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Upcoming Events

Tuesday Sept 2
Girls Football

Sept 4 - 6
Beauty & The Beast
@ PAC

Thursday 4 Sept
State Netball Melb

Friday 5 Sept
Immunisations

Monday 8th Sept
20th Anniversary Celebrations

Wed 10th Sept
Legacy Badge Selling

Thur 11th Sept
Music Night in the East Hall

Monday 15 Sept
GD Golf

Fri September 19
Last day of Term 3

Monday Oct 6
First Day Term 4

Thursday Oct 16
Year 7 & 8
Super 8's Cricket

Oct 17 - 23
Years 7 - 10 Exams

Thursday Oct 23
Year 12 Breakfast

Gray Street Grade 4 students got to experience life at the HDSC on Wednesday .

Principal's Notes

UNSW Global English writing :

On Monday this week we received the results of the University of New South Wales English Writing Competition. Students from across the school were invited to participate and they did so with wonderful results. In virtually all year levels that we had an entrant Baimbridge College student results were well above state levels. I was very pleased to be able to present certificates to the following students : Year 7 Gabriel Corbidge (merit), Oscar O'Brien (credit); Year 8 Emma Shepherd and Megara Hall (participation); Year 10 Georgia Gilbert (credit), Terrie Johnson (participation); Year 12 Sophie Gilbert (high distinction), Jamie Jackson (credit) and Alec McIntyre (credit). I would like to congratulate the above students for their excellent results – well done.

A Letter from Italy :

On Monday this week I was pleasantly surprised to find an email from one of our recent Italian visitors Francesca Pedrani. Francesca is now back in Italy finishing her summer holidays. I have published the email later in the newsletter for everyone interested in reading the entire letter. In essence Francesca has taken the time to express her appreciation of the experience and how much she enjoyed our approach to education and life in general. She highlights the quality of teacher student relationships compared to her experiences in Italy and her admiration for the encouragement and hope provided to students. She finishes by thanking everyone she interacted with during her visit. When reading her email you will need to make some allowance for her less than perfect command of English, albeit still rather good.

Mobile Telephones :

We have had a spate of detentions recently due to student ignoring our school rules banning the use of phones at school. I would like to again remind everyone that this rule is in place and that students caught using their phones will have them confiscated and they will be given detentions. While we understand that many students may need their phones before or after school for a variety of reasons, while at school contact can be made via our switchboard thus ensuring that study is not interrupted and students are not distracted using social media or texting each other. The school phone number is 55722788 and any messages will be passed on as required. I would like to thank everyone for their co-operation in this matter.

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Principal's Notes Continued

2015 Classes :

With information nights for Year 11, 12 and 9 and 10 now completed we are focussing on putting in place subjects for 2015 for students in these year levels. This highlights how close we are getting to the end of the school year and the importance for students to be completing all set work and embedding a good work ethic in preparation for promotion to the next year level. All students in Year 11, 12, 10 and 9 have now been asked to submit their subject requests for 2015 to their co-ordinators.

Bus Scholarships :

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.

The Junior School has been extra busy working with Miss Foley to create a stunning display at the entrance to the West Campus from the Library. They have included artwork from all of the nominated books for Book of the Year, including a very dirty dinosaur who splashed mud on a very cute baby elephant who looks like they are ready for bed. Well done kids, Miss D and Miss Foley!

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

An email from Francesca

Dear Mr. Vecchiet,
by now, it's been a month since I left Hamilton and Baimbridge School, and yet this town and his people are always in my heart.
Before arriving in Australia, I was very scared and almost convinced that I would find it hard to make friends and to commit to school or just in the activities proposed, because I had never been an ace in speaking English. On the contrary, a few hours after my arrival, I did not want to go home already. Not that I was not missing my family and my friends, but I just found something very special and different in the faces of the people I met, in their way of living and seeing the reality.
I try to explain.
from the first to the last day of school, all the guys wanted to get to know and spend time with us. With great ease, they presented themselves and started to joke with us, making us feel at ease. For the first time in a long time I felt I was in the right place at the right time. Every single person, from the boys met at the school to members of our families, made my experience unforgettable, making me feel wanted and loved and making revive in me the desire to get involved.
I have never met a guy who did not study and worked at the same time, and yet each of them was happy and proud of what he did, even if it meant making some sacrifices. This may seem like a trivial observation, but this motivation and determination that characterized our friends in Australia is an important quality, from which I will try to take example from now on. With the help of the teachers at school, the boys have grown up with the idea to have to chase their dreams and that they can achieve their goals only if they get commitment and always try to improve themselves by relating themselves to others. In fact, this is one of the aspects that struck me most in Australian school and I think is the absolute best: it gives much more importance to establishing relationships with the people around us rather than acquiring knowledge. Just look at the relationship between students and teachers: Teachers are always ready to lend a hand to their students, urging them to always give the best and helping them to cultivate their interests with passion, and the guys are ready to give the best of them, showing respect and desire to learn, because they understood that every detail of their lives is important, including the school, and that they can build their future, starting from these details. In fact, every teacher that I met did his job with a lot of passion and the boys listened to him carefully. Often instead in Italy does not happen in the same way, because the guys feel de-motivated and believe that there will not be a good future for them.
I am therefore very happy to have met and recently started wonderful friendships on the other side of the world which I hope that they will not melt, because, thanks to them and this different way of life, of school, of work and of life, I feel changed, more motivate, more happy, more hopeful and aware and full of the desire to learn, to know, to get in the game, without being afraid to take more responsibility or to meet new people.

So a hug and a big thank you goes to you, Mr. Vecchiet, Italian teachers Ilaria, Marco and Chiara, Italian friends Nico, Andres, Alessandro, Nadir, Carlo and Leonardo, Australian teachers, host families (in particular to my family , Joshua, Sarah, Eleanor and my little Charlotte), Tom, Chris, Abbey, Tiahna, Amy, Ellen, Lachie, Caleb, Elisha, James, Trisha, Jasmine, Chloe, John and all the others who have lived with me this wonderful month full of emotions!

Work is underway to put up our memorabilia for the 20th Anniversary of Baimbridge College celebrations coming up on Monday 8th September.

Thursday 4th September

Friday 5th September

Saturday 6th September

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

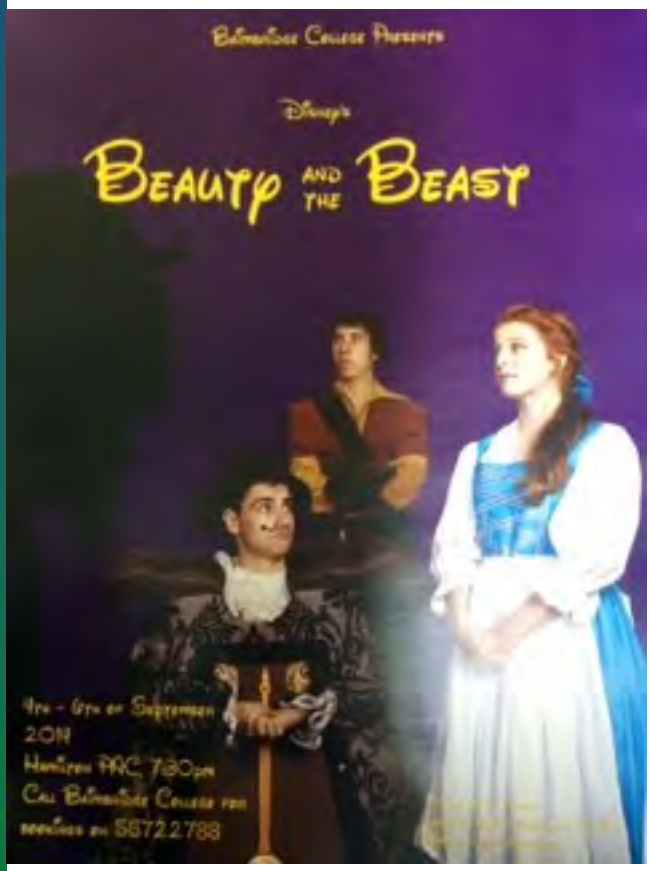
Adults $22

Students $12

Aged Concession $15

Family (2 ad 2 kids) $45

Avail East Office only



Baimbridge College Music Night 2014

School East Hall
Thursday, 11 September 2014
7:00 - 8:00PM

Featuring music from Hawaii 5-O, Harry Potter, Shrek, Scream, Faure, Feist, Music Theatre, Popular Ballads, and many others!

Supper is provided after concert

Gold coin donation appreciated

Baimbridge College Spelling Bee

Words from the Herald National Spelling List

Lunch Time Thursday 28th August 2014

West Gym

1st Prize Kindle Ebook Reader and $30 Amazon gift card

2nd $30 iTune gift card

3rd $30 iTune gift card

Contact Mr Hodkinson or your English Teacher

Open to students in Grade 5 – Year 12

FOOD DRIVE

The purpose of the food drive is to collect a large quantity of long life food products, which will then be donated to the Uniting Church. The Church currently run a program called Second Bite. They receive mostly fresh produce from local businesses which they then distribute to families both within Hamilton and also the surrounding community. Although they are grateful for the produce they receive, sometimes it can't all be distributed as the food perishes too quickly. Students are being asked to bring one item from their allocated food type. We ask that students bring their food item to school within the week of Monday 1st September to Friday 5th September. Your contribution to this worthwhile cause will be greatly appreciated.

Form Group/Food Type:

P-4: Canned tuna/salmon

5-6: Canned Soup

7A: Canned corn kernels

7B: Canned Spaghetti

7C: Canned peas

7D: Rolled oats/porridge mix

8A: Packet of Pasta (spiral, fettuccini, spaghetti)

8B: Canned Baked Beans

8C: Canned diced tomatoes

9A: Canned Soup

9B: Tomato/BBQ/Mustard sauce

9C: Canned Fruits

10A: Sandwich spreads (jams/peanut butter Nutella/vegemite etc)

10B: Canned Soups

10C: Muffin/Cake packet mix

10D: Jar of baby food/puree

11A: Carton of long life milk

11B: White Rice

11C: Canned Soup

12A: 2 minute noodles (Cup or pkt)

12B: Canned Soup

12C: Microwave pasta packets

Gray Street Grade 4 visit

On Wednesday Grade 4 students from Gray Street Primary School visited the HDSC to cook up a storm. Tony MacGillivray, aka Gilly, showed the students how to create a stunning fruit platter, cook scrumptious ANZAC bickies and a mouth watering hamburger. With a strong focus on trying everything the students had a great day out and were great ambassadors for their school.

Girls Football training

With the weather turning arctic on the scheduled day for girls football and the event cancelled, the girls decided to play anyway. Thankfully the match has been rescheduled for Tuesday September 2nd .

Table Tennis Hamilton

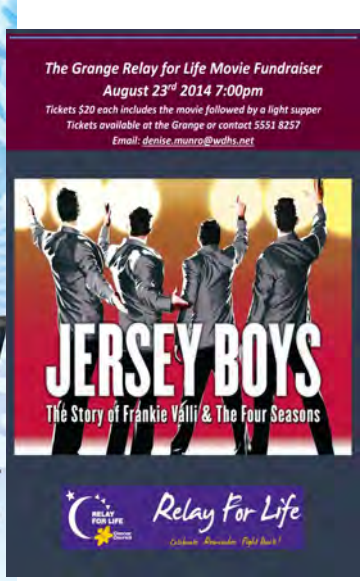
At: HILAC, Shakespeare Street, Hamilton.
Ph 5551 4300

Juniors 8 – 15 Years

Tuesdays 6.45pm to 8.15pm

All supervisors have a current working with children check.

Enquiries:
Peter & Jean Humphries 03 5572 3413
Annette Moore 0414 373 691



Raising Teens

A program for parents of children in Years 8, 9 & 10

Date: Monday 8th Septemmber 2014
Time: 6.30pm—8pm
Venue: Centacare Office, Level 1, 142 Timor Street, Warrnambool.
Cost: FREE!!!!
RSVP by: Monday 1st September 2014
For enquires and bookings Contact:
Angela: 5559 3000

Topics include:

- Normalising behaviour
- Setting boundaries & building resilience
- Identifying at-risk behavior
- Communication
- Tips for maintaining a positive relationship with your adolescent

Centacare

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
Call Frances Hewett Community Centre 55518450 for bookings

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RIST would like to invite you to the:

2014 Information Session

Monday 01 September 2014 - 4pm to 6pm or 7pm to 9pm
The RIST Centre, 915 Mt Napier Rd, Hamilton

This is a great opportunity to learn more about RIST and to see what study options are available for 2014/15. Along with presentations, staff will be on hand to provide specific details and answer any questions you may have about the following programs:

Diploma of Agriculture
Traineeships in Agriculture (Cert II, III, & IV)
Wool Clip Preparation (Cert III)
Wool Classing (Cert IV)
Shearing (Cert II, & III)
Lifetime Ewe Management & High Performance Weaners
Managing Beef/Sheep Health
Pasture Courses
Profitable & Sustainable Cropping
Short Courses

Please RSVP by 25th August 2014 to:
info@rist.com.au or (03) 5573 0943

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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 Lambert	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