Successful Kwong Lee Dow applicants Nathan Astbury, Jacqueline Bunting and William Mibus.

Principal’s Notes

Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships:
I am very pleased to announce that this week we have been informed that three of our students have been named as Kwong Lee Dow Scholars by the University of Melbourne. They have been named as such in recognition of the potential they have shown to be successful academically and progress to tertiary education – the University of Melbourne in particular. The successful applicants are William Mibus, Nathan Astbury and Jacqueline Bunting all of Year 10 here at Baimbridge College. I would like to congratulate the three of them on their selection and look forward to their successful Year 12 when they will be able to progress to Melbourne University.

Australian Sports Awards:
Last Friday at the 2015 Wannon Australian Government Sport Achievement Awards Ceremony, Tricia Carter of Year 12 was presented with the award for the Individual Achievement Open Female in recognition of her success in clay target shooting at state and national levels. Tricia was presented with her award by Member for Wannon the Hon Dan Tehan. Elizabeth Lawrence was the guest presenter of the sports awards. This is very appropriate recognition of Tricia’s skills and dedication and of course, success, in her chosen sport. Well done from everyone at Baimbridge College.

Presentation Ball:
The first meeting of parents and students interested in participating in the 2016 Presentation Ball took place two weeks ago. 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.

2016 Preparation:
Year 11 exams are finished and this year’s Year 11 students have been participating in preparation classes for Year 12 next year. They have had introductory classes in their different subjects this week and a special seminar to help prepare them for the study practices they will need to make the best of their classes in 2016.

School Council:
On behalf of the Baimbridge College School Council I would like to extend our sympathy to the family of valued School Council member Jason MCallum. Baimbridge College enjoyed a long association with Jason as School Council member and bus driver of our students on the Digby bus - he will be missed.
Education Forum:
On Monday his week the Hamilton District Skills Centre and South West TAFE sponsored a seminar to look at future educational opportunities for the young people of Hamilton. Held in the Ted Kenna Room at the Hamilton PAC and supported by the Shire of Southern Grampians the forum attracted speakers from Deakin University SW TAFE, the LLEN and the shire’s economic development unit. The attendees also heard from Baimbridge College students Anna Mitchell and Mark Hutchins about their educational and career aspirations. I would like to thank Mr Howard Kelly for organising the event and opening dialogue between the different parties.

Year 10:
Classes for Year 10 students end on Friday 4th December. After this date students from Year 9 to prep will be required until their last day on Thursday 17th December. Classes begin again for all students on Friday 29th January 2016.

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.

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.

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
Tricia Carter takes out the Individual Achievement Open Female - In recognition of her success in Clay target Shooting at State and National Levels

Tricia with Dan Tehan and Elizabeth Lawrence. Elizabeth was the guest presenter of the Sports awards.

Health Talks

Health talks with Paula Cuttler from Hamilton Police about a variety of issues relating to alcohol, drugs, laws, sexting and cyberbullying have been taking place with students in Year 9 and Year 8. The photo shows Year 8C with Paula at the end of her talk. Feedback was very positive and the relationship between the Hamilton Police and the school community has strengthened as a result.

Lunchtime craft with Mrs Cook has seen some students get very creative. Pictured left is Sye Cox, she has created a cushion cover with her initials on it. Right is the Christmas Tree the students have decorated to be displayed in the CBD.
Our Senior Band provided some music entertainment for the special school on the 17 November, featuring some of the best known upbeat repertoire and Christmas music. The audience was encouraged to dance or sing along as the music was played, and the special school students are not shy to have a go.

We had a great time.

At the end of the concert, they requested to have the whole school take a photo with the band. It was an honour to be acknowledged by the Special School for our service.

Some images from the Music Auxillary BBQ night last Friday.
Whilst we do make every effort to bring your kids the best value possible, we do have to increase our prices in alignment with the distributors—hence a small price rise for 2016 on some items. Please check and adjust the amount you give your child accordingly.

The list has been colour coded to remind students that some food and drink available in our canteen is “sometimes” food and we encourage our students to eat from the green selections for the majority of their choices at school.
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 5572 788.

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