Term IV:
Welcome back to term IV, a term when hats are mandatory for all students to fit in with our Sunsmart Policy. This term will see our Year 12 students concluding their secondary school education and making their way on to further study and work. All other students will also have exams in their subjects which will contribute to their overall scores for the end of the year. Decisions about promotions are also very close so it is important for everyone to knuckle down and show what they are capable of.

This weekend also four of our Year 9 students will go to Dinner Plain in the Victorian Alps where they will stay for the rest of term to complete their studies. This is a fantastic experience and opportunity and I look forward to visiting them in early December to see how they have enjoyed the study and the wonderful environment they will be living in.

Car Boot Sale:
Our heavily publicised car boot sale takes place this Saturday morning on the east campus at the bus interchange with many items on display in the hall as well. There will be a number of outside sellers at the sale that begins at 8.00am and goes until 1.00pm. If you would like to sell goods you can register your intention by contacting our office on 55722788. If you are not trying to sell something come along and find that dream item you have been looking for all this time. There will be 'pre-loved' Baimbridge College furniture for sale as well, so come and get your hands on a piece of educational history. See you on Saturday morning!

Welcome:
I am pleased to welcome Mr John McIntyre back to Baimbridge College this term. He will be taking the Mathematics classes that Mrs Clark was taking last term. We have a long association with Mr McIntyre and are pleased to have him back with us.

Year 12:
Year 12 students are virtually finished their year with the English exam taking place on the 28 October. The last day of school for our students will be Thursday 22 October when we will have a special assembly to celebrate their achievements and the end of secondary education. All students have been given their examination timetables Ms Taylor and a notice has been put on Compass for parents and students to notify them that this has occurred. Any parent who is concerned because they have not seen the timetable can contact Ms Peta Taylor our VASS Co-ordinator.

100 Year Anniversary:
The new date for the 100 Year Anniversary celebration is now the Saturday of the Queen’s Birthday long weekend in June, Saturday 11th June 2016.
Principal’s Notes Continued

Presentation Ball 2016:
It may seem a little early but we have already begun preparations for next year’s Presentation Ball so that it can be held during term I and students can then focus on their studies for the remainder of the year. I am pleased to say that past teachers Mrs Sue Smith and Mr David Fisher have agreed to look after the organisation of the ball for next year. They will work closely with students and parents and the school and will have initial meetings of participants towards the middle of term IV this year. To avoid the duplication of work we have also agreed to work more closely with Monivae College for next year so that both Presentation Balls take place close to each other thus avoiding a lot of double up that takes place when the two events are weeks apart.

Bus Scholarships:
With the tightening up of eligibility rules for free bus travel, many students are no longer able to attend their school of choice without incurring quite large fees for bus travel. If you are one of those families I would like to remind families that Baimbridge College is able to make available a bus scholarship to students who live outside our ‘catchment’ and satisfy a set of school based requirements. The scholarship will pay bus fees for a limited number of successful applicants. If you would like to apply for one of these scholarships please apply to me in writing and we will arrange an interview. Scholarships are valid for one year and may be reviewed more often if circumstances change.

School Review:
Mr Peter Gannon and Mr Graeme Bastion are our reviewers in 2016, and I will be having an initial meeting with Mr Gannon next week. The review will take place over four days in term I 2016. The dates we have set aside are 22 and 23 February and then the 9 and 10 March.

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
Artists in residence..

We’ve always known our Mollie Purvis is an exceptional artist but this week she has shown us just what an amazingly talented person she is. Mollie’s artwork has been displayed on both campuses for anyone who wishes to come in in person to view them, it’s well worth it.
Teacher tips for VCE Exams

Your summaries and study notes should be done by now. Your timetable is set. But just in case any one of the 80,000+ students sitting a written VCE exam over the coming three weeks is in need of guidance, *The Age* has you covered, with help from a handful of teachers and study co-ordinators from Victorian high schools.

First, before any exam, do as many practice papers as possible and look for patterns in the assessor reports from previous years. These will explain the deficiencies of past years, which are areas to target for this year. Do the first few practice exams open book and open ended, and then do the last two closed book and keeping to time.

Working in groups can be an excellent way to learn the material from peers who may have different strengths to your own. If you’re the strong student, explaining what you know to other people and having to substantiate what you’re saying is a great way of continuing to master the subject matter. Overall, however, it is best to limit your social activity. Study buddies are useful, but they must not be a distraction. Use all your additional resources. Submit essays to your teachers, or past exams you have done that you would like them to correct. But do not waste too much time going to school and waiting around – email for an appointment with any teacher and have a specific roadblock to discuss.

On the day of any exam, come to school early and use a checklist to ensure you are prepared with all your materials. Spend time with friends who are experiencing the same thing, so you can support one another, but be careful. Sometimes the naysayers who believe they are about to fail can send those around them into a mad panic. (At the opposite end of the spectrum, you don’t need to be deflated by talking to the class brain.)

Many people say drink water immediately before the exam, to stay hydrated through the tests that can last up to three hours and 15 minutes. But we say weigh up the likelihood of needing a drink with the cost of going to the toilet. (A seven-minute break could be a waste of valuable time.)

When you sit down, use your 15 minutes of reading time wisely. You should be looking at where the most marks are allocated and planning your assault on each section – not staring off into space. And when you finally start writing, remember to breathe and keep an eye on the clock. Time is one of the things that will separate the A+s from the As. So don’t stall, or drift, or daydream or lag. Put pen to paper and let your knowledge do the work. Good luck!

ONE WEEK BEFORE

“Stick to a routine. Start studying each day at the time you would normally go to school, and don’t expect to work and study all day and night. Reward yourself for good study by taking breaks. That may mean playing a game of tennis in the middle of the day, or going to movie. Pat yourself on the back from time to time.”
- David Steele, deputy head of the St Kilda Road campus of Wesley College and VCE specialist mathematics teacher

THE DAY BEFORE

“If you have a morning exam, do no work the night before. You should be ready by then. Do some exercise and relax, but stay occupied. I’m of the view that you can reach a point where if you discover something you don’t know – even when you know 99 per cent of the rest of the material – it can undermine confidence.”
- Gary Velleman, vice principal and head of senior school at Bialik College and VCE further mathematics teacher

DURING THE EXAM

“Use reading time by going over the questions, but also make sure that the photocopier didn’t miss a page or anything like that. Count the questions to make sure they’re all there. We have had cases where two pages were stuck together, and you miss a lot of marks if you miss a full two pages of questions.”
- Simon Schorback, year 12 team leader at Point Cook Senior Secondary College and VCE biology teacher

AFTER THE EXAM

“Coming out and talking about the exam is a natural thing to do. Because English is the first big written examination, I think it’s really important that [students] remain optimistic and positive and buoyant. Be a bit congratulatory or celebratory almost. The tone is important, so that the momentum keeps going.”
- Gary Jones, director of studies at St Kevin’s College in Toorak and VCE English teacher

Source: The Age
Best of luck to our 21 athletes heading to Ballarat on Friday for the Greater Western Sports Region Athletics.

Engaging Adolescents

A 3 week program for parents of 12 - 15 year olds

Engaging Adolescents will:
• Help parents understand and cope better with the challenges of early adolescence.
• Provide parents with information and skills for developing and maintaining trusting, positive relationships with their young adolescents.
During sessions parents have the opportunity to discuss family life with teenagers
Normal phases and behaviour
Sorting out behaviours

Venue: OLIC Primary School
Warrnambool East

Contact: Maree 5559 3000

Centacare, Warrnambool

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching

A Parenting program to create a more peaceful household, less arguing and fewer angry moments.

Great Interaction between parents

Easy to follow strategies

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching program is easy to learn, easy to use, down to earth parenting program to help parents gently and firmly manage the behaviour of children in the 2-12 year old age range.

The program aims to help parents gain practical skills on how to help their child.

• stop yelling the things that drive parents crazy like arguing, fighting, yelling etc.
• start to do things parents want instead
• enhance children’s emotional intelligence

1-2-3 Magic provides parents with strategies to sort between different types of behaviour and use less, less, less or more of the strategies to encourage children to understand and better manage their emotions.

Date: Monday, November 2, 9 and 16, 2015 - 3 WEEK PROGRAM

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Venue: CENTACARE, 142 TIMOR ST, WARRNAMBOOL

Cost: Free (S50 Registration)

(Booklet)

(Note: child care available)

Bookings required — phone Maree on 5559 3000.

Entries now open for SunSmart’s secondary school photo competition!

UV. It all adds up.

Unpleasant skin cancer awareness amongst adolescents. And it just keeps adding up. It doesn’t matter if it’s adeclaratory spring or unseasonal winter. the more time you spend exposed to the sun, the greater your risk of skin cancer. The good news is that some combination of total protection measures (covering up, seeking shade, using sunscreen) can reduce your risk.

The challenge SunSmart is looking for is adding photographic images to communicate the UV. It all adds up message to young Victorians.

To enter, students must submit:

• One photographic or visual media image.

With an emphasis on the role of family, peers and personal confidence, forms, david@michaelonnoro.com.au

For more information including competition terms & conditions and parent consent forms, visit SunSmart.com.au/2015/SCAW

First prize: Soper NSW Heat Action Video Camera valued at $579 prize Voucher with value of $500 to be given to the winning school

Second place: Pinnacle Digital Camera valued at $925 prize Voucher with value of $500 to be given to the winning school

Third prize: Nikon Coolpix 2630 Camera valued at $120 plus SunSmart gift pack

Entries close 12 noon Friday, 21 February, 2015. All entries to be submitted electronically, see SunSmart.com.au/2015/SCAW

To mark National Skin Cancer Action Week (November 16-21), SunSmart is asking Victorian secondary school students to create one powerful image to promote the message.

Judging criteria: A strong story telling photograph that can say the message UV. It all adds up well, with young Victorians and impress them to use sun protection measures.
We would like to inform our girls and their parents that school tights are now available at Your Beauty in Thompson Street.

PART TIME JOB OPENING
Looking for some extra $$. Pianist required Tuesday nights 7.30-9.30pm in Hamilton. Intermediate student, must be able to read music.
All enquires: 55772591 Paula

Baimbridge College is proudly presenting its own car boot sale fundraiser!
Come along and buy Ex-Baimbridge College items, Fossick, and buy out of carboots and trailers of the people from around the area, you can even sell out of your own carboot or trailer for just $10 per plot!

Saturday 10th of October
From 8.00 AM to 1.00 PM
At the Baimbridge College bus interchange
85 Stephens Street
Car/Trailer plot hire for $10 each
Refreshments and toilets available on the day

Register on the day or to secure your space (spaces are limited) ring the College on 03 5572 2788 or email baimbridge.college@edumail.vic.gov.au with name, contact details and types of items for sale.

SANDFORD VILLAGE MARKET
2nd Sunday of the Month
AT THE SANDFORD MECHANICS HALL
Next Market
Sunday October 11th
9am - 1pm
Come and enjoy some country fare!

If you are a stall holder and would like to be a part of our market, please call Kerrie (03) 5582 6111
As John Steinbeck, Nobel Laureate in Literature, wrote: “No man really knows about other human beings. The best he can do is to suppose that they are like himself.”

Getting to know another person, especially one from a different culture, can be exciting, challenging, and has its unique benefits. Department of Education-registered Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is providing a unique experience to help your children and family learn through bridging cultures, grow closer with one another, understand one another better and see the world in a new light.

International exchange students from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Finland, Denmark and Sweden are arriving in Australia to live as a local with volunteer Australian families and attend a local secondary school. The students, aged 15 – 17, arrive from February 2016 for 3, 5, or 10 months and are fully insured, with their own pocket money. If you have a spare room or bed, and a place at the family table, why not be the “heart” of cultural exchange by becoming a volunteer host family?

Expand your world for the whole family – all without any air tickets. Call S.C.C.E. now on 1800 500 501 or email scceaust@scce.com.au or visit www.scce.com.au and ask for our incoming student profiles, choose the nationality you prefer, and start having fun matching up your hobbies and interests.

Capture the spirit of fun and friendship, and build your global cultural network. After all, it is different cultures that make the world go ‘round at the end of the day.
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.