**Badge Presentation Ceremony**

Congratulations to those students who received leadership recognition at the college Badge Presentation Ceremony last Thursday.

School Captains: Nic Kirby & Sonia Gaussen
Vice Captains: Liam Parker & Pat Sullivan
Glenelg House Captains, Pete Staude, Fergus Roberts & Chloe Lyons
Mitchell House Captains: Liam Parker, Pat Atchison, Lachlan Craig & Grace Austin
Henty House Captains: Nick Driver, Chloe Russell & Liam Daffey.
SRC Executive: President - Liam Parker, Secretary - Tara Sullivan, Treasurer - Pat Sullivan, Representatives: Charlotte McClure, Jet Appleton, Grace Hobbs, Tanner Hol, Ewan Weaver, Evan Grego, Indeya Talay, Iman Shrive, Rachel Duggan, Nathan Milton, Pat Duggan, Jacob Duggan & Brandon Smee.

**Parent Information Sessions**

At the beginning of each year we like to invite parents to a general information session to meet staff and have a general discussion with regard to your child’s timetable and what has been happening in terms of settling into a new year.

This year we will split the information sessions so that parents have a chance to catch up across the school.

The information session for parents with students in P-4 and Yr 9-12 will be on **Tuesday 24th February at 3:30pm**. A light afternoon tea will be provided, where by you can meet all staff.

The Middle Years (students in Yr 5 to 8) will occur on **Friday 27th February at 1pm** where there will be a forum style approach with a presentation on the unit, followed by a questions and answer period. On this day you are welcome to come in at any stage to observe classes. Period 5 & 6 on the Friday will be Create and Make (CAM) project time and you may be interested to stay for that, or you may be interested to observe the English and Maths classes which run during period 1 &2 or specialist classes during period 4&5.

Please come and join in the forum to understand some of the philosophy behind the learning such as:- ‘Adolescent learning is enhanced when individual differences are acknowledged, respected and accommodated; when students are motivated through challenge, relevant choice and a sense of accomplishment; and when they feel comfortable to express, create, explore, experiment, take risks and make mistakes.’
**Swimming**

Year 3-6 swimming classes get under way this week and we thank those parents who have kindly volunteered to help out at these sessions. Remember the BCC Swimming Carnival for Yr 3 – 12 will be held on Tuesday 17th February starting at 9-15am. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help out on this day.

Please check the term calendar for other sporting dates for Term 1 on the homepage of the school website.

Rhonda Merryfull

**Pallets needed**

The Middle School as part of our CAM (Create and Make) afternoons are wanting any spare pallets that are lying around to help create some pallet furniture. Spare pallets can be dropped off at the Middle School or near the bus shed at the west end of the school. Your help on this project would be fantastic.

Thanks,
Mr Kuchel and the Middle School Furniture Makers

**Student Information Packs**

Student information packs sent home last week are due back to the College Friday 13th February 2015. Please do not hesitate to contact the Administration if you have any questions.

**Starting School**

During the first few weeks

Your child will need a lot of support when school starts. There are simple things you can do to help these first few weeks go smoothly:

- Pick your child up on time. If you’re late it could make your child feel very anxious.
- Try to make after-school time a bit special, with a snack and time for the two of you to chat.
- Your child might want to blurt out every little detail about school, or clam up completely. Either way, be patient and respect your child’s response to this new experience.
- Your child will probably be famished after school. School is a hungry business! Your child might want to snack after school and miss normal dinner.
- Your child might be grumpy and tired for the first few weeks, especially in hot weather. You could try keeping your child quiet at home and aim for early bedtimes for the first few weeks.
- Don’t expect too much too soon. If your child is happy and seems to be enjoying school, that’s a real achievement. The rest will come later.
- If your child doesn’t seem to be settling well, or reports teasing or bullying, speak to the teacher.

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Parents & Friends

Parents & Friends would like to have any catering books/notes from last years catering returned as soon as possible in preparation for this years catering.

Parents & Friends Associations next meeting will be Monday 16th February 2015 @ 7pm in the Administration Building. All welcome. Please come and support your Parents & Friends Association.

Essendon Football Club Clinics

If you are interested in taking your child to an AFL Players Clinic on Tuesday 24th February, there is more information for you on the school website under the Parents Documents to Download tab. This is not a school event, however you are able to take your child if you organise this yourself.

Summer Haiku Poem

Lizards sunbaking
Smoke, Summer storms, hot, ice cream
Sky, BBQ, flies

Written by Year 1 Science class and Mrs Lyons

School Banking

School Banking pick up will be Thursday mornings this year. If you would like more details or you would like to open an account for your children, please contact the staff at the NAB Balmoral.

Lost Goggles

Blue Zoggs Goggles at Balmoral Pool on last day of swimming lessons – Friday 16th January. Surname on the band - if found can they be returned to school office or pool please.

Icy Poles for sale

Yr 6 students will be selling Super Dooper Icy poles on Mondays and Thursdays during Term 1. Cost of the icky-poles is 50c and these will be for sale at the Junior school at 1pm.

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.

Have you liked our Balmoral K-12 Community College Facebook Page?

Make sure you keep an eye on the Balmoral K-12 Community College Facebook page throughout 2015 because we will be posting important notices to alert you of school activities and events on a regular basis. We will also advertise local community events here as well. Take a look today to view information about the Tyrendarra Show, the Rippleffect Community Music Program for teenagers aged 12-18, the Bronze Star & Medallion Rescue Programs for Term 1, and much more!

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Written by Year 1 Science class and Mrs Lyons
Year 7 and 8

It was a year of trains in Maths, a trip to Robe to help build us into a team (even if we didn’t swim), some more trains in Maths, working on billy carts, healthy foods, and arts performances. All combined and mixed with hard work and tears made for some wonderful learning experiences.

Year 7
Nathan Agnew
Jamie McCabe
Marnie Whiting
Lochie Cooling
Matt Jones
Ethan Appleton
Maddi Mutch
Tara Sullivan
Hannah Vaughan
Riley Shrive

Things heard often from the year 7 and 8’s:
- Illuminati confirmed
- K-den
- #yolo
- She’ll be right
- Well technically...
- In my time machine...

Year 8
Angus Atchison
Mitch Hair
Brendan Whiting
Tahlia Grant
Paris Shrive
Jacob Duggan
Lewis Hobbs