Staffing
This year we say farewell to Ms. Wilson who has accepted a position in Gladstone Western Australia. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Wilson for her eight years at Balmoral Community College where she has been part of the Senior English team and extended her talents into the areas of Art, Humanities and across a number of year levels. Ms. Wilson leaves a legacy of teaching and curriculum development behind her that will remain a solid foundation of resources for others to use. Ms Wilson will commence Long Service Leave from the 28th October. Please take the opportunity on Athletic Sports Day to say farewell, or later in the year on Awards Night where the college will officially thank and farewell Ms. Wilson from the college. The college is currently recruiting for a Senior English teacher and we hope to make an appointment by the end of this year. Therefore we will retain the same number of staff for the 2016 school year.

Parents with Health Care Cards
It has come to the colleges that some parents who hold Health Care Cards are under the impression that the college receives extra funding to support their child’s learning. The only extra support comes from the CESF money, which assists with camps and excursions. Our funding for the year is determined by the number of students enrolled by the 28th February, the college does not receive any funding for students enrolled after this date. The college policy is to always assist those families in need and to ensure that students do not miss out on any extra curricula activities. Unfortunately a government education is not free.

Design Technology
The college received a Design and Technology grant and has purchased two 3D printers, which can be used across the Design Technology areas. This is a great addition to the already well-resourced Design Technology area and allows students to create using cutting edge technology. This technology is the way of the future in many industries and our students will get a head start with knowing how to use this equipment. Pictures show the printing process of a white rabbit.

Athletic Sports
Good luck to all students on Tuesday for the sports. As the district and regional sports have already been held we encourage all students to participate and earn points for their house. As parents come along and enjoy the day buy a coffee or a cupcake. Some of the Year 7/8 students have been very busy making treats for the day and money raised will go towards a charity. Come and be part of the carnival atmosphere.

‘We cannot become what we want to be by remaining what we are.’ Max Depree
**Gastroenteritis in children**
Gastroenteritis is a bowel infection that causes diarrhoea and sometimes vomiting. The vomiting may settle quickly, but the diarrhoea may last up to 10 days. Bouts of gastro can cause dehydration.

Make sure your child drinks clear fluids. It is important for the fluids to be taken even if the diarrhoea seems to get worse. It will help if you:

- Give older children a drink (150-200 ml) after every big vomit or bout of diarrhoea
- Give small amounts of fluids often if your child is vomiting a lot (a mouthful every 15 minutes).

**You can prevent the spread of gastro to other people if you:**

- Make sure everyone in the family washes their hands regularly, especially after they use the toilet and before they eat
- Wash your child’s hands with warm water and soap after they use the toilet and before and after they eat
- Keep your child away from other children as much as possible until the diarrhoea has stopped.


If your child is complaining of a sore stomach before school, please keep them at home to help stop the spread of gastro. And wait for all symptoms to disappear before returning to school.

For more information contact the Balmoral Bush Nursing Centre.

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**BCC Athletics Day – Tuesday 20th October**

**BCC’s Café for Athletic Sports**
Students will be running the Café for lots of delicious drinks during the Athletic Sports next Tuesday 20th October.

**MENU:**
- Latte, Cappuccino $3.50
- Long Black, espresso $2.50
- Hot Chocolate, Chai $3.50
- Iced Chocolate, Iced Coffee $3.50

**BBC BBQ for Athletic Sports Day**
- Sausages $2.00
- Hamburgers with/without onion $2.00
- Fruit boxes $1.00
- Fruit Salad with/without cream $2.50
- Pay on the day.

**Year 7 & 8 students will also have cakes and lollies for sale as well.**

**If you wish to take your children home after Athletics Day, they will need a bus pass given to the front office in the morning.**

**BCC Athletics Sports Day Timetable**
Wimmera Hearing Society
The Wimmera Hearing Van will be attending Balmoral Community College **Friday 13th November 2015 from 9.30am – 10.30am** and then on to the Balmoral Bush Nursing Centre from 10.45am.
All Year 7 Students are invited to attend and should have received a permission form. Any other students are also welcome to attend so if you think your child needs to attend, please contact the office and a permission form will be sent home. Gold Coin donation.

Earn and Learn Stickers
The staff and students would like to thank all parents, grandparents and friends of BCC for the amazing response to collecting and sending in the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers.
We have used the points to make some purchases for the cubby house and the sandpit, which will enhance student learning and wellbeing.
Your support of our school is greatly appreciated!
Bernadette Kirby
Early Years Leading Teacher

ROCKLANDS DAY
**FRIDAY 6TH OF NOVEMBER, 2015**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ROCKLANDS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DAY**
**BIKE RIDE FOR GRADE 3 TO YEAR 10**
**WALK FOR PREP TO 2 - BALMORAL HOTEL TO GOLF CLUB.**
**BBQ LUNCH**
**FUN ACTIVITIES OUT AT ROCKLANDS**
PARENTS/ GUARDIANS INVITED TO COME FOR THE DAY

KEEP THE DATE FREE
PERMISSION FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME SOON.

What’s on our School Facebook Page that you may be interested in looking at?

- **Hamilton Blue Light Disco**, 30th October 2015. For more information, view the flyer on our Facebook Page.
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