Principal’s Notes

General Assembly:

Last Thursday the whole school came together for a general assembly organised by our school captains Tristan Dinning and Sarah Wardle. They brought together an array of student talents and reports to showcase to our school community and I must compliment them on their excellent work. At the assembly part of last year’s Drama Award was presented to Sarah Bishop. She received a $50 gift voucher to the Hamilton PAC and her fellow Drama Award recipient, Rachel Pitt-Lancaster was sent hers now that she has moved on to tertiary studies. There were reports about the Cambodia/Vietnam trip from Viannah Ferguson and Kim Saligari as well as a report on the Italy trip from the six students who went to Italy in January. There were drama performances and musical performances as well as a sports report from Ryan Sigley and Maddie Hiscock. Our Junior House Captains were presented with their badges: Bradman Danielle Van Kalken and Tom Jelliff; Cuthbert Georgia Murray and Sam Tooley; Fraser Lauren Dennert and Isaac Povey; Laver Scott Nippress and Gus McIntyre. And the school was treated to a quick quiz about Baimbridge College and its teachers.

World Day of Prayer:

All of our Year 7 students along with Miss Morgan, Ms Collins, Mrs Cook and Mr McFadden went to the Uniting Church in Lonsdale Street for the World Day of Prayer last Friday. A number of our student leaders were also present to carry out readings along with students from other Hamilton schools. In particular our drama students performed as part of the service and from all accounts did an excellent job. I would also like to compliment our Year 7 students on their conduct – everything I have had reported back from the event has been very positive. Well done to all concerned.

International Air Show:

Last Friday Careers teacher Mr Gerard Sheehan and Miss Liz Hogan took a group of ten students to the Avalon International Air Show. The trip was part of a careers based excursion for students interested in a career in aviation. The students reported that they enjoyed their day albeit with a long trip in the bus to get there and back. More details are included later in the newsletter.

Interim Reports:

Staff are beginning to prepare 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. 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.

Javelin Trials were held on Tuesday in preparation for the school sports on Thursday next week.
Overseas Learning Experience:
The students who went to Italy as part of the Overseas Learning Experience will be making a presentation to the Minister for Education tomorrow at the MCG. All five of the school groups who received funding from the Department of Education will make an 8 minute presentation. Two of our students will join with two students from Grovedale and two students from Belmont Secondary College to tell the Minister about their trip to Italy.

Athletics Sports:
The House Athletics will be held at Pedrina Park on Thursday 14th March. Some of the field events have already been held at lunch time this week 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.

Student Leaders Investiture:
Next Friday 15th March we will hold the annual Student Leaders Investiture. This takes place in the hall on the east campus at 2.00pm. We look forward to having all of the parents and friends of our leaders in attendance to celebrate with us at this important event. Anyone who requires further information can contact Miss Rosemary Morgan at school.

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.

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 mid-year reports and then on Sheepvention Monday in August, Monday 5 August.

Labour Day:
This weekend is a long weekend. Students will not be required at school on Monday 11th March and normal classes will resume on Tuesday 12th 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.
Please navigate the website to the Careers page to find out all of the latest Careers News from Mr Sheehan.


On Friday 1st March, Mr Sheehan and Ms Hogan took a group of students to the Australian International Airshow at Avalon. The students attended a Careers & Skills forum run by Aerospace Maritime Defence Aviation. This forum highlighted the different careers within the aviation industry and the pathways open for students interested in this field. Approximately 600 students from schools all over Victoria attended this forum.

There were a number of speakers from within the varied aspects of aviation and they explained their roles and how they had managed to achieve them.

Some of the speakers were:

- Jack Lancaster, Pilot, Sharps Airlines, Hamilton
- Rowan Docherty, Flight Instructor, CAE Oxford Aviation Academy
- Ann Morrow, Cabin Supervisor, Virgin Australia
- David Cole, Squadron Leader, Defence Force Recruiting
- Steven McNaught, Engineer, Mechanical and Environmental Laboratory, DMO Land Systems
- Rachel Dudok, Certificate IV in Aeroskills (Avionics), Qantas Airways Ltd.
- Steve Nevey, Engine Nevey, Red Bull Formula 1 Racing

One of our students, Stephanie Granzeria, won a $50 iTunes card after submitting a question sheet that had been previously handed out to all students who attended the forum.

After the completion of the forum the students had 1 ½ hours to wander around the Airshow and take in the sights of the many planes and displays on offer. Mr Sheehan and Ms Hogan would like to take this opportunity to thank our students on their exemplary behaviour.
Hamilton Relay For Life is on Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd March this year. You are not too late to enter a team. Please call Sharon Donehue for more information on 0407 724 613. There are conditions on kids and supervision.

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Regular school sport and physical education have been identified as key contributors to:

- Engaging students in schooling
- Improved fitness levels leading to improved focus
- Regular physical activity is beneficial for improving cognitive function in the classroom.
- Fitter children achieve higher academic scores
- Studies show a positive link between participation in sports programs, physical fitness and improved school attendance.
- Physical activity can impact positively on mental health through enhancing self esteem, emotional well being and future expectations.
- Individuals who participate in organized sport demonstrate lower rates of anti social behavior.

For more information visit: www.ssv.vic.edu.au/advocacy

KOKODA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

AFFILIATION NO. 0009393

President: Craig Henson
Secretary: Lisa Henson
Postal Address: PO Box 264

Kokoda Junior Football Club

Now recruiting Under 14½ 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!!!
# 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.