Principal’s Notes

School Council Elections:
Nominations for positions on School Council closed last Friday afternoon. I would like to congratulate our new Council members on their appointment to a two year tenure and look forward to working with them. The newly nominated and appointed parent representatives on Council are Mr Shaun McIntyre (Alec Year 12, Lachlan Year 11 and Airlie Year 8), Mr Jason McCallum (Darcy Year 12, Tavis Year 8 and Liam Year 8) and Mrs Carolyn Collins (Edwin Year 12 and Ellen Year 11).

The DEECD representatives who have been nominated and elected are Mrs Bernadette Cook and Ms Sheba Gurm. Council will meet early in term II to invite two community members to Council.

The previous School Council meeting on Monday 24th March included the release of the 2013 Annual Report which still requires some finishing touches due to the late release of DEECD guidelines this year. At the next meeting Council has included the 100th anniversary of secondary education (Hamilton High School) in 2016 as an agenda item.

Parent / Teacher Interviews:
Interviews take place tonight Thursday 3rd April from 4.00pm until 7.30pm with a break at 5.30pm for half an hour so staff can have some dinner. Interviews are extremely valuable at this time, along with the distribution of interim reports, because they provide the opportunity for parents to talk to teachers and ensure their son or daughter is on track to get the best achievement possible at the end of semester I. It is a chance to keep informed about work habits so that any adjustments can be made to help individual students. I urge all parents to take advantage of the opportunity to come to school, meet their child’s teachers and keep informed about progress. This is the ideal time. The end of semester is too late to adjust work habits, achievement levels will have already been measured and recorded.

All interviews will take place on the east campus to facilitate movement from one interview to the next. It is intended to have all staff available in the VCE Centre or Home Economics Centre.

Interview Appointments:
With the adoption of the Compass student management system we have offered parents the opportunity to make all their parent/teacher interview appointments online. Parents who cannot access the internet or who are not comfortable making their appointments online can ring 55722788 and our office staff will put their appointments online for them.

Instructions for making the appointments on Compass have been included with each report sent home. While there was one minor technical hiccup with the appointment system it has worked well and the response from parents has been excellent providing no reason why we will not continue with Compass in the future.
Communication:

I am still talking to parents who ask me about access to the newsletter or Compass. I would like to ask parents to talk to each other and help us ensure everyone in our community realises that if they have lost the Compass password that was sent to them last year they simply need to ring us on 55722788 and ask for their password and any assistance they require to log on.

Similarly our newsletter has been electronic for almost 18 months now and can be accessed via our website or parents can be put on an email list. A very small number of paper copies are made available from the office on either campus. Please spread the word about how we communicate we need everyone to be kept up to date with what is happening and how to access information. Thank you!

ANZAC Day:

While it does seem early to be discussing ANZAC Day we are mindful that it takes place on the first Friday back in term II and we need to be prepared in advance. Our school will, as always, have an ANZAC Day ceremony on Thursday 24th April during period 4, the SRC will be heavily involved in its organisation. Staff and student leaders as well as interested students will also participate in the town service on the ANZAC Day public holiday with school representatives attending services in the surrounding district towns.

Attendance:

Student attendance levels were discussed at the most recent School Council meeting. It was agreed by all council members to remind parents of the importance of attending school every day. Any absences impact the social, emotional and academic progress of students. On behalf of School Council I ask that parents only keep students out of school when absolutely necessary, especially when making appointments that could be moved outside of school hours. Small absence levels quickly add up to significant gaps in learning when added up over a few years.

End of Term:

Term I ends on Friday 4th April at 2.30pm and students are not required back at school until Tuesday 22nd April. The first week back in term II will be a short 3 day week because Friday 25th April is the ANZAC Day public holiday.

Easter Monday:

The Easter Monday public holiday takes place on Monday 21st April, term II begins on the next day. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter period and ask everyone to take care over this traditionally dangerous time on our roads.

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. Financial support will be available to cover increased household expenses.

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.
Swim Results

Congratulations to Daniel Battista and Sam McIntosh for their efforts at the Greater Western Sport Division Swimming Carnival recently held in Warrnambool.

Daniel had a great day coming home with 3 first places and a second in the four events he participated in.

RESULTS:
- 2nd - 200m Freestyle (2.59.01)
  1st - 50m Freestyle (32.73)
  1st - 50m Butterfly (35.94)
  1st - 50m Backstroke (41.21)

Sam finished the day with a hat trick of 3rd placings in the following events.

RESULTS:
- 3rd - 100m Breaststroke (1.28.52)
  3rd - 50m Breaststroke (37.59)
  3rd - 50m Freestyle (28.90)

Daniel has now qualified for the State Swimming Finals in 3 events. This will be held at the State Swimming Centre in Melbourne on Tuesday 29th April.

SPORTS RUGBY

The Baimbridge College Sports Ruggys are now in stock at Accurate Clothing (Gray St) for $89.95. They’re excellent quality and look brilliant.

This week saw the Active After School Net Set Go Netball Gala Day at Pedrina Park held on Tuesday, 15 students from P - 6 attended with coach Richard Knape. The kids had a great day out and represented our school in all levels with displays of excellent behaviour and great sportsmanship.

Thank you to all of the parent helpers, Alice Keatley & Bec Langley our umpires and most importantly, the students. Well done.
Music Camp 2014 will be held in May from the 22 Thursday to 24 Saturday at Halls Gap. The approximate cost is $210 per student. All choir, vocalists, instrumentalists, band and ensemble members are encouraged to participate.

7A show off their mobiles in Mrs Ross’s music class last week. The students showed us their very creative efforts and then we were treated to a tambourine session where Mrs Ross leads and the students follow. We must say that Mrs Ross is DEFINITELY a groover!

Our Year 12 cohort went back in time to Primary School this week with a dress up day. The conclusion was reached that a lot of them had finished growing in Grade 6 as most of them fitted nicely into their uniforms, case in point our esteemed school captain Steph Granzieria in her Gray St uniform.

It’s not all seriousness on the staff at Baimbridge. Some shenanigans were had to celebrate Mr Mac’s birthday which also happened to be April Fools Day. For his birthday he received a gift wrapped office.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO ON THE HOLIDAYS FOR THE KIDS???

The next few pages will give you a list of options, starting with our very own Tony “GILLY” MacGillivray running an international cuisine themed kids in the kitchen for one day only on the holidays at the HDSC.

The program is excellent value for money and the kids have a ball, playing with one of the biggest kids of all—Gilly!
Living with Teens

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

Dates:
- Tuesdays:
  - 29th April, 6th and 13th May 2014
- 3 Week Program

Time:
- 9.30am - 12 Noon

Venue:
- Centrecare
  - 142 Viner Street
  - Warrnambool, 3280

Cost:
- FREE!

Enrolment:
- 21st April

Contact Angela: 6909 3000 by Monday 21st April

Bobby Cunningham’s School holiday
Basketball Skills Sessions
at the Port Fairy basketball stadium
on WEDNESDAY 9th April 2014
6-11 year olds 9am-12pm
12-16 year olds 1pm-4pm
ONLY $25 each
Bookings are essential as limited places available!
To book please call Jane; 0408514382 or Email janegrimshaw@bigpond.com

It’s Story TIME
Every Day During
The School Holidays @ 11.30am-12noon
Come along and listen to some new stories in our storybook collection
Followed by a craft activity.
Suitable for preschool and lower primary school ages.

HAMILTON SOCCER CLUB
MINIROOS
Junior Program ages 5 – 15 years
Mitchell Park
Saturday mornings
9.30am to 11am
3rd May – 13th September 2014
(except school holidays)
to register visit
www.myfootballclub.com.au
and click “register now” registration is $70

For further information email hamiltonsoccerclub@gmail.com or phone Julie on 0418 149 165
www.hamiltonsoccerclub.blogspot.com

Easter Bunny is Arriving Soon!!

Come along to our puppet workshop and
create your very own hand puppet.
A screening of the MUPPETS MOST WANTED movie is also included.

Where: Hamilton Cinema
When: Wednesday 9th April
Cost: $8.50 per person
Limited number of tickets available.
Pre-purchase at The Library

Fun4Kids NEEDS YOU!
VOLUNTEER REGISTRATIONS
OPEN NOW!!

Each year we search for volunteers to help
Warrnambool Fun4Kids Festival continue to be
the BIGGEST AND BEST Children's Festival.

Adults and Students (_age 14 yrs) are invited to join our 'Fun Crew'

There’s heaps of ways to get involved and rosters are flexible.
Fun4Kids Festival 2014 will be held from June 26 – July 6

Interested?
Call Shani on 5559 4334 or email fun4kids@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Happy Easter!
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.

More details on posters around the school, forms at the West Office.
### Canteen Roster

**Term 2 2014**

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

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**Notes:**

- IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP IN ANY WAY PLEASE CONTACT ADIE.
- IF UNABLE TO COME ON ALLOCATED DAY, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT
- We thank you most sincerely for your support to the Canteen.
- Many gaps to be filled if you can help!