Welcome:
This week I would like to welcome two new members to the Baimbridge College staff. Firstly, Year 6 teacher Ms Sharon Herreen who is replacing Mrs Edwards who finished with us last term. Ms Herreen will be team teaching with Mrs Jury. Also new to our school is Mrs Sharon Donehue who will be working in the office on the east campus. We all look forward to working with our new team members and I am sure everyone will make them feel welcome.

Italian Language Assistant:
This week we also welcomed our Italian Language Assistant from Milan. She will be helping our teachers of Italian with their classroom preparation. Her name is Miss Chiara Gallo and she will be at Baimbridge College until December this year. I would like to thank the Tooley family for allowing Miss Gallo to stay with them early on in her stay as well as the Shepherd family who have also offered to host her.

Italian Student Visit:
In June, July and August this year we are expecting to host six students from Milan in Italy. The students are coming here to improve their English language skills in preparation for their last year of study in secondary school. We will be looking for families to host these students for their stay. They will be here for a maximum of three months during their summer vacation and will return to Italy at the end of their visit to return to school. I am hoping to be able to offer host families a small amount of money to support them with the extra ‘family member’. Anyone who is interested in having one of these students stay in their family should let me know as soon as possible.

Parent / Teacher interviews:
These took place last Thursday afternoon and evening. If any parents or guardians missed the opportunity to come in to speak to teachers please do not feel that you have missed your only chance. If you would like to speak to one of your child’s teachers please contact their Year Level Co-ordinator to arrange for an interview.

Year 5 Transition Day:
Friday 26th April is our Year 5 student transition day. On this day Year 5 students from all district schools are invited to come to Baimbridge College to spend a day discovering what secondary education is all about. Due to the extra load this puts on our staffing we will not be able to run normal Year 11 classes on this day. Letters have been sent home with all Year 11 students to inform their parents. Any questions about the day can be directed to me.
ANZAC Day:
Thursday 25th April is ANZAC Day and a public holiday. Baimbridge College will be represented in the town ANZAC Day march by a number of staff and students. We will be meeting outside the RSL in Kennedy Street at 9.30am to prepare ourselves and get organised. Please note that any students marching in the school group must be in full school uniform. On Wednesday this week Baimbridge College held its own ANZAC ceremony to which we had invited members of the Hamilton RSL, Legacy, Victoria Police and the National Serviceman’s Association. Last week our students raised over $4,500 for the RSL when they sold ANZAC badges in the Hamilton CBD.

Baimbridge College will be represented at ANZAC ceremonies around the district by students who will lay wreathes on behalf of the school or who will be the guest speakers at their ceremonies. Also in attendance at these ceremonies will be Baimbridge College staff who will support our students. These students are: Cavendish, Penny Bell and Molly Purvis with Mr John Bell; Coleraine, Zoe McIntosh and Viannah Ferguson with Mrs Sue Smith and Tristan Dinning is the guest speaker at Coleraine; Penshurst, Lizzie Pickett and Kyle O’Meara with Mrs Lorraine Liston; Dunkeld, Miquela and Amy Crawford, Sophie Gilbert, Georgia Gilbert and Nathan Riddle with Mrs Grace McGarigle; Merino, Nathan Dinning and Kyle Janicki; McArthur, Jane Findlay, Taneyha Hall; Digby, Jack Goodman and Harry Goodman. I would like to thank the students and staff who have given their time to support ANZAC Day and Baimbridge College.

Presentation Ball:
The major Baimbridge College social function for the year takes place on the evening of Friday 26th April, with the running of our annual Presentation Ball. Students have been practising their dance steps since early term one in preparation for this night. Tickets have been available from the main office at school. This is an official school function so all normal school rules will apply to our students. I would like to thank in advance all the parents who have given their time to prepare for the ball. I would like to reserve a special thanks for VCE Co-ordinator Mrs Sue Smith who once again has given so much of her own time to organise the evening. I look forward to another successful night with the families and students of Baimbridge College.

Pupil Free Days:
Parents may know that we generally have four pupil free days per year. This year the first two days of the year were pupil free at Baimbridge College during which staff were involved in professional development and preparation for the year. The two remaining pupil free days will be on Friday 14 June, in preparation of mid-year reports and then on Sheepvention Monday in August, Monday 5 August.

Piercings:
At the most recent meeting of School Council at the end of term I, the uniform policy relating to visible body piercings was revisited and School Council recommended the retention of the policy that is in student diaries and has been included in previous newsletters this year. A note was sent home with student reports reminding parents of the policy, that it had not changed and that it would be enforced at school.

Compass:
Any parents who attended the meetings about the Year 7 laptop program will recall that Baimbridge College was introducing an online system called Compass that enabled marking of roles and messaging of parents if students were absent. We have begun the introduction of this system this term, and once we are confident that we have ‘worked out any bugs’ we will be activating the SMS system that will send an SMS to parents whose children are absent from school on that day. It is therefore crucial that family phone numbers as well as all other contact details are accurate in our school records. Any system such as this is only as good as the information that is fed into it so please let us know if you have had any changes to your contact phone numbers or address. This can be done by contacting Mrs Jill Robinson on 55722788 or any other of our office staff.
EDUCATION WEEK IS COMING......

During Education week (20 - 24 May) Baimbridge will open it’s doors to the public to show what we have to offer your child via school tours on Tuesday May 21. More details of this opportunity will be available once times are confirmed.

Applications are open for the 2013 Australian Mathematics Competition sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank.

Baimbridge College has entered students in the Australian Mathematics Competition for many years and is now asking for entrants for 2013. Students from years 3 to 12 can enter.

This competition started in Australia in 1978, was the original, and is now one of the largest of its kind in the world. More than 40 countries participate in the AMC each year and it is recognised as an international benchmark for mathematical performance.

Over 1000 students share the prizes and around 50% of participants qualify to receive Certificates of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other entrants in the competition receive a Certificate of Participation or a Proficiency Certificate.

A prestigious Australian Mathematics Competition medal is awarded to students with an outstanding result, both within their country or Australian state, and overall in the competition. Every participant receives a letter detailing their results, enabling them to check on their mathematical performance. The AMC consists of intriguing problems which students can enjoy doing.

Students interested in participating should talk to their maths teacher. The entry fee is $5.

For further information contact Mrs Jenny Clark at school or visit the Australian Mathematics Trust website at www.amt.edu.au

LOST PROPERTY REMINDER

We still have numerous jumpers in Lost Property (located in the West Campus—ask at the office) so before you replace the lost one please come and check them.

Lost property will be cleared at the end of the year to our second hand store or student wellbeing.
Year 12 Tertiary Trip May 1-3, 2013.
The children will be visiting Deakin University in W’Bool, Geelong and Burwood; Monash Uni, Latrobe Uni and Uni of Ballarat; and RMIT and a Melbourne Uni college of residence. As well, they will attend the Age Careers Expo at Caulfield Racecourse.

Tertiary Information Service (TIS)
Baimbridge College hosted the annual TIS event in Hamilton, last Wednesday. Speakers from universities gave students from all the Hamilton Secondary Schools valuable information about selecting and applying for university courses. Many university reps were available to distribute brochures and answer questions about their institutions.

Sometimes it’s hard to ask friends, family or anyone about issues, this is a great site to find answers to questions you may have about online issues, also to keep you aware that what you do online impacts your real life.


Digital reputation
Don't let your online life affect your real life.
Your digital reputation is defined by your behaviour in the online environment and by the content that you post about yourself and others.
Tagged photos, blog posts and social networking links that will all remain online even if you are removed by others online and offline according to the TIC.
If your digital reputation matters to your health, safety and happiness, then protect your digital reputation.


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LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

School Camps & Excursions: Asthma

If your child has asthma, attending school camps and excursions can introduce them to new asthma triggers especially if they are going into new environments. It is essential that your child can participate fully and safely in all school activities. The following is a list of considerations to make for your child before they go on school camp or an excursion:

Is your child's asthma currently well controlled (e.g. no symptoms at night, reliever use less than 3 times per week)?
Has your child had an asthma attack or asthma symptoms recently?
Does the school have an Asthma Action Plan for your child?
Has the school asked you to complete a School Camp and Excursion Medical Update Form?
Does your child have their reliever medication and spacer on hand at all times?
Are they attending with any other medications to be taken on the camp/excursion? If so, are there sufficient instructions to staff for use/dosage?
Does your child self-administer their medication? If so, has their technique been checked recently?

For more information please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au.

Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club
Juniors—Teenage Team Competition

HLTC Juniors are organising a team competition on Tuesday afternoons from 4pm until 5.30. It will run for 8 weeks from 7th May 2013 until 25th June 2013

This competition is open to players aged from 12 - 17, with 3 players per team, who can serve and score independently.

Team entries close on Friday 3rd May 2013. $3 per person.
For more info or to register your tem please contact Karen on 5572 2849.
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