May 2 - 13
Year 7-10 Exams

Friday May 13
GD Athletics
CASTERTON

May 16 – 20
Education Week

Thursday 19th May
PRINCIPAL TOURS
9am & 12pm
book via calling
the College.

Fri 20th May
2017 Year 7
scholarship
applications due

May 23 - 31
VCE Exams

June 6 - 10
Bogong
Year 8 Camp

June 6
GWR Cross Country

June 11
Centenary of Public
Education
Celebrations

A cross section of students from various year levels and pathways chosen. Baimbridge will set you up to travel any path you choose to travel in life.

Principal’s Notes

Education Week :
Next week is Education Week and we will be holding tours of the school on Thursday 19th May. There will be a tour at 9.00am and then another at 12.00pm. Both will begin at the Hamilton District Skills Centre and we will spend about an hour moving around the school so that people can see our school in operation. Anyone who would like to participate in the tours can ring the school on 55722788 to book their place. I look forward to showing members of our community around our school so that they can see for themselves how we function on a normal day. Any questions can be directed to Mrs Bernadette Cook.

State Budget :
You may have read in the media following the state budget that there has been substantial funding going into education. An article in the Hamilton Spectator mentioned Baimbridge College would share in funds set aside to develop master plans for our school. School Council will need to go through a set of procedures and processes to make some decisions about the future and then an architect will be appointed to help us develop a plan. Assistant Principal Mr John Hill and I were required to attend a special information session in Warrnambool on Tuesday to learn about the steps required of us. I am pleased to say that we have also been provided with a further $14,000 to improve the condition of buildings that were audited in 2012. Fingers crossed that the funds to complete capital works on our school will be released in the 2017 budget.

Alpine School :
Mrs Narelle Kelly held a meeting of interested parents and students last week for this year’s Alpine School participation. Last year’s attendees Mikayla Austin, Dolton Ham-Jones and Samuel Hill were present to explain what was involved in the camp and to relate their experiences of being away from school for nine weeks. A good number of parents turned up with their son or daughter to find out more. This year our students will be going to Marlo in Gippsland. We are allowed to send 6 students from Baimbridge College and Mrs Kelly has already arranged for the interview process for students wanting to attend.

Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice :
We held our forum for students and parents last week and while the turn up was not huge we certainly had a very dedicated group of parents present at the parent session in the evening to pool their thoughts about how we go about improving the diet of our students. I would like to thank those who attended and look forward to working with them and our students in the coming months.
100 Year Anniversary:
Organisation has begun for celebrations on Saturday 11 June. Information has been published in last week’s Hamilton Spectator and information placed on Facebook. As is obvious from the contents of this newsletter school staff are very busy with the running of the school and the business of education and we need help from our community to make celebrations a success. If you can spare some time we are still looking for people to help with arrangements. If you can help please contact Miss Rosemary Morgan 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

Got an old mobile phone you don’t need any more?

You can recycle them here, and support the award winning Standing Tall program at the same time.

Donate your mobile phones, smartphones and tablets here, and the money raised will go towards mentoring young people in our local community.

By donating your phones you are also contributing to protecting our environment by reducing the demand for resources which damages the natural habitat of endangered animals, and also keeps old phones out of landfill.

The green collection box is located in the East Campus Office.

For more info email: admin.stih@baimbridge-co.vic.edu.au
Arame Art Club

Arame Art Club was originally formed by five year 8 students who spent their Friday lunchtimes in the library enjoying each other’s company as they completed their art making activities. Over time the idea began to emerge that perhaps other students would like to participate, so Abbey, Regan, Amiee, Milly, Hannah, and Mrs. Dempsey formed the Arame Art Club.

The Arame leadership group meet each Friday lunchtime to plan Art Play activities. The Arame leaders then share their knowledge and skills with others by supervising open group Art play activities each Wednesday lunchtime to other students.

Our current art project activity is to create a “junk journal” made from the Art Play artworks we have been creating each week. Students have fun, listen to music, develop friendships, explore art making materials and techniques, such as water paint wax resist, watercolor marble painting, finger painting, colour blending and using different textures to enhance their art.

Of this project, the leaders say, “We have learnt to be more organized in order to lead the sessions, showing examples and leading the demonstrations. It has built our confidence in speaking in front of groups and knowing how to give instructions and to communicate clearly. Apart from art techniques and fun, we have built friendships with different age groups throughout the school. Forty minutes just flies ... “

Mr. C does a wonderful job in providing the room, materials and huge amounts of inspiration and advice as we explore and create. Thank you Mr. C.
Greetings from the team at Go Girl, Go for IT.

We are in full swing organising our fantastic Go Girl, Go For IT event scheduled for 16th August at Deakin University.

Go Girl, Go For IT is a free, full day event planned especially for female secondary school students, years 7 to 12. Our aim is to excite and engage students by introducing them to the wide range of global, rewarding and varied career options in the IT space. The event seeks to inspire students with fantastic speakers, showcasing the technologies of the future and challenging preconceptions of a career in IT.

Sophie Blackford, Brand Development at Instagram Australia is the event patron. Along with other female role models in IT, she will discuss and demonstrate how IT qualifications can lead to challenging and exciting careers ranging from small not-for-profits to the largest multi-nationals. There will be workshops throughout the day and a careers expo where attendees can acquire useful information on prospective employers.

If you are interested in attending this day please see Mr Sheehan to secure your place.
Community News

We welcome any notices that benefit our students and the wider community.

We do, however, not advertise for profitable businesses or individuals.

Are you having trouble getting your required driving hours?
Don’t have a supervising driver or a suitable car to practice in?

The L2P Program can help you get access to a vehicle and a mentor who can help you work toward getting your Licence. The Mentor will spend one hour a week or more supervising you while you drive. You get to practice your driving skills to help you gain the 120 hours driving experience needed to get your “P” plates.

For more information contact:
Southern Grampians L2P Program Coordinator

Southern Grampians Shire Council
2 Roberts St, Hamilton VIC 3300
T: 03 5551 8491
E: mfranjic@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au

The L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program is looking for young people who:

Are aged 16 – 21 years
Live, work or attend school in Southern Grampians
Do not have access to a suitable adult or a suitable vehicle
Hold a current Victorian Learners Permit
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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 2788.