Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Hon James Merlino and Captain Barbara Sealey.

Principal’s Notes

Deputy Premier’s Visit:
After our article in The Age just over a month ago, I am pleased to say that the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, the Hon James Merlino has agreed to provide funding and support to keep the Hamilton District Skills Centre operating into the future. As a follow up to his letter to School Council announcing his support, the Minister accepted our invitation to visit the centre to see for himself the quality of the facility, the courses available to students and the level of co-operation that has made the centre the popular and successful source of courses for our district students. We were pleased to have a number of supporters of the centre available to welcome the Minister to Hamilton including the Mayor of Southern Grampians Shire, Peter Dark, our Economic Development Officer, Hugh Koch, the CEO of SWTAFE Mark Fidge, our School Council president Sarah Franks, chairman of the HDSC board Mark McGinnity as well one of our school captains Barbara Sealey.

Year 11 and 12 Information Night:
The first information night for 2016 classes takes place next Wednesday 29th July in the VCE Centre on the east campus. The night will begin at 7.00pm for students going from Year 10 to Year 11 in 2016 and then the focus will move to students moving from Year 11 to Year 12 at 7.30pm. Information and courses in VCE and VCAL will be covered during the evening. I encourage students and parents to come along and find out about subjects available next year as well as the structure of the different pathways available.

School Council:
The next meeting of School Council takes place on Monday 27th July in the Hamilton District Skills Centre dining room at 7.30pm..

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.

Parent Opinion Surveys:
The annual distribution of parent opinion surveys begins next week. I encourage the randomly selected families to complete and return their confidential surveys so that we can get a realistic view of the opinions of our community. In past years the number of returns has been very disappointing with 12 out of the 83 surveys returned last year. To encourage more people to participate we will offer a $20 fuel card to the first 30 surveys returned this year. I look forward to seeing the results of the survey later this year.
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.

SCAFFOLDING MATHS YEAR 7 2015
For the remainder of the year all Year 7 students will take part in the
Scaffolding Numeracy in the Middle Years program for one period every
Thursday.

After extensive testing last semester, students were grouped based on
their main strategies used to think multiplicatively and problem solve.
Students will be taking part in many different hands on activities, tasks
and games to improve their ability to think and work mathematically, and
to adopt more efficient problem solving skills.

This is guaranteed to be both fun and challenging. Reports so far from
the students have been very positive. Watch this space for more
updates!
The intention of the Melbourne Experience Camp was to give students the opportunity to experience life in the big city. Students learnt to manage their money, develop interpersonal communication skills, to cooperate with others and build friendships. Students also learnt how to organise themselves into working groups and plan activities of their own choice. Most importantly students learnt how to find their way around the streets of Melbourne. Students participated in compulsory activities that included a guided tour of Parliament House, the Immigration museum and the Australian Academy of Moving Images, (ACMI) at Federation Square and an activity at Hamer Hall where students learnt how to make music videos. Some highlights included a guided tour of the MCG, a visit to the National Sports Museum under the MCG, the Melbourne Aquarium, the Eureka Sky Deck and Galactic Circus. Students had a lot of fun and we look forward to providing this opportunity to next year’s year 9 students. Mr Steven Constantine.
UPCOMING EVENTS

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

VTAC Information Evening

7:00-8:00pm
Tuesday 11 August 2015
The Hamilton & Alexandra College
Performing Arts Centre (Auditorium)
1 Chaucer St
Hamilton

Find out from VTAC representatives how to apply for tertiary courses, scholarships and special consideration. There will also be information about the ATAR, scaling and offers. This presentation will be most useful for Year 12 students and their parents; Year 9-11 students and their parents are also welcome.

Mr Vecchiet, Deputy Premier Merlino and Tony MacGillivray discussing the HDSC on Tuesday.

You can now win a free full Scholarship for this sought-after program departing in late-October and returning home in time for the next academic year. Join thousands of F.C.E. students in their decision to make a difference to their future! This is also a superb opportunity for students wishing to enhance their French, German or Italian. The Year 10 Scholarship for the November 3 months Program will be awarded to the student who submits the winning essay. Knowledge of a foreign language is not required in the selection criteria of the winner. Scholarship includes:

- Return international flights on Singapore Airlines to your destination country
- Domestic arrival/departure transportation in host country and Australia
- Selected volunteer host family
- Enrolment at overseas local school
- Full 24/7 professional support
- Fully comprehensive insurance cover
- Program departs 29 October 2015. Returns 3rd week of January 2016

Inflatable s in the Pool

AT HILAC, 3rd Sunday every month. Next session: Sunday 19 July. 1:00-2:30pm Cost: Pool Entry

Request an application kit now by emailing your name, address, phone numbers, name of school and current year level to scceaut@scce.com.au

CAREER NEWS
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