



FRIDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 2017 - No. 2

2017 DIARY DATES

Friday 24th February

Sunday 26th February

Monday 27th Feb—Wednesday 1st March

Tuesday 28th February

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd March

Monday 6th—Wednesday 8th March

Monday 13th March

Thursday 16th March

Friday 17th March

Wednesday 29th March

Friday 31st March

Tuesday 18th April

SPORTS ASSEMBLY—Period 4 (12.00noon)

School Council Nominations close 4.00pm

Head of the Lake

Year 7 (ABCD) Camp

Conveyance Allowance Applications close today

Year 7 (GHIJ) Camp

Year 7 (EF) Camp

Labour Day Holiday (School Closed)

SCHOOL PHOTOS—Yrs 7,8,10 students must have a jumper

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HOUSE Athletics Sports

Term 1 Concludes—Students dismissed at 2.30pm

Term 2 Commences

15 Years of



Ballarat High School's Showband "Bob" is celebrating "15 Years of Cabaret" by putting the band back together for a one night only reunion for current and ex-students. Held on Saturday 11th March at the Mechanics Institute, there will be music, a plethora of embarrassing photos and plenty of familiar faces to catch up with. Tickets are a low \$25 per person, and all the information is on the Try Booking website (www.trybooking.com/253413). Tickets are on sale now and selling fast, so start inviting anyone that has played in Cabaret over the years and get the word out.

Everyone needs a ticket, even those wanting to play in the band. We hope to see as many people as we can and look forward to having a great night.

MATH
The only subject
that counts.

LOVE MATHS? NEED A CHALLENGE OF THE NUMERICAL KIND?

The *AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION* is for you.

Date: 27TH July 2017

Venue: Ballarat High School

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) was introduced in Australia in 1978 as the first Australia-wide mathematics competition for students. It has become the largest single event on the Australian education calendar, allowing students to attempt the same tasks on the same day in over 30 countries around the globe.

Running since 1978, the AMC is for students of all standards. Students are asked to solve 30 problems in 75 minutes (Years 7–12). The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking rather than focus on calculations themselves, thus such questions are designed so that they can be answered just as quickly without a calculator as with one. The problems get more difficult through the competition, so that at the end they are challenging to the most gifted students. Students of all standards will make progress through the problems, and also be challenged along the way.

The Australian Mathematics Trust who organise the AMC are a non-profit organisation, so the entry fee of \$6.50 per student is quite fair and all goes into the work to create the competition.

Could interested students across Year 7 to 12, please contact Mr Pompe in the North Wing regarding competition entry.

Steve Pompe

"It's important to learn math because someday you might accidentally buy a phone without a calculator."



2017 Canteen Price List Update

Please note that in Newsletter No 1 the Canteen Price List insert was incorrect. The up to date pricelist is attached to this Newsletter. Sorry for any inconvenience.

General Office

Swimming Sports

Our House Swimming Sports were held at Eureka Pool last Wednesday in ideal conditions. Brawn (blue), Baird (green), Lawson (red) and Greenfield (yellow) Houses competed fiercely, earning points to become the 2017 champions. Students participated in a range of activities including 50m events and relays, water volleyball, giant inflatable thong races and a competitive basketball tournament. Music students entertained the crowd and the student leadership team cooked a BBQ to raise money for the CFA. House captains were busy encouraging participation to earn points and are to be congratulated for their contributions to such a successful day. It was also great to see so many parents and grandparents supporting and cheering throughout the day.

The age group champions are:

13yr – Lucas Kent & Hayley Reynen

14yr – Mitchell Harrison & Scarlett Nash

15yr – Jake Hopkins & Anika Jones

16yr – Cameron Churcher & Mia-Lee Bridges

17yr – Patrick Webster & Chloe Kimber

Open – Max Tomich & Alice Atle

The 2017 House Swimming results are as follow:

Baird – 758 points

Brawn – 747 points

Greenfield – 757 points

Lawson – 512 points

Congratulations to all students and staff from **BAIRD** house.



The next swimming events are on March 1st and 2nd

The Eureka competition on March 1st is against the public schools. This competition leads to the School Sport State Finals in Melbourne. The second competition is the BAS meet. This involves competing against the local private schools. The teams are slightly different due to the programs, so students will need to check the teams carefully. Teams for both meets are posted outside the Sports Office and permission forms will be given out throughout the week.

pride, respect and responsibility



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) – 2017

HAVE YOU APPLIED?

Eligible families who apply will receive \$225 per student, paid into their family account at Ballarat High School commencing from March 2017. These funds can then be allocated to school charges, according to the policy and parent preferences. Parents/students holding a means-tested concession card valid on Monday 30th January 2017 or Tuesday 18th April 2017 may be eligible. Foster parents, Veterans Affairs card holders and students with a Youth Allowance card, may also be eligible. Please note: Payments do not cease at age 16, but continue whilst the student is attending secondary school i.e. Years 7-12. The BHS CSEF Application Form 2017 and BHS CSEF Parent Request Form 2017 are available from the General Office or school website www.ballaraths.vic.edu.au/parents/parents-payments-policy. Completed forms, with a copy of your Centrelink Card, should be submitted to the General Office.

For further online information, please visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

We encourage parents to take advantage of this funding opportunity

State Schools' Relief (SSR) 2017 - Year 7 Uniform Pack

Students who are eligible for Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding and are entering Year 7 in 2017 may qualify for the State Schools Relief Year 7 Uniform Pack. State Government funding has been provided to State Schools Relief to support parents in providing basic uniform garments and school shoes for Year 7 students.

In summary:

- for students commencing Year 7 in 2017 and have applied for CSEF
- parents must apply through Ballarat High School, not primary school
- basic uniform items including school shoes
- applications and vouchers will be administered by State Schools Relief
- vouchers will be emailed to families for redemption at nominated retail supplier
- vouchers are valid for 90 days from date of issue
- eligibility is the same as the CSEF

The Fact Sheet, Application Form and school shoe sizing chart are available from the General Office or School website: www.ballaraths.vic.edu.au/parents/parents-payments-policy.

Scholarships We have 2 scholarship opportunities for students and families. Application forms can be found on the school website at www.ballaraths.vic.edu.au and are to be submitted to the office by 4pm Friday March 3rd.

Please note all students can apply however if a student has received a scholarship in the previous two years, other students who meet the selection criteria who have not received a scholarship, will be prioritised.

For both scholarships applications need to be supported by:

- A copy of parent's health care card / pension card
- Teacher's Endorsement and signature
- Latest school report
- Any other documentation that you wish to include

Hilton White Estate Scholarships: We have been fortunate to receive funds from the Hilton White Estate trustees to provide scholarships to our students. Scholarship recipients will receive \$500 placed in their school account to cover school costs. All students who meet the selection criteria are eligible to apply:

- At risk of leaving due to financial hardship
- Who model the school values
- Have good attendance
- Have a positive approach to studies, including completing Year 12 and have a post school pathway, and
- Are a good community citizen.

Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast Scholarships: Thanks to the Rotary Club of Wendouree for supporting our School in providing funds to assist students in the senior vocational (VET) pathway. Scholarship recipients will receive \$200 placed in their school account to cover school costs. Students in Years 10 to 12 undertaking a VET subject who meet the selection criteria are eligible to apply:

- Financial hardship
- Who model the school values
- Have good attendance
- Have a positive approach to studies, including completing year 12 and have a post school pathway, and
- Are a good community citizen.

Gary Palmer, Principal