Acting Principal’s Notes

**P – 5 Excursion to the Werribee Open Zoo**
On Tuesday 26 excited P – 5 students, their teachers Mrs Monika Dittrich and Mrs Barbara Peters and Assistant Principal Mr John Hill departed Hamilton at 7.15am for a day at the Open Zoo, where they participated in a Safari Session and fed the animals. I would like to thank these members of staff for making this trip possible – and of course the students who were all on their best behaviour!

**Music Night**
A very successful Music Night took place in the school Hall last night. The audience enjoyed a diverse program presented by the Concert Band, Senior Choir, Stage Band, Pop Band, Senior Strings and Saxophone Ensemble, and individual performers. Special thanks is extended to all the Music staff – Mrs Heather Ross, Mr Peter Cheng and Mr Johnny Chen – compere and Music Captain Penny Bell, and all the Music students. A delicious supper, prepared by Mrs Lisa Guegan-Brown and her hospitality students, provided a very pleasant conclusion to this evening.

**Exploring Opportunities**
This past week the Principal Mr Robert Vecchiet and Mr Tony McGillivray Director of the HDSC have been on a week-long visit to Yiyili in remote Western Australia where they are negotiating a partnership between the HDSC and Yiyili Community, which will provide hospitality training courses to Yiyili community members. Images of their experience are in the upcoming pages and will be posted on the website in the near future.

**NAPLAN Results**
While it was anticipated that the school NAPLAN results would be released to parents this week, we have been notified by VCAA that errors in the printing process have delayed their release. This has meant we are unable to send them home with reports tomorrow. We are now expecting the results in Week One of term Four and will post them home to all families whose children participated in the testing.

**Year 12**
The final weeks of their formal schooling are now approaching for our Year 12 students. We trust all students will make the best use of this term break to revise and practice exam questions within a manageable but also structured study schedule. The first examination will take place on October 30th – three weeks after we return in Term Four.
Examinations Years 7 – 10
Examinations for students in Years 7 – 10 will take place earlier in Term Four than in previous years. Exams will get under way in mid-October and will be held in the following subjects: **Year Seven:** English, Mathematics, LOTE (Italian); **Year Eight:** Science, LOTE (Italian), Mathematics; **Year Nine:** History, English, Mathematics; **Year Ten:** Science, History, English, Mathematics. All examinations will take place in the School Hall and all students must be in the correct uniform. Exam timetables will be posted in early Term Four. The results of these examinations, together with a range of class-based assessments and the NAPLAN results (where applicable), will provide a full picture of individual progress and each student’s potential to successfully meet the academic demands of the next year level.

Arrangements for Friday (last day of term)
Tomorrow we will work the normal morning classes; lunchtime will be shortened in order to accommodate the World Record Attempt (see last week’s newsletter), in which we hope everyone will participate. At the conclusion of the attempt, students will report to form assembly rooms. After the roll is marked and lockers are tidied, reports will be distributed prior to dismissal at 2.30pm.

Compass:
Have you logged on yet to see if there are entries for you to read about your son or daughter? Do you realise that you can approve student absences on Compass? Discover how easy it is to find out more about your son or daughter’s classes and daily timetable. Your log on details and password were posted out several weeks ago.

The website is baimbridge-co.vic.jdlf.com.au and can be accessed anywhere the internet is available.

HATS:
A reminder that hats are compulsory in Term 4. Please ensure all students have one.

**CYBER SAFETY**
Last week was National Child Protection Week 2013. This is an annual initiative which shines a light on child protection and encourages everyone to “play their part” in protecting children. Protecting children from online sexual exploitation remains a key tenet of the ThinkUKnow Australia program. Here are some ways to start the conversation about online safety.

**Time2Talk**
Questions to prompt children and young people about their use of technology:
Do you have any online contacts whom you’ve never met in person?
What helped you decide that it was okay to add them?
How certain can you be that they are who they say they are?
Are you familiar with the block and report functions of the apps, games and social media sites you use?
For more information visit: www.thinkuknow.com.au
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**“CHICAGO” DVDs**
The DVD of our amazing school production of “Chicago” has been produced and is now for sale for $10. Please contact Mr John Bell at school if you would like one.
Hamilton District Skill Centre Manager Mr Tony MacGillivray and I are visiting a school in the far north or Western Australia this week. Our Hospitality students have already been speaking to the Yiyili students on Skype and we hope to further our relationship with the visit. If all goes well we hope to be able to work with the school, its students and community to further the education and cultural experiences of our students and theirs.

Mr Vecchiet
Students in the VCAL Program were awarded certificates from CITS last week in the HDSC where Hospitality students catered morning tea for CITS owners Les Jennings and Kerri Holmes.

Year 11 Chemistry Students travelled to Baccus Marsh on Friday to Ecolinc to further their Chemistry experience. Ten students accompanied by Miss Gurm had a very informative day out.
A Day Trip to Werribee Zoo P.5

Wow! It was so early and even our normally late students were on time!

We piled onto the bus and off we went, through the overcast skyline and drizzle.

We drove through town after town after town and arrived in a sunny Werribee.

Mel, Mel and Shel met us at the cheetah lookout and took us to the Meerkat enclosure where we met George, Molly and Spotty. They were the grumpy ones that needed isolating from the meerkat colony.

We had to make fun food games out of bamboo tubes with holes in the side to insert wriggling meal worms. Some of us wriggled more than the actual worms!

The embarrassing part was the bowling ball stuffed with female rhino poo! This was made to excite the male rhino and get him active.

Our second activity was a safari train tour through the savannah. Toot, toot!

Mr Hill almost left Mrs Peters and Ms O. behind at that point, as they were late from the rest room!

We saw so many animals, including six male giraffes, a small herd of zebras, rhinos, sleepy and fat hippo and graceful antelopes. We also saw Mongolian horses which are endangered and lots of one-humped camels.

We saw African villages and huts. The safari guide, Paul, had a remote to open all of the gates. We thought they were opening by themselves... except for Jaz and Patrick who sat up front.

Our day went too fast... Some of us went to return again!
St. Andrews Cricket Club will once again be running the Milo In2Cricket Program for season 2013.

This introductory cricket program is aimed at kids aged 5-9.

If you want to register for this year’s program the club will be holding registration night on Thursday the 17th of October at 5.30p.m at Pedrinya Park. Cost is $65 which includes a cricket pack.

The program will then run for 8 weeks starting on Sunday the 27th of October at 11a.m.
The Lions Club of Coleraine is looking for any students aged over 15 and under 19 as at 30th June 2014, who would be interested in participating in this year’s Youth of the Year quest.

If you live in the Coleraine district and enjoy travelling and meeting new people, discussing and exchanging new ideas with people of your own age, then please contact Debbie Courtney from the Lions Club of Coleraine on 55752542.
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If you can kindly donate your time please ring 0355 722 788.

We have a LARGE number of vacancies.