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NEWSLETTER



Year 10 students Jamie Jackson and Sophie Gilbert will be selling ANZAC badges on behalf of the Hamilton RSL today and tomorrow.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Welcome back :

I would like to welcome everyone back for term II, it was great to see everyone after the Easter break. This term begins with a parent / teacher interview day next week and will conclude with the end of semester I studies and major reports from teachers on all subjects. The new Year 9 / 10 netbook program is well under way and both students and teachers will continue on a steep learning curve with their use in class and for study at home. I am also pleased to see a number of Baimbridge College students undertake Ultraset training so that they can help their peers and teachers to make best use of the Ultraset that we advertised so strongly in 2011.

ANZAC Day :

Preparations are well under way for the 2012 ANZAC Day commemorations, the school based ceremony that will be held on Tuesday 24th April and Baimbridge College's participation in district ceremonies on ANZAC Day itself. Baimbridge College students will once again be supporting the Hamilton RSL by selling ANZAC Day badges today and tomorrow in the Hamilton CBD. If you are approached by one of our students to buy a badge please support them by purchasing a badge and getting behind the community service efforts of our students. Our school ceremony

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 2 – APRIL

Wednesday 25 ANZAC DAY

Thursday 26 Parent Teacher interviews
4.00 – 6.00; 6.30 – 8.00

May

2-4 Year 12 uni. Trip

Friday 4 Year 7 immunisations

7-11 Year 8 Bogong camp

Tuesday 8 Senior football div. 1

Monday 14 Bob Templeton Shield football Year 9 div. 1

15, 16, 17 NAPLAN

Tuesday 22 ICAS test – comp. skills

Wednesday 23 Open Night

Tuesday 29 'Verbal Combat' Brainstorm Productions

Wednesday 30 GSSSA cross country

Tuesday 5 ICAS Science test

Wednesday 6 4-6 football

Monday 11 Queen's birthday

Wednesday 13 VCE exams

Thursday 14 VCE GAT

Monday 18 – Friday 29 Year 10 work experience

ICAS writing test

Tuesday 19 ICAS spelling test

Wednesday 20 4-6 football

Friday 22 Presentation ball

Friday 29 Term 2 ends 2.30 dismissal

School Council – 4th Monday of month

will take place in the west gymnasium at 12.00 on Tuesday 24th April and any parents who would like to join us are more than welcome to do so. As in past years Baimbridge College students will participate in ANZAC ceremonies around the district. In Hamilton School Captain, Mason Hearn, will deliver the ANZAC Day address to the service at Melville Oval and students and staff will represent the college in the ANZAC Day march; in Macarthur Sarah Wardle will be delivering the ANZAC Day address and then laying a wreath on behalf of the college with Taneyha Hall; In Merino Tristan Dinning is speaking and then laying a wreath with Nathan Dinning; Coleraine will have Kate McCann speaking and then laying a wreath with Terrie Johnson; in Peshurst Elizabeth Pickett will be laying a wreath; Dunkeld has Rachel Gilbert and Maddie Riddle laying a wreath and in Cavendish Penny Bell will be singing the National Anthem and then laying a wreath with Tricia Carter. I am proud of the community spirit shown by Baimbridge College students and their willingness to take a leading role in such an important community event and represent their school in the process.

Public Holiday :

ANZAC Day falls on Wednesday 25th April and this day, as always, is a public holiday.

Parent / Teacher Interviews :

These will take place on Thursday 26th April from 4.00-6.00pm and then 6.30-8.00pm. I welcome all parents and guardians to come along and meet their child's teachers and find out more about their progress and ways of supporting their son or daughter to achieve the best possible results in their studies. Students will bring home information sheets about venues and appointment times this week.

School Review :

Baimbridge College is undertaking its four yearly School Review this year. A number of meetings have already been held to determine progress since our last review in 2008. Data from student achievements in NAPLAN testing and VELs levels, Student

Attitude to School Surveys and both Parent and Staff Opinion surveys is being used to determine whether goals have been achieved and what directions to set the school for the next four years. Four year goals will be set under the headings of Student Learning, Student Well-Being and Engagement and Student Transitions and Pathways. Miss Rosemary Morgan is overseeing the review process and there will be opportunities for student and parent input as we get closer to our review date. An independent reviewer has been appointed to take us through the process with our initial meeting taking place in the first week of term II.

Mobile phones and piercings :

I would like to remind parents that mobile phones are banned at school and that students that have them at school will have them confiscated until the end of term. I am sure that parents are well aware of the reasons for this rule. If a parent or guardian would like to contact their child the last thing we want is for a mobile phone to ring in class. Messages can be delivered to students by simply ringing our switchboard on 55722788. Similarly we have not, and still do not accept visible body piercings apart from a pair of studs or sleepers in the ears. Students who do not follow this rule will be sent home until the piercing is removed. Both of these rules are advertised in our diaries, information pamphlets and website and have been in place for many years.

School Council :

The next school Council meeting is to take place on Monday 23rd April at 7.30pm in the Hamilton District Skill Centre.

Reports :

Any parents or students who were unable to collect interim reports at the end of term I can do so from the front office on the east campus during school hours. Having done so, I would like to encourage all parents to take advantage of the parent / teacher interviews next week to find out more about their child's progress.

Student Insurance :

School Council have asked me to pass on information about student insurance to parents and families. We have received information about 24 hour per day insurance for students and feel that families should have the opportunity to investigate this further. I would like to make clear that School Council is not endorsing this product. School Council is simply making the information available to parents for them to make their own value judgements. Information is available at www.studentcover.com.au

Access to Newsletters :

Baimbridge College produces a newsletter each week that is distributed to students on Thursdays. Any parents who are experiencing problems accessing the newsletter from their son or daughter can have alternative access via the Baimbridge College website or by contacting Ms Heather Armstrong in our front office, 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 Mr Tony Speed and Miss Rosemary Morgan or the relevant Co-ordinators.

P-4 Co-ordinator	Mrs Di Dolman
Middle School	Mr Scott
McFadden	
Co-ordinator (Year 5-7)	
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
(Year 11 and 12)	
Student Wellbeing	Miss Rhiannon Smith
Co-ordinator	
VET / VCAL	Mr Steven de Man
Co-ordinator	
Year 9/10 Netbook	Mrs Kym Dempsey
Co-ordinator	

**Robert Vecchiet
Principal**

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2—WEST CAMPUS					
DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 23—27	23 Jody Golding	24 Sally Wheeler	25 Lea-Anne Warburton	26 Rosemary Rowland (am)	27 Lyndel Delahoy
April 30— May 4	30 HELPER NEEDED	May 1 Gill Hiscock	02 Janet Gore	03 Kerry Goodman	04 Danae Sciascia

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2—EAST CAMPUS					
DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 23—27	23 Danni Sarena	24 Lisa McIntyre	25 Jenny Cumming	26 Lesley	27 Jo Bennetts
April 30— May 4	30 Stacey Crumpton	May 1 Robyn Richardson (am) Bronnie O'Keefe (pm)	02 Karen Fitzgerald	03 Lesley	04 HELPER NEEDED

UNDER 12/GRADE 5 & 6 FOOTBALL

Registrations close 25 April.

Anyone wanting to register can do this at
Hamilton Real Estate
93 Thompson Street
Hamilton
Or contact Simon Cullinane
0439655926

SPORT EDUCATION REPORT

Our tennis competition has reached it's final stages. After 4 rounds, the top four teams who will play in the semi finals are

Brad Peterson and Thomas McNamara, James Povey and Darcy Haw (21 points), Alec McIntyre and Josh Williams (20 points) and Eric Guthrie and Cinta Van Duynhoven (18 points).

The semi finals and final will be played on Wednesday 18th, with the results being in next week's newsletter.

Felicity Gordon
Publicity Coordinator

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

On Thursday, 2 August 2012 the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) will be held for the 35th time and we are pleased to invite your child to enter this world-wide competition. The AMC started in 1978 and has been run every year since then. In that time, it has become the largest single event on the Australian Education Calendar, allowing students to attempt the same tasks on the same day. It has become a truly international event, with countries throughout the Pacific and South East Asia, and even further afield taking part.

The aims of the Competition are three-fold:

1. To highlight the importance of mathematics as a curriculum subject
2. To give students an opportunity to discover talent in mathematics
3. To provide resources for the classroom and general discussion

The AMC is for students of all standards. The first 20 questions are intended to be directly familiar to students from their classroom experience. The later problems are more difficult and may be in unexpected contexts, but they have been graded to ensure that the skills required are commensurate with those taught at that level in each Australian State and New Zealand.

All students receive a certificate acknowledging their performance and a detailed report showing how they went on each problem with wider statistical rankings.

The AMC is administered by the non-profit Australian Mathematics Trust, which has representatives on its Board from the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers, Australian Academy of Science and Australian Mathematical Society. A vast network of volunteers from these professional societies and from the teaching profession ensures the highest quality of question paper, renowned over its lifetime for its originality and mathematical and typographical accuracy.

The entry cost is \$5 and it should be paid to the student's maths teacher by Friday May 4th.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to term two!

We hope you all enjoyed your holidays and are looking forward to more fun, excitement and learning this term. We're off to a great start in the Junior School.

We are very happy to welcome Alannah Barby with her big smile, to grade 1 in Ms D's class. Alannah and her family come to us from Ballarat.

We begin this term with an intensive swimming program next week at HILAC. Unfortunately, for those of you hoping to pay with EMA, this has been closed off for the first semester, so you will need to see Amanda (East office) to work out a payment plan if required.

This will be followed by a walk to the PAC on May 10th for the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra performance at 10am. This performance goes for 45 minutes and is especially for Lower Primary children. Our music faculty is very kindly paying for this for us.

On Thursday 31 May, grade 4 will be again walking downtown, this time to the Art Gallery. The Art Gallery will be presenting a very special indigenous art experience in conjunction with the National Gallery of Victoria, called Bunjil's Nest. This is an art experience especially designed for students from Grades 5 to 9, so we are very excited to have it in Hamilton, especially since our grade 4 has been invited to attend along with our grades 5 and 6.

We are also beginning to practise running in preparation for the Cross Country, which is also being held on May 10th at the lake.

So much happening; so much fun and so much learning!