Mrs Hobbs’ Headlines…

**Whole School Assembly**
The college’s term 3 Whole School Assembly will be held on Tuesday 25th August at 2:30pm. Look forward to seeing many parents in the audience.

**Reports**
Student Mid Term reports will be out this week. These reports reflect progress and what student learning will take place over the following weeks, they allow students the opportunity to receive feedback and to grow as learners.

**NAPLAN**
The individual student NAPLAN results for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 were released last week. Parents of students in these year levels will have received your child’s results in the mail. If you have not received them please notify the college.

How do we interpret NAPLAN?
NAPLAN provides essential data for system monitoring. It can point to areas of strength and weakness in a classroom, and provide guidance as to where teachers should look more closely. However, it is too infrequent and imprecise to underpin targeted teaching by identifying individual learning needs. The college trend data in NAPLAN is again strong, meeting and exceeding regional and state mean scores. When looking at individual students NAPLAN we use it as part of the information gathering which is used to assess how much progress a student is making. Student progress is our priority. Defining student success in terms of progress also reinforces the value of effort and persistence, fostering a growth mindset in students, which has been shown to support future success in life.

Please do not hesitate to contact the college if you require any further information on your child’s NAPLAN results.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
A reminder that Parent/Teacher interviews will take place from 1pm Thursday 3rd September. Students will be dismissed at 12pm, please adjust your bus pick up times accordingly.

Student are not to remain at school as their will be no supervision of them between 12 and 1pm.

**Information Sessions**
There are a number of parent information sessions on this Wednesday night, please refer to the calendar for times.

‘The most important things in life are not things.’
Louise Cameron from RIST (Rural Institute for Skills Training in Hamilton) will be available at the Parent Information Evening this Wednesday at 7.00 pm.

Premiers Reading Challenge
The closing date for the Premiers Reading Challenge is August 31st. Please return your forms to the Library a.s.a.p. to allow for data to be entered. Thankyou.

Missing Library Books
There are a number of missing library books at the moment. Lists have been sent home with students. Could you please encourage students to check under beds, bookshelves etc as books often turn up in odd places. Thanks.

HEATED LUNCHES
Please send your child’s heated lunches as follows:
- Wrapped in foil, **NOT IN PLASTIC!**
- Foil wrapped contents put in a brown paper bag that is clearly labeled with your child’s name and year level on it
A lot of names are getting rubbed off of the foil due to the condensation and please make sure the food is defrosted.

Dear Parents and Community,
In celebration of LITERACY/NUMERACY week, (31st August - 6th September) I would really appreciate it if you would share your memories of reading as a child.

**Do you have a favourite book that you can recall from your own school days?**
or

**What did you enjoy reading as a child?**

If you would like to share your memories, please write what you can remember (Title, Author) in the space below and return to me by this Friday the 28th of August. The students will really enjoy your input!

Thanks,
Betty Perry

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Parents/ Guardians are invited to:
A Personal Story...... Belinda is coming to our school to share her story with students from Years 9 to 12, on her son who has been affected by the drug, Ice. Belinda also works for Ambulance Victoria.
Where: Balmoral Community College Room 6-Year 11 Room

LITERACY/NUMERACY WEEK CELEBRATION!
EARLY YEARS LITERACY PARENT HELPERS are invited
To attend a Devonshire Morning Tea
In the Home Eco room
On **Tuesday 1st of September**
At 10.40 a.m.
We thank you for your commitment!
Betty Perry (Literacy/Numeracy Week Coordinator)

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I remember........
National Science Week Dress - Up Day
Thank you to all students and staff who dressed up like a colour of the rainbow! We looked amazing and also raised $232 for the WOT Run Pergoda School in Cambodia.
Make sure that you drop by the hall to look at our gallery of self-portraits, also in all colours of the rainbow. Celebrating the science of Light.

POSITIVE BODY IMAGE.
Years 7 and 8 are involved with the “Guys and Girls on the Go” program and one of the themes of the program is promoting positive body image/self-esteem.
Years 7 to 10 were fortunate to be able to hear my niece Alice, talk about her journey, having suffered from an eating disorder for 5 years - from the age of 14 to 19. Alice talked openly about the impact it had on her life and her family/friends. She talked about the support she had through family and a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals who helped her in her recovery.
Alice feels strongly about getting a message across to students:
- To surround yourself with people that make you feel good about who you are
- Having a healthy self-image and ways that you can achieve this.
- Eating disorders are a mental illness and you need professional help to help get over it
- If you have concerns about yourself or a friend, seek help from a trusted adult- Parents, School Nurse, School Chaplain, Teaching staff, GP etc. Don’t be afraid to ask for help.
This is the first time Alice has spoken about it publically and she felt extremely empowered by the experience. She hopes to speak to more school children in the future and study social work/psychology.
I am extremely proud of her.
Jo McCure - Adolescent Health Nurse
For further information on this topic, see below:
thebutterflyfoundation.org.au
www.eatingdisorders.org.au

Victoria Police Work Experience Program for Year 10 and 11 students for 2016
Please follow the below link which will direct you to the online portal to complete an application. Applications will only be accepted from Friday 7th August – Friday 11th September 2015. The Police Mounted Branch will run work experience from July 2016 up until November 2016 (inclusive).

If you wish to create a unique gift for special people for Christmas or for any occasion, the Crazy Camel Fundraising forms are out now. Special art paper to draw on is available from the Balmoral Community College front office. Photos can be sent in or submitted online. A display of available products are at the school's front office.
Greeting Cards (8/pk incl env's) - $12 Notebooks - Diaries - $16
Calendars - $11 Family Planners - $13 Pillowcases - $18 iPhone covers - $13
(*Incorrect pricing on order forms. Sorry. These are the correct prices.)
Completed art works, order form and full payment to be returned by:
28th / August / 2015 for Christmas/other orders
Cheques are payable to 'Balmoral Community College'.
Contact Jan Rees on 5574 3232 or pjrees@aussiebb.com.au if you have any queries.
(On behalf of Parents & Friends, Balmoral Community College)
Term 3 Calendar

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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.alexandra.l@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.

**School Intention Form for 2016**
RETURN TO FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

STUDENT NAME: ________________________________________________________________

CIRCLE YOUR INTENTION:
- Will be attending BCC
- Will NOT be attending BCC
- We are undecided