Welcome Back:
It was wonderful to see everyone back at school on Monday, well rested and ready to take on term III. In particular I would like to welcome Mrs Fiona Isles back to Baimbridge College. Mrs Isles will be taking Year 8 students for English and SOSE and she will be helping students with their literacy skills. She will make a very energetic addition to our Middle School team and we look forward to working with her again.

Reports:
These were all distributed to students on the last day of term II. Anyone who has not collected their report can do so from the office on the east campus. These reports are very important as they inform parents and students about progress and how to improve further. This is particularly important as we enter the last half of the year when we will be making decisions about promotion in 2014.

Compass:
After a lot of talk and preparation during term I and II we are now preparing letters to send home to all families to enable them to connect to our student information system, Compass. There will be a specific sign in and password for parents that is different from the sign in and password for each student. Once this letter is received by families and they have their information to sign in to the system they will have access to information about timetables, excursions and absences instantly. The program in based on the internet so can be accessed from smart phones, laptop computers or desktop computers anywhere. We will also begin using the SMS system to alert parents of student absences – and parents will be able to approve absences using Compass.

Italian Visitors:
Three of our visitors departed for Italy last Saturday evening. Alice Campeggi, Elisa Corsiglia and Lea Del Moretto reluctantly left their host families to return home where they will finish their summer holidays before beginning their next school year in September. The girls finished their stay here with a day surfing at Port Fairy and then an excursion to Melbourne last weekend. I would like to thank the Battista, Merryfull and Ladd families for their hospitality in providing a home for the girls while they were here. We still have two girls with us for two months and one who is staying for a third month as well.
HDSC 2014:
I am pleased to remind our community that the Hamilton District Skill Centre is again offering courses to district students in 2014. The intention is to once again offer certificate courses in Hospitality and Building Construction and we are currently working towards expanding our offerings to include Hair and Beauty and later on Business Administration and maybe Retail and Engineering. Information will be provided to all district schools so that students across our district can continue to benefit from this outstanding facility and instructors.

Clearing Sale:
Many people will have noticed that we had advertised that we were holding a clearing sale during the school holidays. A report from Hamilton District Skill Centre Manager Mr Tony MacGillivray is included later in the newsletter. I would like to add my thanks to the staff who came in during the holidays to make the sale happen and to Mr Craig Pertzel of Kerr and Co. who auctioned off our goods. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Minister’s Visit:
We were very pleased to welcome the Minister for Higher Education to Baimbridge College today. The Minister was in Hamilton for a project launch at RMIT and took time to come to the Hamilton District Skill Centre to confirm the provision of funding to help support the centre in its work providing vocational training to the young people of our community. There to greet the minister and accept the funding offer were centre manager Mr Tony MacGillivray and chairman of the board Mr Mark McGinnity from Monivae College.

Orchestra Victoria:
All Western District schools and most importantly our student musicians benefit immensely from the amazing support of Orchestra Victoria through its MoVe workshops and community concerts. The program is financially enabled by a number of agencies and philanthropic support, in addition to the commitment and generosity of Orchestra Victoria. The program is entirely free of charge to all musicians and to all wishing to attend the workshops and concert. In order for this to thrive as a unique opportunity for our children and indeed for the district, we have been invited to support the program by attending a spectacular concert on the Friday July 19th evening at 7.30pm. An advertisement for the concert is included later in the newsletter.

Sheepvention:
Monday 5th August is the day of our Sheepvention student free day. No students will be required at school on that day while staff work on curriculum documentation to align our program with the newly introduced AusVels. Normal classes will resume on Tuesday 6th August.

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 you 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 Mr John Hill and Miss Rosemary Morgan or the relevant Co-ordinators.
Katelyn Coon  A great achievement in producing the Student Newspaper.
Charlotte Franks  A great achievement in producing the Student Newspaper.
Miquela Crawford  A great achievement in producing the Student Newspaper.
Teah Coate  A great achievement in producing the Student Newspaper.
Tiana Merryfull  A great achievement in producing the Student Newspaper.
Anna Mitchell  A great achievement in producing the Student Newspaper.
Emma Johnson  A great achievement in producing the Student Newspaper.

**EMA Round 2**

A friendly reminder that EMA forms for round 2 2013 are due in by August 2. **If you have already applied for EMA at the start of the year you DO NOT need to apply again.** To apply please bring in your form (or collect one from the East General Office) and remember to bring in your current concession card (must be valid as at July 15 2013 to receive payment).

**Careers**

I have been hearing many fine stories from the Year 10 student work experience program. On the whole, every student enjoyed their placements and gained some very meaningful lessons from the process.

**Upcoming events**

- **July 24**  Careers in Health at the Western District Health Service Year 10 & 11
- **July 24**  Deakin University and South West TAFE presentation Year 10 & 11
- **August 1**  LEAP into the Law Year 11 & 12
- **August 7**  Australian Tax Office Presentation on tax education Year 9
- **August 14**  Careers in Agriculture at RIST Year 9 – 12
- **August 22**  Australian Defence Force Presentation at Baimbridge Year 10 - 12

Gerard Sheehan

**IMPORTANT AMMENDMENT:** Some students have contacted Hamilton Southwest TAFE in response to the Careers Open Day attachment on the last newsletter. This is wonderful because it shows that you are interested and also being pro-active in researching your future options. **Southwest TAFE will be holding information sessions from September, not August 19th as previously advertised.** More details will be provided when we have them.
The last day of Term 2 was fun filled for the Primary students with a Pyjama Day, movies and scrumptious snacks made by the kids themselves. There were smiles all round from staff and students alike, especially those sneaking some coconut from the coconut roughs! A special thank you to Vicki Thompson for your assistance on the day.
Orchestra Victoria and The Hamilton & Alexandra College cordially invite you to attend
Orchestra Victoria 44th Anniversary Tour Open Rehearsal and Concert
Simons Auditorium, Kantor Family Music & Performing Arts Centre
Friday 19 July 2013
Open Rehearsal 11.00am
Enjoy the unique experience of sitting amidst the orchestra as it rehearses items for the evening concert
Concert 7.30pm
Featuring Wagner, Bartok, Britten and Mozart
Admission free
Bookings advised for concert. Ph: 03) 5572 1255
Baimbridge College Library

CBCA Read Across The Universe

Art Competition

EARLY CHILDHOOD BOOKS

Read the 6 short-listed EARLY CHILDHOOD or PICTURE books and then create something wonderful in response to one book.

PICTURE BOOKS

Paint sketch photograph model sculpture pencil pastel
print stitch sew chalk charcoal pen & ink
mixed media cartoon digital 3D collage map

1st PRIZE
Primary: $30
Secondary: $30
Honourable Mentions $10

Any medium accepted
Due Date for entries: 12th August 2013
Winner announced in Book Week: 19th – 23rd August 2013
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If you can kindly donate your time please ring 0355 722 788.

We have a LARGE number of vacancies.