All of our new Year 7 students began the year with a camp at Halls Gap on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The weather was perfect for the activities with mild slightly overcast days making for a comfortable stay compared with the hot weather we have become accustomed to in past years. Students thoroughly enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities including mountain bike riding, abseiling and rock climbing and the ropes courses as well as hiking through the Grampians. The students engaged extremely well with each other and their staff making for a very smooth start to the year.

The recipient of the Reverend Marlene Thalheimer Scholarship for 2012 is Chris O’Keefe the dux of Baimbridge College in 2011. While the scholarship is not always presented to the dux, Chris proved himself to be a worthy recipient given his application to his studies combined with the excellent achievement levels he attained in his assessments. Chris is now enrolled in an Arts degree at the University of Melbourne where he will begin studying Philosophy, Literature and Performance as well as an Introduction to Life, Earth and the Universe (a multi-

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 1
FEBRUARY
Friday 17 Conflict Resolution
VATE English day
Wednesday 22 House swimming
Wednesday 29 GSSSA swimming
Year 9 Camp Information meeting
MARCH
Thursday 1 Division swimming 10 years & older
Friday 9 World Day of Prayer
Gr 4-6 tennis, Warrnambool
Monday 12 Labour Day public holiday
Tuesday 13 GSSSA cricket
Thursday 15 Baimbridge College aths
BSW swimming carnival
Friday 16 Immunisations year 7 hep
B, Varicella, Gardasil; year 10 Boostrix
Regional swimming 10 years & older
Tuesday 20 Investiture
BSW cricket; District aths 9 years & older
Friday 23 GSSSA athletics
Regional tennis Gr 4-6
Tuesday 27 Western Conference cricket
Thursday 29 State swimming
Friday 30 Reports issued
End Term 1 2.30 dismissal

TERM 2
Monday 16 School resumes
Wednesday 25 ANZAC DAY
Thursday 26 Parent Teacher interviews
4.00—6.00; 6.30—8.00

Unless otherwise notified:
School Council – 4th Monday of month during term
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Applications can still be accepted for Education Maintenance Allowance.

Applicants must hold a valid concession card, such as a Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veteran Affairs Gold Card or be a temporary foster parent.

Applications must be submitted to school by Monday 28 February.

To be eligible, students must live in regional and rural Victoria and live more than 4.8km from their nearest appropriate government or non-government school. Claims must be submitted by 28th February 2012. Forms are available at the General Office.

District Tennis Championships will be held on Tuesday the 21st February at the Lawn Courts from 2.00pm.

To participate, students must be playing regularly in an organised tennis competition, be familiar with the rules of tennis and be able to score a set. Interested students should see their classroom teacher by Friday the 10th February for more information.

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Fittings for blazers will take place on Tuesday 21 February and Friday 24 February at 9.00am in the Visitors’ Room, A Block, East Campus.

Blazers will cost $210 in total (same price all sizes).

A deposit of $140, payable to Accurate Clothing, will be due on the day of fitting. A receipt will be given. The balance will be due on collection.

Alternatively, students may be fitted at the Gray Street store on Saturday morning, 25 February.

The next order will be taken around June, depending on demand.

If you have any queries, please contact Stacey or Sussie at Accurate Clothing on 5572 1375 or me at the school on 5572 2788.

Rosemary Morgan
Assistant Principal

YEAR 9 NEWS

Year 9 Camp Parent Information night
Wednesday 29th February 6.30pm
VCE Centre, East Campus

Mrs Chelsea Carter
Year 9 Coordinator
Netbooks 1:1 Information Sessions

Year 10
Tuesday 21st February 7 – 8 pm
Venue: West Gym Baimbridge College

Year 9
Wednesday 22nd February 7 – 8 pm
Venue: West Gym Baimbridge College

Year 9 / 10
Year 9 / 10 Thursday 1st March 1 – 2 pm,
Venue: VCE Centre Baimbridge College

For students in years 9 and 10 to be issued a netbook in 2012, parental/carers attendance at an information session is compulsory, RSVP to Mrs. Dempsey to ensure your place at these important meetings.  Note: Parents with students in both year levels need only attend one session.

BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TIMETABLE

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*Harvest Trail TV*
The Harvest Trail website administered by the Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations (DEEWR) provides comprehensive information about harvest opportunities, accommodation, transport and links people looking for work with farmers seeking workers during the harvest.
A working holiday around rural Australia may be a potential gap year option for some students.

*.. 2012 DEFENCE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP*
A Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS) is a fantastic opportunity for technically savvy Year 11 and 12 students. The DTS rewards students for staying at school and enrolling in specific subjects.
The 2012 Defence Technical Scholarship applications are open between 1st February and 9th March 2012.
For more information visit: http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/dts
Or contact Warrant Officer Greg Huckstepp, ghuckstepp@dfj.com.au, phone: 0447 731 656.

*North Melbourne Institute of TAFE – are offering*
- Bricklayer preapprenticeship program aimed at year 10 students running one day a week for 5 weeks. - If interested details are with Mrs Collins.
Bachelor of Music Industry – a degree course in Song writing, Record production and Management.
For more details contact Greg Arnold at: gregarnold@nmit.vic.edu.au

*Melbourne Uni
- Engineering – www.eng.unimelb.edu.au

*Medical Students*
A company called MedEntry offers students assistance with entry exams or UMAT. If you are researching the health and medical industries and wish to look at what they offer try www.MedEntry.edu.au

*Coffee & RSA School – hospitality training- this company is always sending me course offers. If you are interested; www.RSAschool.com.au

*RMIT a Get Real Experience*
Offer holidays come and try deal where you can explore courses you are interested in with fun activities. Experiences are offered in: Environment, Medical Laboratory Visits, Art and Design, Animation & IT, Aerospace- Mechanical and Manufacturing, Advertising- Marketing and PR, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Community Justice and Nuclear Medicine Lab visits.
These activities are offered over the three holiday breaks during the year and are aimed at Yrs 10 – 12. To register and find out more visit www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

Any enquiries to Mrs Collins in the Careers Room
Year 7 camp

“WOW” I’m so nervous it’s our second day at our new school and our first day at our Year 7 camp. We are on our way to Halls Gap. We blinked and we were there. We stopped and unpacked our stuff. We go into the pace that is called the Dinning room were we sort out the people that are in our rooms and see what number cabin they are in. Then we were got there we went start into the activates. Some of the activates we did were, high ropes, low ropes, team challenges, chetaqua walk, abseiling, bike riding. The best one in our view is, chetaqua walk (the chetaqua walk was 8km hike up a mountain) and bike ride (2 and half ride all over Halls Gap)