Mrs Hobbs' Headlines
Dear Students, Parents & Staff

**Athletics Sports**
Congratulation to all students and staff for a wonderful Athletics Day. Thankyou to the Parents and Friends Association for cooking a very tasty BBQ lunch and to all the parents and grandparents for coming along and supporting our students.

**The Newsletter Calendar**
Please keep an eye on the calendar as the end of year activities get underway. Also all cover letters for excursions and camps will have vital information, such as times students will need to be at and returning to school and if school uniform needs to be worn, etc.

**Report Writing Day**
Last Friday we had a pupil free day where the morning session was taken by Kaye Dennis who does a lot of work with Restorative Practice and Grief Counselling, this was an excellent session, with lots of information to assist staff when dealing with students who may be going through some difficult times.

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**Parents & Friends Association**

**Xmas Raffle**

Raffle Books have gone Home today with the Youngest Child from each Family. Please remember to drop your Prize Donations into the Office as soon as you can. If you did not receive a Raffle Book or would like another Book at any stage, there are spares at the Office. Thank you for supporting the Association that supports our Children.

Any queries please contact
Kate Wardlaw 0427 205591 or
Fiona Jagger 0427 816 203

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**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.

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**2016 School Council Members**
**Ms Helen Grego – President**
Mrs Wendy Hobbs  Mr Mark Kuchel
Mr Sam Roberts  Ms Bev Munro
Mrs Kaye Parker  Mr Daniel Thomson
Mr Luke Rees  Mrs Jackie Grant
Mrs Lisa Cameron  Miss Alice Houlihan
Mrs Kylie McClure  Mrs Maria Merryfull
Mr Justin Weaver  Mrs Kate Wardlaw

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*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.*
THANKS NICK McCLURE
A huge THANKYOU to Nick McClure for cutting the long grass in our two Ag paddocks adjacent to the school playground. The excessively long grass was becoming a fire and snake hazard. Thanks Nick for driving your tractor and mower all the way from Culla. It is very much appreciated (especially by the students in the Junior School).

EMU CREEK PONY CLUB
2016 Interschool Dressage Challenge
Friday 9th December 2016
Pony Club Grounds, Terang
Entries close Friday 2nd December
www.eventsecretary.com.au

Pigeon Ponds Community
Christmas Tree
Friday 16th December
6.30pm for 7pm Santa arrival
BBQ tea $15/family
RSVP for catering and Santa numbers to Claire W
Ph: 55797226 or 0438 163745 by 1st Dec.

KANAGULK CHRISTMAS PARTY
9TH OF DECEMBER
Kanagulk Hall
Shared picnic tea at 6:30pm
Santa arrives at 7:30pm
Come along for a fun night for the kids and family

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.

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

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.
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A huge thankyou to those parents who supported me with the Athletics BBQ last Thursday. I was encouraged by the offers of help I received before and on the day from setting up to cleaning up. Though not all help was needed, I appreciated knowing that backup was there. The children loved a change from sandwiches and possibly parents from making them. Jan Rees for Parents & Friends Assoc
**BCC Athletics**

Balmoral Community College were finally able to host their school athletics carnival after having the event postponed a number of times due to the wet conditions this year. The oval was looking its finest and the competition was hotly contested across all age groups. The event was well attended by parents, grandparents and friends alike. Even the kinder students got out for a practice run on the track during the lunch break, and a sneaky jump of high jump also.

The final event of the day was a highlight with the staff and parents taking on the senior students in the tug of war. A resounding victory went the way of the staff and parents, of course. The champion athletes for the day were: Primary – Rhys Daffey, Ruby Wardlaw; Junior Secondary – Tyler Hateley, Jorja Jones; Middle Secondary – Matt Jones, Tara Sullivan. The House Spirit Award was a close contest between the three houses, with Glenelg coming out on top.

The overall result for the day was: 1st Henty – 906, 2nd Glenelg – 817, 3rd Mitchell 811.

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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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*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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**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
- X-rays
- Extractions
- Root canal treatments
- Cleanings
- Fillings

For an appointment or more information please call BBNC on 5570 1304 or South West Healthcare on 5551 8347

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