Principal’s Notes

Long Tan Commemoration:
Baimbridge College was represented by Maggie Ryan, Zoe Van Kalken, Miss Rosemary Morgan and Mrs Heather Ward at the Commemoration of the Battle of Long Tan in the Vietnam War last Sunday morning. The morning ceremony began at 9.00am at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Lonsdale Street next to the Uniting Church. I would like to thank our representatives for giving up their time to attend this important memorial service.

Chicago:
The Baimbridge College production of “Chicago” will open at the Hamilton PAC next Wednesday 28th August and run until Saturday 21st August. The performances will be the culmination of many months of preparation for many staff students and close friends of the college. I would like to invite our extended community to come along and see for themselves the end product of all this work. Tickets are available from the office during school hours or they can be purchased at the door on the night of the performances. I look forward to seeing your there.

Medal Winner:
I would like to welcome Mrs Jen McArthur back from her leave. Mrs McArthur spent her leave in Turin in Italy where she competed for Australia in hockey in the World Masters Games. Indicative of her dedication to her chosen sport, she has returned to Australia with a silver medal as a reward for the success of the team in Italy. I would like to congratulate Mrs McArthur and her team mates on her success. She really is a great role model to all of our students.

Scholarships:
Applications for 2014 Year 7 scholarships are now open. Applications for the scholarships are available from our website or from the front office at school. There are four categories of scholarship for students entering Year 7 next year. They are Academic for students who excel in their academic studies, General for students who stand out for reasons other than academia such as leadership or sporting skills, Rural for students who live outside the usual Baimbridge College ‘zoned’ area and Music for students who have excellent musical skills whether vocal or instrumental.

Determination of successful applicants is done using a combination of written application, interview and primary school history and/or references. Applications close on Friday 30th August. Presentation of the scholarships is carried out at our Awards Night in December.

Information Nights:
Our Year 9/10 Information Night took place last night, Wednesday 21st August. I would like to apologise for the confusion around the starting time. Any parent or student who was unable to attend or who was confused by the different starting times advertised can make an appointment with Mrs Kelly or Miss Gurm to discuss elective choices for 2014.
Principal’s Notes Continued

Ski Trip:
Students and staff who went to Mt Hotham for this year’s Baimbridge College ski trip, returned to Hamilton on Sunday night after four days of skiing. I would like to compliment our students for the manner in which they represented themselves and our college. I received an email from a lady who shared accommodation with our group and she was full of praise for the behaviour of our students. It is lovely to have someone take the time to send a complimentary email. We can all be proud of the students who were part of the trip. Well done.

Compass:
Have you logged in yet to see if there are entries for you to read about your son or daughter? Do you realise that you can approve student absences on Compass? Discover how easy it is to find out more about your son or daughter’s classes and daily timetable. Your log on details and password were posted out three weeks ago.

The website is baimbridge-co.vic.jdlf.com.au and can be accessed anywhere the internet is available.

Standing Tall Mentoring:
The Annual General Meeting for Standing Tall was held last Monday night. We were very pleased to have our Mayor, Councillor Albert Calvano in attendance to hear about the progress of the program during the past year. Newly elected committee of management members were Ms Bre Fort, Mrs Casey Manson and Mr Robert Vecchiet. The new chairperson of the committee is Mr Dan Spencer. I wish the program, mentors, mentees and committee of management another successful year.

Help:
Paula Muellerhorn has found a solution to her accommodation problems at the beginning of the next term vacation. I would like to thank all those people who offered to help.

2014 Italian Visitors:
Hot on the heels of our successful visit from a group of Italian students recently, we have begun organising for 2014. I am currently asking for expressions of interest from families who would be prepared to host a student next year. Current expectations are that the students will arrive one week before the June holidays and stay with us for two months. I would be pleased to hear from any families who would like expand their horizons by having an international student stay with them next year.

School Council:
The next meeting of School Council takes place on Monday 26th August at 7.30pm in the Hamilton District Skill Centre.

Thanks to Francesca Bianco we are now pleased to report that our newsletter has gone global! Thanks Francesca and we miss your smiling face!
Harry Hall  
Tactile excellence, participation and forward thinking skills in Chess Club

Levi Cook  
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Julian O’Niell  
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Nea Gordon  
For a willingness to participate during Chess Club

Jordan Cross  
For a willingness to participate during Chess Club

Adrian Stevens  
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Luke Sarena  
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James Thompson  
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Francis Griffiths-Napier  
An excellent Melbourne Good Food & Wine Report

Courtney Kranz  
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Miquela Crawford  
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Chantal Smith  
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Tiahna Wishart  
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Consistently high standard of work presented

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Bailey Milton  
For stepping up to the challenge of playing football above age

Terrie Johnson  
An excellent work ethic in binding course description booklets

Rachel Hitchcock  
An excellent work ethic in binding course description booklets

Eliza McLaren  
An excellent work ethic in binding course description booklets

Ally Mills  
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Brad O'Brien  
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Royal Children's Hospital - Work Experience

In June this year I was lucky enough to spend one of my Year 10 work experience weeks at The Royal Children’s Hospital. I have been interested in Psychology as a career for quite a while now and knew that gaining work experience in this region would be difficult because of the privacy laws. So I applied to RCH in their Centre for Community Child Health Department and was very fortunate to be accepted. This Centre mainly focus' on children with a range of developmental and behavioural problems. These range from general learning problems, behaviour, communication, soiling and wetting, ADHD and Autism conditions.

The first two days I sat in on private appointments with two clinical psychiatrists and observed the way they worked with the children and their families regarding the child’s condition. It was interesting to see how they both managed and approached each child’s condition.

On day three, I was lucky enough to sit in on a seminar with medical and psychiatry students while they discussed what happens within the Centre for Community Child Health Department, including communication, sleep, behaviour and unsettled babies.

I had to arrive early for the School Function Program on Thursday morning. This program takes a child through different assessments with a psychiatrist, psychologist and a medical teacher to establish if the child has a learning or developmental condition.

My last day included the Encopresis clinic which dealt with children with soiling, wetting and general toilet training problems. My supervisor also gave me a very interesting tour of the different areas in the hospital. I also helped with general administration across the week.

Overall, my week was very interesting and enjoyable. I felt very privileged to be allowed to participate and observe in such a specialist area. All the staff I worked with were very generous and encouraged me. This opportunity has greatly encouraged me to continue with this career choice.

R.E.A.L Camp

During the second week of the holidays I attended a five day residential camp in Melbourne run by the Korin Gamadji Institute in conjunction with the Richmond Football Club. I was so excited when I found out that my application had been successful.

The camp was all about being proud of who you are and to be loud and that your voice needs to be heard. While I was there we had many activities centred around growing and emerging. Some of the activities were public speaking lessons, interviewing artist benny Walker, health and safety lessons, amazing race around Melbourne CBD and many other games but my favourite activity was Hip Hop. I also meet Jack Riewoldt and Tyrone Vickery from the Richmond Football Club and learnt about the history of Aboriginals.

I had the best time ever and I would recommend to anyone that has a chance to go on this camp to take it, you won’t regret it.

Rabbit Mapping

Have you seen rabbit activity on roadsides or along fence lines in the Southern Grampians Shire? If so, please report these sightings to Hannah Cooke at Conservation Volunteers on 03 5551 3331 or hcooke@cva.org.au. These reports will be used to help with mapping and future control efforts of this feral species.
Career and Curriculum News

Unit 3&4 Revision – The Maths Association of Victoria is offering VCE Mathematics revision lectures across Victoria. The closest venue to us is Warrnambool on October 5th. For further information please visit this website –

The Hamilton and Alexandra College is conducting revision lectures in many VCE unit 3&4 units during the first week of October. See flyer at school or contact Hamilton College.

Careers in Agriculture

Six students took the opportunity to gather information on the agricultural area, last week. This activity was provided by RIST, Westvic Staffing Solutions and the Hamilton LLEN. A range of experiences was offered to the students including snippets on wool classing, dogs and stock, artificial insemination, shearing, farm planning, agronomy, poddy calves and fencing.

RIST staff shared their experiences from school to work and urged the audience to make the most of their schooling in preparation for a career in the agriculture industry.

The final activity for the day was conducted by Dr David Rendell. He performed an autopsy on a sheep, trying to find the cause of death. In his work, he revealed all the body organs to the students fully explaining their operation. In the end he revealed the cause of death.

This was a very valuable and enjoyable day for all who attended.

Ps This text was to accompany the photos in last week’s newsletter but was overlooked.

A number of students have taken advantage of attending the Australian Defence Force presentation this week.

The International College of Hotel Management will be visiting next Monday to speak to prospective students on hotel management.

Gerard Sheehan

Casey Pye’s trip to Canada & the USA

During the month of June Casey and 37 accompanying Australian athletes flew to Canada after being invited to attend when her talent was identified by Sports Travel Australia.

They were lucky enough to visit some stimulating and amazing places such as Hells Gate, Grouse Mountain, Whistler Mountain and Disneyland. While at UBC University the group received intense training from specialised coaches, followed by an athletics competition between local schools / universities. Casey put the shot a massive 11.33m to earn herself a silver medal and also managed a 3rd in discus during a separate meet later in the week. One of the highlights was cruising the Hollywood walk of fame and Universal Studios. Caseys bag was bursting at the seams on her return after an incredible shopping spree. She loved the trip and recommends it to others who may gain the opportunity to experience such a journey. Feel free to ask her about a more detailed account of her highly memorable adventure.
FOOTBALL: On Friday August 9 our boys from years 7 - 10 played a hard game of football against Warrnambool’s indigenous football team, in less than ideal conditions. The game was fast paced with Lachy McIntyre kicking the 1st goal for Baimbridge. The rain was pelting down by the 3rd qtr but the boys stuck it out and played an excellent game. It was great to see the sportsmanship and teamwork and as the coaches decided not to keep score everyone was victorious.

The day ended with mudslides covering the boys from head to toe in mud which I’m sure caused much delight for the person who then had to clean their uniform! (thanks Wendy!!!) On behalf of everyone who was there on the day we would like to thank Chris Ansell, Julias Trotter, Josh Stephens, Jesse Johnstone, Brody Kerr & Bailey Milton for volunteering as umpires as it wouldn’t have gone ahead without you.

Well done boys!!!!

HANDBALL

Baimbridge Colleges year 9 / 10 Sport Ed elective class has started their Handball Tournament with the teams playing their first two games on Friday 16th of August. The class consists of four teams, Team Red, the Ninja Turtles, Lad Rigs and the Super Units. The first two teams to take to the court were Team Red and the Ninja Turtles, playing a close game with Team Red beating the Ninja Turtles 13 - 12. The Lad Rigs then took on the Super Units in the second game but unfortunately the Super Units were just too powerful beating the Lad Rigs 18 to 5. Mitch Lang bravely guarded the goals for the Lad Rigs who you could say were slightly frightened by Magnus Petersen’s powerful shooting skills. Everyone played well and the sportsmanship and teamwork was exceptional from every team.

Thank you to Cohen Ahearn and Molly Golding for umpiring the first game and Liam Napier and Beans Beavis for umpiring the second. Well done everyone!

*Photo’s are still in the press and should be available in next week’s newsletter!
Have you got your tickets from the East General Office???

CHICAGO is coming to you NEXT WEEK!!! The kids have put in so many hours, the staff are working tirelessly to bring you a performance you will never forget, so get your friends and family together and support a great night out in Hamilton August 28—31 at the PAC.
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If you can kindly donate your time please ring 0355 722 788. We have a LARGE number of vacancies.