The Advance indigenous garden is coming along nicely thanks to Mr Fisher and student helpers.

Principal’s Notes

Legacy Luncheon :  
Last Sunday Mrs Heather Ross took our vocal group ‘Ava’ to perform at the Legacy luncheon held in Hamilton. I have had wonderful reports about their performance and the reception that they received from the members of Legacy in attendance. Mrs Ross told me how proud she was of the singers, Zoe Baty, Oscar O’Brien, Nea Gordon and Taylor Hunter. Not only did the singers’ performance receive praise but also the maturity and presentation of our group. Well done and congratulations to ‘Ava’, it is always a pleasure to have our students so warmly welcomed by members of their own community.

Presentation Ball :  
The first meeting of parents and students interested in participating in the 2016 Presentation Ball took place on Monday night. Anyone who missed the meeting will need to contact Mr Fisher or Mrs Smith using the email contact provided at the meeting (presentationball@baimbridge-co.vic.edu.au). All messages about the ball will be distributed via Compass so I encourage interested people to keep their eye on their Compass accounts. Initial information and documents have already been distributed to students at school and at Monday’s meeting.

Music Auxiliary :  
On Friday night the Baimbridge College Music Auxiliary held a barbecue and music performance for all students and parents that are part of the instrumental music program at Baimbridge College. I was pleased to see such a large number of parents and students in attendance to enjoy the night. I would like to thank our Music staff, Mr Peter Cheng and Mr Johnny Chen for their organisation, the 2016 Music Captains Will Mibus and Nathan Astbury for their contribution as well as all the music students and music auxiliary members who made the night possible. I trust that the attendance on the night signals a bright future for the music program.

Year 11 exams :  
These began on Tuesday morning this week and will continue until mid-way through next week. I have been pleased to see our students applying themselves to their study and treating this part of their assessment seriously.

School Council :  
The next, and last meeting for this year, of School Council takes place on Monday night 23rd November in the dining room of the Hamilton District Skills Centre.
**Principal’s Notes Continued**

**Year 12 Dinner:**
The last examination for a Baimbridge College student took place on Tuesday this week. All students have now completed their exams and are waiting for their results and to receive offers of placements at tertiary institutions. Tonight we are holding the annual Year 12 Dinner to farewell our students, celebrate the completion of their secondary schooling and to wish them all the best with their future studies and careers. So on behalf of the entire Baimbridge College community I would like to wish our Year 12 students all the best for their futures!

**Mobile Phone Parent Survey:**
I would like to thank the parents who contacted me about this survey. Unfortunately the survey was originally put through Compass to students only. This made it impossible for parents to respond to my request to give their input. I am pleased to say that we have fixed that problem and parents now have access to this short survey about our mobile phone rules. Can I ask once again for parents to go on to Compass to provide their opinion of the Baimbridge College mobile phone policy so that School Council can have access to parent opinion on the matter. Thank you.

**Representation of Baimbridge College:**
Fashions come and go but Baimbridge College has a set uniform and whenever we go into the community we expect students to be in full uniform. Presentation of staff and students at public events makes a large difference to how we are perceived by the public. While issues such as hair colour have never been particularly significant in classes, in the past and recently some students have chosen to colour their hair quite brightly. I have therefore made a point of explaining to them that the school reserves the right to determine who represents it at public events and outlandish hair colours may mean that they will not be allowed to represent Baimbridge College at a community event.

**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.

**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*
Operation Backyard Baimbridge began on Wednesday this week with Imogen Dinges from The Ladybug Nursery coming in to help students plant out the planter boxes in the West Covered Way.

Thank you to Imogen for giving us your time and imparting your knowledge.

Our community connection with Legacy is very important to us, our students were in the CBD selling Poppies for Remembrance Day and Year 7 along with our 2016 Student Leaders attended the Memorial Service on Wednesday last week.

Above: The Year 7 students attended the Remembrance Day Memorial Service on Wednesday last week.

Right: In their first official duty as Student Leaders our 2016 group attended the service at the Cenotaph.
Charlotte Franks displays her material design at the Top Arts. Charlotte created the design, had it printed to specific proportions onto 6 metres of fabric of which she used to create the furnishings pictured. Charlotte also produced a video display of thousands of images of clouds pieced together in a time lapse (which was difficult to show on the newsletter) then projected onto an installation of three images of women in the alcove across from the art room in the West Campus corridor.

Buon viaggio

We would like to take this opportunity to wish three of our students—Bradley O’Brien, Emily Russell and Samantha Taynton, along with teacher Lisa Guegan-Brown and Jodie Sanders from the HDSC all the very best for their trip to Italy for Hospitality. We are still amazed at the opportunities our students are given and trips like these can be life changing. We encourage any parent to support their children in broadening their horizons by taking opportunities like this. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return. The class flies out on Sunday and will be gone for two and a half weeks.
We have been allocated 2 places for this forum, if you are interested and can get your child to Melbourne we would love to hear from you!
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. If unable to do duty as rostered please ring 5572 2788.

The canteen will close on Friday December 4, lunches and recess will need to be provided after this date.

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.