SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY
23rd Yr8-10 Promoting Healthy Lifestyles excursion to Horsham
24th Prep-Yr 4 & Yr 9-12 Parent Information Session 3:30pm
24th School Council Meeting
24th Essendon FC Clinic at Hamilton
24th Little Desert Swimming (Primary) at Horsham
26th Year 9-10 Tennis at Dimboola
27th Middle Years Yr 5-8 Parent Information Session 1pm

MARCH
3rd Little Desert Swimming (Secondary) at Dimboola
13th GWR Swimming (Primary) at Warrnambool
13th Yr7,8,9 & 10 Immunisations
23rd-27th French Trip
25th GWR Swimming (Secondary) at Warrnambool
25th Prep-Yr6 First Aide Training
27th LAST DAY TERM 1.

Mrs Hobbs’ Headlines...

School Council
This week’s School Council meeting is the last one with the existing council members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has served on school council. School Council Members who have finished their term are Mr Sam Roberts, Mrs Tallie Talay, Mr Andrew Tweedly and Mrs Narelle Evans.

Please think about nominating for school council and be part of the governance process. Nomination forms will be available from the front office, from Wednesday 25th February and nominations will close on Wednesday 11th March.

Swimming
Congratulations to all students who swam and helped out at the Swimming Carnival. The level of participation was high and good luck to all competitors going onto the next level. Thankyou to Ms Munro and her team for organising the event - well done!

Reminder about the Parent Information Sessions this week
Prep – Year 4 & Year 9-12 on Tuesday 24th February at 3:30pm. Middle Years (Yr 5-8) on Friday 27th February at 1pm.

Lunch Orders

Please remember that all lunch orders and money needs to go directly to the Balmoral Café and not through the school. The Café Menu is available on the schools webpage with instructions. Hot lunches are only available on Fridays.

Excursion Notes

Excursion notes will not be accepted on the day of the excursion. Please return notes by the due date.
Health education for years 9 and 10 this term is focusing on Cyber safety and Safe Environments. Health Ed will begin in Term 2 for Years 7 and 8. This term in the Prep to 4 units, we have agreed to be a Pilot school for “Lunchbox Blitz”, a health promotion program, run by SW Primary Care Partnerships/ Great South Coast Medicare Local. Some of the aims of the program are:

- Increase school community’s awareness of energy dense, nutrient poor packaged foods consumed by our children whilst in a learning environment
- Reduction of consumption of these foods
- Increase in healthy food choices available to children- lunchboxes and canteens
- Increase in knowledge base of staff that support students in the learning environment, to promote healthy food options

Staff will be provided with the teaching resources for the classroom and there will be information for parents. Prep to Grade 6 students will be provided free basic First Aid training by St Johns Ambulance on the 25th of March. Years 8, 9 and 10, will be travelling to Horsham on the 23rd of February, with Jo McCure, Mr Frachette and Mrs Deb Mutch, for a day excursion promoting healthy Lifestyles. This day has been mostly organised by Tom Hutchins and Nic Driver as part of their VCAL, Personal Development Skills Program. A gym session followed by a swim, then lunch in a park, followed by a Hospital Tour organised by Jo, is the planned schedule. RFDS Simulator and free Dental Checks (by trained RFDS staff) will be coming to the school in May. Stay tuned for more info and a date.

If you have any health related information/ suggested activities that we could utilise at the school, please contact us on 55701247.

Thank you. Jo McCure, Adolescent Health Nurse.

Harrow Balmoral Football Netball Club is planning for the 2015 season with our first game scheduled for Saturday 18th April. Training will commence on Thursday 12th March at 5:30pm. Location TBA. Parents much attend please. The after school Net Set Go program will commence in the 2nd term of school. We are keen to hear from interested players for this season either for the Saturday or the after school Net Set Go competitions. Please make all enquires to Ann Vaughan on 55701376 or Rosemary Langley on 55758216.

Photo Fundraising Event

Vision Portraits is holding a $15 photo fundraising event on Friday 27th March 2015. 100% of the booking fees will be raised for the school. Families, relatives and couples are all welcome. Bookings are due by Friday 20th March. Book & Pay Online www.trybooking.com/GZBB

Call (03) 9596 9400 for enquires.

It’s a girl!

Congratulations to Mr Daniel Thompson & Elana on the exciting arrival of Lily Ivy.

Thanks to Steven & Wendy Hobbs, Bill & Heather Falkenberg, Luke & Karen Rees, Bernie & Chanelle Duggan and Helen Grego from the Balmoral Community Store for your brillian donations of the pallets. We hope to show you our furniture made out of pallets and pine wood you gave us. Bronte Shrive on behalf of Mr Kuchel and the Furniture Makers.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER?

We are currently updating our records and have therefore sent home a note today asking for you to indicate how you would like to receive the newsletter. You have 3 options; hard copy, email or view on the school website. Please return the notes by Monday 2nd March. If we do not receive your returned note, you will not receive the newsletter.

Thank you

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