Mrs Hobbs' Headlines

Dear Students, Parents & Staff

2017 Some new Initiatives

Paddock to Plate
The College will commence a Paddock to Plate concept for P – Year 6 who will participate in cooking with Mrs Grant and be assisted by Ms Julie Mutch on a term rotation. The students will use the produce from the College vegetable gardens. Over the coming years the program will grow and incorporate the new Junior Science and Environmental Centre and the inclusion of breeding animals for consumption.

Library/Literature
Mrs Suzanne Smith will take library and literature classes for students in P to 4, this will include how to use the library correctly, how books are catalogued and introduce the students to authors and illustrators.

ICT
Mr Mark Kuchel will take ICT classes for students in P to 8 and teach them how to use different programs and to respectfully use technology.

French
In 2017 we will not be delivering French and this will be reviewed for 2018. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jane Francis for stepping into this role this year, and providing many enjoyable French classes for students. Although we will not be delivering a LOTE in 2017 this does not mean that we will not have a scheduled overseas trip in 2018 for students. There are so many other curriculum areas that relate and connect us to many parts of the world. Interested students and parents will be asked to consider this trip in 2017 for 2018.

Staffing
The home group teachers for P to 6 have been announced as follows: P/1 Miss Wallace, Year 2 Miss Talbot, Year 3 Mr Lewis, Year 4 Mrs Shewry, Year 5 Mrs Kirby & Year 6 Ms Munro. The home group teachers for the secondary levels will be announced shortly and before ‘One Up Day’ on the 6th December.

Year 12 Graduation
Last Friday evening students, parents, friends and staff celebrated with Year 12 at their graduation dinner. We wished all five boys the very best of luck for the future. We also acknowledged those families that are leaving the school: Lisa and Tony Hutchins (18 years), Rebecca and Stephen Kearns (18 years), Jane and Wayne Sullivan (7 years) and Carly and Geoff Barcham (3 years). Thankyou to all these families for their involvement with the College over the years.

Middle Years Information Evening
Thankyou to those parents and students who attended the information evening, it was great to see so many of you there. It was mentioned at this evening that students entering Year 5 will need to purchase their own ipads. The recommendation is that they have at least 32GB. You may purchase this device from any retailer and we strongly recommend a sturdy case for protection.

Parent & Friends Assoc. invites you...

All parents, with children from Kinder to Senior years, are invited to BCC Parents & Friends Association's last meeting for 2016, to be held at the Western Hotel, at 7pm, on Monday, 21st November.

RSVP would be appreciated by Friday, 18th November to pjrees@aussiebb.com.au.

We encourage you to come and share ideas, hear what is happening and to help us support all children at the school.

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.

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Maryborough Energy Breakthrough

I'm seeking interest from students and parents in entering a trike into the Maryborough Energy Breakthrough in 2017. We would be looking at entering a team into the Year 9/10 human powered vehicle category which would allow us to enter students from Year 7 to Year 10 into the team. We would require 8 riders (4 boys/4 girls) and pit crew (parents and students) to run the team.

This years event is coming up this weekend, and I am keen to take some students and parents to the event to give them an insight in to what it takes to run a team, and show them the opportunities that arise from entering the event. If you are interested (students and/or parents) in attending, please make contact with me via email, phone message or note by Wednesday. If enough are interested in attending I will take one of the school buses to the event. More details will be given to those interested in attending.

If you are wondering what it is all about, google Maryborough Energy Breakthrough and you will find lots on information about the huge event.

email: brennan.keiren.J@edumail.vic.gov.au

Below is two pictures of a trike, one with a canopy and one without.

Maryborough Energy Breakthrough

Promoting and regulating the game of tennis within the South Arapiles District

Once again, South Arapiles Tennis Association will be offering tennis coaching to all primary and secondary school students. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to participate in a week of tennis and to be coached by very experienced coaches.

Thanks to the support of generous donations from Ace Radio, Horsham Intersport, JDP Agriculture, Balmoral Lions Club, Landmark Hamilton, Mogas Regional Balmoral, Western Hotel Balmoral, Balmoral Community Store, and McDonald’s Rural, SATA will be offering a subsidy of $10.00 per child.

To incorporate with the school and coaches, tennis coaching will be from the 12th to 16th of December this year. The coaches will run coaching sessions with the various levels throughout the day. Preps to Year 3 students will be coached at school and higher levels are taken down to the Balmoral Tennis Courts. Parent Consent Forms will be forwarded to all registered students to be completed and returned prior to commencing coaching.

Cost:
- Preps to Year 3 (beginners) $30.00 (normally $40)
- All other Years (experienced) $80.00 (normally $90)

To register your child please pay by either direct deposit or cheque/cash (see details below) and email Bobbie McLean at bobbieangus@skymesh.com.au

Please include your
- method of payment (include receipt # if paid by direct deposit),
- your child’s name,
- your child’s year level,
- child’s address,
- emergency contact name and phone number.

Registrations must be in by Wednesday 30th November.

Payments can be made by Direct Deposit to:
- Account Name: South Arapiles Tennis Association
- BSB: 083-088
- Account Number: 825786634

*Please reference child’s name

Alternatively you can send all cash or cheque payments (payable to the South Arapiles Tennis Association) in a clearly marked envelope to school office via Maria.

PLEASE NOTE:
This is not a school run activity so please do not contact the school. For any questions please contact Bobbie McLean, Secretary SATA at 55797240 or email bobbieangus@skymesh.com.au

There may also be opportunities for adult coaching after hours—please let Bobbie know if you are interested.

Parents & Friends Association

Xmas Raffle

Ho! Ho! Ho! - OH NO! NO! NO!

Back by popular demand is our famous Xmas Raffle. For those of you that are new to the College, we ask for an item to the maximum of $10 to make up the prizes. In previous years people have donated kids toys, gardening equipment, food & wine. Some families have chosen to get together and have been able to provide holiday vouchers and garden seats! We appreciate anything, big or small. All the donations are collated to make Hampers prizes which go out on Awards night as the Raffle is drawn. We hope to aim for five prize Hampers! It brings lots of Xmas joy to the end of the night.

One raffle book for each family will be coming home soon with the youngest child. It would be appreciated if your prize donation together with sold raffle tickets and money could be dropped into the Office as soon as possible. Tickets will also be on sale at Awards Night.

Thank you for supporting the Association that supports our children.

Any queries please contact Kate Wardlaw 0427 205 591.
Mosquitoes can carry diseases

Part Two
You can reduce the risk of mosquito bites by preventing mosquitoes from breeding around your home by following these tips:

- Clean up your yard and remove anything where water can collect, such as unused pots and tyres.
- Cover or overturn trailers, wheelbarrows, boats, tools and children’s playground toys to avoid water collection.
- Keep gutters and drains clean so water runs freely.
- Mend leaking taps.
- Change pet drinking bowls, bird baths and vase waters at least once a week, and more regularly in very warm weather.
- Put sand around the base of pot plants.
- Keep swimming pools well maintained or empty or securely covered if not in use.
- Keep fish ponds tidy with minimal vegetation around the edges.
- Keep lawns and gardens trimmed back to reduce the areas where mosquitoes rest.
- Check water tanks for gaps around lids, covers and inlet pipes. Fit a removable screen mesh to the outlet end of overflow pipes and to all water inlets if needed.
- Make sure any water collection containers have secure lids or screens.

You can reduce the risk of being bitten around your home by following these tips:

- Maintain fly screens on windows, doors, vents and chimneys. Screens should be no coarser than 12 x 12 meshes per 25mm, or 1.2mm.
- If mosquitoes are particularly bad, consider using a long-acting surface spray in areas where mosquitoes like to rest. Apply according to the directions on the bottle, targeting areas like the shaded shrubbery near your home. Avoid spraying these products near fish ponds.
- Use ceiling or floor fans to reduce the chance of bites in your home.
- Use ‘knockdown’ fly spray against visible mosquitoes in your home. Consider using plug-in mosquito ‘zappers’ or vapourisers in enclosed verandahs or mosquito-cells in outdoor areas. These should be switched off or put out as soon as the area is no longer in use.

Where to get help
Your doctor
Nurse-on-call Tel. 1300 60 60 24– for confidential health advice from a registered nurse, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Department of Health and Human Services, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit Tel. 1300 651 160
Your local council – for information about mosquito control programs in your area.

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.
Please contact the College if you require any further information or would like an enrolment pack sent home.
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

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.
Looking forward to 2017.
Mr Thomson & Ms Munro

ALSO WANTED...
I am looking for a donation of an adult second hand bike to be used at school.
Thankyou, Jo McCure

Christmas Cakes and Puddings:
Could all orders please be in by Monday 21st November.
Order forms are available at the Office.
## 2016 Term 4 Planner

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### Week Eight
**21 - 25 Nov**
- VCE Headstart
- Gun Safety Course
- P & F Meeting 7.00pm
- VCE Headstart
- Rock 'n' Roll Arts Performance
- VCE Headstart
- Book Club Due
- Athletic Sports
- VCE Headstart
- Pupil Free Day Report Writing

### Week Nine
**28 Nov - 2 Dec**
- Work Exp 10/11 P-2 Party with the Ponies Gilmore Camp Yr 9
- Work Exp 10/11 School Council Gilmore Camp Yr 9
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### Week Ten
**5 - 9 Dec**
- Year 9-10 Melbourne
- One Up Day Kinder Orientation Day Year 9-10 Melbourne
- "Having the Talk" Info Evening 6.30 - 8.00pm Year 9-10 Melbourne
- Year 5-8 Sovereign Hill
- Year 9-10 Ag Bordertown

### Week Eleven
**12 - 16 Dec**
- Tennis Coaching
- Awards Night Tennis Coaching
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### Week Twelve
**19 - 20 Dec**
- Last Day For Students
- Pupil Free Day
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### Library Stocktake
The Library will begin its annual stocktake during the first week of December. It would be appreciated if all overdue books could be returned by the end of November. Books like to hide in places such as bookshelves, under beds and especially it seems, under the seats in cars. Many thanks Tania Shalders

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### Harrow Christmas Street Party
To be held at the Harrow RSL Hall **Sunday 11th December 5 pm** till you leave

BBQ & salads provided for everyone, along with kids drinks. Adults please bring your own drinks, chair or rug

Santa and his Elf arrive approx. 6pm so don’t be late – come along and meet with family, friends and neighbours for a celebration of the season

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**Don’t forget**

Book Club Due Back 23 November 2016