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NEWSLETTER



9D Science students with the calves from the Dairy Corporation that they are feeding and looking after for three weeks. In the centre of the photo are Jasmine Overton and Maddie Henstridge.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Open Night :

Our Open Night last week focussed on the west campus and transition for students into the junior school or Year 7. The evening was very successful, with a number of people complementing us on the Middle School model in particular, and the difference the scaffolding Mathematics and English program is making to students. I would like to thank the students who gave their time to perform for our guests or who acted as guides for them. Enrolment for 2013 of students currently in Year 6 at government primary schools will be done directly with the schools. Baimbridge College will bring enrolment forms to the primary schools and they will

be distributed to students. Parents of Year 6 students in independent schools can contact Assistant Principal Mr Tony Speed or Middle School Co-ordinator Mr Scott McFadden for enrolment forms. Similarly students in any other Year level at primary or secondary school can contact one of our assistant principals or the appropriate co-ordinator for enrolment information.(see below for a list of Year Level Co-ordinators)

Year 5 Visit Day :

Last Friday, Baimbridge College hosted 125 Year 5 students from around the district. Given how early decisions are being made

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 2

JUNE

- Monday 4–17** Hamilton Eisteddfod
Tuesday 5 ICAS Science test
Wednesday 6 4-6 football
Monday 11 Queen's birthday
Wednesday 13 VCE exams
Thursday 14 VCE GAT
Friday 15 Report writing day – pupil free
Monday 18–Friday 29 Year 10 work experience
Tuesday 19 ICAS writing test
Tuesday 19 ICAS spelling test
Wednesday 20 4-6 football
Friday 22 Presentation ball
Monday 25–29 Year 9 Tasmania trip
Friday 29 Term 2 ends 2.30 dismissal

School Council – 4th Monday of month

about secondary education these days it made sense to invite Year 5 students to experience a day at our school to help them decide where they would like to go to school at the end of Year 6. The decision to do this was supported by our colleagues in the district primary schools and I am sure that parents and students will benefit from the experience. Any family who did not have the opportunity to participate can contact Assistant Principal Mr Tony Speed or Middle School Co-ordinator Mr McFadden for alternative arrangements.

Scaffolding Numeracy Program :

Parents of Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 students will be aware of the Scaffolding Mathematics program that was introduced at Baimbridge College in 2011. The program was developed and implemented by members of our Mathematics Department and has been shown to make a significant difference to students in these year levels. Essentially student's strengths and weaknesses are assessed using the DEECD Online testing system and then once a week students are broken into groups, based on their identified needs, and given assistance to overcome the gaps in their knowledge. Indicative of the success of this system was a Year 7 student who was sent to me last week to receive a commendation certificate for improving from 2.8 to 4.2 in his achievement levels since February this year. On behalf of the students I would like to thank the team of staff who have put this program into place, Mrs Kyle, Miss Smith, Miss O'Brien, Miss Carter and Mr Brooke and Mr Ramsay was part of the team last year.

Scaffolding English :

Using the same philosophy as that used in the Scaffolding Numeracy program mentioned above, Middle School English classes are being run in the same way as Mathematics in 2012. Once again a team of teachers work together closely to identify strengths and knowledge or skill gaps for each student that they teach. The students are then broken up once

every week into appropriate groups to help bridge the 'gaps' in their knowledge. We look forward to seeing the impact on student achievement from this much more personal approach to student learning.

Calves in Science :

Last week I mentioned the Dairy Corporation project in which Year 7 and 9 students are looking after two calves for another two weeks. There is an article later in the newsletter about this project.

Examinations and Reports :

We are very quickly approaching the examination and reporting period of term II. The examination period will begin on Monday 4th June and conclude on Thursday 14th June, with the GAT for students studying unit 3 and 4 subjects in VCE taking place on Wednesday 13th June. Friday 15th June is a student free day to enable teachers to write student reports that will be distributed before the end of term.

Public Holiday :

Monday 11th June is the Queen's Birthday public holiday and no students will be required at school on that day.

School Council :

School Council members voted for office bearers for the 2012 year at Monday night's meeting. I would like to congratulate Mrs Sarah Franks on taking on the role of chairperson again and Mrs Bronwyn O'Keefe as Deputy Chairman. I will again act as Treasurer of School Council. The next meeting of School Council will be on Monday 23rd July, at the beginning of term III.

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 can have alternative access via the

Baimbridge College website or by contacting 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 Co-ordinator (Year 5-7)	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 (Year 11 and 12)	Miss Sue Smith
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
June 4—8	4 HELPER NEEDED	5 Gill Hiscock	6 HELPER NEEDED	7 Kerry Goodman	8 Bernie Humphries
June 11-15	11 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	12 HELPER NEEDED	13 HELPER NEEDED	14 HELPER NEEDED	15 Danae Sciascia

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DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
June 4—8	4 HELPER NEEDED	5 Robyn Richardson (am) Bronnie O'Keefe (pm)	6 Karen Fitzgerald	7 Lesley	8 Jo Bennetts
June 11-15	11 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	12 HELPER NEEDED	13 Janet Gore	14 Lesley	15 HELPER NEEDED

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

Ongoing Support of Ideas

1. **Deakin University** and South West TAFE Present:

Surviving the VCE years – A joint Year 10 / Parent information Evening. Planning for the transition to VCE / VCAL, further education and career is an exciting, but sometimes confusing time. Being informed about the options available after Year 10 and how the processes work is one of the best ways that you can support the student in your family. Deakin and South West TAFE's Year 10 / Parent Information Evening will provide an opportunity to have your questions answered.

- Hear from a leading psychologist who will provide insights into what you can expect and how to assist the transition through VCE/VCAL and onto further education.
- Learn about youth allowance and the living away from home allowance from a Centrelink expert
- Find out how favourite school subjects can lead into a range of courses, pathways and careers.
- Hear from graduates who will discuss their experience looking back at their secondary school subject selection to where they are now and their aspirations for the future
- Explore opportunities to work and study locally
- Chat with Deakin University and South West TAFE staff and students about courses, graduate outcomes, scholarships, credit for prior learning, pathways and support services

There will also be a specific section for parents of VCE aged students so that you can learn more about VTAC application processes, the cost of further education and transition
When: Wednesday 6th June Time: 6.30pm (Start) – 8:30 (Finish)
Where: Deakin University Warrnambool Campus (Directions/ signage on campus).

2. Are you interested in a career in Law? Melbourne University are showcasing Law and have a special

presentation evening
www.law.unimelb.edu.au/jd

3. **There is** an amazing scholarship program aimed at year 12 students with demonstrated leadership capacity as a critical selection criterion. Financial support of \$45,000 over three years and participation in a mentoring and leadership development program is offered. The principal can endorse up to 2 candidates. If you are interested see Ms Smith for details. Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation
www.msrf.org.au

4. www.unioptions.com.au

IS A NEW FREE website looking at easily describing, understanding and navigating the various pathways to entering university.

It is of particular benefit to those students who do not achieve the ATAR that will allow them to enrol directly into the university course of their choice.

5. **Victoria University Open Day** Sunday 24th June. Many more open days coming up. Students wishing to go to university are advised to start shopping at open days from year 10 onwards. Besides Open Days are a lot of fun and there are plenty of freebies.

6. **There are** various options available for fee help in tertiary education. I have been sent some brochures related to support for overseas study, HECS Help, Fee Help and VET Fee Help. There is a study assist website for detailed information. www.studyassist.gov.au

7. **Deakin has** a faculty of Arts Education and is running a short course in their dance program from Monday 2 – Wed 4th July- first week of the school holidays. Venue is Deakin Burwood. For booking registrations call Rebecca Chang on 03 92446450. Bookings in by Mon 18th June.

8. **Opportunity for Year 11**

Students:

Are you from Rural Victoria? Are you interested in exploring a university

and the life in Residence?

Melbourne University are offering a two day experience with meals and accommodation included for \$100 on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July. If interested book online at www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/uniexp



'Liquorice' and 'Andre' the two calves being looked after by Ms Gurm and Mrs Kyle's Science classes.

Year 7 and 9 Calves in Science

Year 9 and 7 would like to welcome Andre and Liquorice to Baimbridge College. Over the next five weeks we will be taking care of the two little calves and learning about the dairy industry and what it has to offer. The dairy industry offers a lot of careers, whether it is finance or raising the calves, there's always an opportunity to learn.

Year 7 and 9 will be watching the 2 calves and will be raising and measuring their growth and also attending to their dietary needs. We will be making a movie to explain more about the dairy industry and what we will be doing in the next five weeks. We will also be making a model to explain the dietary requirements of the cows. We are really fortunate to have the dairy experience and want to thank Ms.Gurm and Mrs.Kyle for letting us have this experience.

Try to watch this column for more information.

By Jasmine Overton and Tiana Rowland.

Grade 5 Transition Day. Some reflections of the Day.

Wow! On Friday it was Transition Day. We went for a Walk, Music, Health, Lote, Computer Room and P.E. It was a great day in year 7. Paige Prout.

Omg!!! Look at all the grade fives in the MAD house. Taylor Hunter.

In Art we had to do a three section picture of a Ram. The Art Teacher had a rams head, a bottle, hammer, spoons and a shoe/boot. We had to draw only these things to make a picture. It was an awesome day but that night I was exhausted. Nea Gordon.

Maths- We played a game of numbers with dice and checkers e.g. Mrs Kyle would write a number down on the whiteboard and we had to roll a dice and whatever the number was she would call it out. Whoever was the closest to the number she wrote on the board was the winner. Zoe Baty.

We had Science. In Science we looked through microscopes and looked at dead bugs, slime from a fish pond, a butterfly wing and a mouldy looking leaf. I really liked how the butterfly wing looked -how it was all hairy and colourful. Dom Hann

On the walk we went all around the West Campus. Then we had science and we used microscopes, slime and anything that we could find outside. Yasmine Turner.

I think Transition was O.K. Seeing my friend Cain made it Awesome. Sam Bishop.

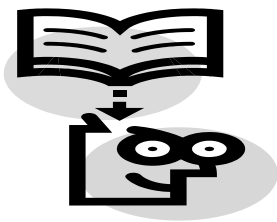
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

We have another fun week, finishing off our on-line testing ready for reports; and a very exciting visit for the Grade 4 students to the Art Gallery to see **Bunjil's Nest**. We have been learning about **Bunjil** and the history of Aborigines in our area. We have **Report Writing Day** coming up on the **15th June**, so there will no school for students on that day.

Congratulations again on the excellent standard of **uniform** we are seeing every day now. There are only one or two students who stand out because they have the **wrong shoes**, so please send us a note if you are unable to provide black, leather school shoes for any reason, otherwise, please check as they leave that the uniform is correct. We have some very complimentary feedback about our Junior School uniforms and behaviours lately and we **love** that and want it to continue and increase!
Thank you!

There have been a couple of teacher concerns about jumpers for some students who seem to be wearing only shirts, even on freezing days. Would you please make sure they have warm clothes and even a jacket ready for the wet weather?

READING Great to see some families starting to spend some **quality reading time together!** It shows! We hope you are enjoying your time together (even the short times) as much as your children are! We would still love to see every one of our students **reading every day**. It makes their schooling so much easier. Bedtime stories are **the best!**



Junior School Team

WELFARE NEWS

Brainstorm Productions presented "Verbal Combat", a play about Cyber Bullying and harassment. The performance makes it clear to students that certain behaviour (such as excluding people, spreading rumours and sending unwanted text messages or emails) is in fact bullying and will not be tolerated at our school. This is an entertaining way to promote discussion and give students strategies to avoid being a bully or a target. All students from Year 7 – 9 attended this production during periods 3 & 4 in the West gym. Now may be an opportune time for you to discuss these issues with your child.
RSM

STUDENT STORIES

Today the 29/5/12, we had two people come to our school from Brainstorm. They performed a bullying presentation to us, it was good. By Year 9's - *Elisha Norris*.

On Tuesday 29th May two people called Meg and John from Brainstorm Productions in New South Wales came to talk to us about Cyber Bullying. They showed us a play about a new girl to the school called Emily (played by Meg), this girl was different and did not fit in with any of the groups. She carried a diary around which made the other kids spread rumours around, on social networks like Facebook and Twitter. This new girl also played guitar and gangster Rocky (played by John) felt threatened as he was the local rapper who always won the school talent show. There was a girl called Gabrielle (also played by Meg) who carried out the bullying incidents which had been instigated by her best friend Katrina. Daniel (also played by John) was on both sides, friendly with the bullies but gave Emily advice. Some advice was to ignore the bullies and always be on the move, which confused Emily more. It all came to a climax when Daniel took Emily's diary and gave it to Gabrielle, Katrina was not charged as she got Gabrielle

to do it all, even her Facebook account. Gabrielle felt betrayed and wanted to make it up to Emily but when Emily saw Gabrielle with her diary she ran out of the fire door, over the railing, breaking her arm. Afterwards we talked about the dangers of Cyber Bullying. We got to ask questions to the two actors and we learned so much because the actors talked how we kids do and acted like us. Personally, we think it was really effective and showed us how it can affect people if they are bullied.
Written by Dylan Dickson and Mitch Lang.

John and Meg, from Brainstorm, put on a show for the 7, 8 and 9 year levels about bullying. It was a great performance and would have taught many people just how much bullying can affect people's lives both socially and mentally. They mentioned Facebook and just how easily someone can hack it and say or do nasty things. They gave advice on what to do when you are bullied; first stand up for yourself, if that doesn't work tell someone you trust, (keep a copy of the evidence) if it becomes worse in the future go to the police and tell them. Overall they made an excellent impact on the students and showed them the right thing to do.

Rachel Povey, Shannon Knight & Emily Wescombe.