really pleasant and worthwhile experience that allows the girls to form friendships outside of our small community and combine children that really want to play the sport. Both Olivia and Rachel had such fun and would like you to pass on their thanks to Ms Annabel Hawkins and Robyn Reinsford. From the young girls discussions and success on the day, to the chanting shark bait and hokey-pokeo dancing, they are all looking forward to playing again next year.

Thanks again, Channelle Duggan”.

Respectful Conversations
From time to time a parent will have a concern with a College decision or an issue with a staff member, or another child. The best way to solve any problem or clarify any point is to have a respectful conversation.
Respectful conversations allow for your feelings and opinions to be heard and acknowledged and usually in my experience end with a positive outcome and build strong parent/staff relationships.
I refer all parents to our ‘Raising Concerns & Complaints’ policy which every parent receives in the ‘Start of Year’ pack.

Athletics Carnival
We will postpone the Balmoral Community College Athletics Carnival until fourth term. Although we have all loved the rain it has meant that the oval is water logged and not ready for use, also students have not had a chance to practice athletics this term, due to the poor weather conditions.
We lost a friend with a heart of gold
How much we miss her can never be told
She shared our troubles and helped us along
If we follow her footsteps we can never go wrong

Thankyou

To the many parents (and you know who you are) that sent messages, cards of condolence and offers of assistance throughout last week. These messages and support were comforting and valued by staff.

To all staff members – you have cared, been respectful of Rhonda’s privacy and simply just been there over recent years to help out in any way, sometimes so quietly and unnoticed just to make things run smoothly, support Rhonda, students and the smooth running of the school.

To students, particularly those in Year 6 who wrote cards and letters to Mrs Merryfull and I know that she wrote back and kept a watchful eye on you all from a distance.

To Mrs Merryfull for her years of dedication to the school, the above and beyond jobs of Sports Coordinator and SRC coordinator for many, many years. There is no student who was in SRC who will forget the yummy pizza or special morning teas.

Most importantly it was Mrs Merryfull’s skill in the classroom that will be most remembered, her love of teaching poetry, the thoughtful and purposeful way that she planned her lessons and knew the students.

Your strength and courage will always be an inspiration to us all.
**Keys Please Program**

The Keys Please program will be presented at Balmoral Community College in the year 10 room on Monday the 15th of August from 10-11am. The event is intended for years 10 to 12s and is open to parents. The Keys Please program goal is to inform students who are interested in taking their learners permit, what to expect. It is also for students who already have their L’s, a chance to hear about what to expect when going for their P’s.

Any parents who are intending to attend please let the school know for catering purposes.

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**The Premiers Reading Challenge** is once again coming to a close. All forms need to be returned to the library for processing by Friday 26th August. Earlier forms are very much appreciated and a sincere thanks to parents and students who have already returned their forms.

Certificates of completion will be issued when they arrive in term 4 and the reading champion for 2016 will be announced at Awards Night.

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**Careers - Uni Open Days**

- **ACU** - Melbourne 14 August 10-4, Ballarat 28 August 10-3
- **Deakin** - Warrnambool 7 August, Geelong & Waterfront 21 August, Burwood 28 August
- **Fed Uni** - Ballarat & Gippsland 28 August 10-3
- **LaTrobe** - Melbourne 7 August, Bendigo 14 August
- **Monash Uni** - Parkville 21 August
- **RMIT** - 14 August
- **Melbourne Uni** - 21 August Parkville 10-4

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**Heated Lunches**

Reminder to families that heated lunches will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout Term 3.

- Monday, 8th August - Kaye Parker
- Wednesday, 10th August - Ainslee Daffey
- Monday, 15th August - Karen Rees
- Wednesday, 17th August - Renee Shrive

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VCAL students Riley and Tom hard at work reclaiming timber for the Tech Shed from a barn at Duggan’s. We thank the Duggan’s for their kind donation of wood which will be put to very good use!

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**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**
**Hockey**

As we danced to the beat of High School Musical songs we got our heads in the game and it paid off with a 1-nil win against Birchip. Warrnambool managed to slip a goal against us but we evened it out scoring 1, the final score was a draw. With our determined attackers and wonderful defenders we had a huge win against OLHC winning 5-0. We waited with hope while they added our scores, turns out our dancing paid off as we were the winning team by only 1 goal. We would not be going to State without our wonderful team, Lucy Roberts, Mel Smith, Holly Cooling, Amber McClure, Blair Penrose, Lilly Weaver and Phoebe Russell.

In a combined team with St Malachy's at Edenhope, our boys Thomas Rees, Daniel Grego, Tyler Hateley and Jack Austin (who was absent in the photo below), won the Little Desert Division but lost the Greater Western Region, going down to Birchip 1-0. Well done boys on a fantastic effort.

**“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.

**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
ROBOTS: A robot is any machine programmed by a human that can carry out complicated tasks, both automatically and by remote control. Robots are great for carrying out tasks in environments that humans don’t deal with well e.g. deep ocean, other planets, bomb disposal.

DROIDS: Generally speaking, the term droid is short for ‘Android’ and describes a robot that has sentience (knowledge of itself) and the appearance of a human. They are synonymous with the term ‘Artificial Intelligence’. These are mostly in the realm of science-fiction at the moment. But many scientists around the world are working on making droids a reality.

ARE THESE THE DROIDS YOU’RE LOOKING FOR?

In the Star Wars universe, the terms ‘Robots’ and ‘Droids’ are happily interchanged. One would have to be hard pressed to say that R2-D2 has human like appearance. So by our definitions the character is not a droid. But George Lucas has made his own rules and in this fictional universe, all robots are droids. Likewise, in Futurama, Bender has human appearance, and could be referred to as a Droid, but is constantly called a Robot.

All Robots are Machines, but not all Machines are Robots.
All Drones are Robots, but not all Robots are Drones.
All Droids are Robots, but not all Robots are Droids... for now.

There may come a point where droids become so intelligent they can design and improve themselves. Then we will have to come up with a new classification. The first student to find Mr Middlebrook and explain ‘The Singularity’ correctly to him will receive a small reward. Enjoy National Science Week 2016.
Year 9/10 Ag Elective – Sheepvention
The Year 9 and 10 Ag Elective students experienced the competitive nature of Sheepvention when they prepared and showed White Suffolk sheep with Mr Lewis last week. The students took two White Suffolk rams and one ewe, and entered them in both the Novice and Open classes. Although no ribbons were obtained, the students took full responsibility for showing the sheep and proved to be more than accomplished sheep handlers. Their enthusiasm to participate and eagerness to learn were the real highlights of the day. Our next step is to try a smaller country show like Casterton in November.

Children’s reactions to loss and grief
Like adults, children can be deeply affected by loss and grief experiences. While everyone has different ways of grieving, common grief reactions in children may include:
• grieving in doses, for example, crying one minute, then playing the next
• acting out feelings rather than talking
• changes in eating, sleeping and behaviour patterns
• wanting to sleep in bed with an adult
• displaying younger behaviours such as wetting the bed or sucking their thumb
• being angry, frustrated and restless
• lacking concentration and energy at school
• feeling responsible for their parents.

Sharing grief with children
Even at a very young age, children can sense and experience grief. They will be aware if their parents or other adults are sad or having difficulties with a particular situation. Sharing your feelings of sadness and loss with a child can help them understand why you are sad, and see that it is alright to be sad and to express their sadness.

Death can also cause children to worry about their parents or themselves dying. Reassure them that everyone is safe and make sure that they are cared for during times of grief. It is important to remain open and willing to talk about the various experiences of loss and grief. As children grow and develop, they will have different reactions to grief. A child who doesn’t react to, or talk about a death or significant loss in the early stages may want to talk about it later, or may show their interest and feelings in play rather than discussion.

Where to get help
• Your doctor
• Local community health centre or hospital
• Trained bereavement counsellor
• Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement – bereavement counselling and support services Tel. (03) 9265 2100 or 1300 642 066 (Australia-wide)
• Parentline Victoria – 8 am to 12 midnight, 7 days a week, Tel. 13 22 89
• Lifeline – crisis support and suicide prevention services, 24 hours, 7 days, Tel. 13 11 14

Plus many others.

Jo McCure Senior Health Nurse
Balmoral Community College Proudly Presents...

The Adventures Of "Six"

A musical production featuring the talents of the students of Balmoral Community College.

At the Mechanic’s Hall on the 30th and 31st of August 2016. Starting at 7.00pm. Entry by a gold coin donation.

Come along and enjoy a fun hour of music, masks, costumes and song.

Enjoy the adventures of “Six” ... a lamb with an uncommon sense of adventure and excitement in a dangerous world.
# 2016 Term 3 Planner

| Week Five  
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Due to unsafe oval conditions, the Year 7/8 football that was scheduled for Wednesday this week has had to be rescheduled. The tentative date (to be confirmed nearer the day) is Tuesday 6th September.

**The Art Dept. is seeking donations of Cereal boxes which will be used to make masks. Please leave any donations at the office. Thankyou!**

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

For an appointment or more information please call BBNC on 5579 1304 or South West Healthcare on 5551 9347

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Warrnambool City Centre Campus
165 Timor Street, Warrnambool
Friday 12th August 6-7.30pm
To register please phone 03 9244 3059 or email nursinfo@deakin.edu.au or Eventbrite page: deakin.is/nursing-midwifery