This Week
This week we have Yr. 9 to 11 students out of the college. Yr. 9’s are participating in the Bogong Outdoor School Winter Wonderland Experience. This camp includes downhill and cross country skiing plus activities whereby students learn more about the ecosystems, which make up an Alpine area. The Bogong Outdoor School is highly sought after by schools and we have been fortunate to have been accepted a position every year on application. The inclusion of the Bogong Camp into our Yr. 9 curriculum adds another dimension to the Yr. 9 experience at Balmoral Community College. This activity is heavily subsidised by the college making it affordable for all Yr. 9 students to attend. Thank you to Mr Keiren Brennan and Ms Kerrie Groves who have taken the students on this camp.

Yr. 10/11
Currently Yr. 10 and 11 students should be out on work experience. Work experience is designed to assist students to experience a taste of life in the ‘Real World.’ Many students have a career in mind and work experience can either confirm that career path or in some instances students change their mind after being exposed to the job. Even if students are not sure of what they want to do, work experience provides an opportunity to participate in a work place environment. For parents who are unfamiliar with the senior school program, which commences in Yr. 9 and what it has to offer your child please contact the school for more information.

Hockey 7’s
Good Luck to the Hockey 7’s boys and girls team who are competing this Thursday at the State Championships in Melbourne.

Friday Pupil Free Day
A reminder that this Friday is a pupil free day, staff will be working with Ms Coby Beatson looking at the structure of inquiry learning and visible learning in the classroom.

If you received EMA in 2014 and you still have a valid Health Care Card you could be eligible for Camps, Sports & Excursions Funding. Its $125 for Primary students, and $225 for Secondary students. Applications can be picked up from the front office. Applications close the last day of term three, 18th September 2015. Please contact the front office if you have any questions.

‘Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.’ Leonardo da Vinci
SPORTS NEWS

NOORAT CHAMPIONSHIPS
Congratulations to all the senior students who competed at the Noorat Shoot. It was a competitive shoot with some very good results. Well done to Michael Dyer who shot the most for the day. Thank you to Neil Vaughan, Gavan Hair and Christine Flavel who transported the students and their weapons and supported them throughout the day. Our next shooting competition will be at the Minyip Field and Game Shoot on Monday 19th October and further information will be distributed early next term.

KOWREE DISTRICT ATHLETICS
A great day was enjoyed by all last Friday when the Year 3-6 travelled to Edenhope to compete at the Kowree District Athletics Carnival. There were many personal achievements and a fun day was had at the carnival. Congratulations to Jorja Jones and Charlie Johnston on winning the Open Age Group Individual Championship medal. Students will be informed if they qualified to compete at the Little Desert Athletics Carnival next term in Horsham.

HOCKEY 7’S
Good luck to the 16 students who will be travelling to Footscray this week to participate in the Hockey 7’s State Final. We wish both teams all the very best and we know that you will compete to the best of your ability and display outstanding sportsmanship as you represent the region and our school. Thank you to Anita Weaver and James Russell who has stepped in to coach the girl’s team as Mr Brennan is attending the Yr 9 ski trip. Thank you to all parents who continue to support our hockey teams and assist in their transportation.

On Friday the 28th of August, all students from K – 8 were involved in an Art’s Performance by Jody Stephens. He entertained and involved the K-4 students in musical activities using his junkyard percussion instruments, then ran workshops with the Middle Yrs students, to produce our own instruments. It was a great day! Thank you to all who contributed their “junk” for the instruments.

Literacy and Numeracy Week Activities
Prep, Year 6 and PAG sharing some favourite books and their special memories of childhood reading.
Kinder Book Week Dress Up

We dressed up as our favourite book character for book week. There were lots of different costumes. Some children brought the book their character was from and others brought props we could play with. Even our teachers dressed up. We went to the library for a whole session and read books. The theme of book week this year was ‘books light up our lives’. To promote this the children all helped Miss Lana read by shinning a torch up to the book while the lights were out. It was fun to dress up and take on another role. It promoted self-confidence and allowed our imagination to run wild.

THANK YOU FROM THE KINDER KIDS

Thank you very much to the parents and friends association for your kind donation. So far we have brought brand new cooking equipment, I pad and some white boards to help us with our fine motor skills and to prepare us for school next year. This equipment will not only last this year’s group but many more years to come. We are also looking at purchasing good quality puzzles and some new discovery equipment. We love our new equipment and we play with them every day! Thank you very much for your kind generosity and support. The children have all written a letter on the white boards spelling out ‘Thank you P and F 😊’ we are standing in front of our new cooking equipment.
The SRC are supporting the Cancer Council through the sale of the following Daffodil Day products:
- pens $2
- key rings $1
- bulldog clips $6
- balls $5
- wristbands $2
Products are available all this week during recess at the office.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers
Please return any stickers to the front office by the end of the week as they get sent away next week. Thank you!

What’s on our School Facebook Page that you may be interested in looking at?
- Hockey 7’s newspaper article from the Hamilton Spectator

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Do you have something you would like the school to advertise?
Please email photos and details to the schools Publicity Officer, Alex Mason, (mason.alexandra1@edumail.vic.gov.au) and we will publish it in either the School Newsletter, the School Website and/or the School Facebook Page. Thank you.