Mrs Hobbs’ Headlines

Dear Students, Parents & Staff

The Lions Club

Congratulations to the Lions Club for hosting a wonderful ‘Show ‘n’ Shine’ on Sunday it was a pleasure to again partner with the Lions Club and for Mrs Kirby and myself to volunteer some time to assist them on the day, just as they volunteered their valuable time to us on fete day at the College. Well done to everyone in the Lions Club.

Some dates

The House Athletics sports have been scheduled for the November the 24th – fingers crossed!

Due to unforeseen circumstance there will not be a Variety Night this year. Unfortunately Mr Hayes’ computer has crashed which held all of his personal scores, arrangements and scripts for this night.

As you can imagine Mr Hayes is devastated at the loss of so much work not just for Variety Night but other information as well. Anyone who has had a computer crash can sympathize I am sure.

Rocklands Bike Ride

Good luck to those students who are in Yr. 3 or if this is the first time for older students who now have the opportunity to ride to Rocklands. This is a special milestone that we know many students look forward to achieving.

Cyber Safety Policy

Please read the attached policy on Cyber Safety. This is an important policy and will also be discussed at school during pastoral care sessions. We must all work together in combating what is a very challenging issues for schools and parents.

Naracoorte Caves

Grades Prep - 2 went on an excursion to the Naracoorte Caves. A full report will be in next weeks newsletter but the Preps were eager to share their experiences this week:

Zarah: I liked the Fossil Centre and the caves...

Hartley, Charlie & Primrose: I liked the stalactite straws hanging down...

Carrie, Luca & Camilla: We liked the Fairy Castle reflection in the cave pond...

Angus: I liked going into the big cave...

Rhys: I liked it when we were in the real cave, it was dark and I like the dark...

Conrad: I liked seeing the bones...

Max: I liked the trip over to Naracoorte and seeing all the animals along the way...

Isla: I liked dusting the bones to see if they were dinosaur bones...

“Dusting” for bones.
Cyber Safety Policy

Balmoral Community College is committed to Child Safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as, staff and volunteers.

Rationale:
In an endeavour to maintain a safe physical and emotional environment for staff and students, the use of the Information and Communication and Technologies (ICT) needs to be taken into consideration with respect to Cyber safety issues. The internet provides great benefits to teaching and learning programs and for the effective operation of the College. However, the presence of these learning technologies can also facilitate anti-social, inappropriate or even illegal behaviour and activities. This includes cyberbullying.

*BCC is cognisant of the risks to child safety that exist in an online environment and will take all possible precautions to protect students from harm.*

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Computer and Internet Use Policy

Policy:
Balmoral Community College will develop and maintain effective Cyber safety practices which aim to maximise the benefits of the internet to student learning whilst minimising and managing risks. These Cyber safety practices will aim to not only maintain a cyber-safe school environment, but also address the needs of students and other members of the College community in receiving education about the safe and responsible use of present and developing information and communication technologies.

At the start of each school year, students will revisit the College Cyber safety policy in their year level assemblies and will be required to sign a consent form, together with their parents, agreeing to abide by the rules about the appropriate use of ICT devices and internet use at Balmoral Community College, as set out in the computer and internet use and mobile phone policies. Students have a responsibility to use all Information and Communication Technologies appropriately.

**ACCESS IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT.**

The following are guidelines for acceptable and appropriate online behaviour:

- The College name, motto, logo and uniform must not be used in any way that would result in a negative impact for the school and its community. Students must not post photos, videos or any other material of either themselves or other students which clearly identify them as members of the Balmoral Community College and should be aware of the potential repercussions of posting photos taken during any school sanctioned activity.
- Members of the school community also have a responsibility to ensure that all online communications are in keeping with the College’s expectations in relation to appropriate and respectful interactions with teaching and non-teaching staff. Students will not post inappropriate comments about individual staff members.
- Cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, another person by sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful email messages, instant messages, text messages, phone messages, digital pictures or images, or Web site postings (including blogs and social media).
- Inappropriate use of ICT devices includes: The forwarding of private emails, messages, pictures, videos or otherwise inappropriately communicating personal or private information belonging to another person; logging on and pretending to be someone else; sending sexually explicit images (’sexting’) and intentionally excluding others from an online group. If this occurs either during school time or after school hours, (where we believe its impact will constitute a breach of school policy), a student will be subject to disciplinary action. Students must be aware that in certain circumstances where a crime has been committed, they may also be subjected to a criminal investigation by police over which the school will have no control.
- Students who feel that they have been victims of such misuses of technology should save and store the offending material on their computer, mobile phone or other device. The student should immediately report the incident to a teacher along with the evidence of bullying. Staff who may have been cyberbullied or threatened online should also immediately report such incidence to the Principal.
- All reports of cyberbullying and other technology misuses will be investigated fully and may result in a notification to the police. College sanctions may include, but are not limited to, the loss of computer privileges, detention and suspension.


**Evaluation:**
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the College’s three year review cycle.

**Glossary of terms used:**
- **Cyberbullying:** “is a way of delivering covert psychological bullying. It uses information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated and hostile behaviour, by an individual or group that is intended to harm others.” Belsey 2007
- **ICT** refers to the term Information and Communication Technologies.
- **Cyber safety** refers to the safe and responsible use of the Internet and ICT equipment/devices, including mobile phones.
- **College ICT equipment / devices** refers to the College’s computer network, internet access facilities, computers and other College ICT equipment/devices as outlined below.
- **ICT equipment/devices** used in this document, includes but is not limited to, computers (such as desktops, laptops), storage devices (such as USB and flash memory devices, CDs, iPods, MP3 players), cameras (such as video, digital, webcams), all types of mobile phones, video and audio players/receivers (such as portable CD and DVD players), gaming consoles, and any other similar technologies as they come into use.

Ratified by School Council – October 2016

Reference – Ministerial Order 870 - Child Safe Standards – effective August 1, 2016
Wimmera Hearing Van
The Wimmera Hearing Society will be at the College from 9.30am to 10.00am conducting hearing tests for all Year 7 students on Friday 4th November. All Year 7 students received a letter for their parents advising of the hearing test but if you think your child needs a hearing test and is not in Year 7 please contact the College and we can arrange for this test to be done. The hearing van will also be at the Balmoral Bush Nursing Centre from 10.00am until 4.00pm on the same day. The WHS encourages a gold coin donation.

Breakfast Club News
Last Wednesday was the first day of Breakfast Club in the new home eco facility. There were so many eager and excited students that it was standing room only for the latecomers. "Fantastic", "Great", "Awesome", "So good", "Loved it", were some of the comments from students. Thanks again to the volunteers who come in to help. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if any parent or community member has an hour to spare once a month, please give the school a call. Please note that due to the Rocklands Bike Ride on Wednesday this week Breakfast Club will not be on.

Expression of Interest for 3 year old Kinder
Names are now being taken for enrolment for 3 Year Old Kindergarten Program at Balmoral K-12 Community College 2017. We are looking to run the program from 8:45am till 1:30pm on Thursdays. Once your child has turned 3 they are eligible to attend.

Expressions need to be into the College by 6th of December. The program will only run if we have sufficient numbers.

Balmoral Community College phone no. 5570 1247 or email: balmoral.k12.cc@edumail.vic.gov.au
Mrs Wendy Hobbs, Principal
Miss Alice Houlihan, Kindergarten Director

Christmas Puddings & Cakes Order Form
For sale from the Home Economics Room in Limited Amounts

Christmas Puddings (serves approx 8) and Christmas Cakes (muffin or 8" sizes)

If wishing to purchase please complete the order form below and return to school office by Monday 21st November.

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Thanks for your support, Mrs Jackie Grant
BCC Home Economics Centre

PARENTING INFORMATION FORUM
SUPPORTING PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CARERS AND OTHER INTERESTED ADULTS.

HAVING THE TALK
STARTING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ADOLESCENT RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUAL HEALTH
PRESENTED BY ATHI KOKONIS – Family Planning Victoria.

Young people often want to talk with their parents about sexuality and relationships. Many parents are unsure where to start or may feel uncomfortable about having these conversations. Avoiding the subject is not helpful for young people as they can often receive the wrong information elsewhere.

In this forum Athi Kokonis from Family Planning Victoria (FPV) will provide guidance on practical and respectful ways parents can interact with adolescents about sexuality and relationships. This forum will provide assistance on how to begin the conversation, maintain the connection through adolescence and how to deal with difficult questions and sensitive issues.

Athi has been working in schools as both teacher and community educator for over 25 years. She has been with Family Planning Victoria for 13 years and works with students from primary, secondary and special school settings.

WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2016
6.30 - 8.00pm – A light supper to follow. No Charge.
Venue: MIDDLE YEARS AREA, BALMORAL K-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RSVP: Please register by phoning the school 55701247 - for catering purposes.
Further information: Please contact Jo McCure 0428185759
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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: -
- Cleanings
- Fillings
- Extracts
- X-rays
- Root canal treatments

For an appointment or more information please call BBNC on 5570 1304 or South West Healthcare on 5551 8347

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**Thankyou**

Thanks to McDonald Rural of Balmoral for supporting the school fete by donating a rain gauge as part of the winning prize for "Guess the Weight of the Rams" competition. It is very much appreciated and should be a very useful item to have this year!

- Graham Lewis