Our Junior Legacy Public Speakers, more info on page 6.

Principal’s Notes

Welcome:
I am pleased to welcome our new teacher of Italian to Baimbridge College. Miss Nathalie Salvan arrived in Hamilton on Monday and began teaching classes yesterday. She comes from a town near Padua in the north of Italy which is near Venice. She will be remaining with us for the rest of 2015 teaching Year 7, Year 8 and the p-4 class. She will make a valuable addition to the Italian teaching team that has been providing language instruction to our Baimbridge College students as well as those of many of our primary school neighbours. Spare a thought for Miss Salvan who has just come from a short stint working in Brisbane and Cairns in Queensland – we will need to make up for the lack of warm weather with our hospitality and warm welcome!

Pupil Free Day:
I neglected to point out in last week’s newsletter that tomorrow, Friday 12th June is a pupil free day that will be used by teachers to complete the writing of semester I student reports. No students are required at school on Friday as there will be no classes while staff dedicate this time to report writing. The day of reports being distributed on Compass is getting closer and this will probably also provide more regular updates of student progress to parents. I therefore urge parents to become familiar with the use of Compass since it is quickly becoming the corner stone of our communication and record keeping for teacher, students and parents alike.

Work Experience:
Next week all of our Year 10 students will begin work experience for two weeks. This program is integral to our Careers classes and is designed to give students a taste of working life. Everyone in Year 10 has had 12 months to organise their placement with many having approached businesses many months ago. In past years we have even had students undertake work experience inter-state – the most notable example being Barbara Sealy working with famous chef Adriano Zumba in Sydney. The work experience program is organised by Careers teacher Mr Gerard Sheehan and he will spend most of the next two weeks visiting our students in their chosen work place.

Year 9 Camp:
The majority of Year 9 students will be leaving for their Year 9 Experience to Melbourne next Monday 15th June. Mr Steven Constantine has been working with Mrs Kym Dempsey putting together the organisation for the trip since Mr Chis Allen’s departure. There will be six staff members attending with the students and they have a full and interesting program prepared in and around the Melbourne CBD.
Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund:
The state government has created an alternative source of financial support to the EMA called the Camps, Sport & Excursions Fund. Holders of health care cards will be eligible for some funding that is paid directly to schools to be used to assist with education expenses. Information regarding this fund can be gained from our front office.

Term II:
The end of term II is approaching very quickly. The last day of term is Friday 26th June and students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on this day. Term III resumes on Monday 13th July. This is a very important term for all students with recommendations for potential promotion to the next year level being determined by teachers during this time. It is particularly important for students entering Year 9 – 12 because they will have information evenings to help them select their courses for the coming year.

Uniform:
At last month’s School Council meeting the concern about the misinterpretation of the wording of some of the uniform policy was addressed.

School Council has replaced the term ‘set’ when mentioning ear rings and replaced it with ‘a maximum of two studs or sleepers in the ears (no spacers, spreaders or bars)’. This should make our long standing policy clear – that the only visible piercings acceptable at school is two studs or sleepers in the ears.

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.

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.
On the evening of Wednesday the 27th of May we travelled down to Melbourne via Jaz’s mum’s car. It took about four hours, and fun ones too! We got there pretty late at night and had to go to bed almost straight away to have energy for the next day (Thursday). The next morning we took a train into the City and walked to the State Library of Victoria where we would see, meet and listen to international authors.

The first author we saw was Sally Gardner, who was dyslexic. She talked about her childhood and how it was hard to read and write as she has dyslexia. She read her first book at 14!

The next writer was Pryia Kuriyan, all she did for the 15 minutes or so was draw because illustrated her own books. We loved her drawing, it was of an Indian man that was surrounded by peacock feathers and holding a really cute chameleon.

Next there were two American women called Sara Farizan and Laurie Halse Anderson. All Laurie did was knit and talk a little during the questions. Laurie also talked a bit about how she based her stories on her childhood like one about her father coming home from war and the memories that he could never get rid of.

Then, we tried to catch a Pigeon during the break and we also had a bite to eat. We saw a guy who made optical illusions with two bits of curved wood, then back in we went.

Then we saw a guy called Abe Nouk, he got us to do a Mexican Wave! He talked about how he thought he was blessed to be able to be a writer and it doesn’t matter who you want to be, it’s how you make it happen. Then towards the end of his speech he freaked out when he saw that someone had his book in their hands.

After that there was an English woman that had lived in Chicago for a while, her name was Jaclyn Moriarty. She told us about how she became lawyer then she realised that she did not want to be a lawyer! Then she told us a different story about how her mum always left a note on the fridge that said: If it rains, run for your life! (It actually meant get the washing, but this way was funny). So one day her mum and her younger sister were driving into their garage, and it started to rain, her mum said to get the washing and so they sprinted back around the house to take it off the line when they heard an astronomical crash, they bolted back to the car and a lightning bolt seemed to have struck the garage door and had fallen down onto the car. There are bigger meanings behind small messages than they let on.

When everything was over I bought a book called ‘Dreaming of Amelia’ written by Jaclyn Moriarty. I got her sign it! When she did, it said: To Jaz, with warmest wishes, Jaclyn Moriarty.

Before we got on the train to go home, we found a churro stall (and some slushies). When we were going home, we called into the ‘Pancake kitchen’ in Ballarat. We also played a game of chess, where the pieces were HUGE.

We both definitely agree that we got a great night of sleep Thursday night.

Jaz Hill and Georgia Farlech grade 6
A CHEROKEE VOICE

P-6 students are learning that we all have a voice and we all have a story to tell. We were honoured last week to have a very special visitor to our class, Nanci’s grandpa!

We were immersed and spellbound by the stories of his Cherokee culture and heritage.

Kerabelle said, “We could listen to him all day and every day!” The boys, in particular, were enthralled to learn about hunting and gathering traditions. The girls were interested to learn that the Cherokee Nation is a matriarchal society.

Native American philosophy speaks of the care and protection of the earth and its creatures, rather than ownership of them. These traditional stories are a gift that we will remember.

Winter is here

Our student wellbeing team is putting the call out for anyone with uniforms they would be willing to donate to help some members of our school community get through a cold winter ahead. Alternatively, you can place items in the second hand store to recoup some costs. Winter uniforms are expensive and some families rely on second hand wares to get them through. Everyone deserves to be warm, so if you have a shirt, jumper, pants or skirt hanging in the cupboard or packed away in a bag, please donate now.

Thank you x
Baimbridge College has partnered with Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owner Aboriginal Corporation and Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority to run this program, with funding provided through the Australian Governments National Landcare Program. These excursions will be assessed both within Science and Humanities.

**Science trips:** Structure and function of our local volcanoes.

- 8A and 8D Tuesday June 16th.
- 8B and 8 C Friday June 19th.

Travelling to Mt Rouse will enable us to see the layering of subsequent eruptions and view the volcanic and sedimentary landscape. We will learn more about this from the Penshurst Volcanic Centre. We will travel to Mt Shadwell and spend some time investigating and collecting volcanic bombs containing Olivine Crystals.

Students are asked to bring:

- Hammers and / or small picks and bags to take home their thunder eggs from Mt Shadwell.
- Packed lunch or money to buy their lunch.

**Humanities trips:** Life in the Volcanic Landscape.

- 8A and 8D Wednesday 24th June.
- 8C and 8D Thursday 25th June.

We will travel to Tyrendarra where Gunditjmara rangers will show the students how their people lived on the lava flow. Students will investigate Lake Condah Mission and the eel traps and stone houses.

Students must bring their own lunch there will be no opportunity to buy food.

**Important.** All trips depart school at 9am sharp from the bus interchange. Students will return in time for the schools buses at the end of the day.

Be prepared for all sorts of weather as we will be outside all day. Excursions are heavily subsidised so the cost to each child is $20 for the two excursions please return the forms and money to the east office as soon as possible.

Any questions about these excursions please contact Mrs Ward.
Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award 2015

On Wednesday the 10th of June 16 Baimbridge College Year 7 students attended the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award at Legacy House. Four students entered, these speakers were Claire Povey, Lily Brown, Scout Graham and John Garland and they were supported by Lily Kyle and Ebony Koscal who, we are told, did some excellent time keeping and bell ringing.

The students spoke on a range of subjects from helping alleviate poverty to saving endangered species and all said that whilst they found the experience very challenging, it was also very rewarding at the same time.

Public speaking is an arduous task for most people and we commend our students for taking up the challenge. Congratulations to Steven Garland who came in second place to a seasoned opponent who was there for her 3rd year in a row. The competition is open to students aged 12 to 14.

Important!!

Financial Assistance
Information for Parents

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

The link for the CSEF website is on your Compass Newsfeed or the Baimbridge Website under the Enrolments tab.
The HBA in conjunction with the Geelong Supercats are excited to announce a holiday skills clinic with Supercats Imports Eric Gaff and Kimmani Barrett!!

Tuesday 7th July
9am-11am: Junior B & Junior C Girls and Boys...
11.30am-1.30pm: Junior A & Inter C Girls and Boys
2.30pm-5pm: Inter A & Inter B Girls and Boys
$15 per child.

There will also be available for purchase Supercats baseball caps $15 and snap back hats $20 which the boys will be happy to sign.

Also, each child who attends will go into the draw to win a signed Supercats jersey.

All bookings to Kira by text only: 0400 979 664
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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