TOP Arts Exhibition:
The annual exhibition of Year 12 Studio Art work and Visual Communications folios opened at the Hamilton Art Gallery over a week ago. The exhibition is made up of excellent pieces including the folios of Baimbridge College students Viannah Ferguson, Emily Inglis and Ashleigh Overmars. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in art or is interested in pursuing Studio Art or Visual Communication in their studies to visit the gallery and see the quality of work that has been created in our local schools. I have no doubt that the works will be an inspiration to our budding artists.

Kwong Lee Dow Scholar:
Congratulations to Charlotte Franks of Year 10 who has been accepted as a Kwong Lee Dow Scholar by the University of Melbourne. The scholarship recognises the potential of students to go on to excel in their studies and secure a place at the University of Melbourne. Charlotte will be invited to a number of functions and presentations at the university as part of this program so that she can familiarise herself with the opportunities that await her. Charlotte joins a rather exclusive group of students from Baimbridge College to be accepted into this program. Well done.

The New Town Sculpture:
Our p-4 class went on an excursion to the corner of Gray and Brown Street last week to view the new sculpture “the nucleus” that has been donated to the City of Hamilton by Mr Geoff Handbury. Along with their teachers the students observed as the sculpture moved and changed as they watched and then returned to school to write an evocative text as part of their literacy work. Some examples of their work and their impressions of the sculpture are included later in the newsletter.

Year 11 Study Day:
This Friday is scheduled as the Year 11 study day that will introduce our students to what they can expect in 2014. The day is aimed at students moving from Year 11 to 12 next year. There will be information sessions on all subjects being taught in Year 12 in 2014. I would like to thank Year 11 Co-ordinator Mrs Grace McFarigle for the work in bringing this day together. I have no doubt that the preparation and insight that the students receive will help them in their work next year.
Principal’s Notes Continued

1:1 Computer Program:
A supplier of computers for our 2014 Year 7 has now been found. The supplier is Grangburn Office and IT. There will be one computer that is recommended for use on the Baimbridge College school network and is supported by Baimbridge College computer technicians. The computer will be loaded with education department software and students will have access to the internet at school through the Baimbridge College internet service that is screened by the education department of Victoria. Electronic text books will also be loaded onto the computer. A letter has been sent to all prospective Year 7 enrolments for 2014 about the recommended device. It will include the recommended supplier in Hamilton, the price of the computer and the date of the information sessions to be held for students and parents. It was agreed at a recent meeting that Year 11 and 12 students will be given the opportunity to participate in the 1:1 computer program the same as students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. In this way all students at Baimbridge College will be able to access 21st century learning. Parents will notice that this year our booklists for Year 7 – 10 will replace paper text books with electronic text books making students’ texts much more portable and affordable with only minimal costs required for subject resources at school.

Italian Visitors:
We are expecting 12 students from Italy to visit us next year for two months. They will arrive in the first week of term three and will stay with us for a full two months. The visit is now confirmed and I would again like to ask for families who are prepared to host one of the students next year. I have had some responses but still need more. If you are interested in this wonderful experience for your family and child please contact me at school so that I can add you to my list.

School Council:
The last scheduled School Council meeting for 2013 takes place this Monday 25th November at 7.30pm in the Hamilton District Skills Centre dining room.

Mobile Phones:
I would once again like to remind all parents and students that we have very clear guidelines about the use of mobile phones at school by students. Students are not to have or use their phones during the school day. They can be left with their co-ordinator or assistant principal or me for the day and collected before going home. There are a range of reasons for this rule which is published on our website, in our enrolment documents and in student diaries. The first is to do with cybersafety and bullying, secondly there is the need to focus on classwork not on phone calls and then there is the schools duty of care to students and parents so that in the case of emergencies information can be delivered in a safe, supportive environment in private. Any other calls from the likes of part time employers can go through our receptionists on 55722788 and the message will be delivered to the student. The consequences that our experience shows makes a difference for students ignoring the school rules is the loss of the phone for a period of time.

I trust that this makes clear our reason for this rule.

Compass:
As we become more accustomed to this system more staff are placing comments about students on the chronicle section of Compass. A number of parents are also using Compass to contact teachers to make enquiries about their son or daughter.

Your log on details and password were posted out during term III.

The website is baimbridge-co.vic.jdlf.com.au and can be accessed anywhere the internet is available. If you have forgotten or lost your log on please contact us to get your details so that you can see how your son or daughter is going.

Access to Newsletters:
Baimbridge College produces a newsletter each week that will be distributed to parents by email or via the Baimbridge College website. To ensure you receive your newsletter please contact our front office on 55722788, so that you 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 John Hill and Miss Rosemary Morgan or the relevant Co-ordinators.
End Of Year Program 2013-Years 5-9.
The End of Year program for students in years 5-9 will run from Wednesday 11th December until Thursday 19th December inclusive. Each day is broken up into two sessions, although some activities will continue throughout the whole day.

Thursday 19th December is an activity based day organised by next year’s House Captains. Selections are not required for this day.

You and your child can access the detailed program on the internet using the site hodkinsonpeterp.wix.com/baimbridgeendofyear

Parent/guardians will need to sign the selection sheet before your child returns it, with their preferred selections clearly marked, to school and hand it in to Mr Brooke. Any activity conducted outside Baimbridge will require permission and medical forms to be filled in and signed before they are returned to school, collect these after you submit your selection form.

Please note the requirements for each activity as listed in the program. Some activities require money to be paid to the East front office before the activity begins; others require money to be paid on the day to the teacher conducting the activity whilst other activities are available at no cost. At times there are other requirements needed for the activity which students need to be aware of.

Students will keep their copy of the selection sheet which is their record of activities that they have agreed to participate in. Once a student has signed up for an activity, then it is expected that they will attend that activity.

Forms need to be submitted by Monday 2nd December.

John Hill and Peter Brooke

Senior Choir

The Senior Choir will be performing for the Combined Carols service, held at St Marys church on the 28th of November at 1pm.

On the 9th of December the choir will begin it’s annual tour, including performances at Heywood, Port Fairy and Warrnambool.

Violinists Richard Knape and Patrick McGregor Rhodes will be a feature in the program.

The singers will also be performing at the Baimbridge College Awards Night.

On behalf of Baimbridge College I would like to thank Kelly Sarena, Sarah Bishop, Midge McCallum, Kiana Taylor and Mau Udarbe for their excellent musical contribution to the recent Legacy afternoon.

Mrs Ross.

Stephanie Granziera, after 9 years of constant training in the World Shotokan karate-do Federation has been graded to black belt, reserved for only those with an unyielding attitude, determination and a very strong spirit. She has many medals and trophies that have been won at all-styles tournaments and now has started teaching a junior class in which she sets an exemplary standard. Good manners and a strong character are all part of the requirements for this position. While Shotokan Karate is a strong defensive art, deescalation is the preferred outcome.

She will have her black belt recognised in over 80 countries including Japan.
Evocative texts inspired by the Handbury Sculpture:

Imagining and writing within a classroom is often a confining and limiting experience. Inspiration is difficult to attain and maintain in a largely disconnecting environment. It is for this reason that the prep to five students set off, paper and pencils in hand, to seek imagery and meaning from the evocative Handbury sculpture.

We sat in silence on the hot pavement. We looked and we wrote. On our paper we scribbled words and phrases. Much of it would be of no use to the writer. Happily though, on our return to school, we discovered that we each had a precious few, shining and workable notes.

A captive creature awaits…
For the twisting, turning, opening…
Small wings dipping, falling.
The wind gods deciding?
For captive feathers,
Freedom awaits.
(Jaz Hill  Grade 4)

I’m looking at red, flapping doors,
And remember barbeques with friends…
At the beach.
A little sister in a bassinette… special and close,
Like my memories!
( Ethan Gray  Grade 4)

I looked into a dragon staring into my soul…
( Branden Eagles  Grade 3)

The red fox has waited for centuries to escape the hole,
To see the world,
To meet new people… and eat new food!
(Zac Haeusler  Grade 4)

Near the big, red door I saw a big, red lollipop,
Just waiting to be bought.
My two dollars was hot in my pocket.
I left the shop, red gobstopper in my right hand…
Red balloon in my left!
(Hayley Craig  Grade 3)

The wolf runs back and forth,
Back and forth.
He’s the one.
He’s the ONE.
HE makes it move…
He lives ther, he breathes there.
He shines at night. Stay inside!  (Justin Bray Grade 3)

Red, vivid anemone,
With lipstick on…
Dreaming through the waves.
Waiting for Heaven’s gates to open!
(Kieson Knape  Grade 5)

SQUIRRELL IN YOUR PANTS—ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS 4-10 YEARS OLD.
Fun Educational and physical, all monies raised will go directly to locals, the Walter family to assist with daily living needs.
Cost is $5 starts 4.30 PM FINISHES @ 5.15 PM Thursdays.
We suggest bringing a drink with your name on it. And prepare for lots of fun and laughter!
Hamilton Gymnasium, Milton Street, Hamilton
Professional Guitar & Keyboard Tuition
We have an amazing opportunity to offer professional music tuition to students starting in Term 1, 2014. The program is run by Music Stars – Australia’s leading provider of school music tuition. Music Stars provides:

- Group music tuition (3-5 students)
- Caters for Years 1-7
- Weekly 30 minute sessions
- $11 per lesson, per student ($110) per term (includes music books)
- 70% less than out-of-school lessons + family discounts available
- End of year reports and certificates

Guitars and keyboards supplied for use during lessons

Registrations Close 30th November 2013
If you would like your child to participate in Term 1, 2014 please register your interest online by visiting www.musicstars.com.au Payment is not required until lessons commence next year. If minimum numbers aren’t reached the program will not be able to run so please register your child ASAP.

More Information
If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please contact Music Stars directly using the information below. Please do not call the school.

Phone: 1300 889 179
Email: info@musicstars.com.au
Web: www.musicstars.com.au

We hope you can support this program.

Graphical CAS Calculators

Students going in to Year 10 Advanced Maths, Year 11 General Maths, Year 12 Further Maths or Year 11 or 12 Mathematical Methods must have a Texas Instruments TI-nspire CAS calculator.

Students can buy one second hand – students not continuing with maths may be pleased to sell theirs on, or buy one new.

Baimbridge College, through Haines Educational, are offering the TI-nspire CX CAS calculator for $185.

Order forms are available from Mrs Clark, Mr Dempsey or the General Office. Orders must be finalised by November 25th

For more information contact Mrs Jenny Clark.
Rural Bank joins Community Bank network to offer

agribusiness scholarship to local students.

The scholarship will support one local student with the costs of higher education in the agribusiness field. Eligible applicants will have their home address in the Southern Grampians Shire, or alternatively, any applicant can be eligible if they are undertaking their secondary education at Casterton College.

Coleraine Community Bank Branch Chairman Coralie Coulson said supporting students towards tertiary study was part of the branch’s commitment to building a stronger Coleraine & District community. “The high cost associated with tertiary study can have a significant impact on a young person’s ability to further their education and some may not get the chance to achieve their academic dreams without help,” Coralie said.

Successful Coleraine Community Bank Agribusiness applicants will receive funding for their first year of study in an agri-business related undergraduate degree at an Australian university. The scholarship may be extended to a second year, if academic requirements are met.

Applications are invited from eligible students, starting their studies in 2014, from Monday 2 December. Applications close on 24 January 2014 and will be assessed in early February 2014.

A Scholarship to work in Agribusiness when I graduate?

Rural Bank has asked that you show in your application, how the undergraduate course you are applying for, will help you work in Agribusiness.

So, undertaking a science degree may lead you to a range of suitable occupations, or an agribusiness science degree... or studying hydrology, or botany, or environmental engineering..... or economics or commerce or business ... or marketing....

Maybe you want to work as an accountant in assisting agricultural enterprises in the future, or an economist and plan to work for ABARE, or want to work as an agronomist, or a Rural Banker.....

So, the choice of undergraduate University course is relevant, but in your application you need to show how you will use that course to end up working in the agribusiness field.

If you want to study in other fields (nursing, speech pathology, teaching etc..) then apply for a Bendigo Bank Tertiary Scholarship, that is, not a Rural Bank Scholarship... just ask at your local branch for details.

For further information, please contact the Coleraine & District Community Bank branch or visit www.bendigoadelaide.com.au/scholarships.
ST MARYS XMAS EXPO

Saturday 7th December
Expo in the PAC from 9.30-3.30pm.
With the Parade along Gray Street from 10.30am.
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Media release

November 8, 2013
UNDERSTAND THE FIRE DANGER RATING

Being familiar with the Fire Danger Ratings and the recommended actions will help keep Victorians and visitors safe over the fire danger period.

A feature of weather forecasts, the Fire Danger Rating, indicates how dangerous a fire would be if one started. They can be found in newspapers, broadcast on radio, television and on websites.

Fire Danger Ratings are based on the weather conditions and the amount of dry vegetation.

A Code Red Fire Danger Rating is the highest rating and signals the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. While Code Red days are very serious, they are also very rare with only two Code Red days since the Code Red rating was introduced four years ago.

It is important to remember that you are still at risk on days with a High, Very High, Severe and Extreme ratings. These days are much more common, so it is important to understand what they mean and what you will do when they are forecast.

Familiarise yourself with the Fire Danger Ratings and their recommended actions. They will help you to develop bushfire safety procedures and should be used as a prompt to take action. The higher the Fire Danger Rating, the more dangerous the conditions and the more considered your procedures should be.

For more go to the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call CFA Hamilton on 5551 1500.

A summer you will never forget

Experience Australia's only Circus Summer Camp, just an hour and a half from Melbourne.

A fun-filled week of laughter, friendships, amazing feats and spectacular challenges.

Flying trapeze, aerials, juggling, acrobatics and tight wire as well as summer camp 'big games' and activities.

For boys and girls ages 8-18

Enrol today to secure your place!

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circus summer camp

January 17th to 31st 2013

249 Commercial Road, Brighton, VIC 3186, Australia

Contact: 0411 820 964

CANTEEN 2013 Term 4

West Campus—Start time AM Shift 10am, PM Shift 12.50

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Come along & Welcome the beginning of the Christmas Season

Gold Coin entry donation to be eligible for lucky gate prize with proceeds to Royal Children's Hospital and Tarrington Community Park.

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