Australian Vocational Prize:
I would like to congratulate 2011 Year 12 student Hayley Knight on being awarded an Australian Vocational Prize. Member for Wannon, Hon. Dan Tehan, presented Hayley with her award at Baimbridge College last Friday afternoon. Hayley was one of our successful VCAL students who combined studies in Warrnambool with a work placement in Hamilton and her academic studies at Baimbridge College. She is currently in the first year of her apprenticeship and she is thoroughly enjoying it. Hayley received congratulations from Mr Tehan and Baimbridge College VCAL Co-ordinator, Mr Steven de Man. It is clear that Hayley has an excellent work ethic that was evident while she was a student and continues to be personal asset that she has taken to her current work. The award is thoroughly deserved and I would like to pass on the congratulations of our whole school community.

Long Tan Commemoration:
Baimbridge College was proudly represented at the annual Long Tan Commemoration ceremony at 11.00am on Saturday morning 18th...
August. The ceremony is held annually at the Vietnam Veterans memorial next to the Uniting Church in Lonsdale Street. Representing Baimbridge College were Miss Rosemary Morgan, Mason Hearn, Sarah Wardle, Sarah Cross, Melanie Knights, Erin Astbury, Fenella Campbell and Yasmin Turner-Sumner. A wreath was laid on behalf of the college by Mason Hearn and Sarah Wardle. I would like to thank Miss Morgan for organising our representation and commend the students who gave up their Saturday morning to be in attendance.

**Overseas Learning Experience:**
The six students selected to go to Italy in January next year were invited to Parliament House Melbourne yesterday to attend a formal farewell from the Minister for Education, Hon Martin Dixon. After their visit to Parliament House they attended a series of workshops to help them begin to plan the unit of study they are to undertake while they are in Italy. I would like to thank Mrs Belinda Johnson who was kind enough to drive the students to Melbourne and then bring them back on Thursday night after the workshops.

**Ski Trip:**
Almost 40 students had the good fortune to be part of our annual ski trip last weekend. They left at 10.00pm on Thursday night last week and travelled through the night to Mt Hotham. Unfortunately the blizzard conditions on the mountain last Friday meant that the bus was not allowed onto the alpine road to Mt Hotham until late in the afternoon. Given the long wait, our students showed enormous patience and won themselves a lot of admirers given the inconvenience that they were subject to. I even received an email from a passenger on a bus that helped take our students up the mountain during the delay, and they were extremely complimentary of the manner in which they conducted themselves. I have no doubt that our students will remember their experience for many years to come. I would like to thank Mr Roger Kennett for organising the trip this year.

**The Wedding Singer:**
A large number of students and staff have been working very hard for a number of months now in preparation for this year’s school production ‘The Wedding Singer’. Tickets are currently available from the front office during school hours. The performance will be staged at the Hamilton PAC. Performance dates are Wednesday 29th August, Thursday 30th August, Friday 31st August and Saturday 1st September. I am informed that this is a very entertaining show and I would like to encourage everyone to go along and support the cast and crew of the Baimbridge College production of ‘The Wedding Singer’.

**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.

**Year 9 / 10 Information Night:**
Many parents and students attended the information evening last night, Wednesday 22nd August. The step from Year 8 to Year 9 in particular is an exciting one given that it is the first opportunity for students to elect part of their curriculum. Any parents who missed the opportunity to hear the information provided on the night can contact the appropriate coordinator for the answer to any questions that they may have.

**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.
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### Helpers are urgently required in canteen—see above!

If able to assist please contact Adie 55722788

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### School Community Help Needed

We are currently looking for a volunteer host family for an exchange student recently arrived to Baimbridge College. His name is Kevin and he is from Sweden. Kevin loves the performing arts, is an avid guitarist and is so keen to embrace the ‘Aussie’ way of life. He is currently with a temporary host family and we need to now find a family he can settle in with who would love to share our culture with him and in return learn about his. Kevin will be at Baimbridge College until June 2013.

If you think you may be interested or would like more information then please see Tony Speed or call Kathie who is an International Exchange Coordinator with the EF Foundation for Foreign Study on 0434055993 or email her on kathie.effoundation@hotmail.com

Also we are now looking for Host Families for our 2013 intake of students so please call or email if you would like to know more.
Students in Year 12 are busy with applications to VTAC and universities.

Here are some items to be considered.

UB Applicants
Yr 12 students thinking of applying to Ballarat University-UB can consider applying through the Regional Education Entry Program (REEP). This allows students to be considered with regard to their motivation to succeed rather than being assessed only on their ATAR. Applicants must apply for their REEP program as one of their 12 VTAC preferences and also make an application under Category 6 of the VTAC Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS). For more information access UB web site or see Ms Collins.

VTAC – Trap for old Players-
Note to La Trobe Applicants.
Students Applying for “La Trobe University” – Need to ensure they do not select “La Trobe Melbourne” (Private Institution – Fee Paying).

Some South Australian Universities take direct applications- check on line.
VTAC has facebook access at facebook.com/vtacguide
VTAC Courselink- access with VCAA and pin
Students in Year 12 who have paid for VTAC can keep their access till June 2013 for a possible midyear intake to the course of their dreams.

Scholarship information is found on Page 50 of VTAC guide.

NEW! The VTAC website, institutional pages, course entries and CourseSearch have now been optimised for smartphones. This means that you can easily read all of our VTAC information directly from your smartphone.

VTAC Time line
Fri 28 Sep, 5:00pm: Timely course applications close
Fri 28 Sep, 7:00pm: Late course applications open
Tue 9 Oct, 5:00pm: SEAS Applications close
Fri 12 Oct, 5:00pm: STAT/ALSET bookings close for timely applicants
Fri 19 Oct, 5:00pm: Scholarships close
Fri 26 Oct, 5:00pm: Change of preference closes

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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

RIST would like to invite you to the:

2012 Information Session

Monday 03 September 2012 - 4pm to 6pm or 7pm to 9pm
The RIST Centre, 915 Mt Napier Rd, Hamilton

This is a great opportunity to learn more about RIST and to see what study options are available for 2012/13. Along with presentations, staff will be on hand to provide specific details and answer any questions you may have about the following programs:

- Diploma of Agriculture
- Traineeships in Agriculture (Cert II, III, & IV)
- Wool Clip Preparation (Cert II)
- Wool Classing (Cert IV)
- Shearing (Cert II, & III)
- Lifetime Ewe Management & High Performance Weaners
- Managing Beef/Sheep Health
- Pasture Courses
- Profitable & Sustainable Cropping
- Short Courses

Please RSVP by 31st August 2012 to:
info@rist.com.au or (03) 5573 0943

RIST specials in agricultural training delivered by industry experts and provides a training pathway for the agriculture sector with flexible delivery options tailored to suit students.

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RIST Registration No. 6690
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Netbooks REMINDERS

It is great to see the fantastic applications that the netbooks are being used for at Baimbridge. Generally we are very pleased with the response and use by the majority of students. However, it is timely to remind both students and parents of the Acceptable Use Policy that was signed in order for students to have a netbook at Baimbridge College.

There have been a number of policy breaches regarding student netbook use recently. These include:

- Students failing to bring a netbook to class as required by the teacher
- Students failing to bring a charged netbook to school
- Students attempting to charge netbooks at school
- Student’s inappropriate use of the netbook during class time, including game playing and accessing inappropriate websites.
- Students leaving netbooks in unlocked lockers

Students and Parents are reminded that further breaches will have their netbook privileges revoked. There could also be consequences for being unprepared for class. I urge parents to discuss the importance of being prepared for class with their child.

Thank you
Mrs Dempsey

At the end of the day, the two Baimbridge teams played off to see which would be the better (having not played each other during the day) and to see which of the coaches would have the ‘bragging’ rights back at school. Darcy McCallum’s team won by seven points, in a very close tussle. Although the weather was inclement, all participants really enjoyed the day and played the games in good spirit.

The games were ably umpired by our Year 10 students, Matt Guy, Chris Ansell and Matt Trotter.

Gerard Sheehan
Teacher-in-Charge

YEAR 7/8 SCHOOL FOOTBALL

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Junior News
This week we again have Big Chef, Little Chef on Friday and we are all looking forward to more Masterchef lessons! Yum!

We seem to have a recurrence of head lice lately. If you are affected, the chemists and the health food store stock shampoos, mousses and gels which will get rid of them, but it is also vital that you wash all bed linen in hot water to kill the eggs which will live there and keep reinfecting! It is also important to wear long hair tied back to school, as the lice jump from head to head, especially on loose hair. Only four more weeks to Jump Rope for Heart and the sponsorship forms are now home. It’d be great if you could help your child obtain sponsorship, to raise money for the Heart Foundation. You might also like to also try to skip with them? They are pretty good at it!

We are also very conscious of what we eat now, so look for ‘numbers’ on packets, cans, etc. and steer clear of them where possible. Lots of the preservatives and additives are not good!
Vietnam/Cambodia Trip - Student Committee - Fundraising: Chips n Gravy

The senior boys of the Vietnam/Cambodia Trip committee were excellent organisers of the Chips n Gravy lunch extravaganza and the other members of the group helped with serving and taking the money. The queue was backed out to the footpath as many students and a couple of teachers patiently waited for the continuous batches of chips to be cooked. Mr MacGillivray of the HDSC was very supportive of the fundraising project and offered the use of the kitchen. It took all of lunchtime for the waiting students to be served and I’m sure there were patient teachers who waited for students to finish their late lunch before Period 5. Henry Walker coordinated a clean-up of the premises afterward with plenty of help. A big thank you goes to Gilly and Jodie of the HDSC and of course Mrs GB for their support and also to the students and staff of our school who made good use of the opportunity for a different hot lunch.

Year 9 and 10 girls excited at the prospect of hot chips on a cold day.