Principal’s Notes

Athletic Sports:

We were very lucky to have a perfect day at Pedrina Park for our Athletic Sports last Thursday. Student participation was excellent and it was great to have a number of parents in attendance during the day. I would like to thank the parents who manned the canteen on the day. They make a huge difference and cater to needs of students, parents and staff. I would also like to thank those past staff members who gave their time to help with official duties from time keeping to recording of results, this makes the job of running the day much easier. I would again like to thank Mrs McArthur and Miss Cogger for the time and effort they put into organising the events and setting up Pedrina Park for the day. While the age group champions were announced at the end of events, the overall results are still not known and will be announced at a general assembly. Congratulations to our House Captains who arranged for their house members to participate in the many events during lunchtimes before Thursday and of course for the events held on Thursday itself. We can all breathe a sigh of relief now that the two main sports events for the school are over. Well done to everyone involved.

Student Leader Investiture:

The Student Leader Investiture took place on Friday afternoon last week. We were pleased to have the occasion marked by the attendance of our guest speaker and past student, May Ferrier, as well as Shire of Southern Grampians representative Councillor Dennis Dawson and School Council Vice President Mrs Bronwyn O’Keefe. The formal presenting of the leaders with their badges and the signing of our official investiture book was punctuated with musical performances by Mark Byron, Sarah Bishop and May Udarbe. Congratulations to our School Captains Sarah Wardle and Tristan Dinning, Student Leaders Emma Cook, Kaine Mitchell, Kim Saligari and Zoe van Kalken, Music Captain Penny Bell and SRC executive Maggie Ryan, Jake Burger, Erina Sciascia and Darcy McCallum as well as our House Captains Ryan Sigley and Maddie Hiscock (Bradman); Elise Haw and Tyler Hards (Cuthbert); Akala Richardson and Mitch Johnson (Fraser) and Jess Dennis and Haydon Anton (Laver).

School Council:

The next meeting of School Council takes place on Monday 25th March at 7.30pm in the Hamilton District Skill Centre dining room. I must apologise to new parent representative Mr Richard Knape for last week leaving out his youngest daughter at Baimbridge College, Kerabelle who has enrolled in prep this year.
Principal’s Notes Continued

End of Term:
Next Thursday 28th March is the end of term I. The next day is Good Friday and then the Easter weekend. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm shortly after having their interim reports distributed. School resumes for term II on Monday 15th April.

Interim Reports and Industrial Action:
Staff are preparing interim reports at the moment and they will be distributed on the last day of term before students are dismissed at 2.30pm. It is important that parents and guardians are aware that the Australian Education Union industrial action relating to report writing is still in place due to a lack of progress with negotiations with the government. The last time I saw this reported in the media was on Tuesday this week in the Herald Sun. As a result parents will in all likelihood have a mixture of information on their child’s report depending on whether the teacher is a practising AEU member. The union stance is that members only provide limited information on the reports while other staff will complete all sections of the report. This means that we will unfortunately have a similar situation to the December reports last year. To make up for any lack of information I urge parents to attend the parent–teacher interviews early next term. Appointment sheets will be distributed when we come back in term II.

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.

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:
The schools stance on this issue is very clear and has not changed for many years. The policy is documented in school diaries, on enrolment information and on our website. Enrolment at Baimbridge College implies the acceptance of these rules. We have a policy that says no visible piercings other than a pair of studs or sleepers in the ears are acceptable. Spacers in ears are not acceptable. Students need to remove any other items or go home until such items are removed. We do not allow band aides to be used to cover studs and so on when someone has ignored the school rules and had piercings done. I ask parents to think carefully about allowing the children to have piercings done, they will be making a choice about attendance at Baimbridge College.

Mobile Phones:
Similarly with mobile phones our policy is that students should not have their mobile phones at school. They will be confiscated for the term and two after school detentions given to the student. If necessary for after school, the phone can be given to co-ordinators or assistant principals to be looked after for the day. If contact needs to be made with a student during the day anyone can reach reception on 55722788 and a message will be passed on or a student will be asked to return a call. There is absolutely no need for a child to be using a mobile phone at school, in fact it could be argued that it becomes a distraction to the real purpose that they are here.
**Presentation Ball:** We are currently sourcing items for this year’s Ball. The theme is “Enchanted Autumn Forest”. We require long strands of fairy lights, metal wall ornaments and garden pieces (wagon wheels, benches etc) that we are able to borrow. Could you please leave a note with name and item with Jenny at the West Campus Canteen. Thanking You, Ball Committee.

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**Athletics**

Results for Age Group Champions:

**U12 Boys:** 1. Jordi O’Brien  2. Dylan Evans  3. Dom Hann


**13—14 Boys:** 1. Tom Hiscock  2. Henry Slocombe  3. Sean Nippress

**14—15 Boys:** 1. Sam Tooley  2. Angus McIntyre  3. Mitch Lang / Lochie Bosch

**15—16 Boys:** 1. James Povey  2. Damian Monaghan  3. Rhys Wheeler

**16—17 Boys:** 1. Eric Povey  2. Alec McIntyre  3. Darcy McCallum

**18—20 Boys:** 1. Josh Pepper  2. Jono Frost  3. Scott Addinsall

**U12 Girls:** 1. Maddie Kaine  2. Nea Gordon  3. Emmah Shepherd


**18—20 Girls:** 1. Sarah Wardle  2. Zoe Vankalken  3. Emily Marti

**HOUSE RESULTS**

1st  LAVER—2002 Points
2nd  CUTHBERT—1594 Points
3rd  BRADMAN—1538 Points
4th  FRASER—1526 Points

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**School Photo’s:** Photo forms will be given out on the first day of Term 2, this will be 2 weeks prior to the School Photo’s.

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**Parent Teacher Interviews** will commence after the distribution of reports on Thursday 28th March.

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on the 18th April between 4—6 pm and 6:30—8pm. The appointment system will operate with the students making appointments in the first couple of days back in Term 2.
Who Am I?

Standing Tall heads to the Zoo...

On a chilly Saturday morning at 8.00am, 23 Mentors and Students from the Standing Tall jumped on a bus bound for Werribee Park Zoo and a day full of Adventure.

The Standing Tall program is a member of the Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance, who were kind enough to donate free ‘Zoos Victoria’ Tickets for all the participants of our program, we were given a choice of visiting Werribee Park Free Range Zoo, Melbourne Zoo or the Healesville Sanctuary... this year we chose Werribee.

The North Hamilton Rotary Club generously partnered with us on this adventure, and funded us for transport and catering for the day, for which we are most appreciative.

It was a fabulous day for everyone involved; with a distinctive African Safari feel... we headed through Savannah walks seeing Lions, Hippos, Cheetahs, Gorillas, Monkeys, African and Meerkats. We also got the opportunity to board the Safari bus and head out into the wilderness lands to see Rhinos, Zebras, Giraffes and many more amazing animals.

We were so proud of our young people throughout the day, it provided an opportunity to highlight the amazing connections that occur within our mentoring family.

Many thanks to our mentor, Jon Herrmann for driving us down on his bus, and to Adie in the Canteen for sending us away with amazing food, which was complemented by some yummy munchies for the return trip, baked by mentors, Geraldine and Margy.

We look forward to possibly making this a annual thing.

**IMMUNIZATIONS:**

If you consented to the immunization but your child was absent on Friday 15th March, please call Frances Hewitt House on 55518480 to make an appointment. They advise to book ASAP to ensure future vaccinations are not interrupted. Lyn Collins

**Lost:** Middle school jumper labelled for Aaron Glare. If found, please return to Mrs Peters.

**FOUND:** We have over 15 school jumpers in Lost Property located at the West Office. Please feel free to come in and see if your child’s jumper is in there at any time.

Could all students who borrow any garments from Welfare please ensure that they are returned as soon as possible, please remember to wash them before returning. Thank You.
CAREERS NEWS

All year 10 students have been introduced to the Work Experience program for 2013. The dates for this program are June 17th to June 28th. Students and their families are responsible for finding positions for these times together with assistance from school. The College would like each student to have two workplace experiences but if only one can be organised, this will be satisfactory. I encourage every student to be involved in this worthwhile school-to-work program. All students will be doing preparatory work at school allowing them to be ready. The time to act and organise placements is now.

MIPS PROGRAM

The 2013 Managed Individual Pathways interviews will commence in the second week of Term 2. Year 10 students will be hosted first as they prepare for Work Experience followed by Year 11 and 12. Year 9 students will be interviewed in Term 3 along with a follow-up session for the Year 10’s.

I urge all students to attend these interviews as they form the basis of their Career Action Plans. The College is committed to giving every student the opportunity to plan and establish a clearer career pathway.

INTERNSHIPS IN SKI AND SNOWBOARDING

If any student in Year 12 is interested in this area, please see Mr Sheehan or visit this website – www.easkiandsnowboard.com

Work Experience

On the 21st of February, I received an email from the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) in Sydney, confirming my placement in their work experience program. After not getting a work experience placement at La Mama or any of the other theatre companies in Melbourne that I applied for, this came as a complete shock.

As an aspiring actress, it is an absolute thrill and a privilege to be given this opportunity. NIDA is Australia’s most prestigious institute to study dramatic arts, producing some of Australia’s finest actors such as Mel Gibson, Nicole Kidman, Cate Blanchett, Judy Davis and Sam Worthington.

To achieve a placement, I was required to fill out an application form explaining my interests, experience and reasons for wanting to attend. Then it was just a matter of waiting and hoping. I never would have believed that in 7 weeks from now I would be flying to Sydney to spend 5 days at NIDA, but I’m proud to say that I am extremely excited for the 29th of April to begin my week of work experience.

Emma Johnson Year 10
Luke Sarena, Jacob Mills & Kaydee Harrison in Food Tech

Past student & special guest speaker May Ferrier, SRC Reps Maggie Ryan, Darcy McCallum, Erina Sciascia and Cr Dennis Dawson at the investiture.

Maddy Rigby, Maggie Ryan, Nikki Monaghan & Chloe Jenkins Support their respective houses at the Aths on Thursday last week.

School Captains Tristan Dinning & Sarah Wardle address special guests, parents, friends and peers at the investiture.

Baton exchange at the Athletic Sports.

Kim Salagari, Riley Ogle, Penny Bell & Jess Dennis face off at the sports.
Save the Date

COLERAINE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
Friday 16th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th August 2013

7A Food Tech students Maddie Kaine & Jacob Mills sample their efforts this week.
## CANTEEN 2013

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If you can kindly donate your time please ring 0355 722 788. We have a LARGE number of vacancies.

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