Swimming Sports:
The Baimbridge College House Swimming Sports will be held tomorrow at Hughan Park. No classes will run at school for secondary students. No pass outs will be provided for students to leave the pool during the day unless they are with a parent. All students should come to school in the morning as usual and we will move to the pool as a group. Students should bring their lunch, sunscreen, a hat, a drink and should be in uniform unless they are competing in an event or they are in their House colours. I welcome parents to attend to support students who are participating and if you can help with the organisation please contact Miss Cogger or Mrs McArthur.

Transition Information:
The Baimbridge College Year 6 to 7 transition program begins on Tuesday 18th February. State Primary Schools in the area are aware of this arrangement and we are inviting all Year 6 students to attend a day of schooling at Baimbridge College to discover what we have to offer. This will be followed by an Information Night also on the west campus on Tuesday 18th February and then tours of the school during the day on Thursday 20th February.

We trust that aligning our transition information with other schools will enable parents to make a realistic comparison of educational settings for their children.

We look forward to welcoming Year 6 students and their parents to our school and showing them the wonderful opportunities that Baimbridge College has to offer.

Exchange Student:
It was great to see the article in the Spectator about Anna Mitchell and her stay in Denmark this year. Anna will spend the year overseas absorbing the culture and education system of her host country. This is a wonderful experience for any student and I would encourage anyone else who is considering such an adventure to put their name up for selection when the opportunity arises.

Samantha Rogers:
Congratulations to past student Samantha Rogers whose exhibition of ‘contemporary handy crafts’ opened at the Hamilton Gallery on the 7th February. The exhibition is open until the 30th March so please go along and support one of our past students.

Italian Visitors:
I would like to remind everyone that we will again be hosting a visit from a group of Italian students this year. They are to arrive at the beginning of term III and stay with us for 2 months. I have begun asking Year 11 students in particular to host a student. The advantages are many fold and can often lead to the offer of a stay in Italy with the family of the student that has been hosted. Please consider the advantages for your family seriously. I am currently taking names of interested families.
School Photographs:
Mr Hill and Miss Morgan are currently distributing forms for school photos that will take place on Thursday 20th February. The completed forms are to be brought back to school on the day of the photos.

Baimbridge College Website (www.baimbridge-co.vic.edu.au):
I would like to remind parents that Baimbridge College has a website thanks to the work of Mrs Jill Robinson. 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. I would like to thank Mrs Robinson for the excellent job she has done constructing and maintaining the new site.

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 listed on this page.

Notes were sent home on Wednesday informing all year 8 students that they are not required at school on Tuesday 18th February due to the Transition Program running.
Most students are settling in to the year of VCE or VCAL. Families may support their children by ensuring they have a quiet place to study and assist them in developing regular study times with time set aside for other pursuits as well. A healthy balance is essential.

Study Skills sessions are being held for both year levels on February 28th at Baimbridge as part of the Year 11 and 12 program to assist and improve student's study techniques.

**VCE AGREEMENT**
Most students have returned their Senior School Agreement forms. This covers students attendance at school from 9am to 3.30pm, using scheduled study times to pursue independent study and reading in either the library or VCE Centre. Students ARE NOT to stay home or go home in these study periods. Attaining a medical certificates is advised for absences but essential if a student will miss a SAC or SAT.

**PRESENTATION BALL - FRIDAY MAY 2**
There will be a meeting scheduled very soon for students and their families who are intending to participate in this event. A note will be sent home with all Year 11 students detailing the time and date.

Ms. Lyn Collins  
VCE Coordinator

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**Every day counts – school attendance**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

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Need information on the Conveyance Allowance?
Follow this link:


Forms need to be in to the East Office by the end of February.
HAMilton School BuS Network
Baimbridge College: 85 Stephen St Hamilton
Ph: 55722788, Fax: 55725811, Email: gilchrist.david.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Code Red Weather Declared Days

Date 10/12/2013

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development policy requires that the following school buses will not operate on a Code Red day as declared by the Bureau of Meteorology:

- Dunkeld No 10
- Glentopson No 9
- Victoria Valley No 8
- Cavendish No 5
- Mooralla No 6
- Macarthur No 15
- Macarthur No 16
- Macarthur No 17
- Merino No 21

All other services will operate as usual.

Yours sincerely

David Gilchrist
Co-ordinator

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You must show your current pension card at school.
The card must be eligible as at 28.1.14.

Forms from offices.
You can sign over year 7 camp etc costs to the school from EMA.

Instalment amounts are:
One Prep $140 Yr 7 $210
(70%) Yr 1-6 $105 Yr 8 to age 16 $175
Two Prep $60 Yr 7 $90
(30%) Yr 1-6 $45 Yr 8 to age 16 $75
It’s that time of year again, where the pool is the venue and the competition hangs thick in the air. Who will win? Fraser? Laver? Bradman? Cuthbert? Captains are pumped and ready to lead their prospective houses to victory, don’t forget to wear your house colours and barrack HARD.

The team that plays together stays together!

Don’t make non-participation a regret, many past students regret not being involved in activities such as swimming sports. There’s something very special about being a part of a house.

Don’t forget to be SUNSMART!

Bring a HAT, bring SUNSCREEN, bring a DRINK, bring your enthusiasm!
Daniel Battista and Luke Barnes show what the Year 7 camp is all about, kids from different Primary Schools becoming part of the Baimbridge community.

“On the road again, going to places that I’ve never seen or been, well I just can’t wait to go to Halls Gap again.”

As we sang our heads off, we were travelling to Halls Gap for camp. I do strongly think that 7A has “da best” singing voices ever.

Well after an hour and a half, we finally arrived at the camp. Our first activity for the day was Initiatives. In initiatives we had to do a lot of activities that required working together as a team.

On the second day we started off the day with a great big walk, through the mountains. The scenery was great and all but the walk was hard on your knees and legs. We walked to Splitters Falls, where we had a break. On our way back we had a little swim in a billabong.

We then had High Ropes course, which looked freaky. I slowly climbed up the rock climbing wall, on the leap of faith. I reached the top and started shaking, my heart was beating at a million miles an hour. But I just happened to jump off and hit the ball, I was so relieved to have jumped.

Then finally the last day comes round, and we had Abseiling. They always leave the best till last. We hopped on the bus and drove to the Abseiling site. We got harnessed up, and got straight into it. I got to the edge of the rock and started to get nerves. Then I leaped off the edge and casually walked down. The second time I raced Makenzie. On my way down I hit a branch and scratched myself. But I kept going and beat Kenz, by a tiny step.

In the end I had some of the best three days of my life.

By Sinead Lambert 8/02/2014
NAB Hamilton Auskick will commence at Pedrina Park on Saturday 26th April at 9:00am concluding Saturday 28th June 2014. There will be no Auskick sessions on the Queen’s Birthday weekend Saturday 9th June.

Go to www.aflauskick.com.au to register. All registrations must be online and no cash will be accepted. The cost is $65.00 plus credit card fees. All participants that register and pay online before Sunday 13th April 2014, are eligible for the AFL Gameday Club Connect offer of four free tickets to selected AFL games. Auskick packs will be delivered to your home addresses and no packs will be distributed at Pedrina Park.
## Baimbridge College Canteen Roster
**Term 1 2014**

Starting Time 9:00 am. If unable to do duty as rostered please ring 5572 2788

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

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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.**