Welcome:
I would like to welcome Mr John Hill to Baimbridge College. Mr Hill has been appointed as the new Assistant Principal, a position created by the departure of Mr Tony Speed at the end of last year. Mr Hill and his family will be moving to Hamilton from Bendigo where they have been for a number of years. Originally from Casterton, Mr Hill will be known to many people in our area and I am sure he will be embraced back into the district community. Mr Hill is very well credentialed and will make a very valuable addition to the team of staff at Baimbridge College. I look forward to working with Mr Hill and I have no doubt parents and students will also enjoy working with him. (Pic Page 3)

Mr Dan Tehan’s support:
We were delighted to have Member for Wannon, Hon. Dan Tehan join us for breakfast on the last day of term one. Mr Tehan has been an outspoken supporter of the educational opportunities provided by Tony MacGillivray and Jodie Sanders in the Hamilton District Skill Centre. The number of students attending classes in the centre since they took over has gone from 4 to 400 in just four years, with similar numbers of adults accessing education course in the HDSC as well. Students from district schools are studying certificate II and III in Hospitality and certificate II and III in Building Construction.

In a conversation with me, board chairman, Mr Mark McGinny and ‘Gilly’, Mr Tehan made a commitment to provide funding to keep the Hamilton District Skill Centre operating should he and his party win their way into government in the September federal elections.

We are delighted with the commitment from Mr Tehan and look forward to the continued operation of the HDSC and an expansion of the courses available to students.

Parent / Teacher interviews:
These are taking place on Thursday (today) afternoon and evening from 4.00pm – 6.00pm then there will be a half hour break so staff can have their dinner before we continue interviews from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Students have been given appointment sheets to bring home but even if one does not make it to your home please come along and take advantage of the opportunity to speak to your child’s teachers.
ANZAC Day:
Next Thursday 25th April is ANZAC Day and this is 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 the day before Baimbridge College will hold its own ANZAC ceremony to which we have invited members of the Hamilton RSL, Legacy, Victoria Police and the National Serviceman’s Association. Any parents who would like to join us are very welcome. Our school ceremony begins at 12.00pm in the west gymnasium. Also on the ANZAC theme, our students will be selling badges for the RSL today and tomorrow in the Hamilton CBD. Please support their efforts if you are able.

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.

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 week, 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 any of our office staff on 55722788 or emailing the school on baimbridge.co@edumail.vic.gov.au.
**YEAR 9 PARENTS**

Can you please return your permission slip and deposit of $100 for the camp beginning Monday June 17th, 2013.

Narelle Kelly, Year 9 Co-ordinator.

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**ANZAC BADGE SELLING:**

Our students will be in the CBD selling ANZAC badges for the RSL today and tomorrow. We are very fortunate to have such close ties with the RSL and our students should be very proud to assist them and represent the school.

Badges are available for $1, $5, $10 and up and will be on sale from 9.30 until 3.30.

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**YEAR 11 PARENTS:**

You will have received a form to notify you that Year 11 classes will not be running due to the grade five students from around the district attending Baimbridge College on Friday 26th April.

Please ensure this note is signed and returned to school to ensure your child meets their required attendance for the year.

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**EDUCATION WEEK IS COMING......**

During Education week (19—25 May) Baimbridge will open it’s doors to the public to show what we have to offer your child via a school tour. More details of this opportunity will be available once dates are confirmed.

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**LOST PROPERTY:**

It’s starting to cool down weather wise and we have a large number of jumpers in Lost Property located on the West Campus behind the office. Please feel free if your child has lost a jumper during the warmer months.

Jack Clancy of Grade 1 has lost his junior school rugby jumper, if you have seen it please hand it in to the West Office.

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**Presentation Ball:**

This will be held at Monivae on Friday 26th April from 7pm. If you would like to purchase tickets they will be available from the school office from Friday April 19th. Prices are $20 for adults and $15 for students. We would love you to support this school event! See Mrs Smith if you have any questions.
Year 7 Baimbridge student, James Thompson, tops the National charts with his work from Knowledge Quest. This is an online game where students can master many challenges, defeat awesome monsters in exciting quests AND improve their grammar, spelling, punctuations, vocabulary and reading comprehension. It is used as part of the MYDevice work at Baimbridge College.

These ‘Baimbridge Bookworms’ are dressed as their favourite book characters as the culmination of their term one literacy focus on the promotion and enjoyment of books and reading skills.

Weekly excursions with their larger than life mascot, book worm, included trips to the Botanic Gardens, Regional Library, North Hamilton Kindergarten, the Grange Hostel and Bellcourt Books. These venues provided the students opportunities to interact with young and elderly members of the community and to be engaged in literacy based activities in diverse community settings.

As a complementary writing focus the students have kept recount journals to document their bookworm activities. These will be proudly displayed at school before being taken home as mementos.

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.
FREE one day workshop for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Hamilton Workshop Tuesday, 14 May 2013

The Positive Partnerships Initiative has been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?
As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parent/carer, you will gain:
- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child’s participation at school
- develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system’s processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families.

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details
Venue: Hamilton Performing Arts Centre, 113 Brown Street, Hamilton VIC 3300

When: One day workshop – Tuesday, 14 May 2013
Day 1: 8.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. (Registration from 8.15am)

Please note: Positive Partnerships and the Aspect Positive Behaviour Support team are pleased to offer a combined autism specific three day workshop in Warrnambool, 15, 16 & 17 May. Participants from the Hamilton workshop could attend 16 & 17 May. Visit the website for a link to the registration page or contact Amber Day/Heather Kirkhope Ph: 03 9377 6600 or email: aday@autismsppectrum.org.au

Registration opens Tuesday, 2nd April 2013 and closes 2 days prior.
Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.

Online registrations preferred; please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au

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Phone: (02) 5561 8114, Email: erms@mpower.org.au
Address: Mpower, 71 Kent Street, Warrnambool

LOCAL FREE PARENT TRAINING

Warrnambool Workshops, 15th, 16th & 17th May 2013

Positive Partnerships and the Aspect Positive Behaviour Support team are pleased to offer a combined autism specific three day workshop in the Western Region of Victoria.

Eligibility criteria:
- Parents or carers of children and young adults aged between 6 and 25 years, diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- The individual with ASD must be living at home
- Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop

What will you learn from the workshop?
- Positive Partnerships (day one):
  - A greater understanding of the impact on autism on your child, both at school and at home; effective parent, school & teacher partnerships and opportunities to network and share strategies with other parent/care & key community members.

Aspect Positive Behaviour Support (day two and three):
- To develop a plan for intervention and manage challenging behaviours using a positive and proactive approach and to improve the quality of life for children, young adults and their families.

Registration options:
- Option one: one day workshop: Positive Partnerships (15th May 2013)
- Option two: three day workshop: one day Positive Partnerships plus two day Positive Behaviour Support workshop (15th, 16th & 17th May 2013)

When: 15th, 16th & 17th May 2013
- Where: Warrnambool Golf Club, Younger Street, Warrnambool
- Time: 8.30 - 2.30pm (please arrive at 8.15am for registration)
- Cost: Free. Morning tea and Lunch included.


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Address: Mpower, 71 Kent Street, Warrnambool
Hamilton Auskick will commence in 2013 at Pedrina Park on Saturday April 20th at 9:00am concluding Saturday June 22nd.

Excluding the Queen’s Birthday weekend Saturday 8th June.

All registrations must be online this season and the cost is $65.00 plus credit card fees. All participants that register and pay online before Monday 15th April 2013, are eligible for the AFL Gameday Club Connect offer of four free tickets to selected AFL games.


Auskick packs available on Friday 19th April from 4pm to 6pm at Pedrina Park or Saturday April 20th after 10:30am at the completion of Auskick.

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF HAMILTON FILM NIGHT FUNDRAISER THURSDAY 9 MAY 2013

Beasts of the Southern Wild

Nominated for 4 Academy Awards at 85th Academy Awards: Best Picture, Best Director (Benh Zeitlin), Best Adapted Screenplay (Lucy Alibar, Benh Zeitlin), and Best Actress (Quvenzhané Wallis). At age 9, Wallis became the youngest Best Actress nominee in history.

Hushpuppy, an intrepid six-year-old girl, lives with her father, Wink, in the Bathtub, a southern Delta community at the edge of the world. Wink's tough love prepares her for the unraveling of the universe; for a time when he's no longer there to protect her.

While life in the Bathtub is defined by both resilience and celebration, at the local elementary school (boat), Hushpuppy's no-nonsense teacher, Miss Bathsheba, educates her ragtag students about natural selection, global warming, and the huge ecological shifts that have pitted the Bathtub on the front line for extinction. 'Learn to live with one another, and adapt!' she instructs.

Reality crashes down on Hushpuppy's world when Wink comes down with a mysterious illness, and nature begins to spiral out of control, temperatures rise, and the ice caps melt, unleashing an army of prehistoric creatures called aurochs. Hushpuppy becomes convinced that the science attacking her environment and her father's insides are inextricably linked.

HAMILTON CINEMA, BROWN STREET, HAMILTON
DRINKS & NIBBLES 7.00 PM – MOVIE 7.30 PM
TEA, COFFEE, SLICES TO FOLLOW
COST: $20.00 PER PERSON
FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT:
Faye Gumley 5572 3209 : Jane Crowe 5572 2788

PROCEEDS TO STANDING TALL PROGRAM
# CANTEEN 2013 Term 2

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*We thank you most sincerely for your support to the Canteen.*