France - We are back safely from what was a marvelous trip to France. Over the next few weeks keep an eye out in the newsletter for some articles by the students. In the meantime take the time to chat with the students who went and you will be inspired by their responses and knowledge of all the places and cultural experiences that they had. Thank you to all students and parents who attended you all combined to make this a trip to remember for a lifetime. This trip or one similar will certainly be on the agenda in another three years. Parents of students in Yr 8/9/10 in 2018, please consider this as an option for your child and I suggest that you speak to parents and students of this year’s trip as to the value of the experience.

SRI - In 2015 Special Religious Education will not be offered during school hours. As you are aware this is not compulsory and both SRI classes and non SRI students need to be supervised and taught in such a way as to not to disadvantage them from their normal class instruction. In reviewing this year’s class timetables and staff availability it is not practical to meet all the Department of Education requirements to include SRI during school time.

However, I have been in discussion with Mrs. Margaret Arthur and there may be the possibility that the SRI team can offer an after school program. Future newsletters will contain details if this after school program eventuates. At this point I would like to thank and acknowledge the services of Mrs. Amy Rogers who has announced her retirement this year after many years of voluntary service to the college as a Religious Education Instructor. Thankyou Mrs Rogers the prep children you taught will have many fond memories of the time that you spent with them.

Parent Teacher Interviews - A reminder that Parent/Teacher Interviews are on Wednesday 22nd April commencing at 1pm. Please book a time, if you have not already. Students will be dismissed at 12 noon and will go home on the buses (please adjust your bus pick up time accordingly) or to be picked up by parents. Students cannot stay at school, as there will be no supervision after 12pm. Students from Year 5 upwards are encouraged to attend the interview with their parents.

Balmoral Show Awards Recipients - Congratulations to Alice Houlihan (Rural Ambassador), Michael Dyer (Junior Show Ambassador), and Sarah Mutch (Police Achievement Award) on receiving their awards at the Balmoral Show.
ANZAC DAY  To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the dawn landings at Gallipoli, by the Australia New Zealand Army Corps, the Balmoral RSL Sub Branch will be conducting a dawn service beginning at 0630 am. After the dawn service, a traditional ‘rum and coffee’ will be served with an Anzac Biscuit and Breakfast for $5.00. The RSL will still host the traditional street march and service, stepping off from the Post office at 10.15 am, followed by activities at the RSL Hall.

Parent/Teacher Interviews  To book an interview time for your child please go to the online booking system www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Booking code is FEJMC.
Parent/Teacher Interviews on 22nd April from 1pm.

WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW
Numeracy is a compulsory component of our curriculum, and to make numeracy fun and relevant to our students, we have arranged for the World of Maths Roadshow to visit our school on April 24th. This is an ideal opportunity for students to see how numeracy is applied to some real life situations.
More importantly, students will be engaged in hands-on activities that will cater for all ability levels and probe their problem solving skills. It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that Maths can be fun!
For more information visit the website www.vicworldofmaths.com
Parents are encouraged to attend, especially with junior grades (at no cost) and we are also looking for some volunteer parent helpers for the junior grades (mostly grades P/1) on the day.
Thank you,
Dana Talbot

WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW
I am available to assist with the younger students on the 24th of April (times to follow).
Name:______________________________

Signed Parent/Caregiver

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Lunch Orders  Due to the lack of lunch orders, the Balmoral Café will no longer be providing lunch orders to the school.

Parents & Friends Working Bee plans for a garden working bee on Wednesday 29th of April commencing at 9am