Centenary of ANZAC performers and our students on Tuesday.

Principal’s Notes

Centenary of ANZAC:
On Tuesday this week students from P-4 and Year 7 -8 got to see a performance called the Centenary of ANZAC. The performance focused on the lives and experiences of men and women who were part of the first and second world war. The special guest speaker was Mr John Lowcock from the Hamilton RSL. Students were presented with a medal and information pack that has been held at school to be used as part of their studies in Humanities. Many students also took the opportunity to try to play the bugle which is traditionally used to play the Last Post. Not surprisingly no one was able to successfully play a tune other than make some loud unpleasant noises. The performers commented on the high level of respect and response demonstrated by our students.

Reports:
Reports are being distributed to students at a special form assembly on Friday. The form assembly will take place at about 2.15pm. and students will be dismissed at 2.30pm Year 10 students can collect their reports from the office on the east campus at 2.30pm or can have a trusted friend collect their report as long as we have written permission from a parent.

Year 9 Careers Program:
I have had many positive reports from Year 9 students about the careers based program we have held this week. In particular I heard some glowing reports about the Careers Expo held in Horsham on Tuesday while I was waiting at the school crossing. I would like to compliment those students who have used this opportunity to make enquiries about possible career pathways, especially given that they will be choosing course for 2016 in the next few weeks.

End of Term:
The last day of term II is tomorrow, Friday 26th June. 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.

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. The deadline for applications for this funding is Friday 26th June at 3.45pm.

Mobile Phones:
The information sheet that accompanies every student's 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.

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.

Robert Vecchiet
Principal
Congratulations to Lachy McIntyre of Year 12, he was our Baimbridge College nominated student for the Pierre de Coubertian award for 2015. The award acknowledges leadership and participation in sports in the spirit of the Olympic Games. Lachy is the Laver house captain and participates in all sporting events, he is a bright and enthusiastic leader.

Georgia Murray and Dale Foran experience life at the Roxburgh, Chelsea McGennisken and Christina Kinghorn are working at Target and Danielle Vankalken is learning about retail at Robinsons Sportscene.

Pierre de Coubertian

Our year 10 students are currently on work experience, with students sampling a wide range of occupations across the state. Pictured are some of the students who chose a local business to work at.
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.
Year 9 taster day in the HDSC.

Our Year 9 cohort experienced life in the HDSC on Friday last week as a part of their Careers week. Students sampled Hair and Beauty, Automotive, Woodwork and Hospitality.
For students up to 18 years of age!

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.

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