Our mains from the Wizard of OZ

Principal’s Notes

Wizard of Oz:
The Baimbridge College school production, ‘The Wizard of Oz’, closed performances on Sunday after the matinee session. I would like to thank the Baimbridge College and Hamilton community members who went to the performances over the four days and supported our staff and students. I would also like to thank the students from Gray Street Primary School and Hamilton North Primary School for their participation in the play. They made the best ‘munchkins’ and from my observations thoroughly enjoyed their role in this very successful and enjoyable performance. I would like to congratulate the cast and crew, a comprehensive list of whom were listed in the program. I would also like to thank all those low profile, behind the scenes workers that actually play an essential role in making things happen. Whether you helped paint a set, arranged a timetable, helped advertising, took extra classes at school or sat in the daily organisers chair in the mornings and made sure that the school continued to run – I would like everyone to know how much their efforts are appreciated. The performance is not only what we see on stage, it impacts the whole school operation for some time.

Thanks to everyone who contributed and well done to those directly involved in the production itself.

100 Year Anniversary:
After discussions with Department of Education regional staff the 100 year anniversary celebration weekend will have to be deferred until term II 2016 because of the school review we are required to undergo during term I. It certainly gives us time to prepare, but the foundations of the celebration are still based on a room of memorabilia as well as a formal function and tours of the current facilities on a Saturday afternoon. So remember if you have any memorabilia from Hamilton High School or Hamilton Technical School at home please save it for this function next year. As soon as we have a new date I will publish it in the newsletter.

School Review:
I mentioned in the previous section that Baimbridge College will undergo a whole school review in term I 2016. Reviews are held every four years and set in place a series of goals centred around student achievement, engagement, well-being and use of resources. This is why I have been asking that if you have the opportunity to participate in feedback, like the Parent Opinion Survey, to do so because this will all be looked at in the context of setting goals for the next four years.
Petrol Vouchers:
As promised the first 30 people to submit their Parent Opinions Surveys have been sent their $20 fuel voucher. The survey has now closed and all the sealed responses have been sent to Melbourne for the Department of Education to collate. I look forward to seeing the responses. Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate.

Interim Reports:
I would like to inform all parents and students that interim reports at the end of term III will be provided through the Compass student management system and not on paper as in previous years. If you cannot or do not know how to log on to Compass please contact our office to be assisted with the process.

Car Boot Sale:
The date for the car boot sale is confirmed as Saturday 10th October. Mark this on your calendar otherwise you are sure to miss the bargain of a lifetime for the gadget that you have been looking for everywhere!!

Mobile Phones:
Unfortunately recent incidents at school have reinforced the rationale for our rules regarding students use of mobile phones at school. I urge parents and students to please check diaries and our website to be clear about the fact that students are not to use their phones at school and there are consequences for ignoring this rule.

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

2016 (Year 11 and 12) VCE Course selection timeline

- Wednesday 5th August Subject selection sheet to be returned to the East Office.
- Week 18th – 21st Aug parent/guardian & student subject selection interview times distributed.
- Tues 1st September Year 11 (2016) Parent guardian & student subject selection interviews
- Wed 2nd September Year 12 (2016) Parent guardian & student subject selection interviews
- Early Term 4 Students notified of 2016 subjects.
- 25th, 26th, 27th November Year 11 into 12 study program ALL students to attend.
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th December Year 10 into 11 study program ALL students to attend.

Parent Guardian Student subject selection interview Booking process
All students are required to attend an interview ideally with a parent/guardian.
Appointments can be made by your child logging in to Compass (student code is username, password is same one that gets them onto the network) to book.
Appointments can be made NOW.
‘BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD’ was the theme adopted in this year’s Children’s Book Council of Australia Book Week awards. Book Week is an exciting event in the school calendar. It promotes reading and writing, as well as an appreciation of books.

At Baimbridge College, Prep to Six students have been focusing on Shortlisted Early Childhood Picture Books and creating exciting artwork, displays and wall murals in response to these books.

The College library has been transformed into an Art Gallery as students from Prep to Year eight have responded to the Art Competition for Book Week.

Costumed book characters abounded on the West Campus, creating an exciting environment that reminded all that, ‘Books Light Up Our World’!

‘Apparating’ (teleporting) into Baimbridge is so easy when you are Hermione Granger, the best witch at Hogwarts! Baimbridge is very different to Hogwarts because there are no moving stairs and no talking pictures, only talking students!

This Book Week I chose to come as Hermione because she is my favourite Harry Potter character.

ALANNAH BARBY (Gr 4)

Arrrgh! Jack Sparrow here! I came to school just as Jack, but Mrs Dempsey helped me change into CAPTAIN JACK SPARROW.

JACK SAUNDERS (Gr 1)

I went to school in my FROZEN dress (adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson’s, ‘The Snow Queen’.) I may play inside or outside. It is up to me! I might turn the playground into ICE!! Book Week Ice!

NANCI KLUNGLER (Prep)
Five Baimbridge College students are currently participating in the Passport to Employment program facilitated by the Glenelg and Southern Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN).

This program provides our students with a great experience to further skills, knowledge and opportunities that will help them to find work or move into further training once school has finished.

The exciting program runs for 8 weeks filled with different fun activities and events revolving around this transition to work or further education.

Some of the photos depicted show how our students hard at work learning new skills. The program has a big finale with Graduation day on the 16th of September.
Again a very successful trip for the Schoolgirls Netball teams. Our teams looked good, worked hard and fair with great support from the following umpires and coaches: Jill Robinson (Yr7), Kim Sparrow (Yr8), Sharon Donehue (Sen coach) and our umpires Sylvia Luke, Anne Keatley, Maddie Kelly and Mrs Kelly, without your support we would not be able to provide this extra curricular activity for our girls. Jen McArthur.

**The year 8 team** which consisted of Sophie Robinson, Makenzee Sparrow, Sinead Lambert, Elizabeth Goodman, Danielle Matthey, Grace Bennett Erin McLean, Savannah Manaia and Tayla Emsley participated in the school girls netball competition at Kardinia Park in Geelong on Tuesday.
The girls played 6 games they had 1 win, came a draw in 2 games and lost 3 games. This was a great effort by all the girls every team member gave 100% throughout the day. Well done girls. Kim.

Senior Netball

8 talented Senior girls boarded the bus at 5.45am to head to Kardina Park for 9 games of netball. In very windy, cold conditions the girls hit the court and notched up a win first up 12-10. The versatility of the girls allowed for many positional changes throughout the day. A couple of injuries slowed up these changes, however the team still combined well and persevered. We played against teams from Warrnambool, Colac, Hamilton and Geelong. We came home with 4 wins out of the 9 games – losing by 1 goal in the last minute in one match, finishing 6th on the ladder for the day.
I’d like to congratulate all the girls: Chelsea Glare, Bec Langley, Aleisha Te Maipi, Georgia Gilbert, Alice Keatley, Deanna Barker, Danielle Vankalken & Mikayla Beavis. Special thanks to our “guest player” (who can’t be named but may live in very close proximity to the courts and went to Baimbridge College prior to moving!) who helped out when we had 2 out injured & to Sophie Robinson who stepped up after her team had finished and played out the day with the Senior team. We hope Beans & Danielle recover quickly from their injuries. It was a pleasure supporting you girls, having pride in your ability, working to your max, being a great team player & displaying good sportsmanship will hold you in good stead come next year! Well Done!

The Year 7 team worked hard in games that varied from being shown how to play by Sacred Heart—clearly a well drilled, beautiful team to watch in action— to two frustratingly close draws, one of which was against Monivae, to minor losses by 1—4 points. For a day where the conditions were average and the wind played a huge factor, my team remained upbeat and positive. I hope the girls enjoyed playing together and trying a few new positions—I certainly enjoyed coaching them and watching them all achieve any tasks I set. My best players (in no particular order) were: Zari Waters, Chloe Rhook, Chelsea Chugg, Laura Robinson, Hannah Eastwood, Ruby Lang, Scout Graham and Jess Norris. Thanks to Cathy Norris for her great photos on the day and Belinda for the coffee run on arrival. Girls you should all be very proud.

We would also like to thank Sandra Stevenson for our uniforms.
THE WIZARD OF OZ
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 or someone you know done something they should be recognised for?

Whether school based or not, we love to showcase the talent and achievements of our students. Please contact the College on 55722788 or email Jill on robinson.jill.m@edumail.vic.gov.au if you or a student you know of has achieved something that they should receive recognition for.