Our grade 5/6 competitors at the Combined Schools Cross Country on Tuesday.

Parent Feedback:
I would like to thank all the parents who responded to the feedback requests about the parent / teacher interviews, whether on the survey forms on the night of the interviews or by responding to the request put on Compass recently. There was quite a lot of agreement about the increased time span required for parents to access teachers. It did seem that the majority of people were able to successfully use Compass to make their appointments and that interviews provided useful information for both student and parents. I will take the results of the survey to School Council to discuss potential adjustments to parent / teacher interview arrangements so they are as accessible and useful to all concerned as we can make them.

Italian Teacher:
Unfortunately Miss Ilaria Badino has had to return home to Italy for family reasons at short notice and we have been left without a teacher of her classes for a short while. I would like to thank our language assistant Mr Marco Sartore for helping out with these classes at the moment while a replacement found.

I am pleased to say that a replacement is not far away. We have recently appointed a new teacher who should be with us at the beginning of June. I will have great pleasure in introducing her to the school community in a few weeks.

NAPLAN and exams:
NAPLAN tests have been all over the news and media recently and they began at Baimbridge College and across the state this week. All students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit for numeracy and literacy based tests. The results will be available later this year. The tests are intended to provide an indication of each student’s achievement levels and therefore help parents, students and teachers target their teaching and learning efforts more accurately. They are NOT a measure of the worth of an individual and will not and should not be used as such.

We have also begun an examination period during which all students will undergo assessment under formal conditions. The exams will not determine whether students ‘pass’ or ‘fail’ the semester, they will only make up part of the assessment that each student will receive for their subjects. While we want everyone to do their best, the examination period is intended to provide students with the experience of formal assessments that await them in their education and life.

Education Week:
This takes place from 18 – 22 May. As part of Education Week we will be holding tours of the school on Thursday 21st May. They will take place at 9.30am and then again at 12.30. Appointments to be part of the tour can be made by contacting the office on 55722788.
Uniform:
A reminder that we have very clear guidelines about uniform and that cold weather often signals the appearance of all types of odd additions that are not uniform. The type shoe is clearly specified are socks and jumpers. School jumpers and white t-shirts under shirts help keep students warm. I had the experience recently of speaking to a Year 8 boy in shorts and short sleeved shirt who was cold in class and I had to explain that a white t-shirt and his jumper would help significantly.

The issue of facial piercings is occasionally the subject of discussion and I would like to reiterate what most people already understand and that is that a pair of studs or sleepers are the only acceptable piercings in the school uniform policy.

Call to Past Students:
Members of our community will have seen the advertisement in the Hamilton Spectator for past students to make up a committee to organise celebrations for 100 years of government education in 2016. If you or someone you know is interested in being part of the organisation of an event please contact me and I will take the names of interested persons to School Council.

Italian Students:
The time is getting closer for our Italian student visitors to arrive. They should be here at the beginning of term III and I am looking for families to host the students who will being staying for two months. During this time they will attend classes at Baimbridge College. We will provide financial assistance to families who host students in recognition of the extra house keeping costs that will be incurred. The school will provide uniform items. The ideal year level to host would be someone from Year 11 but all interested parties will be considered. If you are interested in hosting a student and showing off our wonderful country and way of life please let me know as soon as possible.

Access to Newsletters:
Baimbridge College produces a newsletter each week that will be distributed to parents by email or via the Baimbridge College website. To ensure you receive your newsletter you can contact our front office on 55722788, so that they can be placed on our email distribution list OR just log on to our website 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.

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International Student Hosting Sought

Former student Dr Heather Benbow is a Senior Lecturer, German Studies and Coordinator, European Studies at Melbourne University and has written to us asking for expressions of interest in hosting a German Student. The students have a good level of English and SAGSE (organising committee) are very supportive of the kids. Host families need to have students in years 10 - 12 and the German student would arrive in early June for 10 weeks. Please see Miss Morgan for further information if you are interested.

(Don’t forget we have Italian students looking for accommodation too!)
On a cool and dewy Monday morning the Intermediate boys Football team left Baimbridge College with high hopes of a positive day at Pedrina Park, with games against Monivae and Portland. Despite the impending weather the boys were well prepared and keen to get stuck into their first match against the old foe Monivae.

We started slowly, with Monivae getting the jump on us early. Though were unable to capitalise on their efforts; peppering the goals unsuccessfully with a series of behinds. This was due to the good defensive pressure and distraction skills of the Baimbridge backline; especially Lochie Bosch with his uniquely off-putting vocal tactics.

The second half proved to be a significant turnaround for Baimbridge. With several tactical changes the boys started to click, scoring multiple goals. We saw some excellent ball use through the midfield from Sam Tooley, Angus McIntyre, Kedar Rowland and Adam Ferguson, while our forward line was managing to lock the ball in and capitalise on the pressure being created.

We saw some great clearance football in the backline also from Scott Nippress and James Povey who were managing to get the ball out effectively. By the end of the match we had managed to kick more goals than Monivae; due in part to some classy kicking by Tom Scott, proving to be the more accurate of the two sides. Monivae managed to fall over the line on the myriad of points they had kicked in the first half, to get up over a valiant Baimbridge side by 4 points.

The second match proved to be a much tougher one, as we came up against a fresh and fierce Portland side.

Captain Sam Tooley won the toss in a good start for Baimbridge; however Portland managed to keep the ball in their forward line for much of the first half. Despite a flood of goals to Portland, the boys managed to show much more intent and attack on the ball in the second half; with fierce tackling pressure and several key contested marks from Dale Foran, Cam Gellert and Tom Scott. Lachlan Price was another tireless workhorse in the centre, coming up against an older and larger opponent.

Portland ended up running away comfortable winners at the end of the match.

The medal for best player was awarded to the captain Sam Tooley; for his leadership, skill and tireless work through the midfield.

It was fantastic to see the group support each other throughout the matches, and the respect given to both umpires and the opposing teams. The way in which they represented Baimbridge College is a credit to the group and the school.

Special thanks to Jake Baker-O’Keefe and Josh Stephens for their umpiring contributions.

Congratulations to the boys on a great day!
On Wednesday 6th May 38 students and 3 staff set off to see what University life has to offer them. The first stop was Deakin Uni at Waurn Ponds and then the Waterfront Geelong here we met up with Emma Hill and Alec McIntyre. After walking up and down what seemed like an endless supply of stairs everyone happily bordered the bus and down the highway to Melbourne we went. We made our way to Victoria Uni at Footscray where even more stairs were encountered but where we learnt more about life on campus. From there we travelled into the city and our accommodation at CYC in Collins Street. After dinner it was off to the movies.

Next day, the visits to other Uni’s continued (and even more sets of stairs to climb). Our first stop was Monash where we met up with Sophie Gilbert and Gift Duma who were appointed as our guides. 27,000 students are enrolled at Monash and most realised that this was almost 3 times as big as Hamilton. To some this was quite confronting; while to others an exciting prospect. After we left there it was off to Bundoora to La Trobe where we met up with Maddie Riddle who was happy to show the group where she lives and explained about how good life is, living on campus. The afternoon was spent exploring the city. Some checked out the library; some checked out art while the rest participated in an Amazing Race. That evening, and for some the highlight of the trip, we were in the audience of channel 10’s The Project. Jack Goodman showed his comic side and Lachie McIntyre shared with the warm up guy why he hadn’t quite made school leader while Erin Astbury and Mrs Liston were delighted to share with host Georgie that they live in Penshurst where she has friends.

Our final day saw us at Caulfield Racecourse (along with thousands of other students) at the VCE Careers Expo collecting information and pens for future reference. On our way home we called into Fed Uni at Ballarat where Sarah Wardell and Liam Keating met us and shared with us some thoughts about their lives as Uni Students. We arrived in Hamilton just on 20 to 6 all safe and happy; if a bit weary, with a lot of information on what they could do with their lives in the years to come.

Photos next page...
Year 12 University Camp Rachel and Amy at Deakin Waterfront
Lachie and Mitch and The boys with ex-student Gift at Monash
James and Miquela relaxing after a hard day checking out future options
A group Photo at Victoria Uni Footscray; Boys at play at CYC – Charlton, Jackson and Jake and Erin checking out the Graffiti in the city
After a very successful and full Year 12 VCE University excursion last week, there are a number of career based activities coming up in the following weeks.

Thursday May 21, a talk for Year 12 students during form assembly regarding volunteering as a gap year alternative by Lattitude.

Tuesday May 26, the Royal Flying Doctor Service is visiting Baimbridge College to present to Years Prep – 7. Each student is to pay $3.00 to their form teacher.

Tuesday May 26, Tessa Rochfort from the International College of Hotel Management will present to a group of interested senior students regarding careers in the hotel industry.

Wednesday May 27, The Australian Defence force will present to interested students on the role of the military and provide information on jobs in the ADF.


Friday May 22, Year 10 students are to have their work experience placements finalised.

Gerard Sheehan

A Friendly reminder.....

Parents are reminded that the West Campus staff carpark is reserved for staff members only and is not to be used as a drop off / pick up point for students please.
Sport Ed Report

Year 9/10 Baimbridge Basketball Competition Results
On Wednesday 6th May, 3 games were held at the gym.
Red 47 defeated White 10
Blue 48 defeated White 14
Blue 30 defeated Red 27
Points were awarded to the Best and Fairest for each game.
Players nominated were Ash, Kedar, Luke and Lauren.
Jake Mayne - Publicity Officer

Cyber Safety Information Session

Location: Hamilton Special Developmental School
15 Kerr Street Hamilton, 3300.

Date: Monday 15th June.
Time: 4:15 for a 4:30 start.

Afternoon tea provided.

Family Forum: An empowering approach to dealing with cyberbullying

Presented by one of the PROJECT ROCKIT volunteers, Lucy and Rosie Thomas, recipients of the International Award for Outstanding Achievement in Cyber Safety.

With a “no mean zips” policy, police and school use their experience as digital natives and cyberbullying experts to develop the most common social media platforms to deter young people. The workshop utilises video of real-life bullying and social networking sites to show the effects of technology. Introducing the idea of digital citizenship and the importance of setting social controls to prevent cyberbullying.

The workshop includes practical tips for dealing with cyberbullying as well as strategies to prevent spreading and ending it. We encourage you to bring your kids along too (optional) – we all want to build our own positive type of social media and avoid being part of the problem.

Aftercare is provided at PROJECT ROCKIT Environments, engaging and insightful. Parents are encouraged to help their children to the evening workshops.

If you have any questions or wish to book a workshop for your school, please contact me.

For more information or to RSVP contact:
Hamilton Special Developmental School on 5372077

The Ladybug Nursery is kindly donating $1 per bare rooted rose and $2 per bare rooted tree when purchased off a select list, please log in to Compass and check your news feed for the list.
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.

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

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## CANTEEN

### HOT FOOD
- Pie: $3.30
- Flavoured Pie: $3.50
- Nachos: $4.00
- Party Pie: $1.20
- Long Sausage roll: $2.90
- Half Sausage roll: $1.60
- Chiko Roll: $2.20
- Chicken Nuggets: $2.10
- Dim Sim (Term 2 & 3 Only): $1.00
- Potato Cake (Term 2 & 3 Only): $1.00
- Soup (Term 2 & 3 Only):
  - Packet: $1.50
  - Focaccias: $4.50
- Noodles: $2.20
- Croissant: $3.50
- Toasted Sandwich: $3.50
- Flaming chicken nibble: $1.10
- Calzone: $2.00

### SANDWICH
- Assorted Sandwiches: $3.50
- Assorted Wraps: $4.50
- Roll to be ordered: $4.50
- Mini Wraps: $2.00

### SALAD PACK
- Small (salad only): $3.00
- Large (salad only): $5.00
- with meat: $4.00
- with meat: $6.00

### DRINKS
- Oak 600ml: $2.60
- Oak 300ml: $1.40
- Ice Break: $2.70
- Cool Ridge Water: $2.00
- Nippy’s: $2.00
- Ice Tea: $2.70
- Fresha Juice Large: $2.30
- Small: $1.50
- Smart Water: $2.70
- Pepsi 450ml Assorted: $2.70
- Glo drink: $1.00
- Glee: $1.50
- Focus Water: $1.50
- Cup of Coffee, Tea: $1.50

### SWEET TREAT
- Cookies: $1.30
- Banana Bread: $1.10
- Apple Scrolls: $1.70
- Hedgehog: $2.50
- Jelly Slice: $2.50
- Apple Slice: $2.50
- Vanilla Slice: $2.50
- Caramel Slice: $2.50
- Mint Slice: $2.50
- ½ Slice: $1.30
- Muffins: $2.50
- Cutlery 10c: Sauce 20c

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**ASSORTED DAILY SPECIALS CHECK BOARDS**