Youth Leadership Summit:
I would like to congratulate Terrie Johnson of Year 10 on winning a scholarship from the Bendigo Bank to participate in the Magic Moments Foundation Youth Leadership Forum. The forum takes place from the 6th – 10th July in Kyneton and is designed to support young people in developing leadership skills. I have no doubt that Terrie will thoroughly enjoy her involvement in this excellent event. Her selection and support is well deserved and I look forward to hearing of her experiences on her return.

General Assembly:
We held a whole school assembly yesterday with a number of informative and entertaining items on the agenda. They included a talk from Cee Jay Gordon about his Blue Whale project involvement, musical numbers from the Baimbridge College Rock Band as well as a report from our Danish exchange student Magnus Peterson. It is always a really positive experience to have the whole school together in one place to celebrate the achievements of our students.

Scholarships:
Scholarship applications for students entering Year 7 in 2015 have now closed. Assistant Principal Mr John Hill is currently working with Middle School Co-ordinator Mr Scott McFadden to shortlist student for interview. Applicants will be hearing back from us soon to arrange an interview time.

Bus Forum:
As I mentioned last week the Victorian Education Department has chosen to overturn a long standing arrangement of eligibility for free bus travel for students wanting to come to Baimbridge College from Coleraine in particular. Google maps shows that most of Coleraine is slightly closer to Casterton and by department rules students coming to Baimbridge College should therefore be required to pay. After discussions with the principal of Casterton Secondary College we have agreed to make a submission to the DEECD that current Coleraine students enrolled at Baimbridge College should be allowed to continue to travel free rather than interrupt their education or penalise them financially for accepting the current arrangement in good faith. The second recommendation we will make to the department is that siblings of current Baimbridge College students from Coleraine should also be allowed to travel free. Any new students from Coleraine will be required to meet the departments eligibility criteria, if they do not they will have to pay to travel to a school that is not their nearest. I mentioned last week that there are possible exemptions to these rules so I urge parents to check with Bus Co-ordinator Mr David Gilchrist to get a definitive answer about payment before making final decisions about student enrolments.
School Council:

Our first meeting of the new School Council took place on Monday night with the 2013 Annual Report being tabled and endorsed by Council. In addition Council endorsed a plan that identified rooms that would set the footprint of a possible redevelopment of Baimbridge College should the state government ever make funds available to rationalise and consolidate the resources we have had since the merger of the high and the tech 20 years ago. With the acceptance of this plan Council has been told that the education department will release maintenance funding identified as required three years ago now. The other significant item of business related to putting in place some preliminary work to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Baimbridge College which was formed by the merger of Hamilton High School and Hamilton Secondary College in 1994.

Pink Ribbon Day:

I would like to compliment our SRC for the organisation of the Pink Ribbon fundraiser last week. The day raised $680 with students paying to come in casual dress or buying pink ribbons or balloons. The day was a great success with money raised being sent to the Anti-Cancer Council.

Baimbridge College Website (www.baimbridge-co.vic.edu.au):

I would like to remind parents that Baimbridge College has a well maintained website. I encourage parents to familiarise themselves with the website as it contains a more comprehensive list of school information than it has in the past.

Compass:

Our online student management system, Compass, will continue to be used this year. Parents should have their own personal log on which is different to their son or daughter’s. The system is accessible anywhere the internet is available on computer, smartphone, tablet or other mobile device. The website is https://baimbridge-co.vic.jdlf.com.au/login.aspx if you require more information accessing the system please contact the school. There is a link on our website to help you should you forget the address.

Access to Newsletters:

Baimbridge College produces a newsletter each week that will be distributed by email, the Baimbridge College website or through our student management system Compass. To ensure you receive your newsletter please contact our front office on 55722788, so that they can be placed on our email distribution list or just log on to our website or Compass each week.

If there are any questions or concerns I urge parents and guardians to contact myself, our Assistant Principals Mr John Hill and Miss Rosemary Morgan or the relevant Co-ordinators.
Year 11 exams commence next Wednesday the 4th of June. Students will be required to attend school all week for classes and scheduled revision classes. Students have been asked to report any exam clashes or VET course/ exam clashes to Ms. Collins by the end of this week, so students have time to prepare for these alterations.

Unit 3 General assessment Test (GAT) is held in the East school Hall on Wednesday 11th of June. All Year 12 students and any Year 11 students completing a Unit 3 subject are required to sit this test.

Students are to arrive at school with plenty of time to commence the exam at 10am. The exam will finish at 1.15pm, students will then have lunch and attend scheduled classes for the afternoon (period 5 and 6).

All Unit 3 students have been given a letter explaining the GAT with a return slip. Students have been asked to please return these, signed, to their Form Teacher by the end of this week.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the students well in their exams and GATs.

Lyn Collins
VCE Coordinator

Cross Country

38 Baimbridge students participated in the Glenelg Division Cross Country in Portland yesterday. Well done to all participants, special thanks to Daniel Turner, Nea Gordon and Amy Baty for running in older age groups.

Place getters were as follows:

15 & U girls: 3rd Jenna Loats 16 & U girls: 3rd Bec Langley
17 & U boys: 2nd Lachy McIntyre 20 & U girls: 2nd Jackie Barker
20 & U boys: 2nd Tyler Fehsler

Girls Aggregate - 15 & U : 3rd 17 & U : 3rd 20 & U : 2nd
Overall 3rd

Boys Aggregate - 15 & U : 3rd 16 & U : 3rd 17 & U : 3rd 20 & U : 3rd
Overall 4th

Grand Aggregate: 3rd place.
“AHOY, ME HEARTIES!”

Things came VERY ADRIFT in the location of our library on Thursday of Education Week!

What should have been a ‘routine’ visit of Hamilton North Kindergarten children, very quickly became a pirate extravaganza, starring Mrs Dempsey, a teller of smelly stories, and also Pongo Pirate, alias Tizzone Carlos V of Spain, alias Mr Franks!

Twenty five delightful and entranced kinder children were swept up into a living story... searching for Tizzone’s missing sword... a sword NOT to be touched by ladies!

Just as we thought our day could not be topped, our little visitors, along with junior school children, enjoyed a craft activity and, best of all, making pirate biscuits LADEN WITH WEEVILS!

Special thanks to Mr Hill for his practical support, Mrs Dempsey, Mr Franks, Mr Chapman, Vicki, Chloe and, of course, Tizzone Carlos V, of Spain for his sword!

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**Victorian Child Oral Health Survey**

The VCOHS is a state wide dental survey that will help provide a snapshot of the oral health of children from across Victoria. The Survey will collect dental data from around 6,000 children aged 4 to 14 years from approximately 150 schools.

A team of researchers from Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) will soon be inviting a random selection of parents to take part in the Survey. The Survey will consist of a questionnaire and a basic dental examination for your child at the school by a trained and qualified dental team.

More information will be sent home by the school principal in the coming weeks.

For more information about the Victorian Child Oral Health Survey contact a member of the VCOHS research team on (03) 8241 3789 or email vcohsv@dhs.vic.gov.au.

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**BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE-BUILDINGS and GROUNDS**

**WORKING BEE**

**TERM 2 2014 YEAR 9 and 10 PARENTS/STUDENTS/FRIENDS/STAFF**

**Sunday June 1st.**

Meet in front of the West Campus or a Baimbridge Working Bee. All welcome to attend.

The College Building and Grounds Committee as part of the School Council will be running a working bee each term this year. Term 2 is Year 9 and 10 Parents/Friends and Students.

Time 9:30am until 12:00 midday. Free lunch provided afterwards to thank you for your work and have some fellowship afterwards.

Theme for this working bee is PAINTING of outdoor seats. Anyone who can bring an old roller or paint brush would help us greatly.

Thank you in anticipation of you being there. RSVP to hill.john@enidauill.vic.gov.au or 0419327769 or leave a message at the front desk. Numbers for catering and job allocations on the day needed by May 29th.

Thanks on behalf of Buildings and Grounds Committee.
Starting Time 9:00 am. If unable to do duty as rostered please ring 5572 2788

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IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP IN ANY WAY PLEASE CONTACT ADIE.
IF UNABLE TO COME ON ALLOCATED DAY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT

We thank you most sincerely for your support to the Canteen.
Many gaps to be filled if you can help!