Principal’s Notes

Year 12:

After a very positive farewell from students, staff and parents at a special whole school assembly, our Year 12 students and their parents enjoyed a formal dinner at the Hamilton PAC to cap off their 13 years of education. Yesterday was the first of the exams with the compulsory English exam taking place in the morning. Students will now have their own personal schedule of exams to complete over the coming month or so. Results of this examination period are then used to determine overall achievement levels (ATARS) and these are usually available before the end of the school year and then offers for tertiary institutions are made shortly afterwards. To all of those students who worked hard during the year and have completed their school based assessments, I would like to wish them all the best in this final assessment period, and trust that they are able to pursue the study of their choice in 2015.

2015 Leaders:

I mentioned last week that the process for the determination of our school leaders was almost completed. I am pleased to announce that from the six students who have been selected as student leaders, Miquela Crawford, Jake Burger, Emma Johnson, Katelyn Coon, Barbara Sealy and Aaron Jenkins, the two who have been elected School Captains for 2015 are Barbara Sealy and Jake Burger. This was announced to a Year 11 assembly last Friday. Also announced were the 2015 Music Captains, Teah Coate and Maddie Dohnt. Congratulations to these students. House Captains for 2015 are yet to be elected.

Standing Tall Mentoring:

The 10th Anniversary celebration of the Standing Tall Mentoring program took place on Thursday evening last week. Special guests at the event were founder of the program Mrs Jeanette Pritchard and generous supporter Mr Jeff Handbury. The guest speaker Melissa Tapper was a very natural presenter whose story was appreciated by everyone in attendance. I would like to thank Tony MacGillivray and the Hamilton District Skills Centre for kindly hosting the celebration and providing a warm, inviting environment in which to share this occasion with Standing Tall supporters and mentors.

Congratulations to all concerned with the program, we look forward to another valuable 10 years.

Remembrance Day 11/11/14

Year 8 students will be attending the Memorial Service on Tuesday 11th November, walking from the College at ten twenty. The 2015 School Leaders will also be in attendance in their first official duty for the College. Students will also be selling Poppies on Friday 7th November.
Ten Year Reunion:
We have had a spate of student reunions recently with a 30 year reunion of the Hamilton High School taking place three weeks ago, another reunion two weeks ago and the ten year reunion of the class of 2004 last weekend. I would like to thanks Mrs Jen McArthur, Ms Rosemary Morgan and Mr Gerard Sheehan for giving up time on their weekends to show past students around the school.

Of note at last weekend’s ten year reunion was past student Chris Ahearn who joined the air force at the end of Year 12. If you happened to hear or see an orange and white aeroplane whizzing around the skies on Thursday night and Saturday morning that was Chris showing us what he now does for a living. Chris also gave his time to a group of Baimbridge College students who were interested in aviation as a career. Careers teacher, Mr Gerard Sheehan took students to the Hamilton Airport on Friday morning to meet Chris and learn about the pathways to become a pilot.

Student Supervision Arrangements:
School Council is in the process of updating a range of school policies at the moment. As part of this review I have decided that it is timely to remind parents of the student supervision arrangements we have in place at Baimbridge College – particularly before and after class times. At the beginning of the day supervision of students begins at 8.20am at the bus interchange as buses arrive with supervision in the yard beginning at 8.30am. We recommend that students do not arrive at school before these hours because there will be no staff rostered on for supervision. At the end of the day staff will supervise the school crossing at 3.30pm until 3.45pm with supervision at the bus interchange continuing until 4.00pm when the last bus leaves. Once again we recommend that parents take into account that staff are not rostered on for supervision after these hours.

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.

Have you downloaded the COMPASS App yet?
Simply type in Compass School Manager into iTunes or your android provider and download the app for free on your smartphone. The weekly newsletter and any information relevant to your child’s year level will be posted on here. You can also add parent approvals via the app.

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:
Nov 5th - Nov 19th & Dec 3rd
Students from around the district visited Baimbridge College recently to experience a presentation by the Australian Defence Force recruiting department. The Defence personnel gave the audience a full run-down on careers available in the defence force including details of tertiary places at the University of New South Wales. They went through the enlistment procedures, the benefits of the ADF and the opportunities available to recruits.

As a follow-up to this presentation, several students were afforded the privilege of visiting Hamilton Airport to inspect an RAAF flight training plane. If you had been in Hamilton last week, you would have heard and seen a plane doing some special fly-overs above Hamilton. This plane was flown by an ex-student of Baimbridge College, Chris Ahearn. Chris joined the RAAF 10 years ago, immediately after completing Year 12. So the students were given a real eye-opening, first hand inspection of the plane and a thorough talk about piloting in general as well as in the RAAF. Chris is pictured above with the plane and our students.
Junior Tennis Competition @
the Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club
7 years +
Commencing Saturday 8th of November
9-11am for 5 weeks. Cost $25
Fully supervised. Younger children will be using modified equipment and taught how to play & score plus suitable sections for more advanced players.
To Book @ call 55626539
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.

**Living with Teens**

A 3 week program for parents of 10 - 15 year olds

**Dates:**
- Tuesday, 11th, 18th, 25th November, 2014
- 9.30am – 1.30pm

**Venue:**
- Canteen, 137 Tce, Albion, 4010
- Cost: $195.00

**Contact:**
- 4th November, 2014

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