Ms Twaddell's Headlines

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians and Staff,

We have been off to a great start so far and I ask where the week has gone? Senior students have been busy organising their timetables, middle school students have been setting up their lockers (please don’t leave food in there, it attracts vermin) and early year’s students are becoming more familiar with the routines of the school day and forming relationships with their teachers and their peers.

It has been quite warm of late and so I would like to remind students to bring their water bottles to school and take them to each class, filling them up during recess and lunch. It is important that we all keep hydrated as it has many health benefits, including having a clear mind. I applaud students wearing their hats to school in the yard during recess, lunch and during Physical Education classes.

Last week:
School Assembly

At Monday’s whole school assembly I re-iterated the importance again of being kind, wearing the school uniform with pride and our school values. On my various visits to classes throughout the week it is rewarding to hear the students articulate the key messages stated at assembly, as well as being able to tell me what they are learning in class and why.

Swimming program

It was my very first visit to the re-developed Balmoral pool this week. I was most impressed in the amount of shady spots, lush green grass and refurbished change facilities. It was great to see the students wearing their rashies and for many students going outside their comfort zone and exploring the water. Thank you again to the parents and guardians who volunteered their time to assist the teachers to ensure this program could run. A big thank you to Mr Brennan (Sport Co-ordinator) and Mrs Kirby (bus taxi driver to the pool).

Meetings and introductions

I met with many staff to get to know them individually and what drives them to have a passion for education. I met up with our new School Council President, Mrs Kylie McClure and also our two new school captains: Isobel Davis and Sandy Vaughan, who I will be meeting on a regular basis. It is always very insightful listening to our students. I was in Ballarat on Tuesday where I undertook further induction to the role of Principalship. Professional development for leaders, including teachers and education support staff, is imperative to continue to learn and embed best practice in education and meet and form relationships with colleagues in other schools and this creates further opportunities. On Thursday I was invited to attend the Balmoral Bush Nursing Centre Community Engagement Committee meeting. Originally from Melbourne, I was blown away by the commitment and dedication of the committee members who work hard in the community to fundraise, organise and volunteer their time to ensure community members have the facilities, activities and connections required to live in a happy and healthy community. Our school will continue to form partnerships with the Bush Nursing Centre and other organisations in the local community. Friday, we welcomed and celebrated the donation of fresh fruit from Peaches Fruit Market in Horsham. Early, middle and if there was anything left over for senior students was well received. A big thank you to Peaches Fruit Market.

Up-coming events:
House Captains

Students have submitted their applications for House Captains and are required to speak to the students at special lunchtime assemblies where the school will vote for whom they think will be best suited to the role. A big thank you to the applicants who have devoted time to writing an application.
Swimming Carnival
This Friday we have our whole school swimming carnival from Grades 3 to Year 12. Students please get behind this social sporting event and dress up in your house colours. Parents/guardians are very welcome to attend and support their child and associated house team.

Excursions
There are a couple of excursions this week. Taking students out from the routine of the school day and regular classes is not an easy decision, so any excursion is carefully chosen and organised to ensure it has additional benefits for your child. Please ensure excursion permission forms are returned early as this assists with the smooth running of the activity. Also information packs will have gone out to families. Can I ask that you complete the necessary forms and return them to the front office asap.

This week I will be attending the ‘Parents and Friends’ meeting on Monday and the Grampians Secondary School Principals’ Network meeting during Wednesday.

Enjoy the week ahead!

BCC Swimming Sports
The House swimming sports for all students in Grade 3-12 are on this Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} February at the Balmoral Swimming Pool.

We hope that students can get dressed in their house colours for the day, but please, no coloured hair spray. The first events will start around 9.30am and go for most of the day.

Students will be walking to the pool in the morning, then the buses will pick them up from the pool if they travel on the bus. Bus passes are a must for students being picked up from the pool or taking a different bus for the day.

We require parent helpers for the day as we have a number of staff out on this day. Please note, you must already have a Working With Children’s Check. We will need some help with time keeping and judging throughout the day. We would be looking for helpers for the morning session (9.30-12.30pm) and the afternoon session (1.00-3.15pm). Please fill out the section below and return to the Office asap if you can help with either or both of the time slots.

Junior Primary Swimming
From Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} February to Thursday 23\textsuperscript{rd} February the Junior Primary students will be doing their swimming lesson during periods 5 and 6. The Grade 2’s will swim period 5 and the Prep/1 students will swim period 6.

Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} February is the Showcase Day for these students in which parents, grandparents and friends are invited to come and see the students show what they have learnt in their swimming. This again will have the Grade 2’s in the water from around 1.45pm and the Prep/1’s from 2.30pm.

We still require some more helpers for the junior swimming, so if you could please contact the school it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You
A big thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to help with the Grade 3-6 swimming last week. It was greatly appreciated by staff and students.

Keiren Brennan

Wanted
4L Ice cream containers and lids for VCE Ag project
Please drop them into the office
For more information contact
Miss Groves or Jacob Duggan

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Please fill in and return to the Office asap if you can help.

BCC Swimming Sports
Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} February – Parent Helper

Name: __________________________

I am available to help with the Swimming Carnival from:

Please Circle: 9.30-12.30 1.00-3.15

If you haven’t already, please supply a copy of your Working With Children Check. Thanks.
Ever wanted to play the Ukulele?

Me too!
So let’s learn together...
Wednesdays at 1.00pm in the Music Room I’ll be running a 15 minute Ukulele session.
Stay longer if you want but we’ll just be running through a bite sized bit of Ukulele knowledge that you can take with you and work on.
No pressure to attend, practise or improve.
Bring your own Ukulele!
(And if you can tune it up… bonus!)

Entering the College

We are updating our Visitors to the College procedures:

Parents or visitors to the College are still required to come to the office immediately on arrival and sign in; you must now pick up a visitors badge before entering any other part of the College. This should occur if you are a parent helper, or going into a classroom, or seeing a staff member (even for a short period of time).

If you do not have a visitors badge you will be directed back to the office to collect one. On leaving the College you will sign out and return your visitors badge to the box on the front counter.

Exclusions to this will be sports days, assemblies or other large events, where staff, students, parents and community members are present.

A reminder also that if you have a concern or a complaint that it is important to follow the procedures set down in the Raising Concerns & Complaints pamphlet that all parents receive at the beginning of each year. Please ring or make an appointment to speak to the Principal or appropriate teacher. It is not appropriate to interrupt class time to speak to a teacher.

Grade 5 & 6 "Paddock to Plate" classes got off to a great start last Friday. Our aim is to use locally grown produce in our cooking classes. We are setting up our own gardens to grow fruits and vegetables but in the meantime if anyone finds that they have an over supply of vegies in their garden we would certainly appreciate donations which would be put to a very good use. Please drop them into the Office.

Many thanks
Jackie Grant, Home Eco Teacher

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:
- Check-up
- Fissure sealed
- Cleanings
- Fillings
- Examinations
- Root and mouth treatments

For an appointment or more information please call BBNC on 5170 1304 or South West Healthcare on 08 9103 4737
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### Information Packs

Please note that students information packs have been sent home. Your prompt assistance in filling out the required forms and returning them to school in a timely fashion would be sincerely appreciated. Thank you

Adele Brown, Business Manager

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### UMBRELLAS WANTED...

The Middle School would like umbrellas. If Spring & Summer ever arrive, and the shops start discounting umbrellas, we would greatly appreciate the donation of umbrellas. All colours, patterns and sizes are acceptable. Mr Thomson has some brilliant ideas for their use! This is not compulsory, but would be fantastic to have lots of them.

Mr Thomson & Ms Munro