Rebecca Langley is going places with her Cross Country efforts - more info page 4.

**Farewell :**
After being part of our school for a number of weeks, our visitors from Yiyili in Western Australia, Si and Camille, have returned home this week. They flew out of Melbourne Airport on Wednesday this week, arriving in Broome that afternoon to temperatures that I know that they missed. While at Baimbridge College the girls took part in normal classwork, went on the Bogong Camp and saw snow and participated in the Hospitality course in the Hamilton District Skills Centre. They asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone at Baimbridge College and Si has said that she would like to come back in term IV if it is at all possible. I would like to thank Mrs Bernie Cook and Mr Tony MacGillivray for overseeing their stay and hope that the friendships that the girls started can continue long distance.

**Reports :**
The process of writing mid-year reports is well underway and students will be able to take these home before the end of term. Overall S (satisfactory) and N (unsatisfactory) is determined using a variety of work requirements that students will have been required to undertake during term I and II. We also have the advantage of computer based ‘on demand’ testing that we require students to participate in. These tests give us a guide as to each students’ level of achievement in numeracy and literacy in particular. The ‘on demand’ tests adjust themselves as individual students answer questions, getting easier if someone is getting answers wrong and harder if they are getting them right. The end result is a fairly accurate assessment of a students’ achievement level compared with their age. The accuracy of tests requires students to do their best so that the result is an accurate assessment of ability. Reports will provide results of these as well as teacher judgements.

**Work Experience :**
During these last two weeks of term all of our Year 10 students will be on work experience. This program is an integral part of 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. 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.

**End of Term :**
The last day of term II is next Friday 26th June. On this day students will be dismissed at 2.30pm and reports will be distributed to be brought home. Year 10 students on work experience can pick up their reports at 2.30pm from the east campus office or they can give a trusted friend a note signed by parents to pick their report up for them.

Term III begins on Monday 13th July.
Year 9 Careers Program:
Now that our Year 9 students have returned from their Melbourne experience we will begin a careers program for them. Tomorrow will be a ‘taster’ day at the Hamilton and District Skills Centre giving students a chance to sample hospitality, building, hairdressing and automotive. This will help with their elective decision making for Year 10. Next week, in place of the usual elective program, there will be a variety of activities organised including guest speakers and a trip to Horsham for a Careers Expo, all designed to help students think about, and make decisions about career pathways.

Sheepvention:
Sheepvention Monday falls three weeks into term III on the 3rd of August. Given that this is the biggest event in the Hamilton year and most families and students attend Sheepvention, we will be having a pupil free day that staff will use for professional development. So while teachers are engaged at school, students and their families can enjoy Sheepvention and all it has to offer.

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.

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 or assistant principal to ask to use the phone. Consequences do apply for students not abiding by this rule.

Baimbridge College Website (www.baimbridge-co.vic.edu.au):
I would like to remind parents that Baimbridge College has a website that contains virtually all the information that a parent or student could need about Baimbridge College and its processes. I encourage parents to familiarise themselves with the website as it contains a very comprehensive list of school information. If you still have questions after checking the site please contact our office on 55722788.

Compass:
Our online student management system, Compass, has been enhanced this year. Parents should have their own personal log on which is different to their son or daughter’s. The system is accessible anywhere the internet is available on computer, smart phone, tablet or other mobile device. The website is https://baimbridge-co.vic.jdlf.com.au/login.aspx If you require more information accessing the system please contact the school. There is a link on our website to help you should you forget the address.

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.
A fortnight ago, 46 Yr8’s, 1 Yr 9 and 1 Yr 10 work Experience student plus 4 staff travelled to Bogong at Falls Creek for a week long camp.

This camp centred around adventure and challenging activities whilst a focus was also on learning about local, national and international sustainability and environmental issues.

The bus trip was long but the change in scenery on the way up the mountain was amazing. We were placed in boy and girl dormitories and put into mixed groups of around 12 people.

The building that forms the main part of the camp was originally built for the Snowy River dam scheme back during the Second World War.

It has been a school camp since the early 1950’s and is one of only three camps run by the education department. We are one of only 3 schools in the state that currently has 48 places as most school only get 24 spots. We were very lucky and thank you Mr McFadden for applying for this last year.

Each group spent the week completing activities like high ropes, orienteering, snow shoe walking/hiking, canoeing and rock climbing.

We started each day early with either duty activities or exercise. The gear we were provided with was great and everyone felt safe and secure.

We were lucky with the weather with many clear days and plenty of frosts.

The food was excellent with chef Phil taking the time to introduce each meal. We weren’t allowed any technology but we didn’t miss it much.

It actually snowed on the last night we were in camp and this was a highlight for many along with the wonderful wake up music Mr Hill played at 7.00am each morning – NOT!

The staff at the camp were all friendly and caring and it was well run and organised. Activities at night included initiative games, films and playing pool and even a small disco.

Overall it was a fun camp and went far too quickly.

A lot of fun was had and special thanks to all the teachers Mr Hill, Mrs McArthur, Mr Bell and Jill, for taking us and to Peter the Trotters bus driver for getting us home safe.

If you get the chance to go on the Year 8 camp do it. It is well worth it.

Can you get 48 Yr8’s next year 2015 Yr 7’s!!?
Congratulations Bec!!!!

Rebecca Langley has won the Southern Grampians Youth Achievement Award for April in recognition of her leadership and dedication to her sporting involvements, both through participation and in volunteering. Being the recipient of the Southern Grampians Youth Achievement Award for April also means that Bec is now in the running for the Southern Grampians Shire Young Australian of the Year. On top of this she is heading to the USA to participate in Cross Country Events and training later on in the year, justifying her placement in the State Cross Country finals. We are very proud of Bec and happy to see that she is reaping the rewards of her years of commitment.

The GWSR Cross Country was held in Warrnambool last Friday with both Primary and Secondary school students competing for a place in the SSV State Finals.

Baimbridge College was represented by 9 enthusiastic and committed runners accompanied by Mrs Kyle and 2 pre-service teachers – Ben and Sarah.

Congratulations to Rebecca Langley for finishing 2nd, she will now compete at State Cross Country in July.

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- Lily Kyle 44th (61)
- Tom Hiscock 16th (40)
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Recycling/Sustainability Grant from the local council

Recently our school was lucky enough to secure a $2500 grant that we could use for various recycling ideas around the College. It was decided by the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the School council to ask various students for ideas about recycling in the school. Students that responded asked for bin holders and identification of some bins around the school to include recycling like those at Melville Oval (pictured right). These bin holders have recently been made and the new lids have been ordered. Along with this a new recycling skip bin and new lockable waste skip will also be placed in the College so rubbish cannot blow around. Staff will also be issued with new paper recycling bins that will be placed near the 4 photocopiers in the College. If students have any more recycling/sustainability ideas for the school please see your SRC representative or Mr Hill, Miss Morgan or Mr Vecchiet.

Eisteddfod 2015

We are very proud of our music students who participated in the Hamilton Eisteddfod, here are the results:

- **Jazz Hill** (12 and under woodwind solo) - First Prize
- **Jaz Hill and Georgia Farlech** (12 and under woodwind duet) - Second Prize
- **Ethan Gray** (12 and under woodwind solo) - participated and successfully performed
- **Teah Coate** (18 and under woodwind solo) - Second Prize
- **Teah Coate and Mikhaela Janicki** (18 and under woodwind duet) - First Prize
- **Mr Peter Cheng and Teah Coate** (Open Duet) - Honourable Mention
- **Patrick Nankeville** (16 and under string solo) - Honourable Mention
- **Baimbridge Strings Orchestra** (open instrumental orchestra) - Second Prize
  *Baimbridge College Strings is also awarded $250, an Encouragement award from the Friends of the Promenade from the Shire.*
ANTIBULLYING SEMINAR

Palace Martial Arts, a Hamilton based family martial arts school, will be holding their annual Anti-Bullying Seminar on Saturday 25th July 2015. It will provide information and skills to participants about bullying, and impart strategies for avoiding and overcoming bullying.

The goal of the Anti-Bullying Seminar is to stimulate change in students’ awareness and perception of bullying, and of their roles in bullying incidents. Further, we aim to empower those students who find themselves victims of bullying, by teaching strategies to avoid and deal with bullying incidents.

The Seminar is open to all school-aged children and adolescents. It will be fun and fast-paced, and students will participate in a variety of activities, including group discussions, role playing, and fun martial arts activities that will challenge and encourage students to examine their own, and their peers’, behavior, and provide strategies and skills to deal with bullying. The workshop-style sessions will be led by a community health professional, Master Muhktar Kadiri and his leadership team from Palace Martial Arts. The Seminar will also include lessons in practical and effective self-defense for participants.

The Anti-Bullying Seminar is free, but pre-registration is appreciated. Please call or email to pre-register. There will be a free hand book for the attendees.

Date: Saturday 25th July, 2015
Time: 10.00am-12.00pm
Location: Palace Martial Arts Facility – 85 Cox Street, Hamilton (next to the Cox Street Vets)
Cost: FREE
Contact: Palace Martial Arts Tel: 5571-9816 Email: palace.ma@yahoo.com.au
Website: http://hamiltontaekwondo.com.au

Help shape the Education State

Dear parents,

The most important thing that we can do as a school community is to make sure we give each and every student a great education and a great start to life.

I know from speaking to many of you that you have great ideas for how we can improve the education we provide our students at school, and more broadly how we can improve our school system as a whole.

I also regularly hear ideas from our staff, our school council, our local businesses and others in the community on how we can make our education system even better.

The Victorian Government has committed to making Victoria the Education State and has recently begun a consultation process – asking for us to share our ideas and experiences, our challenges and solutions – to help us improve our education system across the state.

This is an opportunity for all of us to have our say and play a role in shaping what our education system will look like in the years to come.

I will be thinking about how I can contribute my ideas to this consultation and I will be asking our staff to participate as well. I invite you to join in the conversation, because your ideas and insights – as parents of children currently in our school system – are critical to making sure we get the vision right for our state to become the Education State.

You could also use social media to encourage your family and friends to join the discussion – education impacts everybody, and everyone deserves the opportunity to have their say.

The best way to get involved is to go to educationstate.education.vic.gov.au where you can join in the online conversations or register to attend one of the sessions running across the state throughout June and July.

As always, I invite you to share your ideas with me on what is working well and what we can do better.
The link for the CSEF website is on your Compass Newsfeed or the Baimbridge Website under the Enrolments tab.

**Important!!**

**Closing Date is 26 June**

**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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

**Closing Date**

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

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