House Swimming Sports:
We had a wonderful day at the pool on Tuesday this week for the annual House Swimming Sports. In particular I would like to thank the many parents and friends of our students who came along to support the day. It was great to see so many turn up and cheer the swimmers on as well take the opportunity to chat to and get to know other parents in the Baimbridge College community. After a cool start we had a lovely warm afternoon with great competition. The overall winners were Laver House as a result of great participation from both the girls and the boys in the House. House Captains Lachlan McIntyre and Ashlea Stone accepted the winning trophy on behalf of all their swimmers from Sport Coordinator Mrs Jen McArthur and laid down a challenge to the other House to “catch them” when we come to the athletics sports at the end of term.

Individual age group winners were presented with medallions with an unusual triple dead heat in the U13 boy’s category.

The annual staff student relay was won by a rejuvenated staff team – the challenge for students in 2016 is to turn the tables once again.

Transition Day:
The Baimbridge College Year 6 to 7 transition program was a great success on Wednesday with a large number of district students taking the opportunity to find out more about secondary schooling at Baimbridge College. The Year 6 students spent a day going to classes to find out what our six period day felt like compared to primary school. As I have said before I trust this day gives parents and students the opportunity to make realistic comparisons of the different options open to them in Hamilton before they make their decision about secondary schooling. The day was followed by a parent information evening at 6.00pm that went over the educational opportunities that Baimbridge College has to offer.

Any family who missed the chance to be part of the transition day is welcome to contact Middle School Co-ordinator Mr Scott McFadden or Assistant Principal Mr John Hill for alternative opportunities to get a feel for our school.

I also want to thank Mrs Bernadette Cook and Mrs Jill Robinson for their work in organising the day and encourage families to contact them for details about the transition to Year 7 at Baimbridge College in 2016.

Immunisations:
Take place tomorrow, anyone requiring last minute information about the program should contact Assistant Principal Mr John Hill.

School Photographs:
These are being taken on Tuesday 24th February. Forms should be returned with money on the day. As usual we ask that all students are in full school uniform on this day.
Parent Tours:
Today we held tours of the school for parents and students. This was a chance to see the school operating under normal conditions with all classes operating. We began at about 9.45am and finished around 11.30 with visitors being able to watch teachers and students go about their usual business.

Anyone who was unable to attend can organise an alternative time by contacting Mr Hill or Mr McFadden as mentioned above.

Parent Opinion Survey:
I was checking the results of the parent opinion survey that was distributed last year to find out what parents think and feel about our school and would like to thank those families that took the time to complete the form and send it back to be processed by the education department and the results sent to me. Unfortunately less than a quarter were returned which makes it difficult to get an overall picture of parental opinions so we will be providing another opportunity in the near future. We will be in contact soon with some specific questions we would like to have your opinion about. I look forward to reading what you have to say.

School Council:
Council meets again on this Monday 23rd February (4th Monday of the month during school term). There will be a minimum of eight meeting per year. Members will meet at 7.30pm in the Hamilton District Skills Centre dining room as usual. Agendas will be distributed next week.

Elections for vacated positions will be held later this term.

Student Computer Information:
This year all we have further expanded access to 1:1 computers with Year 11 and 12 students having the option to be part of our school supported program. Any questions regarding the induction meetings or the program can be directed to Mrs Kym Dempsey.

Along with the 1:1 computer program is the expansion of our online student management system Compass. There will be more information available to parents this year. Parents can log onto the system from the Baimbridge College website. This will also enable them to access their password. I can see a time in the future when student reports will be on Compass. Watch this space!!

This week I finally got to catch up with our 2014 Dux, Taylor Kearney, delayed due to my absence at the end of 2014. Taylor is about to head to Monash University to study a double degree in Computer Science and Physics. His ATAR score of 98.7 with a 50/50 in Maths Methods has proven that Baimbridge College students have access to a quality education second to none. The conversation I had with Taylor was inspiring as he attributed his success to both a strong work ethic as well as the passion and dedication of his teachers. Well done and best wishes for what I am sure will be a very bright future Taylor.
VCE Students and Parents/Guardians

The VCAA recognises that some students with an illness or disability may require Special Examination Arrangements to enable them to access the examination questions and communicate their responses in a timed examination.

There are six categories for application:

- severe health impairment
- significant physical disability
- learning disability
- severe language disorder
- hearing impairment
- vision impairment

Any student in year 11 or 12, studying a unit 3 and 4 subject or assessed VET course, who feels that they may be eligible for special examination arrangements, should contact Ms Taylor as soon as possible.

School Photos will be taken on the 24th of February. Students are to wear Summer Uniform, have their hair neat and tidy, girls to wear white or blue ribbons please. School jumpers must be worn in photos. If you do not have a school jumper one will be supplied for you. Family photos will be available, students will be given their photo forms to order online soon.

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 17/2/2015

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
Glenthompson 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

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE IN 2015 THE CLOSE OF APPLICATION DATE IS FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY. PLEASE GET APPLICATIONS TO THE EAST OFFICE ASAP.

CAPs Interviews

During the year all year 9-12 students will be requested to attend a Career Action Plan interview. This is a directive from the Education Department to ensure that the students in these year levels are aware of their career opportunities and the resources that are available to help them achieve their desired goal. These interviews are a valuable resource and are held every Monday and Tuesday in the CAPs room. Students are notified of the time and day of their interview through the Student Bulletin and it is their responsibility to record their time. All students are strongly recommended to attend these interviews Parent/Guardians can access their child’s interview on Compass in the ‘Insights’ folder where they can leave a comment.
**LAVER WINS!**

**Placings:** 2nd - Cuthbert  
3rd - Fraser  
4th - Bradman

**Boys Aggregate:** 1st Laver  
2nd Cuthbert  
3rd Fraser  
4th Bradman

**Girls Aggregate:** 1st Cuthbert  
2nd Fraser  
3rd Bradman  
4th Laver

**Individual Age Group Champions:**

**GIRLS**

12 & Under: Lily Stewart (c)  
13 & Under: Lily Kyle (f)  
14 & Under: Sinead Lambert (f)  
15 & Under: Temika Gay (f)  
16 & Under: Danielle Vankalken (b)  
17 & Under: Alice Keatley (b)  
Open: Mel Knights (b)

**BOYS**

12 & Under: Oscar Reynolds (l)  
13 & Under: Josh Page (l), Steven Garland (l)  
& Austin Mills (c)  
14 & Under: Danile Battista (c)  
15 & Under: Jack Knight (l)  
16 & Under: Tom Scott (c)  
17 & Under: Kobe O’Brien (l)  
OPEN: Caleb Alexander (c)
Austswim

HILAC will be running a Bronze Rescue program for any secondary school student or adult who is a competent swimmer starting this Sunday 22nd Feb. The second day is 1st March. Enrolments are being taken at HILAC reception, these will close this Friday 20th Feb.

We are also hosting an AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety on the weekend of the 28th Feb. Enquiries and enrolments to AUSTSWIM Victoria Business Centre 1300 885 666 (local call cost). Participants must be 16 years of age.

G'day USA January 2016

It is not too late to join this 20 day Cultural Exchange tour to the USA. Travel with your school friends and live with an American family for 10 days. Visit Disneyland Universal Studios San Francisco, San Diego and an American School. There is even a possibility that we might be at Disneyland to bring in the new year! Please see this newsletter or Mrs Ward for further information. A representative from G'Day USA will speak at the next school assembly and a meeting will be arranged shortly after for interested students and their parents.
Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP)

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The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus. The conveyance allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria varies depending on the type of school attended and where it is located.

Students attending a government or non-government school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- reside outside Melbourne’s metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Students attending a government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- reside within the Designated Transport Area (DTA) for the government specialist school attended (applicable to government students only) be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.
Regional Conferences 2015

Leadership | Action | Student Voice

VicSRC Regional Conferences allow students to network across schools, gain new skills, work together on common issues and define what really matters across Victoria.

- Talk on tenet of secondary students and their teachers
- Talk on action on school, teens, drugs
- Learn how to be more effective student representatives
- Free and PD for teachers

“I’m part of something bigger and together we’re powerful”

REGIONAL CONFERENCE - HAMILTON

Thursday 26 March 2015
8.45am-3pm (EST)
Rannigale College | Hamilton, VIC

Cost
$55 per student for VicSRC member schools
$45 per student for non-VicSRC members

Register online by Friday 6 March
www.vicsrc.org.au

More information
Fiona Campbell | communications@vicsrc.org.au | 0407 877 507

BRONZE RESCUE PROGRAM

Bronze Star and Bronze Medallion

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 & MARCH 1
9.30AM - 4.30PM

Enrol at HILAC Reception

For enquiries and further information please contact:
Sarah Byron Swim Programs Coordinator,
Ph: 55514306 or emails: sbyron@stgrampians.vic.gov.au

We want YOU! – Families BIG or small!

STS Student Exchange has students from all over the world who come to Australia to experience our amazing country twice a year – July and January. We are looking for volunteer host families to share their home with an exchange student. Students have their own spending money and medical insurance. All you need to do is welcome them in and treat them like your own son or daughter.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student or would like any information contact
Amelia – STS Local Coordinator for South West Victoria Phone: 0438 899 807
http://www.sts-education.com/australia/tas/host-family/
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.

The canteen is always in need of volunteers as you can clearly see by the gaps in the above roster we are in need of more assistance. We are very grateful for all that we receive - if you can help out at any time please call Adie on 55 722 788

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