Meet Lorenzo Gini, our Italian exchange student living with his Aussie ‘brother’ Sam Tooley.

Principal’s Notes

Compass:
In recent newsletters I have been outlining our efforts to keep parents more informed about student progress by publishing ‘learning tasks’ on Compass as well as the feedback and assessment of these tasks. I must make it clear that this is for students in Years 7 – 12 not students in our junior school. Our junior school staff will continue with major end of term reports as they have done in the past. My apologies for any confusion I may have created.

New Parent Luncheon:
I would like to thank all the new parents and guardians who accepted our invitation to come to school, share a light lunch and meet our teachers and other parents from the Baimbridge College community. The lunch held on Wednesday this week was a success and represents the first step in creating a positive relationship between home and school. Open lines of communication are essential if we are going to achieve the best outcomes we can for our students so please let us know if you have any concerns or issues.

Tours of the School:
While we had our tours of the school last week as part of the transition process I would like to stress that if anyone missed this opportunity they are welcome to make an appointment and I will be pleased to personally show them around the school on a normal school day. In fact I would like to issue an invitation to parents and friends to be shown around Baimbridge College by the principal. Please just phone 55722788.

School Council:
The tenure of a number of parent positions on school council end this term. As a result some of our current members have re nominated for the parent category but we are still looking for two more parents to hold positions, one for two years and one for one year. There will also be a one year vacancy for an education department employee that we will advertised internally amongst the Baimbridge College staff. Once these positions are filled Council will then look at approaching people to fill the community representative positions. I predict that Mr Tony MacGillivray will again fill one of these vacancies and Council will be approaching other community members for the remaining position. I encourage any parents who are interested in being on School Council to contact me. Should we get more nominations than positions we would require an election. Our new council needs to be in place by the end of term I. Nominations for the parent positions close on Friday 4th March.
Mobile Phone survey:
I shared the results of our surveys of staff, students and parents of our mobile phone policy with School Council on Monday night. I intend to now provide this information to our student representative council and staff before I ask School Council to help re-evaluate the current policy. I would like to thank everyone who responded it has been a very enlightening process.

School Review:
The timeline for our review has been set back as a result of the integrity measures put in place by the education department this year. Originally our review was to be concluded in term I but our external reviewers have been put through very close scrutiny to ensure that there is no conflict of interest and as a result the whole process has been delayed. The education department is very keen to ensure the integrity of the process given the bad press many high ranking officials have received in the last 6 months. I would like to thank all staff, parents and students who have already contributed to our self evaluation and remind everyone that we are still contacting families by phone to get their opinions on school matters.

School Jumpers:
I have been led to believe that Accurate Clothing has run out of Baimbridge College jumpers and is waiting on a delivery. Those families affected by this can send their son or daughters to school in a different top for warmth, navy would be preferred if possible. If it is necessary for a student to be out of uniform, parents are asked to send a note of explanation so that an 'out of uniform' pass can be issued. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Production:
After the initial disappointment of being unable to provide an opportunity for our students to be part of a school production, I am pleased to announce that we are now presenting a school play again this year. Typical of the good will of our staff members, when we asked for interested staff to support a school play I am pleased to say that there are a great many prepared to support the undertaking. As a result Mrs Heather Ward has agreed to lead the production of “Oliver” this year. So with the enthusiasm of our students and the good will of staff I invite you to this year’s school production – “Oliver”.

Labour Day:
Monday 14th March is a public holiday so we have a long weekend just around the corner. Normal classes will resume on Tuesday 15th March.

Compass:
Our online student management system, Compass, will be 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.
Hamilton Art Gallery World War 1 Exhibit.

Over the past few weeks all year 7 to 10 humanities students have walked to the Art Gallery and looked at the travelling World War 1 exhibit. Nine classes with the help of personnel from the War Memorial were able to touch, feel and try on several artefacts that were used by the military during WW1.

Here is what two of our students had to say about this opportunity:

On Wednesday 10th February 8A went on an excursion to the Art Gallery to look at the Anzac exhibition. We learnt all types of things about the first world war. We learnt how the nurses had to dress, to the food they ate, and the weapons they used. One thing I learnt was when mirrors in periscopes broke, the soldiers used to go into the nurses rooms and steal their mirrors. Something that I thought was interesting was that they trained horses to lie down so they would not get shot so easily. Anon

On Wednesday the 10th 8A walked down to the Art Gallery. 8A listened and behaved well. Seb, Bailey Arron and others tried on some clothes. They looked great. We held some items like a periscope and helmet. We then walked and looked at the photos and thought about which ones made you sad or happy etc. I learnt about how they were able to save the wax from the candles as they burned so they could make new ones.

Brendon Paterson 8A

Can you help?

The Presentation Ball Committee are chasing any Silver Christmas tree beads to use in this year’s presentation ball. A picture of what they are looking for is to the right. If you are able to help please drop your contribution in to the East General Office.
VCE/VCAL Students and Parents/Guardians

The VCAA recognises that some students with an illness or disability may require Special Examination Arrangements to enable them to access the examination questions and communicate their responses in a timed examination.

There are six categories for application:

- severe health impairment
- significant physical disability
- learning disability
- severe language disorder
- hearing impairment
- vision impairment

Any student in years 11 or 12 studying a unit 3 and 4 subject or an assessed VET course, who feels they may be eligible for special examination arrangements, should contact Ms Peta Taylor as soon as possible.

Thank You!!!

The Standing Tall program at Baimbridge College are grateful to Hamilton Coles for partnering with them this term. Coles will be collecting donations for the program within their store, in store team fundraising and also coordinating fundraising BBQ’s throughout March through to June.

Mindflex

Year 12 Psychology students, Alice Keatley (right) and Tahlia Storrie (left) are using a game called Mindflex.

The game requires you to use brain waves to activate the device which will cause a small foam ball to "levitate".
**Paint the Park and Skate Park Grand Final Festival: Youth input needed!**

These school holidays, we are looking for local young people to help us plan and deliver a great finale to the South West Skate Series.

If you are between the ages of 11-25 and have an interest in art, skating or event planning, this is a great opportunity for you! We are looking for young people's input and ideas for the following events:

**Events:**
- **Saturday March 26th**— **SWSS Skate Final Festival**
- **Street art/ graffiti demonstrations**
- **Food trucks**
- **Rock Climbing Wall**
- **Photo Booth and DJ**
- **Zombie Face Painting**
- **Skating Grand Final**

**Monday 28th March**— **Friday 1st April**— **Paint the Park Project**

We will have one or more street artists come to assist local young people like you to brighten up our skate park by covering it in spray pain!

If you have any ideas that could help, any design suggestions, or if you would just like to be a part of this project, we’d love to hear from you, so please get in contact with us!

Belinda Payne on 55518459 or Belinda.Payne@wths.net
Nellie Patterson on 55518459 or Nellie.Patterson@wths.net

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**Dunkeld Consolidated School Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**

**presents**

**Harpist** Vocalist **Composer** Writer **Artist**

**Mary Doumany**

One of the most original voices in the Australian Arts Community

Classical | Folk | Jazz and Contemporary

**Saturday 19 March**

7.00pm

Sterling Place - Dunkeld Community Centre, Sterling Street, Dunkeld

Classical Trained Harpist and Composer who has performed with Sydney, Melbourne and Queensland Symphony Orchestras

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$35 per person includes Canapés & Drinks

Tickets can be purchased at the

Dunkeld General Store 5577 2418 or Dunkeld Consolidated School 5577 2384

Enquiries: Phone Clare Kennedy 0447 833 308

Proceeds from this performance will help support the SAAS Kitchen Garden Program which aims to introduce young children to the wonderful world of food education, growing and harvesting a productive food garden, and a kitchen environment that includes a nutrition plan to prepare and share food, as an integral part of their school curriculum.

Proudly Supported by Cloud Mountain Retreat,
Dunkeld Consolidated School, Dunkeld General Store and Dunkeld Community Centre

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**Friends of the Community Market**

(formally the Sandford Village Market)

**Sunday 13th March 2016**

8am - 1pm

**Same Market, Different Name!**

**Come Join Us!**

Sandford Markets, 104 Bark St, Sandford, Victoria 3321 Ph: (03) 5582 6981

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**BRONZE RESCUE PROGRAM**

**BRONZE Star and Bronze Medallion**

**Sunday 28th Feb & 6th March 2016**

9.30AM - 4.30PM

**Open to all Secondary School Students**

School at VICAS Reception

For enquiries and further information please contact:

South Australian Schools Coordinator;
Ph: 85514364 or email: sbryans@saeducation.sa.gov.au
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!

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Starting Time 9:00 am. If unable to do duty as rostered please ring 5572 2788.

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