Principal’s Notes

Glenelg District Swimming Sports:

Winners and place getters from our House Swimming Sports recently competed in the Glenelg District Swimming at Portland on Monday. The team did really well and came home with a number of age group championships as well as some excellent individual and team performances. Age group champions were Liam Keatly, Alice Keatly and Sam McIntosh. Many other of our competitors were placed in the championship standings. I would like to compliment our students on the positive reports I have received about their co-operation, manners and general demeanour at the event.

Fires:

News from the north of us has been positive with fires in the Mooralla area and Victoria Valley having been declared safe. Our buses are back travelling the normal routes and I am sure that there are many families who will be pleased to finally be able to relax a little. I would like to once again thank our Bus Co-ordinator Mr David Gilchrist who spent the fire period on high alert monitoring the impact of the fires and ensuring that our buses and students were kept safe.

Standing Tall Mentoring:

This program, that provides mentors for students at Baimbridge College, continues to improve the outlook for a number of our students. It is very heartening that the effectiveness of this program is such that it has now been replicated in Warrnambool and is in the process of being established in Heywood.

The developer of the program, Mrs Jeanette Pritchard, contacted me recently with a view to further developing mentoring in Melbourne. It is a source of considerable pride that Standing Tall was born at Baimbridge College and has been recognised and replicated around the district. Well done to Tracey McDonnell and Jayne Crowe.

World Day of Prayer:

Our Year 7 students and school leaders will be attending World day of Prayer tomorrow morning. This annual event brings together students from all schools in Hamilton and will be held at the Uniting Church in Lonsdale street. The theme this year is “I was a stranger and you welcomed me”.
Athletics Sports:
The House Athletics will be held at Pedrina Park on Thursday 14th March. Meetings were held yesterday to prepare teams to compete in the different events. Initially some of the field events will be held at lunch time in the week leading up to the sports with the remaining field events and track events taking place at Pedrina Park. As always the athletics sports is a whole school event with students assembling at school before making their way, under supervision, to Pedrina Park for the carnival. As always we would be delighted to have parental support on the day so we look forward to hearing parent cheers mixed in with the student’s voices.

Lockers:
Just a reminder that all students are required to have a locker at school and that Baimbridge College is providing the locks for all students. This system will ensure that studies are not interrupted when students lose their keys or leave their keys at home. It also ensures a secure storage place for personal belongings including the laptops that are being used by all students in Year 7, 9 and 10. A small fee of ten dollars per year covers the use of the locker and provides a bond should the locker be damaged.

Presentation Ball:
This has been arranged to take place earlier this year on Friday 26th April. The first dance practice for participating students took place last Sunday and will continue on most Sundays until the ball is actually held. Any enquiries should be directed to VCE Co-ordinator, Mrs Sue Smith.

School Council Elections:
School Council elections are due before the end of the term. We will have two parent positions to fill and two staff positions to fill. Once this is done School Council will meet to determine community membership, office bearers and then sub committees including Finance, Education, Buildings and Grounds and Canteen. Interested parents can get a nomination form from me by ringing 55722788. Time line for elections is:

- Nominations open 1st March; nominations close 8th March; election (if required ) closing 15th March; new council to meet on the 25th March.

Parents should be aware that School Council deals with policy while the implementation of that policy is the responsibility of the school principal.

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 reports and then on Sheepvention Monday in August, Monday 5 August.

Labour Day:
Monday 11 March is Labour Day, thus making this a long weekend. Students will not be required at school on this day and normal classes will resume on Tuesday 12 March.

Access to Newsletters:
Baimbridge College produces a newsletter each week that will be distributed to parents by email or via the Baimbridge College website. To ensure you receive your newsletter please contact our front office on 55722788, so that they can be placed on our email distribution list.

If there are any questions or concerns I urge parents and guardians to contact myself, our Assistant Principals Ms Lyn Collins and Miss Rosemary Morgan or the relevant Co-ordinators.
Results for Glenelg Division Swimming Sports
held in Portland on Monday 25th Feb.

Mrs McArthur & Ms Cogger were accompanied by 50 students representing Baimbridge College in Portland on Monday to the Glenelg Division Swimming Sports. The Baimbridge students represented our school with pride and both teachers were extremely impressed with our team.

At the time of printing all results were not available. We can tell you the following results though:

Champions:  
- 20 & Under Boys: Liam Keatley 1st
- 17 & Under Boys: Sam McIntosh 1st
- 15 & Under Girls: Alice Keatley 1st
- 17 & Under Girls: Bec Vankalken 2nd
- 13 & Under Girls: Tamika Gay 3rd
- 14 & Under Boys: Sam Tooley 3rd
- 15 & Under Girls: Rebecca Langley 3rd
- 17 & Under Girls: Mel Knights 3rd

GRAND AGGREGATE:  
1st The Hamilton And Alexandra College
2nd Monivae College
3rd Bayview College
4th Baimbridge College

TRISTAN DINNING WINS LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR REGIONAL FINAL

Earlier this week at a function in Coleraine our School Captain, Tristan Dinning, was successful in the Regional final. Tristan prepared a speech on “Organ Donation” and was required to do two impromptu speeches. The first was on the topic of “Drugs in Sport” and the second on “Technology and Communication.” He edged out his competitors from Monivae and Casterton Secondary College. Tristan will now go on to compete in the District Final in Camperdown on March 23rd.

Well done!
Who Am I?

Week 3’s mystery teacher was Miss Gurm, well done to those who guessed correctly.

I’ve had to delve into the Library archives to dig out this week’s staff member, the outfit in one may just give it away.......
Sarah Bishop & Caleb Fitzpatrick and Stephanie Granzier & Florian Fechner at Deb practise last week learning their dance moves for the Ball.

The practice sessions have begun for this year’s Presentation Ball. Thank-you to all the parents who attended the meeting in the VCE centre during the practice session to begin preparations for the decorations, ticketing etc. It is a very enjoyable and memorable school event and the students are enjoying preparing for the evening to be held at Monivae on April 26th. Any inquiries can be directed to the Year 11 coordinator (Sue Smith) at school on 55 722 788.

CAREERS NEWS:

Please navigate the website to the Careers page to find out all of the latest Careers News from Mr Sheehan.


Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au
Important news! The first Schoolkids Bonus instalment of $205 for each primary student and $410 for each secondary student has been paid to eligible families to help lighten the load of back-to-school expenses. If you haven’t received the payment by 31 January, but think you’re eligible, contact Centrelink to discuss your personal circumstances.

KOKODA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

AFILIATION NO. 0009393

President
Craig Henson
Mobile 0427 554968

Secretary
Lisa Henson
Mobile 0427 724109

Postal Address
PO Box 264
HAMILTON VIC 3300

Kokoda Junior Football Club

Now recruiting Under 14 1/2 players and Under 17’s.

If you would like to be a part of the club, contact either Craig or Lisa on the numbers above.

Training nights are:

Mitchell Park

Time:
4.30PM Tuesdays

Commencing:
Tuesday 12th of March

For anyone wanting to join, come along to training or call us if you require any more information.

GO Tigers!!!
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