Principal’s Notes

Presentation Ball:
This year’s Presentation Ball is on next Friday 18th March at the Monivae College Chevalier Centre. I got the chance to pop in to watch dance practise last Sunday night and things seem to be progressing very well indeed. I look forward to our community coming together for this special function and I have no doubt that there will be just one or two butterflies beginning to appear in some of our Presentation Ball participant’s tummies. Tickets are currently available from the office on the east campus.

Athletics Sports:
After expecting to be baked in the sun or washed out by rain, our athletic sports went according to plan at Pedrina Park. The competition between the houses was strong with Fraser, Bradman and Cuthbert house going out of their way to ensure that Laver didn’t take off the double win again in 2016. After a hard fought competition, Fraser house broke a 16 year drought to stop Laver’s 7 year run of success. Mitch Lang and Chelsea Glare did a wonderful job of addressing the school and thanking everyone for their participation. Well done Fraser.

I would like to thank Mrs Jen McArthur who once again has done an outstanding job with the organisation of the day and even managed to get the weather on our side.

Student Leaders Investiture:
This important recognition ceremony takes place next Wednesday 16th March. The ceremony begins at 2.00pm in the east campus hall and will be followed by a light afternoon tea. Parents and friends of our student leaders are invited to join us on the day. I look forward to sharing this important day with our students and their parents. See you Wednesday.

Tours of the School:
While we had our tours of the school early this term 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:
I would like to thank parents for their interest in the vacant School Council positions. I will announce the new School Council membership in the next newsletter. The next Council meeting in on Monday 21st March.
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.

Labour Day:
This weekend is a long weekend. Monday 14th March is a public holiday so we don’t need students at school. Normal classes will resume on Tuesday 15th March.

End of Term:
This very short first term is about to end. Term I will finishes on Thursday 24th March with classes being dismissed at 2.30pm on that day. The next day is Good Friday. Term II resumes on Monday 11th April. Parent Teacher interviews will be organised soon after our return.

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.jdf.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

Presentation Ball

Excitement is building for the forty-four students who will be presented at the upcoming Presentation Ball. The Ball is taking place on Friday 18th March at Monivae College. Students have been practising hard on three dances they will perform during the evening. All members of the community are invited to share the evening with the students and their families and friends.

Tickets are available for purchase from the East Office - $25 adult and $20 student.
House totals:
Fraser 1895.75 points
Laver 1762.25 points
Bradman 1405.25 points
Cuthbert 1322.75 points

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

18-20 BOYS RHYS WHEELER
17&U BOYS TOM SCOTT
16&U BOYS JAMES CLEAVER
15&U BOYS LUKE BARNES
14&U BOYS TRAVIS SCOTT
13&U BOYS ZEB NIELD
12&U BOYS ZAC HUNTER

18-20 GIRLS BEC LANGLEY
17&U GIRLS LAUREN WHEELER
16&U GIRLS NIKITA ANSELL
15&U GIRLS SOPHIE ROBINSON
14&U GIRLS LAURA ROBINSON
13&U GIRLS EMILY PITTS
12&U GIRLS TAHLIA WALKER

PHOTOS BY MR BANFIELD
**Junior School**

**Stephen—Year 4:** I was sitting under Cuthbert shelter talking to lots of people and Finn bought me a mint slice and an orange juice.

**Georgina Grade 6—YAY!!!** I’m going on to Districts in the 100 meters. We left school and went to Pedrina Park for Athletics Sports and it was so much fun. I came in 4th in 100 meters and I’m going on to Districts. I came 4th in 200 meters but I’m not going on in that event. Lastly I cam last in high jump and I’m definitely NOT going on in that one! I was happy that my family was there to watch me and I was even happier that I am going to Districts. YAY!! By the end of the day I got home and was really tired and almost fell asleep.

An awesome day it was.

**Max—Prep**
Mum took me to school and I walked to the bus. I did running and jumping. My favourite sport was getting the bean bags.

**LOOK WHAT’S NEW IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL !!!**

We have a massive Chinese Dragon hanging from the roof! Miss D and her helpers are very excited about the new arrival which looks brilliant!
Advertising within the newsletter is reserved for items that may interest our students and community. Private business.

Juniors
5 to 16 years
Come & Try Day
Saturday 19/3/16
9.30 - 11am

Greater Hamilton
Kick - a - thon
Kick' n It 4 Kids

Date: 20th March 2016
Place: 85 Cox Street
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wear: Loose Clothing

To all kids, mums, dads and grand parents...
Come and Participate
Organise your teams
Have some fun & get a workout
Donate to a worthy cause
Phone 5571 9816 or 0490 402 346 for more information or to request a sponsorship form
Ever Thought About Umpiring Aussie Rules Football?

The Western District Umpires Association based in Hamilton is keenly seeking young umpires for this coming season in all 3 disciplines of Field, Boundary and Goal umpires. It is a way of keeping fit, earning a bit of pocket money, as well as enjoying the social side of it and the camaraderie of the other umpires.

If you are thinking about it, please contact our President and Recruiting Officer Geoff Barker on 0459584003 or 0355723669.

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** – SWS Skate Final Festival
- **Street art/ graffiti demonstrations**
- **Food trucks**
- **Rock Climbing Wall**
- **Photo booth and DJ**
- **And of course, the SWS Skate 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 paint!

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@wdfs.net

Nellie Patterson on 55518450 or Nellie.Patterson@wdfs.net

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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 0417 833 308

Proceeds from this performance will help support the SAKG Kitchen Garden Program which aims to introduce young children to the wonders of world food education, growing and harvesting a productive food parcel and a kitchen environment that includes a permanent place to prepare and share food, as an integral part of the school curriculum.

Proudly Supported by Cloud Mountain Retreat, Dunkeld Consolidated School, Dunkeld General Store and Dunkeld Community Centre.
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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School Holiday Program
April 2016

Friday April 1st: AFL game- Richmond VS Collingwood
Melbourne: MCG 2pm-1am

Movie vouchers can be purchased from The Frances Hewett Community Centre

Monday 4th April: Movie Night
Hamilton Cinema 6pm-8pm

Tuesday April 5th: Paintball
Mount Gambier 8am-5pm

Wednesday April 6th: Hiking, Rock-Climbing and Abseiling
Halls Gap 7:30am-5:30pm

Thursday April 7th: Winda-Mara Budj Bim Tour with Bush-Tucker Lunch and optional Aboriginal Craft Afternoon
Heywood 9am start. Optional pick-up at 1pm or 4pm

Discounts:
Present your Health Care Card and get $40 activities for just $25
Family rates: $70 for one activity, or $45 for families with a Health Care Card

Bookings and information
In person at: Frances Hewett Community Centre, 2 Roberts Street Hamilton. Monday to Friday 9am–5pm
Mail: Youth Holiday Program, PO Box 283 Hamilton 3300
Phone: 5551 8450 Fax: 5572 5371
Email: fhcc@wdhs.net
Cash, credit or debit card, cheques accepted. Cheques must be made payable to Western District Health Service.

Departure location
All activities will depart from and return to the Frances Hewett Community Centre, 2 Roberts Street Hamilton, unless otherwise stated. Please ensure your child is there 10 minutes prior to activity departure and collected at the time outlined in the program. A written consent from parents or guardians is required for participants to make their own way home.

Cancellation and refund of activities
WDHS reserves the right to cancel any scheduled activity due to poor weather conditions or insufficient enrolments. As much notice as possible will be given. In such circumstances, a full refund will be provided.

Only cancellations made a minimum of five working days prior to activity will be eligible for a refund.

Food and drink policy
Ensure that children bring food which does not require refrigeration or heating. Under no circumstance are energy drinks to be consumed or purchased. Children are required to bring a drink bottle with water. Please note: given the location of activity, food options are limited. If your child has specific dietary requirements please make prior arrangements with coordinator or, alternatively, ensure your child has a sufficient amount of food.

Gastro and diseases
Communicable diseases include: gastro, chicken pox, conjunctivitis, influenza, measles and shingles. If your child has any communicable diseases they should not attend any activity delivered by WDHS. If your child is identified with a potential communicable disease a parent or guardian will be required to pick your child up from activity location, or arrangements will be made at your cost.

Behaviour, conduct and supervision
WDHS minimum of two staff per activity or ratio 1:10. Participants demonstrating unsuitable behaviour will be removed from the program and may be denied future access. Nominated parent or guardian will be notified to collect child, or arrangements will be made at your cost.

Unsafe behaviour includes:
> Refusing to follow instruction about conduct;
> Affecting the health, safety and/or welfare of other participants or staff;
> Causing or likely to cause damage of property
> Bullying and harassment of other participants or staff
> Use of drugs or alcohol
> Personal hygiene is essential

What to bring
Healthy snacks – all main meals are included
Water in a Refillable drink bottle
Covered toe shoes such as runners and casual clothing
Hat and sunscreen
Spending money (spending money is optional. It is up to the individual child to be responsible for their money).

Waiver forms need to be completed for Paintball and rock-climbing/abseiling