Principal’s Notes

Italian Visitors:
On the last Saturday of the holidays our two visitors from Milan Italy arrived in Hamilton and made their way to the homes of their billet families, the Carters from Cavendish and the Thomsons of Strathkellar. This year our student visitors are identical twins Eduardo and Ludevico Vallin. They have already taken their place in classes and were interviewed by the Hamilton Spectator on Tuesday with two students from their class Caleb Dornseiff and Mitch Lang of Year 11. The boys will be with us for one month before they return home for the remainder of their summer holidays and back to summer temperatures.

Hamilton District Skills Centre:
After some concerns about the future of courses at the Hamilton District Skills Centre late last term, I am pleased to reassure students and parents that the Education Department has confirmed that they will support the operation of the centre into the future. Therefore courses will be offered as normal for students for 2016 and beyond and our community can have confidence in the future of the skills centre educating future generations in the Hamilton district.

Reports:
Anyone who did not collect their semester I reports can do so from the front office on the east campus during school hours.

Sheepvention:
Monday 3rd August will be a student free day so that students and their families can attend Sheepvention while teachers from Baimbridge College attend a professional development day with teachers from Macarthur Primary school and Hamilton Special Development School.

Information Nights:
Term III is traditionally the time we begin preparations for the coming year. We will therefore be holding information nights for students going into Year 9 and 10 and for those going into Year 11 and 12. Dates will be advertised in the newsletter so keep alert so that you don’t miss your opportunity to learn as much as possible about course offerings for your child.

Year Level Co-ordination:
There has been a gradual change of personnel in these positions of responsibility in our school in the last two months. While Ms Lynn Collins continues to be our Year 11 and 12 Coordinator with assistance from Mrs Liston and Mr Sheehan, the Year 9 / 10 Coordinator in now Mr Steven Constantine assisted by Mr John Sly (Year 9) and Mrs Guegan-Brown (Year 10) while the Middle School Coordinator is Mr Ewan MacDonald assisted by Mr Alan Thomas.
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.

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

Somers Camp- Grade 5/6

Every two years our school is offered a limited number of places at the Department of Education and Training’s Somers School Camp. This year our allotted time is from 14/7/2015 until the 22/7/2015.

This year Baimbridge College has 8 students who have been fortunate enough to go to Somers Camp. They have joined 160 grade 5 and 6 students from our district schools in this very special Outdoor Education and Personal Development program.

The students are: Jaz Hill, Dane Cameron, Tahlia Walker, Justin Bray, Holly Brotherston, Rhlyee Porter-Seamons, Cordellia Hughes and Ethan Gray.
CAREER NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Careers in Health at Hamilton Base Hospital on July 22. Students need to sign up.
2. Careers in Agriculture at RIST on August 12. Students need to sign up.
3. University Open Days – a list is displayed in the VCE Centre for student information.
4. VTAC Parent and Student Information session – Tuesday Aug 11, 2015 at Hamilton and Alexandra College – 7.00 – 8.00 pm
5. University applications, SEAS and scholarships open on Monday August 3.

Middle School Awards & Last Day of Term

The Middle School ended last term on a really positive note, handing out in excess of 100 Awards for various achievements amongst the years 5—8 cohort.

Many students received multiple awards, it was great to see our kids being recognised for their hard work and great behaviour throughout Semester 1.

The awards are created to encourage and recognise our students for both their academic and social achievements, fostering our philosophy of preparing students for their futures encompassing their attitudes as well as their academic capability.
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.

Has your child done something that we should be giving them recognition for? Please contact the school for anything you think may be inspirational to their peers, we love to recognise achievements in our students :)

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