Our Year 9&10 girls are off to Melton in the T20 cricket.

**Principal’s Notes**

**Italian Performance**:
On Tuesday afternoon all district primary school students studying Italian were treated to a wonderful performance by two actors in the gymnasium at Baimbridge College. The show went for just over an hour, was highly amusing using the setting of an Italian restaurant and had all students completely involved, laughing and having a great time. In an up beat show the actors spoke Italian, discussed Italian foods and performed a variety of skits that really captured everyone’s imagination. I would like to thank our Italian language staff Miss Chiara Gallo, Mr Marco Antonelli and Mr Marco Sartore for organising the event and for all the primary schools for participating.

Bravi !

**Examinations**:
The Year 7 – 10 examination period has now finished and any students who had to reschedule exams because of other commitments should have made arrangements with Miss Rosemary Morgan by now. There may also be the occasional example of students whose level of endeavour in exams was below their best and those students may be required to re sit exams after we have consulted with parents.

Year 12 examinations began on Wednesday morning this week with the English exam. There will be an ongoing schedule of exams for our Year 12 students now until mid-November and then the wait for their results.

**Melbourne Cup**:
Next Tuesday 3rd November is our mandated public holiday. Students are not required at school on Tuesday and normal classes resume on the following day.

**2016**:
Organisation for 2016 is well under way. Electives at Year 9 and 10 have been decided as have subject offerings for students entering Year 11 and 12. Parents and students may have noticed some Baimbridge College advertisements in local papers as we ensure we have teaching staff to cover all classes next year. School Council is also looking to 2016 with its budget considerations so that we can all go on our Christmas vacation sound in the knowledge that we are well prepared.

**Interim Reports**:
Are you still wondering where your son or daughter’s term III report has got to ? It is on Compass under the reports tab.
SRC:
At School Council recently students have asked for a review of our current mobile phone policy. In order to gauge opinion the student body was surveyed on Compass about their feelings about the policy and a similar survey has gone to parents. While we have had an excellent response from students about the survey the response from parents has been virtually non-existent. I urge parents to provide input as well by participating in the survey on Compass.

The policy as it currently stands is that students are not to use their mobile phones at school. They are advised to lock them in their lockers during the day. Penalties for breaches are listed as confiscation for the rest of term as well as two after school detentions.

The reasons for this stance are the commonly accepted issues with cyber bullying, photographs and their distribution without permission, the desire that students focus on their schooling and inter personal skills rather than becoming caught in the cycle of texts and phone calls and of course making sure that classes are not interrupted by calls and texts (manners). We have receptionists at school that will take and deliver messages to students and should a message be private or an emergency exist the school can use its resources to support students in difficult times.

Bus Scholarships:
A small number of very capable students have been awarded bus scholarships for 2016 so far. Congratulations to these individuals, we look forward to having them as Baimbridge College students in 2016.

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 this affects you, 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.

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.

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
Early in Term 3 school students across Australia were invited to enter a writing competition with the prospect of being published in a literary collection this year known as *The Write Track*. Several students excitedly began stirring up their collective creative juices and searching their personal lexicons for that perfect word or phrase to communicate the exact emotion or setting so intrinsic to their tale.

Earlier this week we were excitedly informed that five of our literary titans have had their personal musings published in this year’s collection. Baimbridge College would like to congratulate Eden Banfield Year 10, Nea Gordon Year 8, Zachary Sartain Year 12, James Thompson Year 9 and Hannah Eastwood Year 7 for the effort they put into their wonderful entries.

All of the final pieces were highly individual and some very personal. Eden tackled the cruelty of society revealing an appreciation for the way our world works beyond her years. Nea transported her reader to the confronting world of a life and death situation and faced a choice showing her appreciation of family connections. Zac warped his readers to another time and place where magic powers were the only hope against opponents set on destruction. James’ battle of the gods of the sky was full of action and wonderful sound effects that masterfully took the reader very close to the brutal action. Hannah’s wonderful poem succinctly conveyed the value of tolerance and the friendship no matter our differences.

Overall the contributors showed wonderful creativity and depth that indicates they are deep and sensitive thinkers taking notice of the world around them. We are all the richer for their presence in our school and that they have been successful here and had the confidence to put themselves out on a very public stage should serve to inspire us all.

Well done. We are very proud of you.
**Year 7 & 8 T20 Cricket**

On a windy day at Pedrina Park, three teams representing Baimbridge College played in the Year 7 & 8 T20 cricket competition.

On an extremely successful day, all three teams managed to make the Grand Finals of their respective competitions.

The combined 7 & 8 girls team only lost narrowly, as did the Year 7 Boys team. In an outstanding effort the Year 8 Boys team won in a convincing fashion, overseen by the emergent super coach Mr Josan.

As a result of this the Year 8 Boys will be heading to the next round of competition in November.

It was fantastic to see the excellent sportsmanship displayed by all students throughout the day.

Congratulations to everyone who represented the school so positively.

Thank you also to Mr McDonald and Mr Josan for their work during the day.

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**Year 9 & 10 T20 Cricket**

On a windy yet sunny day Baimbridge had four teams entered in the Year 9 & 10 T20 Cricket competition at Pedrina Park. This included separate Boys Year 9 and 10 teams, as well as a Girls Year 9 and a mixed 9 & 10 team.

All of the teams competed valiantly against their opponents with some excellent sportsmanship shown, despite sledging from some opponents.

The mixed Year 9 & 10 girls team made it successfully into the grand final against Monivae College.

In a strong performance which involved some excellent batting, bowling and fielding the girls managed to come out on top to win comfortably by 30 runs. As a result of this fantastic effort the team is now off to the next round of competition in Melton in November.

Congratulations to everyone who represented the school on the day.

Thank you to Mr Ryan for his work with the boys teams throughout the day.

Also a big thanks to Mrs Macarthur for all her work in organising both of the Cricket days.

Write-Up by Mr Sly.
Last Sunday, some of our music students volunteered to help out in the CrownBet Hamilton Cup Carnival. Jaz Hill and Georgia Farlech provided some music entertainment in horse horse outfits, Teah Coate and Mikhaela Janicki supervised the AusKick stand, and William Mibus and Patrick Nankivell dressed up as Bananas In Pajamas handing out little bags of gifts and lollies to little kids. The event was fun and their effort is well appreciated, and Hamilton Racing Club has kindly donated $200 for their assistance.

Our Tricia Carter is experiencing the “most amazing week ever”. When we caught up with her she was on her way to visit Mr Vecchiet to show him her Sportswoman of the Year award and her certificate from the Federal Member for Wannon Dan Teehan MP telling her that she is the Wannon recipient of the Australian Government Sport Achievement Award 2015. Tricia’s acceptance into the Southwest Acadmeny of Sport means that she will receive a full year of expert coaching and training which we are sure will set her up for us to be following her in the clay target shooting at the Olympics in the future. Well done Tricia, your school community is very proud of you. Tricia can also be found on the back page of the Hamilton Spectator.
109TH BYADUK AND COMMUNITY SPRING SHOW

Byaduk Hall - Port Fairy Road, Byaduk

Saturday 7th November 2015

Official Opening at 1.30pm

Followed by Animal Presentation

Stalls selling from 12 noon

Admission: Adults $5.00 (Afternoon Tea included)
Students $2.00 (Afternoon Tea included)

Stalls, Competitions, Children's activities,
Raffle, Savoury sizzle, & much more.

Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm

Proceeds to: Legacy

BYADUK SPRING SHOW INC. AMBASSADOR

All entries MUST be phoned or emailed by Friday 8pm

No Late Entries Accepted.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

"Soil is a non-renewable resource. Its preservation is essential for food security and our sustainable future... Healthy soils are the basis for healthy food production... Soils are the foundation for regeneration which is catalysed or misguided by food, fibre, fuel and medicinal products... Soils store and filter water, improving our resilience to floods and droughts..." - International Year of Soils opening speech

In recognition of 2015 as International Year of Soil, the National Centre for Farmer Health is inviting you to share your vision of the relationship between Australian farming and the soil it occurs in, under an... This year’s theme is: ‘STEWARDS OF THE SOIL’

We are looking for images that portray the mental or physical texture of a soil profile; the incredible produce grown in that soil; farmers walking the land or working to restore degraded soils; or, images that portray efforts at maintaining the soil’s life and sustainability.

The photography competition follows on from the success of the National Centre for Farmer Health’s previous competitions in 2012 and 2013. Help celebrate Australian farming and the International Year of Soils.
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

Don’t forget to like our Facebook page for an insight into the lesser known aspects of the College, this week we found a jam session going on at lunchtime on the casual day on Thursday - it’s moments like this that make our school a community.