General Assembly:

A very full but entertaining General Assembly was held last Thursday morning in the west gymnasium. A wide variety of interests were catered for with a diverse program on the agenda. The whole school enjoyed being introduced to our visiting exchange students, Jan, Florian, Francesca and Kevin. They were also introduced to the six students who will be going to Florence in January, Jack Stevens, Abbey Battista, Charlotte Franks, Brock McFarlane, Terrie Johnson and Georgia Gilbert. These students explained the study they were required to do and the presentation they are required to make to the Minister for Education. There were a number of musical items from the junior strings, Year 5 brass, woodwind group and Sarah Bishop sang. There was an SRC report, 40 Hour Famine launch, a report on the Year 9 Tasmania trip and the alternative program, Year 10 work experience reports as well as sport and an update on the Vietnam trip organisation. A highlight of the assembly was the sneak preview performance of this year’s school production ‘The

PRINCIPAL’S NOTES

A ‘sneak preview’ of ‘The Wedding Singer’ was part of the recently held General Assembly.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 3
AUGUST
Thursday 16 Ski trip departs
Friday 17 Yr 7 immunisations
Sunday 19 Year 12 bus to Melbourne Uni Open Day
Wednesday 22 Year 9/10 Information 7.30pm VCE Centre
Thursday 23 Casual Dress day – Daffodil Day dress yellow fundraiser.
Wednesday 29 – Saturday 1 September School production ‘The Wedding Singer’
SEPTEMBER
Monday 3 Year 6 Transition day

School Council – 4th Monday of month
Wedding Singer’.

Our students are to be commended on their attention at a very long assembly as are the student who spoke to the assembled school. It is also a delight to see the variety of opportunities that our students are taking advantage of.

**Lions Youth of the Year:**

Tristan Dinning and Sarah Wardle participated in the interview section of the 2013 Lions Youth of the Year Quest last Sunday 12th August. The public speaking section of the quest takes place on Wednesday 22nd August. On behalf of the school I would like to wish Tristan and Sarah well next week and I am sure that whatever the outcome, they will both gain from the experience.

**Year 9 / 10 Information Night:**

Parents and students are reminded that this important evening is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd August at 7.30pm in the VCE Centre. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to speak to teachers about the increased choice available to students as they enter Year 9 in particular.

**Year 10 Singers:**

Congratulations to the Year 10 singers who have now taken on the name “MeMoh” and performed at the Birches and the hospital day centre last week. The singers have grown in confidence and skill under the guidance of Mrs Heather Ross and we can all be proud that they represent us with their wonderful performances at school and in our district. Well done MeMoh!

**School Review:**

Our school reviewer, Mrs Keryn McGuinness, delivered her School Review report to staff and School Council this week. From this report Council will put in place strategies to further improve opportunities for students over the next few years. The next meeting of Council is on Monday 27th August at 7.30pm in the Music Centre.

**Personal Computers:**

School Council is currently working on a proposal to extend the use of individual computers in the school. The current proposal is to introduce an individual laptop for all Year 7 students in 2013. The proposal involves parents leasing a laptop for their son or daughter for Year 7 and Year 8. The introduction of the laptop lease would be part of a plan that would see a reduction in the purchase of text books for these students, with the likely alternative being the introduction of electronic text books loaded on the laptops themselves. As soon as details are finalised, including the preferred model and cost of the lease we will contact the parents of all our new 2013 Year 7 students.

**Mobile Phones and Body Piercing:**

Unfortunately I find myself in the position of needing to remind our community that we do not allow mobile phones at school and that students that do not hand them in to assistant principals or level coordinators at the beginning of the day will find that they are confiscated until the end of term and they will incur two after school detentions. There is no need for parents to phone or text students during the day on mobile phones as we have staff answering school phones all day and any messages will be passed on. Equally parents will understand that students should be concentrating on their classwork not being distracted by messages or incoming calls. We also have quite clear rules about body piercing that do not allow students to have visible body piercing other than a pair of studs or sleepers in the ears. Students who ignore this rule will not be able to attend classes until the piercing is removed. These are well established rules that we have been applying for many years and they have worked well for the school.

**Access to Newsletters:**

Our weekly newsletter is distributed to students on Thursdays. Any parents experiencing problems accessing the newsletter can have alternative access via the Baimbridge College website or contacting our front office, 55722788, to 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 Tony Speed and Miss Rosemary Morgan or the relevant Co-ordinators.

**P-4 Co-ordinator**
Mrs Di Dolman

**Middle School Co-ordinator**
Mr Scott McFadden

**Year 8 Co-ordinator**
Mr David Fisher

**Year 9 Co-ordinator**
Mrs Chelsea Carter

**Year 10 Co-ordinator**
Miss Sheba Gurm

**VCE Co-ordinator**
Miss Sue Smith

**Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator**
Miss Rhiannon Smith

**VET / VCAL Co-ordinator**
Mr Steven de Man

**Year 9/10 Netbook Co-ordinator**
Mrs Kym Dempsey

**Robert Vecchiet**
Principal
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HELPERS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED IN CANTEEN—see above! IF ABLE TO ASSIST PLEASE CONTACT ADIE 55722788

UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY

Amongst many unclaimed items in our lost property, West Campus, are 6 Baimbridge College jumpers. Please have students check at West office for any lost jumpers. Also in the box are beach towels.

It's amazing how many items handed in remain unclaimed forever!!
The Early Years Network in Hamilton invites all interested parents to a

SCHOOL READINESS
INFORMATION SESSION

ON THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST @ 7PM
VENUE: Martin Hynes Auditorium, Market Place, Hamilton.

This session will be a forum of teachers, kinder teachers, principals, and other Early Years professionals in the area, as well as interested parents, who will address the topic of school readiness and the issues which impact on the success of a child entering school at the right stage in their development.

Any parents who are facing this decision now or in the near future are encouraged to come along and join in the forum and ask questions to guide and inform their decision.

Representatives from local schools will be in attendance and available for consultation.

R.S.V.P to Lyn Hodkinson before the night.

Children’s Services Coordinator
Southern Grampians Shire Council
Phone 55518484
E-mail LHodkinson@sthgrampians.vc.gov.au

Wednesday 29, Thursday 30, Friday 31 August & Saturday 1 September 7.30pm Hamilton PAC

Tickets on sale from Baimbridge College East office

Adults $18.00
Pensioner Concession $13.00
Student $8.00
Family $40.00

New P.E. uniform modelled at General Assembly