Principal’s Notes

Presentation Ball:
I would like to compliment all of the students and their partners who were presented at last Friday night’s Presentation Ball. The night was a great success thanks to the energy and commitment of a large number of parents who helped bring the evening together. As principal it was an absolute pleasure to see the number of people who gave their own time to make this important event come together. I would like to give specific thanks to Mrs Leanne Gordon, Mrs Tracey Sartain, Mrs Jenny Leigh, Mrs Aidie Stiff, Mrs Eliza Leonard, Mrs Jodie Golding and Mrs Anne Gilbert for their part in organising the night. I will again mention the work of Mrs Sue Smith who has maintained her energy over many years and kept close scrutiny of the organisation. To Mr John Hill and Miss Rosemary Morgan goes the thanks of every student for the manner in which they ran the evening as masters of ceremonies. In particular to Mr Hill, who after only two weeks as Assistant Principal was cast as a central character in such a major function.

Finally I would like to compliment our Mayor, Councillor Albert Calvano who spoke particularly well in his address and who was warmly embraced by the families and friends of our students on Friday night.

Wannik Barbeque:
I would like to congratulate Rebecca Langley and Kayla Kerr for organising a special barbecue dinner at the botanic gardens on Tuesday night this week. The barbecue was part of the Wannik initiative designed to recognise and support students with indigenous backgrounds at school. It was a real pleasure to have a number of families and their children participate in the barbecue. I would also like to thank Mrs Liz Hogan and Mrs Ros Pevitt for the part they played in making the get together happen.

Well done girls this was a very successful evening.

Mathematics:
This week we have had a change over of staff due to the early return from leave of Miss Rhiannon Smith. Miss Smith has taken over the classes of Mr Peter Brooke who we expect to have back in a classroom in the not too distant future.

Extra funding:
Baimbridge College was informed recently that we would have access to extra funding to support numeracy and literacy initiatives this year. I have been working closely with Mrs Jenny Clarke our Maths Co-ordinator and Mr Peter Hodkinson our English Co-ordinator to organise strategies to help our students in both of these areas. We hope to have some of these in place in the next few weeks. It will be a real pleasure to be able to provide extra assistance to students in these two important fields of study.
If you have any concerns please contact:

**PRINCIPAL:**
Mr Robert Vecchiet

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS**

**EAST CAMPUS:**
Miss Rosemary Morgan

**WEST CAMPUS:**
Mr John Hill

**P—4 CO-ORDINATOR:**
Mr John Hill

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR:**
Mr Scott McFadden

**YEAR 8 CO-ORDINATOR:**
Mr David Fisher

**YEAR 9 CO-ORDINATOR:**
Mrs Narelle Kelly

**YEAR 10 CO-ORDINATOR:**
Miss Sheba Gurm

**VCE CO-ORDINATOR:**
Mrs Sue Smith

**STUDENT WELLBEING:**
Ms Cath McGowan

**VET / VCAL CO-ORDINATOR:**
Mr Steven de Man

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**Principal’s Notes Continued**

**Italian Cooking:**

Last week, students studying certificate II Hospitality at the Hamilton District Skill Centre were offered expressions of interest for a trip to Italy in November. The trip involves attendance at an Italian cooking school in Florence for a week and then a gastronomic tour of Tuscany the week after. Having been there in January this year I know what a life changing experience this will be and I have no doubt that those students who do the preparatory work will benefit enormously from this trip.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:**

Over the next few days Baimbridge College students will be attending three major excursions. The first is the Year 12 University visits that takes students to regional and Melbourne universities this week. At the same time there will be an excursion for senior Biology students to the Naracoorte Caves in South Australia which will make up part of their study and assessment. Finally 25 Year 8 students will go to the annual Bogong Camp which focusses on team building and leadership skills. These are another set of examples of the great learning experiences we are able to give our students.

I look forward to hearing more about each of the trips on their return.

**Compass:**

Any parents who attended the meetings about the Year 7 laptop program will recall that Baimbridge College was introducing an online system called Compass that enabled marking of roles and messaging of parents if students were absent. We have begun the introduction of this system this term, and once we are confident that we have ‘worked out any bugs’ we will be activating the SMS system that will send an SMS to parents whose children are absent from school on that day. It is therefore crucial that family phone numbers as well as all other contact details are accurate in our school records. Any system such as this is only as good as the information that is fed into it so please let us know if you have had any changes to your contact phone numbers or address. This can be done by contacting our office staff on 0355 722 788 or emailing baimbridge.co@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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**Lost at the Deb** - by Chloe Hearn’s grandfather - a silver male’s ring. Please return to the office if you found it.
Harry Goodman and Ryan Storer of year 8 with their completed Textiles projects from term one.

Student Leaders Zoe Vankalken, Kane Mitchell & Sarah Wardle lay the wreath at the ANZAC Day service in Hamilton.

Year 8 Form Captains received their badges last week.

Lily Kyle enjoyed Grade 5 transition Day, pictured here creating a self portrait in Art with Mr C.
JMC Academy Campus Open Day
What: Come and experience JMC Academy student life! Gain advice on our Diploma and Degree courses in film production, music performance, audio engineering, game design, 3D animation and entertainment management. Includes a tour of the campus, interactive workshops and a chance to view student work, live music, studio recordings and much more.
When: Saturday 18th May 2013, 10.30am
Where: 171 Bank Street, South Melbourne
To register: Register on-line at www.jmcacademy.edu.au/Open-Day-Booking.cfm or phone 1300 410 311.

The University of Melbourne will be holding several regional seminars on course opportunities for graduating Year 12 students. There will be a seminar in Hamilton on Wednesday May 29, 2013 at the Performing Arts Centre. Interested attendees should register their interest by visiting this website: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/mm2013.

The Australian Catholic University will be visiting Baimbridge College on Wednesday 8th May. See Mr Sheehan for more details.

We now have our box in Safeway. Please support the school, we received a lot of great resources last year! You can also bring your stickers to the office on either campus.
Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club
Juniors—Teenage Team Competition

HLTC Juniors are organising a team competition on Tuesday afternoons from 4pm until 5.30. It will run for 8 weeks from 7th May 2013 until 25th June 2013 This competition is open to players aged from 12 - 17, with 3 players per team, who can serve and score independently.

Team entries close on Friday 3rd May 2013. $3 per person.
For more info or to register your team please contact Karen on 5572 2849.

ADVANCE NOTICE...
the forty hour famine will be between the 16th and 18th of August.

Bubs2Teens Market
Saturday 27 July 2013
10am – 2pm
Hamilton Performing Arts Centre

· Market Stalls  · Community Expo
· Face Painting  · Kid’s Entertainment
· Yummy Food   · Photography Sessions
· Haircuts   · Special Performances & Demonstrations

A great day out with something for everyone!
**East Campus—Start time AM Shift 10am, PM Shift 12.50**

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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.

There are many gaps to be filled if you can help!