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MONTHLY FOCUS

BALMORAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – MAY 2021

Message from the Principal

Mrs Le Roux

Dear Parents/Guardians and Balmoral girls

The term is in full swing with a great deal planned and already taking place.

I am incredibly concerned about the number of learners who are dropped off in the mornings before 6:30. With winter approaching it is still dark at this time and the gates only open at 6:45. Please try and arrange for your daughters not to be dropped off so early.

Our learners from Grade 5-7 will be writing a test cycle at various dates between 21 June and 2 July. I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to the learners to prepare thoroughly and timeously for this cycle.

Balmoral is very excited to announce the appointment of a second remedial teacher who will be joining us from the start of the third term.

With Covid numbers sharply on the rise, I encourage our learners to be safe, maintain social distancing and to wear their masks.

Stay safe, keep warm and look after yourselves!

SLIPPER DAY

On Friday, 7 May the Balmoral girls supported Reach for a Dream's 10th annual Slipper Day by coming to school in their Slippers & Civvies and paying R5.

A total of R 2880 was raised, which was donated to Reach for a Dream, which contributes towards helping them turn the dreams of children facing life-threatening illnesses into a reality.

19 of our teachers also participated by wearing their Slippers to school and paying R20 to get a sticker and a free Wimpy coffee.

J Love

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Cyber Bullying Talk

On Wednesday 19 May 2021, the Grade 7's had a visit from Sgt Adams, from the South African Police Department regarding Cyber Bullying. At first the girls were very nervous but Sgt Adams was very friendly and made the girls feel at ease in the blink of an eye!

Sgt Adams pointed out exactly what Cyber Bullying is and the consequences thereof. The girls had the opportunity to ask questions, which were answered in a very professional way by Sgt Adams. The girls each received a leaflet about Cyber Bullying. The leaflet encourages young people to speak up and stand up against bullying.

Let's be a friend…not a bully! **A Coetzer**

Welcome!

School Counsellor

Akhona Sanda

We are incredibly excited to welcome our School Counsellor that we share with GHS.
May you have many happy years at Balmoral!

Dates to diarise

16 June - Public holiday
21 June - Gr 7 Test cycle begins
24 June - Gr 5 & 6 Test cycle begins
9 July - School closes

TOP TEN – FIRST TERM 2021

Back Row: Taylor Edwards, Simiselo Mdutywa, Kate Gwadiso, Kathryn Shuman, Kalyn Putter, Hayley Frost

Front Row: Megan Pohlmann, Emma-Joy Cawthorn, Kripa Thomas, Leah van Dyk

Back Row: Ayanda Paraffin, Cayla Victor, Ukho Mdlulwa, Angela Akua Adu-Boahen, Lwandle Toko, Lulołuthando Mata

Front Row: Gemma Clark, Paisley Edkins, Kendall Meise, Erin Bradfield

Back Row: Kirsteen Alt, Diya Rajesh, Sharon Abofra, Sophie Okafor, Iminqweno Gqutyana

Front Row: Ayabulela Jafta, Sambese Buso, Kamohelo Molatoli, Mekayla Kitching

Back Row: Kyleigh McKerry, Xac-Jordan Jordaan, Sabia Majeed, Shiza Siddiqui, Emily Dicks, Nakyejjwe Tsusi

Front Row: Celeste Gudmanz, Mihlali Kali, Sonwabise Panya, Mieke Strydom

MAY SPORTS REPORT

SPORT UPDATE

It has been a successful month of sport at Balmoral.

We had four girls who made it through to the final round of the Eastern Cape Netball trials. They were Ibanathi Saki, Sophie Okafor, Sharon Abofra and Matau Sakoane. These girls faced some tough competition but made us extremely proud. We would like to make special mention of their great sportsmanship on and off the netball court.

Netball

Ibanathi Saki

Sophie Okafor

Sharon Abofra

Matau Sakoane

Our squash girls have been extremely busy training and we can see that the hard work is paying off. The following girls made it through to the third round of Border Squash Trials Gemma Clark, Kelly Goldschmidt, Lia Muir, Taylor Edwards, Joylyn Maytham, Ameliah Kammies, Emily Dicks and Kyleigh McKerry. We are extremely proud of these girls.

Squash

Gemma Clark

Kelly Goldschmidt

Lia Muir

Taylor Edwards

Joylyn Maytham

Ameliah Kammies

Emily Dicks

Kyleigh McKerry

Hockey

Emily Dicks

Kyleigh McKerry

Kaylen Hare

Joylyn Maytham

Mekayla Kitching

Matau Sakoane

Keeziah Essop

Seven of our u/13 hockey girls made it through to the third round of Border Hockey Trials. They are Emily Dicks, Kyleigh McKerry, Kaylen Hare, Joylyn Maytham, Mekayla Kitching, Matau Sakoane and Keeziah Essop. Well done girls!

Unfortunately, due to the new regulations regarding sport the third round of Border Hockey and Squash trials have been postponed. Our non-contact sports will continue and contact sport times will be used for drills and fitness.

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Book Drive

FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

GIVE THE GIFT OF **READING**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
The need is simple:
Children need books.

We are collecting books for our library. Without books to read literacy suffers, and when literacy suffers, education & opportunities decline.

You can help by donating a new or gently used (age appropriate) children's book.

We are appealing to each learner to

PLEASE DONATE A BOOK

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WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT! 32 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mrs Bolze was appointed in the Grade 5 post (Std 3) in April 1988 on the retirement of Miss Aucamp, who had incidentally been at Balmoral for a very long time. She taught Mrs Bolze in Std 3 in 1968, 20 years earlier!

Mrs Bolze taught in various grades during her teaching career.

Mrs Bolze was appointed by Mr Cranna and served under Mrs Airth, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Els and now Mrs Le Roux. So all in all, she has been at Balmoral for **32 years**.

"There have been so many exciting changes at Balmoral with teaching moving into the digital age and that is what still makes my teaching so enjoyable and I am very privileged to be part of the wonderful Balmoral Family."

Congratulations to Mrs Bolze on this amazing achievement! Your dedication to our school does not go unnoticed.

PLEASE NOTE:

When making a **payment** into the school's bank account, please indicate your daughter's **name and surname** as reference.

We cannot allocate payments correctly without this information.

We would like to congratulate Mrs Rossouw and her family on the birth of their son,

Zion Seth

He was born on Monday, 24 May 2021 at the Beacon Bay Life Hospital, in East London.

May he bring you much joy!