Minister for Further Education Hon. Nick Wakeling & local Member for Lowan, Minister for Sport Hon. Hugh Delahunty

Principal’s Notes

Minister for Further Education :

Yesterday we were very pleased to welcome the Minister for Further Education Hon. Nick Wakeling and our local Member for Lowan, Minister for Sport Hon. Hugh Delahunty to the Hamilton District Skills Centre. Minister Wakeling is responsible for the vocational education programs delivered through the skills centre. The HDSC Advisory Committee was represented by chairperson, Monivae Principal Mr Mark McGinnity, Casterton Secondary College Principal Mrs Meridith Walker, Good Shepherd Assistant Principal Mr Patrick Moore, Mr Cameron Peverett from the the SDS, myself and Mr Tony MacGillivray. During his visit we took the opportunity to highlight the increased number of students taking advantage of the courses provided as well as the increased number of courses that have been put in place since the skill centre’s inception at the end of 2009. We are very proud of the level of co-operation we have put in place to enable all Hamilton district students to access the skills centre as well the increased retention rates that have resulted from existence of the Hamilton District Skills Centre in our community. We hope the Minister recognised the difference it has made. More images pg 6

Year 9 / 10 Information Night :

This was held last Wednesday night and was extremely well attended by prospective students and their parents. I was delighted to see the turn out of students and parents who were taking advantage of the opportunity to be well informed about the elective program in Year 9 and 10. All students are now required to submit their choices for 2015 and then based on these selections we will construct the elective program for next year. It is crucial therefore that all students get their selection forms handed in so that their choices can be included. Anyone who missed the night can contact Year 9 / 10 Co-ordinator Mr Chris Allen.

School Council :

On Monday night School Council considered survey results for the creation of a school motto. This is a much more difficult task than most people might imagine. Trying to capture the different opportunities that Baimbridge College has to offer and the many pathways possible for a successful and fulfilling future is very difficult to do in a few words. Needless to say there was quite a lot of discussion and hopefully we will have resolved our choices in time for the 20th Anniversary assembly on September 8th.

Yiyili Community School :

Last year I spent two weeks at the Yiyili school in Western Australia with Tony MacGillivray from the skills centre. We published a number of photographs of the school and students in the newsletter showing their environment and their classes. On the 15th September we will be welcoming the Principal of Yiyili, Mr Nick Try, and a group of his students to Baimbridge College. They will go to classes, meet our students and visit Hamilton and then move off to Melbourne to see the sights and hopefully take in a game of finals AFL football. I am sure that we will all make them feel welcome when they arrive. We all need to understand how big the change will be for them, they live in a very small community that is 7 hours drive into central Western Australia from Broome and the temperature there is usually in the mid to high thirties. So they will feel the cold and even little Hamilton will feel busy to them.
Reports:
I mentioned last week that we are preparing for 2015 and indicative of the stage of the year our teachers are in the process of completing interim reports to be distributed on the last day of this term III, Friday 19th September. Student work practises and achievement will be a major factor when we are considering promotion to the next year level.

Bus Scholarships:
Initial discussions have started for the move to centralised organisation of school bus travel in term II 2015. We will distribute information to parents as soon as it is made available by Public Transport Victoria (PTV). While the enforcement of eligibility guidelines for free bus travel will tightened up, School Council will consider offering special scholarships to students who would like to come to Baimbridge College but live outside our catchment. I therefore urge any family with students who would be new to our school to contact Mr. Gilchrist or me before they make final enrolment decisions based on bus travel eligibility criteria.

Baimbridge College 20 Year Anniversary:
Assistant Principals Mr. John Hill and Miss Rosemary Morgan have been working on arrangements for the 20th anniversary of Baimbridge College that will centre around a special whole school assembly on September 8th. Our SRC has also been co-opted to assist with celebration arrangements and have been putting together a plan to help put their stamp on the event as well. I look forward to the recognition of this important milestone and officially recognising twenty years of Baimbridge College.

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.

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Busting for a Feed

Don’t forget that we are providing breakfast for the students in the West Campus covered way on the following mornings:

- Sept 10th - Oct 8th - Oct 22nd - Nov 5th - Nov 19th & Dec 3rd
Year 12 Biology trip to GTAC in Melbourne.

On Tuesday the 19th of August the Year 12 Biology class, Mrs McMullen and Mr Sheehan headed to Melbourne. Once in Melbourne we spent the afternoon at the Melbourne Museum focussing mainly on the evolution exhibit which will be very beneficial for our final unit of study. The students had time to wander around the Museum at their leisure after we had finished at the evolution exhibit and everyone agreed that it was indeed an impressive place; the enormous blue whale skeleton is an awesome sight! We stayed at the ‘Space Hotel’ in the City and on Wednesday morning we made our way to GTAC. At GTAC we started with a workshop looking closely at the process of meiosis and this was followed with a detailed investigation into the diagnosis methods for the genetic disease PKU. It was an excellent opportunity to be in a professional laboratory and see first-hand many genetic procedures and techniques that we have studied. Thanks has to be given to the students who were a pleasure to take to Melbourne, their behaviour was mature and responsible. Thanks also to Mr Sheehan for accompanying us.

Sylvia McMullen (Yr 12 Biology teacher)

FOOD DRIVE

The purpose of the food drive is to collect a large quantity of long life food products, which will then be donated to the Uniting Church. The Church currently run a program called Second Bite. They receive mostly fresh produce from local businesses which they then distribute to families both within Hamilton and also the surrounding community. Although they are grateful for the produce they receive, sometimes it can’t all be distributed as the food perishes too quickly. Students are being asked to bring one item from their allocated food type. We ask that students bring their food item to school within the week of Monday 1st September to Friday 5th September. Your contribution to this worthwhile cause will be greatly appreciated.

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The Library has been inundated with 103 fabulous art works transforming our resource centre into an art gallery for Book Week.

Students were challenged to produce a piece of art inspired by one of the 12 shortlisted books in the Picture Book and Early Childhood categories.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Equal first place: Abbey Jones (Year 8) for her collage based on ‘Kissed by the Moon’ and Nea Gordon (Year 7) for her work inspired by ‘Granny Grommet’.

Honourable Mentions: Patrick Walker (Year 6), Alandra Stone (Year 7), Sophie Patterson (Year 7) and Ashlee Sartain (Year 7)

Thanks you to Mr Constantine and Miss Foley for their support in their Art classes for this competition. Thank you also to our judge Mrs Philip, who spent several hours reading the books and judging the artworks. She was very impressed – as we all are – with the quality of the work.

The exhibition will remain in place for 2 more weeks, where students are able to vote on the “People’s Choice” for winning entries. Parents are very welcome to visit the Library during these two weeks.
Tickets on sale at the East Office now

Adults $22
Students $12
Aged Concession $15
Family (2 ad 2 kids) $45
Avail East Office only

Thursday 4th September
Friday 5th September
Saturday 6th September
Baimbridge College
Music Night 2014

School East Hall
Thursday, 11 September 2014
7:00 – 8:00PM

Featuring music from Hawaii 5-0, Harry Potter,
Shrek, Scream, Faure, Feist, Music Theatre, Popular
Ballads, and many others!

Supper is provided after concert
Gold cola donation appreciated

Forms available at either campus office.
Growing Boys to Men – Understanding the male journey to manhood - An essential presentation for all parents of boys. By Celia Lashlie (international commentator)

Celia’s entertaining and enlightening view of young men and their journey to manhood is a must for any parent.

Adolescent boys – seem to disappear into another world where they barely communicate, and where fast cars, alcohol and drugs are constant temptations.

Will they survive and become good men?
How can we help them through this difficult time?

Celia reveals what goes on inside the world of boys, and that it is an entirely different world from that of girls.

Celia offers parents practical and reassuring advice on raising their boys to become good, loving articulate men.

Venue: Hamilton and Alexandra College Auditorium
Date: 16th of September
Professional Development session: 4.00 pm (must register)
General Public Session: 7.30 pm
Cost: free
Registrations essential
Call Frances Hewett Community Centre 55518450 for bookings

Table Tennis Hamilton
At: HILAC, Shakespeare Street, Hamilton.
Ph 5551 4300
Juniors 8 – 15 Years
Tuesdays 6.45pm to 8.15pm
All supervisors have a current working with children check.

Enquiries:
Peter & Jean Humphries 03 5572 3413
Annette Moore 0414 373 691

Plenty of boxes left, get your pamphlet at the office and register before the end of term.
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We thank you most sincerely for your help in the Canteen, the school could not provide such a great service for the students without the valuable donation of your time.

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 Adie on 55 722 788