BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 12 August
Yr 7 & 8 Football

August 14 - 18
Hotham Snow Trip

August 19 & 20
Course Counselling for Year 11 & 12 in 2015.

Parents book inter-views on Compass.

August 20
Year 9 & 10 Info night

Tuesday Sept 2
Girls Football

Sept 4 - 6
Beauty & The Beast

@ PAC

Thursday 4 Sept
State Netball Melb

Friday 5 Sept
Immunisations

Wed 10th Sept
Legacy Badge Selling

Monday 15 Sept
GD Golf

Fri September 19
Last day of Term 3

English with a Flair student Casey Laight reads to the P-4's - full story Page 4.

Principal's Notes

Farewell :

Our Italian visitors stay with us has come to a close. The month seems to have gone very quickly indeed. Our guests have been to Italian classes, taught PE lessons (soccer of course), participated in many Year 11 classes and have enjoyed a variety of activities organised by their host families as well as the school. Carlo, Nicolo, Leonardo, Francesca, Alessandro, Nadir and Andres are leaving this weekend. Andres and Alessandro will move to Geelong where they will stay for another few weeks but the remaining five board a plane on Saturday night at 11.00pm and fly back to Italy. As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter they will be returning to their summer vacation and will start their new school year in September. I would like to thank everyone for making them feel welcome and trust that our students and their families have made a life long connection. Arrivederci !

Parent Opinion Surveys :

Surveys were mailed out this week and we ask that they be completed and returned to school so that we can send them off to Melbourne for processing. We do not open the completed survey forms at school the and information included on the surveys is confidential and not connected to a family name. Families that receive the Parent Opinion Surveys are selected at random by computer and the survey is then sent home by mail. I would like to thank all of those families who receive the surveys for taking the time to provide feedback to us as a school.

2015 Preparation :

While it may seem somewhat early to be discussing 2015, this is the time of year when we begin all our organisation of classes, elective selections and timetable structures for the forthcoming year. It is essential that students and parents take advantage of information nights and careers advice so that the selections that they make reflect their chosen career path and can be put into next year's timetable. The next few weeks will see subject selections for Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 take place. It is therefore essential to gather as much information as possible but to also take care to keep as many options as possible open to students with their subject choices, particularly in Year 9 and 10.

Year 9 / 10 Information Night :

The information night for students entering Year 9 or 10 in 2015 takes place on Wednesday 20th August at 7.30pm in the west campus gymnasium. The west gym can be accessed from the service road on Coleraine Road or by parking on Mt Baimbridge Road and walking past the library to the west gym.

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If you have any concerns please contact:

PRINCIPAL:

Mr Robert Vecchiet

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

EAST CAMPUS:

Miss Rosemary Morgan

WEST CAMPUS:

Mr John Hill

P—4 CO-ORDINATOR:

Mr John Hill

MIDDLE SCHOOL YRS 5 - 8

CO-ORDINATOR:

Mr Scott McFadden

YEAR 9 & 10 CO-ORDINATOR:

Dr Chris Allen

Yr 11 & 12 CO-ORDINATOR:

Ms Lynn Collins

VET / VCAL CO-ORDINATOR:

Mr Steven de Man

MYDEVICE & NETBOOK CO-ORDINATOR:

Mrs Kym Dempsey

STUDENT WELLBEING:

Ms Cath McGowan

Principal's Notes Continued

Bus Travel :

While the enforcement of eligibility guidelines for free bus travel have tightened up this year due to an Education Department audit, School Council will be considering offering special scholarships to students who would like to come to Baimbridge College but live outside our catchment. I therefore urge any family with students who would be new to our school to contact Mr Gilchrist or me before they make final enrolment decisions based on bus travel eligibility criteria.

Baimbridge College 20 Year Anniversary :

Assistant Principals Mr John Hill and Miss Rosemary Morgan have been working on arrangements for the 20th anniversary of Baimbridge College that will centre around a special whole school assembly in September. Our SRC has also been co-opted to assist with celebration arrangements and have been putting together a plan to help put their stamp on the event as well. I look forward to the recognition of this important milestone.

Baimbridge College Website (www.baimbridge-co.vic.edu.au):

I would like to remind parents that Baimbridge College has a well maintained website. I encourage parents to familiarise themselves with the website as it contains a more comprehensive list of school information than it has in the past.

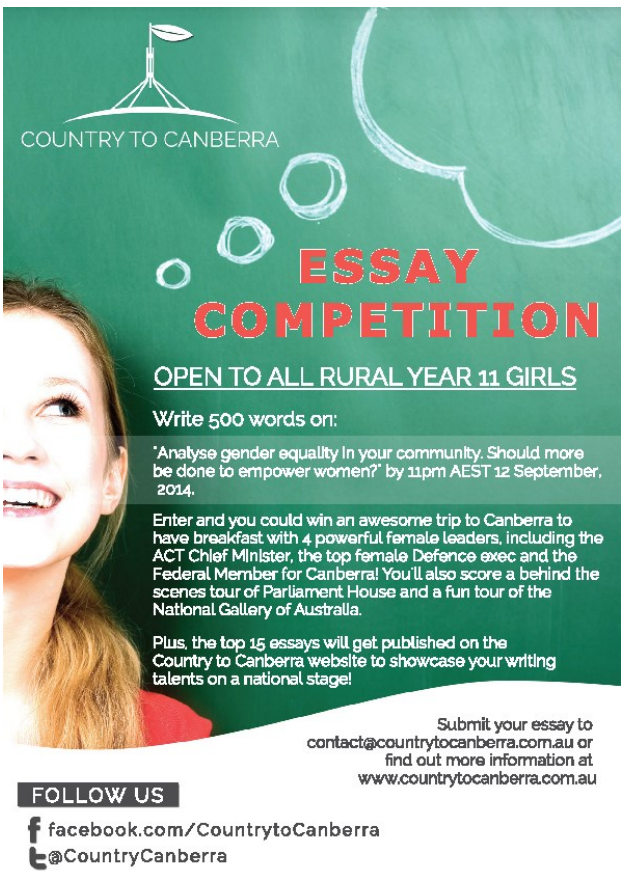
Compass :

Our online student management system, Compass, will continue to be used this year. Parents should have their own personal log on which is different to their son or daughter's. The system is accessible anywhere the internet is available on computer, smart phone, tablet or other mobile device. The website is https://baimbridge-co.vic.jdlf.com.au/login.aspx If you require more information accessing the system please contact the school. There is a link on our website to help you should you forget the address.

Access to Newsletters :

Baimbridge College produces a newsletter each week that will be distributed by email, the Baimbridge College website or through our student management system Compass.
To ensure you receive your newsletter please contact our front office on 55722788, so that they can be placed on our email distribution list or just log on to our website or Compass each week.

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.



GREEN SHEEP, MEM FOX and P-4 CLASS!!

There was a green sheep, a red sheep, a blue sheep, yellow sheep, a horned brown sheep, a purple… an orange… pink.. AND MEM FOX!

We were there, in a writers' and readers' space… The PAC shrunk down, and us with it, as we were drawn into the books, the stories, the memories, the craft, the magic and the intimacy of storyteller, MEM FOX!

Books read aloud by their author have wings unimagined… and so it was, as we revisited long-loved tales that awakened anew.

Can you imagine that 'Where is the Green Sheep?' took Mem and her illustrator, Judy Horacek, eleven months to write…? That is a lesson in planning, drafting, revising and editing!

Can you imagine that the Baimbridge Junior School were **exemplary**… in listening, respect and appreciation of the experience?

Ms. Dittrich would like to thank Kym Dempsey for her attendance and also her Literacy and thematic support for the Junior School. Her enthusiasm is unsurpassed! Thanks also to Vicki and Richard, as always!

Mem Fox uses her face, her voice, her body. She moves around! Lilly Gr 4

Mem Fox thought she was going to win The Children's Book Award. She bought a very expensive dress and high heel shoes. She came second! ETHAN FARLECH

Mem Fox grew up in Africa. She was the only white child at her 'school' in the dirt, under the shady trees!

Justin Grade 4

MEM FOX DOES NOT LIKE WRITING! SHE ONLY LIKES IT WHEN SHE IS FINISHED AND PUBLISHED!
Georgina Grade 4

It was fun listening to Mem Fox reading POSSUM MAGIC! Then… I FELL ASLEEP!

DREY COTTIER Grade one

Congratulations to our computer technician David Klobe and his wife Rachael on the safe arrival of their baby girl, Jerusha this week.

Young children can be a tough audience. They know straight away if you are nervous or unprepared. Conversely, they can be receptive, engaged and innocently generous in their response to your time in their space.

Year 9 English with a Flair students tentatively entered Miss D's primary room on Wednesday the 23rd of July to read their favourite picture books to the class. They had chosen books from the library and brought some from home that they had enjoyed as children. We had been preparing and rehearsing for a week learning that pacing was important, that open questions strategically asked served to increase engagement and enjoyment, and that like them when they were young, children really do love story telling.

The year 9 students came away from the experience so much richer. They instantly understood the value of preparation and those that used props found the children responded enthusiastically. It was a great walk down memory lane that served to remind them of the value of reading at an early age and just as importantly, the older students came to realise the responsibility they carry as potentially powerful role models in our school.

The following is a sample of student reflections from the day. Ms Vincent.

Last Wednesday my year 9 English with a Flair class had to read our favourite children's book from when we were kids to the preps to grade 4s. At the start I was nervous but as my fellow classmates started to read I felt more confident.

Jacqui Bunting.

As I prepared to read my story to Miss D's enthusiastic class I felt nervous, but seeing how happy and bright their faces were when my fellow students read, I knew it was going to be fun. I really learnt how much you can grow and learn just from reading a story. When I read my chosen book, 'Annie's Chair" I tried to encourage a connection with the story and the children and myself. Asking questions really got them into the story and kept their attention. I came out of the room with a smile on my face seeing I had achieved something and I had had a great experience.

Georgia Murray.

The book that appealed to me to read to Miss D's class was " Slinky Malinki, Early Bird". The book wasn't full of deep meaning but it was an interesting and amusing tale. After everyone had finished we were assured by gleeful smiles of consent that they appreciated the experience. Miss D seemed pleased too. It was a great opportunity for all of us.

Amber Richards.

Last Wednesday our class went to Miss D's room and read picture books to the students. The books that we chose to read were our favourite from when we were little. I feel that the kids had more understanding of words and were able to recognise what the book was about, just by studying the front cover before we read on.

Kassey Laight.

Victorian Child Oral Health Survey (VCOHS)

The Victorian Child Oral Health Survey (VCOHS) is coming to Baimbridge College on Friday 22nd August 2014.

For those families that have been selected to participate in the Survey, a reminder to return your consent form and questionnaire by the 15th August 2014.

Your participation will help contribute to the collection of important and useful oral health data used to improve dental services across Victoria.

For more information about the Victorian Child Oral Health Survey contact a member of the VCOHS research team on (03) 9341 1785 or email vcohs@dhsv.org.au.

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Disney's FROZEN is the theme

Community Event

MHV · wdhs Western District Health Service

Growing Boys to Men – Understanding the male journey to manhood - An essential presentation for all parents of boys. By Celia Lashlie (International commentator)

Celia's' entertaining and enlightening view of young men and their journey to manhood is a must for any parent.

Adolescent boys –seem to disappear into another world where they barely communicate, and where fast cars, alcohol and drugs are constant temptations.

Will they survive and become good men?
How can we help them through this difficult time?

Celia reveals what goes on inside the world of boys, and that it is an entirely different world from that of girls.
Celia offers parents practical and reassuring advice on raising their boys to become good, loving articulate men.

Venue:-Hamilton and Alexandra College Auditorium

Date:- 16th of September

Professional Development session:- 4.00 pm (must register)

General Public Session:- 7.30 pm
Cost:- free

Registrations essential
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Community Centre
55518450 for bookings

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4:00pm - 5:00pm

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Canteen Roster

Term 3 2014

DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
July 14– 18	Jul 14 Jody Golding	15 Kerry Goodman	16 Leanne Warburton	17 Sally Wheeler	18 Jo Bennetts
July21 – 25	21 Kym Wood	22 Gill Hiscock	23 Glenys Downes	24 Lyn Duncan	25 Kerry Price
Jul 28–Aug 1	28 Nicole Teasdale	29 Vicki Kearney	30	31 Kate Mibus	01 Aileen Broadbent
Aug 4–8	4 Sheepvention	5 Lisa McIntyre	6	7 Lynette Purvis	8 Jenny Leigh
Aug 11–15	11 Phyllis Speirs	12 Lyn Battista	13	14	15 Janelle Tooley
Aug 18–22	18 Tracey Sartain	19 Genevieve Lam-bert	20 Leanne Warburton	21 Sally Wheeler	22 Jo Bennetts
Aug 25–29	25 Jody Golding	26 Gill Hiscock	27 Glenys Downes	28 Lyn Duncan	29 Aileen Broadbent
Sept 1–5	01	2 Kerry Goodman	3	4 Lyn Battista	5 Kerry Price
Sept 8–12	8 Nicole Teasdale	9 Val Peters	10	11 Kate Mibus	12 Jenny Leigh
Sept 15–19	15 Carol Titcombe	16 Genevieve Lambert	17	18 Lynette Purvis	19 Janelle Tooley Jo Bennetts

We thank you most sincerely for your help in the Canteen, the school could not provide such a great service for the students without the valuable donation of your time.

The canteen is always in need of volunteers and is very grateful for all that we receive - if you can help out at any time please call Adie on 55 722 788

Starting Time 9:00 am. If unable to do duty as rostered please ring 5572 2788