Principal’s Notes

Pollie Pedal:
There has been a lot of media coverage of the recent Pollie Pedal fund raising bike ride that began in Adelaide and finished in Geelong this past weekend. Participating in the ride were a mixed group of public servants, company executives and of course the leader of the opposition Mr Tony Abbott. The bike riders stopped in Hamilton last Wednesday night and were treated to breakfast at the Hamilton District Skill Centre early Thursday morning. Mrs Lisa Guegan-Brown and her Cert II Hospitality students came to school at 6.00am that morning to prepare and serve breakfast to about 90 bike riders. The students were all there on time and dressed in their hospitality uniform ready to get to work. The breakfast was arranged and overseen by Mr Tony MacGillivray, ‘Gilly”, the centre manager and he was assisted by Mrs Jodie Sanders.

Also there for breakfast was our local Member for Wannon, Mr Dan Tehan and other members of the board of the HDSC.

I would like to congratulate our students, Mrs Guegan-Brown and ‘Gilly’ and Mrs Sanders on an excellent event. They presented the HDSC in an excellent light to our visitors and showed them their dedication to their study and quality of their learning. We had any number of compliments from the riders, Mr Tehan and Mr Abbott himself.

Education Week:
Education Week takes place during the week beginning on Monday 21st May. As part of Education Week Baimbridge College will be having an Open Day during which we will be inviting interested parents and students to tour the school on a normal working day. The Open Day is on Tuesday 21st May and the tours with staff and students to see the college as it is working take place from 9.30am-10.30am and then again at 12.00-1.00pm. Anyone wishing to participate in the tour and see for themselves how the college works can make an appointment by ringing our office on 55722788. Letters have been sent home to all Year 6 students in the district. We look forward to seeing everyone during this day rather than the evening format we have used in the past.

NAPLAN:
The annual NAPLAN tests for students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 take place next week. Students will have been familiarised with the test format by their teachers. Mrs Bernadette Cook and Miss Rosemary Morgan are looking after the organisation and administration of the tests. Any questions about the program can be directed to either of Mrs Cook or Miss Morgan.

Attitude to School Survey:
This annual measure of student opinion will be carried out in the next two weeks as well. The information from these has proved extremely valuable and was included in our whole school review last year as were the opinion of a number of students who were actually interviewed. The recommendations of this review have now been incorporated into the Baimbridge College Strategic Plan and our Annual Implementation Plan. All of these are designed to improve student achievement in literacy and numeracy in particular.
Italian Exchange students:
I would like to remind families that we will be hosting six students from Italy during June, July and August. They will be in Year 10 or 11 and I am looking for families who would be prepared to host them during their stay. I expect to be able to provide some financial help with increased house-keeping expenses. The students are here to improve their English language skills in preparation for their final year of study.

Department of Health Warning:
We have had notification from the Department of Health that there is an outbreak of Cryptosporidium in Metro and Regional areas, this affects swimmers and pools. Please read the full warning and follow the guidelines.

A Quote from Gilly.....

After the Pollie Pedal our mate Gilly over in the HDSC (Hamilton District Skills Centre) sent us a message to pass on to the Cert II Hospitality students, here’s a snippet of what he had to say:

“May I say as the Manager of the HDSC you all make us so so proud. Your pristine white uniforms, your enthusiasm, your smile and your willingness to offer your services was very well received. I congratulate each and every one of you on a job well done. Keep up the great work you are a real credit to your family, yourselves, your schools and of course to us at the Hamilton District Skills Centre.”

Save Our Snow Trip!!!!

For years it has been a Baimbridge College tradition, we travel to Hotham and teach kids how to ski. We need another 20 students to join us on our trip this year and whilst $950 may sound expensive, it covers meals, accommodation right on the mountain (I mean it, you walk out the door and ski), lessons in skiing or snowboarding and lifts.

Please consider sending your child, we would hate to not run our beloved snow trip. Any interested parents / students can contact Roger Kennett on 0355 722 788 by Monday.

NB: As it is part of the curriculum, the Year 9 camp takes precedence over the Snow Trip. Students will not be allowed to attend the Snow Trip if they have not paid for the Year 9 Camp.
Mr Des Trotter of TROTTERS Coaches called in on Wednesday and has kindly left some AFL Access One tickets (incl Carparking) for some lucky students / families.

We decided to reward newsletter readers by giving you the chance to have them.

Contact the school on 55 722 788 if you would like to see:

Saints vs Bulldogs May 25.
Bombers vs Brisbane 18 May.
North vs Adelaide 26 May.

All games @ Etihad, first in first served.

Anzac Day in Dunkeld.

University Road Trip 2013

Baimbridge College Open Day

Tuesday 21st May 2013

- **Session 1**: 9.30 - 10.30, **Session 2**: 12.00 - 1.00
- **Bookings via Office on 0355 722 788 or** email: baimbridge.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
- **Wide variety of classes across range of year levels including Hamilton & District Skills Centre.**

Talk to our 2013 leaders, tours conducted by staff & students.
Visual Arts and Graphic Design Students,
La Trobe University Bendigo is holding an intensive, but enjoyable 2 day (Visual Arts) / 3 day (Graphic Design) folio preparation program for year 11 & 12 students wishing to enter university. On completion you will have the skills required to build an impressive professional portfolio, and be able to approach a university pre-selection interview with confidence. Packed with course specific interview tips and other valuable information you will maximise your chances of success. Meals and supervised accommodation included.
For further information and registration forms please email Jennifer – visualarts@latrobe.edu.au

Meet Melbourne 2013
Hamilton
Information session for prospective students and their families.
Each year the University of Melbourne visits metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria centres as part of the Meet Melbourne program. The program gives future students who might find it difficult to visit our campus an opportunity to meet University staff and to gather information about:
• Courses and course information including all of the Melbourne degree and postgraduate pathways.
• Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as studying a semester in France, gaining work experience and participating in community service projects.
• Scholarships and course costs.
• Information for Indigenous students.
• Entry requirements and how to apply.
• Housing options.
• Events and programs for future students.

Program schedule
When: Date: Wednesday 29 March 2013
Time: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Where: Melbourne Biennial Arts Centre
121 St Leon Road
Hamilton
Cost and registration: Information to follow but places are limited.
Register or secure a place at
discover.unimelb.edu.au/events/moreinfo

The Australian Catholic University will be visiting Baimbridge College on Wednesday 8th May. See Mr Sheehan for more details.
Assistant needed on June the 4th. World Vision will be holding a student leadership Conference in Geelong from 9.00am until 2.30 pm we would like to take 4 students.

We need parental assistance/Driver. Petrol costs, conference & entry subsidised. If you are interested please contact Ms. Rosemary Morgan at school.

ADVANCE NOTICE...

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

An invitation is extended to Secondary School Students to sign up and be part of the wonderful Fun4Kids Festival volunteer crew - for one day or more if you have time to spare.

Secondary School Students who volunteer must be 14 years of age or over at the start of this year’s Festival.

There are many areas in which you can volunteer - lots of Art and Craft areas; Cooking; Gardening; Painting; Ten Pin Bowling; Woodwork and some new areas this year – Electronics and Computers.

Secondary School Students with internet access are able to complete and return a SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION WEBFORM – see website www.fun4kids.com.au Click on ‘ABOUT’ – then ‘VOLUNTEERS’.

OR contact the Fun4Kids Volunteer Manager, Sharon Wohlers on 5559 4834 or swohlers@warmambool.vic.gov.au for more information or to request a hard copy of the Secondary School Student Volunteer Registration Forms to be posted out.

Do you wish to volunteer at this year’s Fun4Kids Festival – Sunday 30 June to Sunday 7 July 2013?

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!
02 May 2013

Dear Parent / Guardian of Children Attending Swimming Lessons or Swim Clubs

An outbreak of cryptosporidium infection (also referred to as 'crypto') is affecting Melbourne and many parts of regional Victoria. The Department of Health is requesting that parents and guardians of all children who attend swimming lessons or swim clubs in Victoria be provided with information on how to protect themselves and others when swimming. **This letter does not indicate a problem with the facility your child attends** - it is being provided across the State and contains advice that is important all year round.

Crypto is a parasitic infection that causes gastroenteritis, with the most common symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea. Symptoms may last for weeks and have serious consequences for people who have weakened immune systems. During swimming, people can become infected by swallowing water which has become contaminated by human faeces, usually from tiny amounts that cannot be seen. Crypto can also be spread from person to person, especially in settings such as childcare facilities and in households where there are cases.

All swimming pool patrons are able to become infected if the pool is contaminated with crypto because crypto parasites are not killed by the normal levels of chlorine used in swimming pools. Without re-lining, people with crypto infection can contaminate pool water up to 14 days after their diarrhoea has stopped. Pool operators have taken steps including decontamination of water where appropriate as a protective measure, but this cannot break the cycle of crypto infection without the help of patrons.

**To prevent the spread of disease, parents / guardians should ensure they and their children take the following actions to protect themselves and others:**

- Do not swim if you have diarrhoea or if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks;
- Shower and wash thoroughly with soap before entering the pool;
- Wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy;
- Avoid swallowing pool water.

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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!