Vietnam / Cambodia Trip:

Our staff and students flying out to Vietnam and Cambodia tomorrow night at about midnight. The student group will be supported by Mrs Heather Ward and Mr Steven Constantine as well as Mrs Anne Keatley, Mr Peter Gilbert and Miss Reegan Brunt who worked as a pre service teacher with us last year. The group had a final get together barbecue last Friday at which they received documents and instructions for their departure. Everyone is understandably excited and looking forward to their adventure. At least one of the students went to Italy with the school a few years ago so I will be interested to hear how the two counties compare. Bon voyage and we look forward to a report on their return.

RISE program:

This week Baimbridge College has 5 students attending the RISE program at Melbourne University. This is a unique event for indigenous students in Year 9/10 run by the Melbourne University and GTAC and is a week-long residential program to provide students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The academic program offers presentations and hands-on practical workshops exploring current themes in physics, chemistry, maths and computer science. As well as this the students will also tour outstanding, world-class science facilities to see applications in industry.

Our students attending the program are Bec Langley Year 10, Eleanor Franks, Lizzie Pickett, Kate Klemettila and Jacquie Bunting all of Year 9.

We appreciate the generosity of the Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation for supplying the mini bus for the transportation of our students to and from Melbourne.

Funding Commitment:

Last Thursday morning outgoing member for Lowin, Minister Hugh Delahunty and National party candidate for the seat Ms Emma Kealy committed to providing $2 million dollars of funding to upgrade Baimbridge College facilities should the coalition win government next weekend. The promise is welcomed by everyone in the community as we are all very aware of the lack of funding that has been provided by governments over the last 20 years. While the ultimate decision for the use of these funds, should they eventuate, lies with School Council, there is little doubt that a rationalisation of buildings will be very high on the agenda.
Principal’s Notes Continued

2015 Preparation:
Students in Year 10 and 11 have been working through a program in the last week that is designed to give them a head start with their 2015 studies. Teachers have been running lectures on the different subjects running next year and providing some holiday work for students so that they hit the ground running at the beginning of the 2015 school year. I would like to commend staff on the initiative and thank them for having the educational success of our students as a clear priority.

2015 House Captains:
I was very pleased to announce the House Captains for 2015 to our Year 11 students yesterday. I would like to congratulate them and wish them well for 2015 – we will be relying on them to be great role models to the younger students in our school and to lead by example in our sport and academic endeavours.

The 2015 House Captains are: Bradman – Stevie Pevitt-Holmes and Izzy Nice; Cuthbert – Mikayla Beavis and Caleb Alexander; Fraser – Jack Goodman and James Povey; Laver – Ashlea Stone and Lachlan McIntyre.

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?
We have to apologise to all Android users as we have been promoting the app and have only found this week that Compass has not yet released it in the android app store! So iPhone users please download the app, Android users we will let you know as soon as it is available!
Day 1, Camp.

After we had gotten all of our stuff set up, like beds and we arranged midnight snacks, we all set out for our first big activity: THE GIANT SWING! ‘Lucky me.’ I was last. The giant swing was 18 metres high! The exhilarating drop was enough to make you numb! After everybody had their go we headed back to the cabins to put on some more sunscreen. Then we had free time for about 40 minutes. There was a kangaroo or two in the trails behind the gazebo and they just jumped out in front of you when you least expected it!

After that we all walked down to the lake to go canoeing. The canoes only sat three each. Mr. Hill’s canoe capsized under the bridge we were meant to go under, so then he started splashing people with his paddle. When we came to a clearing we played canoe tag. When we were walking back it was all uphill so when we got back it felt like our legs were in vices of nails. It was horrible.

Jaz Hill Grade 5

Day 2, Camp.

We lined up outside the canteen and went inside with the two other schools that were experiencing the same exciting thing as us and ate! I ate a lot of breakfast! I mean if you are going to camp you might as well get a decent meal! They had loads of stuff like porridge, cereal, toast and yogurt and... that’s about it!

For morning tea we had chocolate chip muffins (yum)! We all went to the Gazebo to see what our next activity was. It was something called Crate climb. I had no idea at all what it was! So we went down to the gym (yes there was a gym) and found out what we were doing! Well, it just so happened to be where you get in a harness (like the one you go rock climbing with) and climb on actual milk crates! There was only one difference and that was that they had cut holes in them so we could fit our feet in them to climb. Mr Hill had to choose a person to do the demonstration and he chose me! It was apparently because of my bravery from when we went canoeing because I have a fear of boats and had to go anyway! But doing a demonstration is like an award and punishment at the same time. You could get embarrassed in front of everyone but at the same time you get an extra go at doing it, and it was pretty fun anyway! My partner was Tahlia! She had to pass up the crates which was a pretty boring job! But it was fun and oh, I forgot. The limit of crates was twelve and it was in the gym... And gyms have basketball hoops! So at the end you have to stand on top of all the crates and if it just so happens to be twelve you can have a go at shooting! If you get it in you get your name written on the backboard.

We had a barbeque for lunch and it was yum! We had the beach carnival next and I was so excited because we would be split into two teams and whoever wins gets their names written on a trophy! I ended up being in the red team with Tahlia! Our team was Red and called Juries Jokers named after Mrs Jury! The other team was Green and called Peters Ice-cream named after Mrs Peters! We walked up to the beach singing the chants we had just made up and got extra points for how loud and long we sang for!

Georgia Farlech Grade 5
Grade 5/6 Camp continued

Day 3, Camp.

When Leftie got to the Gazebo, he took us to the climbing wall. There was a hard, easy and a medium climbing wall there. I had to do the demonstration on the easy wall. We had to get with a partner or a group of three. I went with Jaz and Georgia. We went into a rock climbing room where you could go across the roof, which was cool.

Grade 5’s and 6’s under their new basketball ring. This has been greatly appreciated. Thanks to the Automotive group under Mr Loats who put this together. Dylan Dickson and Dean LeRoy.

Glenelg Division Triathlon results

13 students travelled down to Portland to compete in the 2014 Triathlon last Thursday 20th November.

A great day was had by all and many of our students were encouraged over the finish line by a number of Baimbridge College parents who attended.

Thanks to Richard Knape for supporting the students in sport, by driving the bus.

Results:

Intermediate Boys Individual – 1st Tom Hiscock
Junior Boys Individual – 5th Daniel Battista
Junior Girls Individual – 3rd Nikita Ansell
Junior Boys Team – 7th Cain Robinson, Ollie Pitts, Peter Rafferty

10th Jesse Johnson, Jack Haymes, Haiden Gray
Junior Girls Team – 7th Nea Gordon, Marnie Whiting, Courtney Sanders
Important Netbook Information:

All Year 8, 9 and 10 students who have participated in the 1:1 Netbook Program at Baimbridge College will be required to return their netbook according to the schedule below.

Note:

There will be a $100 administration fee for students who do not return their device at the scheduled time. Students who know they will be away need to see Mrs Dempsey in advance.

Students must have backed up their device PRIOR to the lesson when they return their device.

POWER CORDS MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE DEVICE

Thank you to all the people who have provided feedback on the 1:1 Netbook Program, your comments help guide the future of the program. Again the program has been very successful and students are to be commended on the responsible way in which they have used and managed the devices.

Information regarding specific devices for each year level in 2015 is available on the website under the BYOD Program heading.

All students new to the program will be required to attend an information session providing the details of the program. A requirement of the program is that Parents/carers will also be required to attend this session. Both parents and students must sign an acceptable use policy.

The date scheduled for 2015 Information session is Tuesday December 9th 2014 at 6 pm in the West Gym.

Any questions about the netbooks can be directed to Mrs Kym Dempsey on 55722788

Netbook Return schedule.

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End of Year Program 2014 Years 5-9

The Baimbridge College End of Year program for students in years 5-9 will run from Friday the 12th of December until Thursday the 18th of December inclusive.

This year all student activities are aimed at contributing house points over the five days to the Fisher Cup that was introduced last year. The Fisher Cup which was won by Bradman last year will be awarded to this year’s winners on Thursday afternoon.

Each student will automatically be awarded a house point for attending each day and further points in each organised activity as well as ‘trivia’ and ‘guessing’ competitions throughout the five days.

Each day is broken up into two sessions and there will be no charge for any school based activities. On Tuesday the 16th there will be a whole school excursion to Warrnambool with a base cost of $15.00 – to cover the bus ride. One free or costed activity is available on this day - see Warrnambool excursion sheet for more details.

On Wednesday afternoon the Hamilton cinema has been booked to watch ‘Alexander’s Terrible Horrible Very Bad Day’ at a cost of $8.00 which includes complimentary small popcorn for each student.

You and your child will be able to access the detailed program information on the Baimbridge College web site “www.baimbridge-co.vic.jdlf.com.au” which is different from previous years. A notification via Compass will alert you when the program info is uploaded.

Parents and guardians will need to sign the following forms to be returned with payments to the East Office by Friday the 28th of November.

- End of Year Program enrolment form
- Warrnambool excursion form
- Local excursion form
- Medical form

Once a student has signed up for the activities, then it is expected that they will attend as a great deal of organisation and time has gone into arranging this fun and engaging program. If a student does not attend a whole school excursion they cannot attend school on that day as there will be no supervision for them.

Forms can be downloaded from the website under the EOYP tab.
South West Games Swimming 2014

Do you love swimming? Would you like to have a go at competing?

The South West Games is in Hamilton and the Hamilton Olympic Swimming Club is hosting a swim meet on Saturday 29th November 2014 at the outdoor 50m pool at Hughan Park.

The meet is open to anyone who is able to swim 50m competently – you do not have to be a club member or registered with Swimming Victoria as a competitive swimmer. It is an encouragement meet.

Entries close Friday 21st November. To find out more please contact hoscentries@gmail.com or phone 0437 827 903 and speak to Kellie.
Starting Time 9:00 am. If unable to do duty as rostered please ring 5572 2788

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.

Please note that the Canteen will be closed as of Wednesday 10th December.

Students are to bring their own lunches for the end of year program.

DATE                  MONDAY               TUESDAY               WEDNESDAY          THURSDAY          FRIDAY
Dec 1-5               Tracey Sartain     Genevieve Lambert     3                4                5
Dec 8-12              Lisa McIntyre & Val Peters 9          10 CANTENE        CLOSED FOR THIS YEAR

DATE
Dec 1-5
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