Yiyili Visitors:
Tony MacGillivray has just returned from a two week trip to Yiyili in Western Australia. Yiyili is a community between Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing that we have formed a relationship with over the past three or so years. The Hamilton District Skills Centre has helped deliver healthy eating programs to students at the school and we hosted a visit from a group of students and staff from Yiyili last year.

Gilly has returned from Western Australia with two students from Yiyili who will be attending classes for the remainder of this term. I would like to welcome Si and Camille who are in Year 7 and Year 8 respectively. They will take part in our classes with our students and I have no doubt we and they can learn a lot about each others home and culture in the coming weeks. I urge everyone to make the girls feel welcome as I am sure that we can all understand how nervous they may be being so far away from home.

Education Week:
This week is Education Week. As part of Education Week we held tours of the school today. There was a pleasing number of people who took advantage of the opportunity to look around our school on a normal operating day. It is also a pleasure to share our school day with interested members of our community and for them to see first hand the classes and experiences our students enjoy on a daily basis. I would like to thank our student leaders for helping show our guests around. Anyone who missed the opportunity today can contact me or Assistant Principals Rosemary Morgan or John Hill to make a time to look through the school.

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 of shoe is clearly specified as 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.

School Council:
The Baimbridge College School Council will meet this Monday the 25th of May at 7.30pm at the HDSC.
Principal’s Notes Continued

Mobile Phones:
The information sheet that accompanies every students’ enrolment form makes it very clear that we do not accept students using mobile phones at school. We understand that they may be valuable to parents and students before and after school but they are not required at school. Messages to students can be delivered by contacting reception on 55722788. We clearly do not want students texting or being distracted from their classes by phones. Should a student need to make a phone call they can come to the office of assistant principal to ask to use the phone. Consequences do apply for students not abiding by this rule.

Contacting Staff:
I had to explain to some parents recently that it was not acceptable to make their way to teachers offices to speak to them without an appointment. Your children’s teachers have teaching responsibilities as well as preparation, correction and yard duty responsibilities. It is also an expectation, that in the interest of student safety and security, no one should be wandering around the school without permission, parents included. I would respectfully ask that everyone abide by the courtesy of making an appointment if they would like to chat to a teacher. This will also avoid disappointment should the teacher not be available. All visitors should report to reception as it says on the signs at the front of each campus – thank you.

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 be 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.

Are you missing information re events / camps / excursions? Simply log on to Compass and register your correct email, then every notification comes to you, no more relying on your child to empty that bag!
Staffing Change

Parents are advised that as of today Mr Scott McFadden is no longer the Middle Years Co-ordinator. We would like to thank Mr Mac for his work in the Middle School over the past 12 years, he is taking a well earned rest from the co-ordinator position and we ask that parents please ask for and deal with Mr Alan Thomas (Middle School Assistant Coordinator) whilst we appoint a new co-ordinator.
Our Cross Country team had a good day out last week, finishing overall 3rd in the event. Congratulations to Tom Hiscock, Bec Langley and Daniel Battista who won their events and our U17 boys (Liam Griffiths-Napier, Tom Hiscock, Caleb Millard and Kobe O’Brien—absent from photo) who took out the aggregate. Well done and thank you to all runners, we will be representing in Warrnambool.
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.

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.

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BAIMBRIDGE MUSIC AUXILIARY RAFFLE
coming back! with
Dean Ray Framed Print

Dean Ray, an Australian singer and songwriter. In 2014, he was the runner-up on the sixth season of The X Factor Australia. Poster from his Australian Tour 2015.

If you love music, please donate by purchasing a raffle ticket to help support the young musicians. Funds raised benefit the Baimbridge Music Auxiliary.

Tickets available from East and West Office

Fundraiser

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