Canadian Athletics:
I would like to welcome Mikayla Beavis and Mrs Jen Macarthur back to school after their visit to Canada thanks to an invitation to Mikayla to compete in athletics competitions over there. Mikayla is the current Baimbridge College student to be invited to compete in Canada thanks to her performances here. Previous invitees include Casey Pye, Trevor Rowe and Charles Murray. Mikayla competed in a variety of events from 100m to high jump. In each event she qualified for the last eight that then competed in a final for medal placings. In the case of the high jump Mikayla received a silver medal for her performance. Mrs Macarthur was there to support Mikayla and was full of praise for her efforts.

The experience was clearly very rewarding not least for the performances Mikayla was able to put in, but also for the opportunity to see a foreign country and sample their way of life. The added bonus was the chance to learn from the competition at such a high level. I know that both Mikayla and Mrs Macarthur will have learnt a lot from their experience.

Student Free Day:
I would like to thank all the parents who may have been inconvenienced by our student free day last week. I can assure you that the time was well spent and staff had an excellent opportunity to work together to improve learning opportunities for our students.

Having said this we have Sheepvention arriving in two weeks and rather than work with severely depleted classes the Monday of Sheepvention will again be student free. That is Monday 4th August is student free, normal classes resuming on Tuesday 5th August.

Year 11 and 12 Information Evening:
This takes place next Wednesday 30th July in the VCE Centre on the east campus. To better address the needs of students and parents we will start the Year 11 information session at 7.00pm in the VCE Centre with these parents and students moving into the Home Economics area to get specific subject based advice after about half an hour. We will then begin the Year 12 information session in the VCE Centre at 7.30pm with this group of parents and students moving into the Home Economics Centre at the conclusion to get subject specific advice.

Bus Travel:
The Hamilton district school bus network that includes all schools with students using government school bus travel, recently applied to be part of a pilot program that involved the centralising of several services. This includes determination of eligibility for free travel as well as payment of accounts. Last week we received notification that our network has been accepted into this pilot program that will begin next year. Any questions about our involvement can be directed to Mr David Gilchrist or me.
Reports:
Semester I reports were distributed to students at the end of term II. Any student who has not received their report should go to the office on the east campus to collect it.

School Council:
The next meeting of school council is on Mon 28th July at 7.30pm in the HDSC dining room.

Baimbridge College 20 Year Anniversary:
Our School Council has agreed to put in place recognition of the 20 year anniversary of Baimbridge College this year. Assistant Principals Mr John Hill and Miss Rosemary Morgan have been working on arrangements that will centre around a special whole school assembly in September. Our SRC has also been co-opted to assist with celebration arrangements and were eager to tell me about their plans at Tuesday’s SRC meeting. I look forward to the recognition of this important milestone.

Information Evenings:
Term III is traditionally the time when we run our information evenings. Information evenings will be closely followed by subject selections for prospective Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students. It is therefore important to begin to think about 2015 and career paths for all current students from Year 8 – 11. One piece of advice I give everyone is to ‘keep as many career doors open as possible’. This keeps your options open and also allows for changes of mind about possible careers. I would also like everyone to remember that as time goes by the minimum qualifications for careers continues to go up. I used teaching as an example for our Year 12 students earlier this year – there was a time when teachers only required two years training, today we require 4 years minimum. The message is to aim as high as possible and do as well as possible – don’t be satisfied with mediocre or minimum results or efforts.

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, smart phone, 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.

FEELING THE COLD???
We have a limited number of Baimbridge Scarves in school colours, pure new wool & non scratchy. They’re on sale for $25 from the Bookstore on the East Campus.
REPORT ON MIKAYLA BEAVIS – TRIP TO CANADA.

Mikayla Beavis was ecstatic last November when she received an invitation to be part of a Track & Field team that would travel to Canada in July 2014.

I was also fortunate enough to travel with her.

We spent 3 weeks overseas taking part in two Athletics meets & training and then a week in Los Angeles sightseeing at Universal Studios, Disneyland, Hollywood, San Diego Safari Park and Santa Monica Pier, to name a few.

Mikayla was entered in 100m, High Jump, Long Jump and Triple Jump in both meets and was also a part of a relay team. She was supported by a sprints coach and a jumps coach in training sessions and gained some extremely valuable information in these areas.

Medallions were awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd placings and then ribbons for the top 8 qualifiers in an event.

Mikayla received a bronze medal for high jump and a third place ribbon for a relay, as well as numerous ribbons for her performances.

I am sure she would encourage her peers to set goals for the future so that they may also get the opportunity she has experienced.

Jen McArthur

Ever wondered what the staff get up to on PD Days? They go to school, literally! This past PD Day the staff received training on their annual review process which has undergone some significant changes of late. It’s always nice to know our staff are constantly learning and developing on the job.
Results of the State Cross Country are as follows:

Rebecca Langley and Jackie Barker qualified for the State Cross Country which took place last Thursday at Bundoora, Melbourne.

Jackie finished an amazing 7th in a time of 11.16.4 in the 20 year old girls event. She has taken part in this event for the 6 years of her secondary school life. A very creditable feat.

Rebecca finished 24th in a time of 12.05.6 in the 16 year old girls event. A great effort for I think a first time.

Congratulations to both girls.

Below is an image of Darcy McCallum doing a VO2 Max test at Federation Uni on Tuesday with the Year 12 PE VCE class looking on. This test was conducted as part of a VCE PE program Miss Swanton organised. It was a worthwhile excursion and lectures and workshops in the Uni gyms were very appreciated by the students able to attend. Baimbridge was paired up with Donald High School and it was pleasing to see students chatting and comparing notes during the day.

INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN’S SEMESTER 2 2014

Every student and parent can now respond to the current Insight part of Compass relating to Individual Education Plans (IEP’s) for Semester 2 2014. Access is through the INSIGHT heading on the student and parent page of Compass. These questions need some parental input and should be completed before the 1st August if possible. Students need to log on under their password to answer their questions and parents the same.

The College believes these plans will help greatly in creating closer understandings of each individual they are created for.

Form Teachers of your child will be monitoring these plans and when completed individual teachers may then pass comment. The plans relate to your schooling, interests and skills both in and out of school and how you and your parents think you learn best.

Your goals may change from first semester, but if the same please fill in ‘AS PREVIOUS SEMESTER’. A comment relating to your last report should be included somewhere so we know you and your child have taken the time to read this thoroughly.

Staff can be asked to help support students in answering some of these questions during school time but it is important to answer these questions in your own time. You answers may be changed (edited) at any time so they are kept updated throughout your Baimbridge years. It will be expected that these are updated by both students and parents at least twice a year. These plans can also form an important part of parent / teacher meetings and student / teacher meetings and can be updated anytime.

Any questions can be directed to your Form Teacher or Year Level Co-ordinators

You may find a large number of notifications on your “My News” area regarding insights, clicking on any of these will take you to the relevant area. We are working on clearing these notifications.
It’s starting to look like a production chorus line!

Rehearsals for Beauty and the Beast are well underway and it looks like its going to be another smash hit with a huge range of talent.

Make sure you get in fast this year with one less show and a huge demand they’ll be selling like hotcakes!

The beginning and the end - teacher Darren McGarigle introduces his year 7 class to woodwork and teacher Roger Kennett assists his unit 1 & 2 Design Wood Year 11 students.
Michael Enderby is currently studying a Diploma of Youth work here in Hamilton. He is running a photo competition for the Youth of Hamilton, to find out what they see as the things they value and what they don't like about Hamilton. These photo's will form a graphic picture of our community, and from that a project will be launched to help with some of the issues found.

The competition is open to all youth aged 8 to 25 who either live, work, study or are involved in a program in Hamilton. To enter, they simply take up to 5 photos of what/somebody they see as something/somebody they value or don't like about our community and message them to Young Citizens of Hamilton Facebook page with a caption describing what/why they have taken them. These will then be filtered and displayed on the page.

Entry categories are based on ages 8-10 11-13 14-16 17-19 20-22 23-25

If you wish to remain anonymous simply state that when sending the photo's. Of course, photo’s from students aged under 13 will have to be submitted by parents.

Once the competition is over at midnight on the 30th of August, the 10 best photos based on age will be selected and prizes awarded.
The canteen is always in need of volunteers and is very grateful for all that we receive - if you can help out at any time please call Aide on 55 722 788.