Upcoming Events

Thursday 21st April
Opening of the indigenous garden on the West Campus
9AM
Music Auxiliary Meeting 6.30pm
Music Centre
Badge Selling in the CBD
Friday 22nd April
ANZAC Day Service Assembly
Thursday 28th April
Cross Country Lake Hamilton
May 2 - 13
Year 7-10 Exams
May 4-6
Yr 12 University Experience
Thursday May 5
Beanie and Scarf Day
May 16– 20
Education Week
Fri 20th May
2017 Year 7 scholarship applications due

Music Excellence:
Congratulations to Patrick McGregor-Rhodes, who last weekend, had a piece of music he composed played by the Hamilton Symphony Orchestra as part of Hamilton’s Sacred Promenade of Music. This is an outstanding achievement reflecting Patrick’s long involvement in our instrumental music program and his clear talent musically. We are all proud of Patrick’s achievement and wish him every success in his music and studies.

High Profile Visit:
On Wednesday this week we were visited by our local member the Hon Emma Kealy who brought with her the Shadow Minister for Education, Nick Wakeling who had previously visited us as Minister for Further Education in the previous government. We enjoyed a tour of the school and discussed School Council’s plan for the future of Baimbridge College and the need for financial support to upgrade our buildings and re organise the areas in which our year levels are based. We also highlighted the fact that we are about to undergo a school review and that we hoped that recommendations about infrastructure development would be an important outcome.

We also took the opportunity to explain the support that had been provided by this government for the Hamilton District Skills Centre for 2016. I trust that they enjoyed their visit and that they are able to support us in getting support to re develop our buildings.

Reports:
I would like to remind parents and students that due to the introduction of Learning Tasks on Compass and the assessments that goes with these tasks being available online as well there was no interim report this year at the end of term I. By the end of semester when it is time for semester reports students and parents will already have received feedback about progress throughout the semester so reports, that will be available online again, will not contain as much information as they did in the past. This process will provide more up to date feedback for students and parents rather than waiting until the end of semester.

Indigenous Garden Opening:
Today we held the official opening of the indigenous garden that was built and funded with Advance government grant money. The garden was designed, developed and established by our own students with the help from Ms Ros Pevitt, for cultural guidance. It was a pleasure to have Mr Darren Krause, President of our local RSL in attendance as well as our Koorie students to help us officially open the garden, which commemorates the participation of indigenous soldiers in conflicts and wars that Australia has participated. Also in attendance were two visiting members of the Yiyili community in Western Australia who are here visiting at the moment. I would like to thank Mr David Fisher for the design and construction assistance he provide and Mr John Hill for organising the event.

Principal’s Notes

Our resident composer, Patrick McGregor-Rhodes

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ANZAC Day:
Monday April 25th is ANZAC Day and a public holiday so there will be no classes at school. We will, as always, still participate as a school in the annual ANZAC Day march in the Hamilton CBD. Students other than our school leaders are welcome to join us as long as they are in full school uniform. Tomorrow we will hold our own school ANZAC Day Ceremony at 12.00pm in the west gymnasium. Parents and friends are welcome to join us. We look forward to sharing this day with our good friends at the Hamilton RSL and Legacy. During this week we will also have students selling ANZAC badges on behalf of the RSL in the town centre, so please support them and the RSL by purchasing a badge. This is one of the many opportunities we get to show our sense of community and mutual support so I urge everyone to participate.

Illness:
Unfortunately our Year 11 and 12 Co-ordinator Mrs Lyn Collins has informed me that she will be unable to resume her role this year due to illness. We are currently in the process of finding a replacement for her. In the interim Ms Sharon Herreen has agreed to act on her behalf.

Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice:
After a presentation at the last School Council meeting by Mr Clinton Thomas from Gener8 Change, Council has agreed to run two forums related to healthy eating, one for students and staff and one for parents. The forums will be held on Wednesday 4th May. The student’s forum will be held at lunchtime for any interested students and staff and the parent forum will be held at 5.30pm to enable working parents to attend if they wish. The forums are an opportunity to inform our community about trends in our community and to measure interest levels in adopting eating habits that are a healthier alternative. All welcome more details about venues will be made available in the coming newsletters.

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 this term 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.

School Review:
Our review will begin next week on Tuesday 26th April. Our reviewers Mr Brian Collins and Mr Howard Looney will be with us most of the week interviewing students, staff and parents. The review aims to look at what the school has achieved in the last four years and to then set in place a strategic plan for the next four years. Amongst other things to be recommended to government I hope to see some capital funds coming our way to rationalise school building and improve both the learning environment and the morale of staff and students – wouldn’t that be a great outcome!

School Council:
Due to ANZAC Day falling on a Monday, we will move our next School Council meeting to next Tuesday 26th April in the HDSC dining room at 7.30pm.

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
Promenade of Sacred Music Young Performers Concert

Jaz Hill and Brock McFarlane were invited to perform for the Promenade of Sacred Music Young Performers Concert on 15 April. All our year 7 - 8 music students were also invited to watch the concert. We are very proud of their stunning performances as a lot of practice has gone through. Brock’s music was atmospherically immersive, while Jaz got a special mention from the compere for achieving such a high standard at her age. It is pleasing to see our musicians taking active part in performances outside school and make themselves known to the community.

As a part of the Promenade of Sacred Music Concert, the Hamilton Symphony Orchestra and The Hamilton Singers performed compositions from local composers, and among them is our year 10 student, Patrick McGregor-Rhodes, who wrote Silence Follows for String Orchestra. This work was performed beautifully as acknowledged by the Hamilton music community, and we are very proud of such a talent in our school. Well done! Mr Cheng

Baimbridge College Cross Country - Lake Hamilton Boatshed - Thursday 28th April, 2016

Parents are invited to watch the Interhouse Cross Country next Thursday at Lake Hamilton beginning at approximately 1.15pm from the Boatshed.

The schedule of events is as follows:
1.15pm - 17 & under/20 & under Boys & Girls
1.30pm - 15 & under/16 & under Boys & Girls
1.45pm - 12/13 & under/14 & under Boys & Girls
2.00pm - Prep - Grade 6 Boys & Girls

Presentations will take place at the end of each age group.
Town students will be dismissed from the lake at approximately 3.00pm and bus travellers will be bussed back to school in time for busses.

Please note this is a compulsory school event.

2016 Snow Trip

There are still two spaces left on the Baimbridge College Snow Trip held over the Sheepvention weekend this year. We stay at the Snowbird Inn which is situated on the top of Mt Hotham— an experience you have to live to comprehend.

Lessons are provided and you will be skiing / boarding on the first day.

Be transported to another world and experience the alpine ski season.

See Mr Kennett if you are interested, remember the ski trip is biannual, if you’re in Year 11 or 12 this is your last chance!
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.

The Ansett Aflight project will bring the original and now empty Ansett building to life and create an event around this theme that will have people talking for years!

Jillian Pearce from Y Space and Trevor Flinn from the Dunkeld artist and creator of Permewans Awake will lead the crew of workshop artists from Natimuk to create an event blending performance, art and imagination in the run up to the final flight which takes off on.
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.