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NEWSLETTER



Accepting 'Bunjil's Nest' from the Hamilton Art Gallery were Eleanor Franks, Isabella Catton, Lauren Dennert, Mr Constantine, Kate Klematila, Nathan Dinning, Lachlan Dellar and Mr Tony Speed. Presenting the work on behalf of the Hamilton Art Gallery was Mrs Sue McGinnity.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Youth of the Year Quest :

I have mentioned previously that Sarah Wardle and Tristan Dinning were participants in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. On Wednesday night last week both Sarah and Tristan participated in the public speaking component of the Quest. Both acquitted themselves extremely well and can be proud of their performance. At the end of the night however it was Tristan Dinning who came first in the Quest and will therefore move to the next level of 'competition' when the winners from

neighbouring regions compete against each other. I would like to congratulate both Tristan and Sarah on their efforts and for the manner in which they represented themselves and Baimbridge College. Well done !

Bunjil's Nest :

Also on Wednesday, the art work 'Bunjil's Nest', that students from Baimbridge College and other Hamilton schools helped create, was given to Baimbridge College by Hamilton Art Gallery Director, Mr Danny McGowan and Education Officer Mrs Sue McGinnity. Baimbridge College Art teacher, Mr Steven

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 3

AUGUST

Wednesday 29 – Saturday 1 September

School production 'The Wedding

Singer'

SEPTEMBER

Monday 3 Year 6 Transition day

PUPIL FREE DAY FOR YEAR 8

STUDENTS ONLY

Wednesday 12 RACV Keys Please

11.30 West Gym (all Year 10)

Thursday 20 Music night 7.00pm

Friday 21 Term 3 ends

School Council – 4th Monday of month

Constantine, took his students to the Hamilton Art Gallery to help create the work and was present on Wednesday to accept Bunjil's Nest along with Assistant Principal Mr Tony Speed on behalf of Baimbridge College. Bunjil's Nest is currently on display in our library.

Year 6 Students Visit :

This annual event takes place on Monday 3rd September. We are expecting almost 120 Year 6 students to visit and go to classes on the day. In order to accommodate them and have teachers available to take their classes we have sent a letter home to parents of Year 8 students asking that they stay home on Monday. I would like to thank parents and guardians in anticipation of the day and thank them also for their co-operation and understanding.

Year 9 / 10 Information Night:

This extremely well attended evening provided information to parents and students about Year 9 and 10 courses in 2013. I would like to compliment all the families who took advantage of the opportunity to inform themselves of course offerings for next year. This will put these students and families in a strong position as selections are made since they will understand the process and will have met with teachers who will be teaching the subjects in the elective blocks. Anyone who did not get the chance to come along can still contact Mrs Chelsea Carter (Year 9 Co-ordinator) or Miss Sheba Gurm (Year 10 Co-ordinator) if they have any questions.

Overseas Learning Experience :

Our six Italian trip students went to Melbourne on Wednesday night ready for a full program of events on Thursday. In keeping with the Italian trip idea they went to Lygon Street Carlton for dinner at the University Restaurant on Wednesday night. On Thursday morning they were up early in order to be at Parliament House at 8.30am where they, along with student from seven other schools, were given an official farewell by the Minister for Education. From the farewell the students went to the Mercure Hotel in Spring Street where

they participated in a number of workshops in preparation for their overseas trip. This was a very full and busy day during which our students got to meet their travel companions from Belmont Secondary College and Grovedale Secondary College in Geelong. Our SRC and School Council will be pleased to hear that there were many very positive comments about our students and their uniforms, in particular their blazers.

The Wedding Singer :

The time has come for the performances of this year's production "The Wedding Singer". Performances began last night, Wednesday 29th August and continue tonight, Thursday 30th August, Friday 31st August and Saturday 1st September. Tickets are still available from the front office during school hours. The performances are being staged at the Hamilton PAC. I would like to encourage families and students to come along and enjoy the performance and, in so doing, support our wonderful cast and crew. See you there !

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.

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***

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3—WEST CAMPUS

DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
September 3—7	03	04 Gill Hiscock	05 Lea-Anne Warburton	06	07 Helen Edmondson
September 10—14	10	11	12	13	14

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3—EAST CAMPUS

DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
September 3—7	03 Danni Sarena	04 Lyn Battista	05	06 Lesley	07 Aileen Broadbent
September 17—21	17	18 Tracey Sartain	19	20 Lesley	21

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

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 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.

Junior News, August 28th

We are all looking forward to Spring now, so we can play outside in the sun for a change!



Today we all went to Gray Street School to see the AGL Energy Cube, which was great fun and we all learned a lot. Behaviours and uniforms were again excellent, which has now become the norm for us!



Skipping continues every morning and some of the skills are fabulous! The latest skill is the egg beater, which if you remember is jumping in the middle of two ropes. It's so impressive to see all of our children trying...and mastering these skills. Try it with them....I dare you! The Jump-Off day is Wednesday, 12th and we'll be skipping for all of period one. We are all very excited about that day! At the conclusion of the day, we will require you to send your sponsorship forms back to school with the money you have raised, even if you did not seek sponsorship.

The other thing we are very proud of is the improvement in the general standard of reading! The children, who are now reading every day, are achieving *amazing results!* Ask them about their Eyes, Expression and Book. We get so excited when someone finally *gets* reading and really hooks into it. Thank you to all of you great parents who encourage and support your children with this.



Junior school Team

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We are currently doing a clean up of our second hand uniform, much of which is either incorrect uniform or in some cases, a little bit shabby to offer for sale. If you think you may have items fitting these descriptions, please come and see us at the East general office.

If we don't see you very soon we will be using our discretion and disposing of some articles.

We also have unclaimed money despite contact being made following sales. If this remains unclaimed at the end of the school year we will be finding a worthwhile cause for it!

Some items of clothing always needed for sale are navy school jumpers (in good condition please) and winter skirts.

CAREERS NEWS



*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

Year 12 students selecting Swinburne as a tertiary option: There are information sessions to meet lecturers, tour facilities and ensure you have met all requirements. For more information: 1300275794 or www.swinburne.edu.au/2013 South West TAFE has a 2013 information session in Warrnambool at Timor St. PH: 1300648911 or www.swtafe.vic.edu.au

There is a unique opportunity for students currently in yrs. 11 or 10 to have a Mining Engineering Summer experience at a Summer School at UNSW from Mon 7th to Thur 10th January 2013. Students visit both the UNSW campus and mining sites in the Hunter Valley and:

- + Learn about careers, lifestyles and opportunities in the Australian minerals industry
- + Investigate university courses that suit their abilities and preferences
- + Participate in lectures, 3D Virtual reality simulator and laboratory workshops at UNSW

- + Visit underground and surface mines

- + find out how coal and minerals are extracted and processed, visit mine rehabilitation and environmental management sites and see modern blasting demonstrations.

Application form is on the website at www.mining.unsw.edu.au/UMSS2013

Applications close 14th September 2012.

More information is available from Ms Collins in the Careers Room.

The University of South Australia is having some further information sessions on campus running from 9th-18th September. If you have applied to this university for a placement this opportunity is not to be missed. More information in the Careers Rm.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS APPLYING TO VTAC FOR UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS ARE REMINDED TO LOG ON NOW AND REGISTER. APPLICATIONS CLOSE LATE SEPTEMBER.



BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE YEAR SEVEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are offered to students who will be entering year seven at Baimbridge College in 2013.

- **GENERAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **RURAL SCHOLARSHIPS** - Available to students who live outside the Baimbridge College catchment area.

Selection will be based on an application, interview and primary school reports.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Selections will be based on an application and audition.

Applications close Monday, September 3rd.

Application forms for all scholarships are available from:

Baimbridge College
85 Stephen St, HAMILTON 3300
Phone: 5572 2788, Fax: 5572 5811

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Italian trip students at Parliament House last week (l-r) : Mr Antonelli, Terrie Johnson, Brock McFarlane, Kiarah Ros-souw, Abbey Battista, Charlotte Franks and Georgia Gilbert.



After having their arrival delayed by a blizzard, the 2012 snow trip group enjoyed a wonderful stay at Mt Hotham two weeks ago.

‘Bunjil’s Nest’

A Collaborative Art Installation Project presented to Baimbridge College.

Recently, Baimbridge College years 4, 5, 6 and 7A students participated in a workshop called Bunjil's Nest. Bunjil's Nest was a collaborative learning workshop run in conjunction between the National Gallery of Victoria Regional Art Education and the Hamilton Art Gallery. Bunjil's Nest explores the ancient wisdom of Indigenous culture and uses the nest as a symbol of nurture and support. The workshop provided students with a cross-curricular learning platform that linked Art Education and the Gallery context with Natural History and the Environment. The main objective of the workshop was for students to work together and make “Bunjil’s Nest”. This task required students to reflect and share the knowledge gained during the workshop and write a message on a stick to future generations describing their thoughts and views on environmental sustainability. Students then placed the stick into the structure creating a nest. The students also drew pictures and wrote messages on labelling tags which were connected to a tree branch with natural twine, the messages written on the sticks and on the labelling tags by students were very sincere and meaningful, the student’s passion and concern for the environment was clearly evident, this care and compassion is to be commended. Due to the high level of participation and engagement in learning activities by Baimbridge College students, we are proud to announce that Baimbridge College has been nominated by the Hamilton Art Gallery Staff to be the caretakers of “Bunjil’s Nest”. A formal handover ceremony was held in the Baimbridge College Library during book week with many students and staff present. Bunjil’s Nest now resides on permanent display in the school library.



Mr Steven Constantine
Art Education/Studio Arts Teacher