Ms Twaddell's Headlines
Dear Students, Parents/Guardians and Staff,
Welcome back to the 2017 school year. I trust that you all had a restful break over the school holidays and your children are refreshed ready for learning in Term 1.
Firstly, I would like to thank the parents and guardians, the staff and the students, who have made me feel most welcomed over the last week.
On day one I met all the students at the whole school assembly where I discussed:
► the importance of being kind to one another
► wearing school uniform with pride, and
► the school values
As I have made my way around the school to see the students operating in their classes and in the yard, I must say I have already been impressed by the students’ conduct and the pride they take in wearing their uniform.
Remember students need to be wearing a hat in Terms 1 and 4.
As the term progresses staff will continue to set high standards for learning and behaviour.

Teacher Professional Development Days
In the two-day staff professional development days, teachers re-visited the school’s motto and values and worked in their Learning Community teams to ensure consistency across the school in teaching and learning. Teachers continued to work through the notion of ‘Visible Learning’ by designing and preparing a viable and guaranteed curriculum under the guidance of a key specialist in the area of ‘Visible Learning’ from the Marzano Institute (renowned educational specialists).

About me
Whilst Mrs Hobbs is taking Long Service Leave for Term 1 I will be replacing her as Acting Principal. In doing so I leave my Assistant Principal role at Horsham College, where I taught VCE Biology and middle years Science and Maths and have held many leadership positions for the last 14 years. Whilst at Balmoral, I will be taking the Year 7/8 for Home group twice a week as well as their Pastoral Care class. Also I will be teaching the Grade 5’s for one lesson a week as well as a number of replacement classes and regular yard duties. This gives me a great opportunity to interact and get to know your children.

Preps / Grade 1
During the week I have gone into visit the Prep/Grade 1 children on a number of occasions and I am pleased with the way in which they have settled in. Thank you to the parents/guardians who have labelled their child’s belongings. It does make it so much easier for all. Please note that the first of the Prep rest days is on this week – Wednesday 8th February. Thank you to the parents who joined me for a coffee on the first day of school. It can be daunting leaving your child for their first day at school and particularly if you are a new parent. Establishing a routine for your child on school mornings will make their transition to the classroom much easier for both you and your child.

Kindergarten
I had the privilege of visiting the Kindergarten rooms this week, where Miss Alice and Miss Kate were busy interacting with the children and enjoying fruit time whilst Hoppy the rabbit looked on. Please note the calendar for the Kinder days and times as they do vary.

Swimming
Notes went out last week or early this week regarding the swimming program that Mr Brennan has put together. Thank you to the parents and guardians who have volunteered to assist in the swimming program.

Enjoy the week ahead!
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Did you know that Balmoral has a games club?

We call ourselves BRAGG (Balmoral Role-players and Gamers’ Guild) and we meet every second Sunday at 1.00pm in the RSL Hall, Balmoral.

We play ‘Pathfinder’ (a role playing game) but we enjoy chess and Magic the Gathering card game as well. Our first meeting is set for February the 12th and membership is free with no obligation to attend.

We would welcome new players of Pathfinder or you’re welcome to bring a friend and play chess or magic (or a choice of other games) if you like.

See Mr. Hayes at the School for more information, or visit the website
http://balmoralgamers.com/

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Don’t forget

Book Club Due Back
14 February 2017

A sneak peek at the Science mural that was created by students using all those plastic bottle caps that were collected during the year.
Kinder 2017
The kindergarten children of 2017 are very excited to start their learning journey here at Balmoral K-12 College. This year we have 9 students all happy and ready to go! We have all been settling into kinder nicely and enjoying the new routines and meeting our new friends. We are building both lifelong learning skills and positive relationships with one another.

Enter 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.

Please note that the AGM of The Parents and Friends will be on Monday, 13/2/2017. The meeting will start at 7pm in the Staff Room. All welcome

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

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-ups
- Fissure Sealants
- Fillings
- Extractions
- Root canal treatments

For an appointment or more information please call BBNC on 5170 1304 or South West Healthcare on 9951 0347
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