Mrs Hobbs’ Headlines
Dear Students, Parents & Staff

Student Accident Insurance
Every year as a school we are required to remind parents that Balmoral Community College does not hold whole-of-school insurance for student accidents and the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

- Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.
- Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Bus Travel
The bus times, maps, general information and code of behaviour on the bus will be out this week. Please remember that some of our buses such as the Brit Brit bus are full. Please consider the safety of all and do not request bus passes for excessive amounts of students to travel on the Brit Brit Bus for example birthday parties.

Please request a bus pass when travelling on another bus both to and from school and under no circumstances flag a bus down to stop at an unauthorised stop. Let’s keep everyone safe.

Reporting
The next edition of the Reporting News will go out at the end of Week 1, Term 2. This will also have a copy of your child’s individual report for term 1. Following the reports in Week 2 there will be the opportunity to attend parent/teacher interviews.

However, if you feel that you would like to set up an interview with a staff member before this time, please do not hesitate to contact the college.

Congratulations
To all staff, students and parents who competed in sporting Grand Finals over the weekend, well done on reaching the finals, and congratulations to all winners.

Kinder News
The children had their first library visit for the year and they were very excited. We left kinder at 11am for which we had been counting down the hours, and walked over to the Library. Some children had their own library bags ready for borrowing. We discussed how we need to act in the library and some of the rules which all the children followed. We met Ms Tania and she was very helpful telling us how to pick and choose books and how to borrow them. The children were lucky enough to use the special scanner to borrow their books out. To finish our visit we read a sea book keeping with our sea theme for the term. We also discussed what we might want to do next week.

P-4 Parent Helpers Program
Last week I sent home a note regarding Parent Helpers in Term 2 and 3 for Prep to Grade 4. If you didn’t receive a note for one reason or another and would like to be part of the program, please contact Maria or myself at school and we can send one home with your child.

Thanks, Dana Talbot

Show Bag’s
Once again the P&F are organising Show Bags to sell at the Balmoral Show on 19th March. We are looking for helpers to pack these show bags on Thursday 17th March at the big shed (rec reserve) from 9.30am.
Camps Sport Excursion Funding (CSEF)
If you are eligible for CSEF you must complete a new application each year. If you have not completed a CSEF application for 2016 and handed it into the Office and you are eligible, you will not receive this funding and the full amount of any camp, sports or excursion will need to be paid for your child. Eligible CSEF Secondary School students receive $225 per year and Primary School Students receive $125, which is paid direct to the school and goes towards the cost of camps, sport or excursions for the eligible students. CSEF applications went home with your child at the start of the year in the student packs, but if you would like another copy please contact the Office and one can be sent home. 2016 applications close for parents on the 3rd June 2016.

2016 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
ICAS is the largest and independent competition and assessment program for schools in Australia and they are testing for the top 10% of Australian students in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics and Science; as well as Spelling and Writing. We are currently co-ordinating the English and Mathematics components of the testing. If you would like to enter your child or children in the Competition, you would be responsible for the costs associated with the testing. The prices for each student are as follows:-

- $8.80 English (Years 2-12)
- $12.10 Spelling (Years 2-7)
- $18.70 Writing (Years 3-12)
- $8.80 Mathematics (Years 3-12)

The Spelling and Writing aspects of the competition will be held on Wednesday 15th of June and the English testing will be held on Tuesday 2nd of August. The Mathematics testing will be held on Tuesday the 16th of August. Closing dates for entries is Friday the 15th of April.

If you would like your child or children to participate in this competition, please fill in the participation form below and return it to the office before Friday 15th of April. We are asking that you include payment with the form or alternatively arrange with Maria in the school office.

If you would like to discuss this in person, please contact either of us at school on 55701247.

Thanks, Dana Talbot and Emma Wallace.
Mathematics and English Faculty Coordinators

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ICAS PARTICIPATION FORM

Name of student: .........................................................................................

Year level: ..................
Please indicate which section you would like your child to participate in:

English    Spelling    Writing    Mathematics

I have enclosed $__________ as payment for the competition/s.

Harrow Balmoral Football
Netball Club

Junior Football Training

Starts Wednesday 16th March at 5.30pm at Harrow

Junior Football Parent Information Night and Training

Tuesday 22 March at 5.30pm at Balmoral

All parents please attend this night.

2016 Coaches

Under 14s Craig Grant 0427704227
Under 17s Ryan McClure 0422274446
Junior Co-Ordinator Derek Brody 55756220
Students from Prep through to Year Ten participated in this special Science incursion. Our presenters, Lyn and Peter were particularly impressed by our students’ manners and thoughtful questions and comments. Our students spent time with the presenters investigating concepts of Day and Night, Star Constellations, Space Travel and more. Lyn and Peter had a comprehensive display of visual materials and presented different shows inside the planetarium dome. Thank you to all staff, students and parents who embraced the experience. Keep an eye on our amazing night sky!

Some comments from Grade One and Four:

Eliza H: I loved going into the big dome and seeing the stars.
Charlie W and Alex R: I liked everything!
Shahalia: Going into the dome and everything else.
Maddox: I liked going in the dome and seeing all the stars that make pictures.
Neve: I loved the constellations!
George: I liked being in the dome and seeing all the pictures.
Sean P: I liked looking at all of the objects on stage!
Joel M: When we could see all the different pictures in the dome.

Josh G: I liked after they had turned all the stars off that didn’t make a picture, because you could see the pictures that the stars made up.
Lily W: I liked joining the stars to make pictures.
Rhys D: I liked when the lights went out!
Maisy: I liked everything pretty much!
Kayla D: I liked seeing the pictures in the dome.
Sian: I liked going into the dome and doing the dot to dot.
Tamsin: I liked looking at the pictures.
Leegen: I liked the dome and the astronaut!
Charlie J, Caprice, Eliza S, Adelyn, Chloe L, Digby, Heidi, Justin M: I liked going into the dome!!!!
Ebony M: I liked them talking about the moon.
Ryder: Going two times! Very lucky!
Kijana: I liked when the dome was really dark!

Mrs Julie Lyons

DON’T FORGET
BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE
WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH!!

Congratulations to the Balmoral United Cricket Club A grade
Womens side on their one run win against Casterton on the last ball!!
### 2016 Term 1 Planner

#### Monday  
#### Tuesday  
#### Wednesday  
#### Thursday 
#### Friday  

**Week Six**  
29 Feb - 4 Mar  
- Breakfast Club commences  
- Homework Club Year 9-12

**Week Seven**  
7-11 Mar  
- Year 7 Immunisations  
- Book Club Due  
- Homework Club Year 9-12

**Week Eight**  
14-18 Mar  
- Labour Day Public Holiday  
- Homework Club Year 9-12  
- P&F Pack Showbags 9.30am  
- Final Day for March Uniform Orders

**Week Nine**  
21-24 Mar  
- 7.00pm Public Meeting & AGM School Council  
- No Homework Club  
- Whole School Assembly  
- SRC Casual Dress Day Easter Theme  
- Term 1 Ends

### Term 2

**Week One**  
11 - 15 Apr  
- Homework Club Year 9-12

**Week Two**  
18 - 22 Apr  
- Final Day for April Uniform Orders  
- Homework Club Year 9-12

**Week Three**  
25 - 29 Apr  
- Homework Club Year 9-12

**Week Four**  
2 - 6 May  
- Homework Club Year 9-12

**Week Five**  
9 - 13 May  
- Homework Club Year 9-12