



BAMBRIDGE COLLEGE

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Students sampling life in a wheelchair @ wheelchair basketball, more pics page 4.

Upcoming Events

May 25 - June 2
VCE EXAMS

Thursday 28 May
Music Auxiliary meeting,
7pm Music Centre

Friday 29 May
Y 5 & 6 Division
Cross Country

June 1 - 5
Hamilton Eisteddfod
Yr 8 Bogong Camp

Wednesday 3rd June
ICAS Science Comp

Monday 8th June
Queens Birthday
Long Weekend

Wed 10th June
Legacy Jnr Public
Speaking

Fri 12th June
Pupil Free Day

June 15 - 17
Yr 9 City Experience

June 15 - 26
Year 10 Work
Experience

June 22 - 26
Year 9 Careers Week

Friday 26th June
Last Day Term 2

Principal's Notes

Short Story Competition :

Congratulations to Mikhaela Janicki of Year 12 who entered into the 2015 Schools Poetry and Short Story Competition recently. Mikhaela has just been informed that she has progressed to the next round of judging in the competition. In a very competitive area this is quite an achievement and we wish her luck as the judging continues and competitors are reduced in the following rounds.

Bogong School Camp :

48 of our Year 8 students will be attending the Bogong School Camp next week and I am sure that they will have a brilliant time in the most wonderful environment they will have experienced. They will be gone for the whole week and while it will certainly be cold, past experience tells me that the activities lined up for them will challenge them and bring them enormous satisfaction and a sense of achievement. I look forward to a report in two weeks time.

The Age article :

Members of our community may have noticed an article in The Age on Wednesday this week that referred to The Hamilton and District Skills Centre. School Council and the advisory board of the HDSC has been trying to secure the future of the HDSC with funding so that future students can have access to the wonderful courses available at the moment to district students. If you think back over the last few years you will remember a number of politicians, Federal and State, including various ministers that have visited the HDSC and have complimented the work that goes on there. The HDSC board is now asking those politicians to support the centre and ensure breadth of opportunities for the young people of the Hamilton district. If you have any questions arising out of the article in The Age or this newsletter please contact me to have a chat.

EMA Substitute:

The state government has created an alternative source of financial support called the Camps, Sport & Excursions Fund. Holders of health care cards will be eligible for some funding. Information regarding this fund can be found further on in the newsletter.

Pre-service teachers :

I would like to welcome five pre-service teachers to Baimbridge College. They are Ben Pepyat, Sarah Langley, Natalie Micevski, Brendan Russell, Ben Oswald. They will be working with the following staff Scott McFadden, Jayne Cogger, Richard Thatcher, Heather Ward and Jen McArthur respectively.



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Principal's Notes Continued

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:**
TBA

Assist Co-ordinator:
Mr Alan Thomas

**ACTING
YEAR 9 & 10
CO-ORDINATOR:**
Mr Steven Constantine

**Yr 11 & 12
CO-ORDINATOR:**
Ms Lyn Collins

Assistant Co-ordinators:
Mr Gerry Sheehan
Ms Lorraine Liston

**VET / VCAL
CO-ORDINATOR:**
Mr Steven de Man

**MYDEVICE & NETBOOK
CO-ORDINATOR:**
Mr Dean Banfield

STUDENT WELLBEING:
Ms Kelly Taylor assist
by Mrs Bernie Cook

Staffing Changes :

Most people will have caught up with the fact that we are about to have two significant changes in responsibility positions at Baimbridge College. Two of our year level co-ordinator positions will change in the next week. The first change is that Year 9/10 Co-ordinator Mr Chris Allen has been offered a principal position in a school in New Zealand and he is finishing with us this Friday (tomorrow) to take up his new role. The second change is that Mr Scott McFadden has relinquished his position as Middle School Co-ordinator and will concentrate on his teaching and the school production. I would like to thank them both for their work with our students.

Mr Steven Constantine will be taking over the Year 9/10 Co-ordinators role and we are still sourcing a replacement for Mr McFadden and will inform everyone in due course. Also of note is the fact that Mr Alan Thomas has taken over as assistant co-ordinator at the Middle School – I look forward to working with both Mr Thomas and Constantine in their new roles.

Uniform :

At Monday night's School Council meeting the concern about the misinterpretation of the wording of some of the uniform policy was addressed.

School Council has replaced the term 'set' when mentioning ear rings and replaced it with 'a maximum of two studs or sleepers in the ears (no spacers, spreaders or bars)'. This should make our long standing policy clear – that the only visible piercings acceptable at school is two studs or sleepers in the ears.

Mobile Phones :

The information sheet that accompanies every students' enrolment form makes it very clear that we do not accept students using mobile phones at school. We understand that they may be valuable to parents and students before and after school but they are not required at school. Messages to students can be delivered by contacting reception on 55722788. We clearly do not want students texting or being distracted from their classes by phones. Should a student need to make a phone call they can come to the office of assistant principal to ask to use the phone. Consequences do apply for students not abiding by this rule.

Contacting Staff :

I had to explain to some parents recently that it was not acceptable to make their way to teachers' offices to speak to them without an appointment. Your children's teachers have teaching responsibilities as well as preparation, correction and yard duty responsibilities. It is also an expectation, that in the interest of student safety and security, no one should be wandering around the school without permission, parents included. I would respectfully ask that everyone abide by the courtesy of making an appointment if they would like to chat to a teacher. This will also avoid disappointment should the teacher not be available. All visitors should report to reception as it says on the signs at the front of each campus – thank you.

Call to Past Students :

Members of our community will have seen the advertisement in the Hamilton Spectator for past students to make up a committee to organise celebrations for 100 years of government education in 2016. If you or someone you know is interested in being part of the organisation of an event please contact me and I will take the names of interested persons to School Council.

Italian Students :

The time is getting closer for our Italian student visitors to arrive. They should be here at the beginning of term III and I am looking for families to host the students who will be staying for two months. During this time they will attend classes at Baimbridge College. We will provide financial assistance to families who host students in recognition of the extra house keeping costs that will be incurred. The school will provide uniform items. The ideal year level to host would be someone from Year 11 but all interested parties will be considered. If you are interested in hosting a student and showing off our wonderful country and way of life please let me know as soon as possible.

Compass :

Our online student management system, Compass, will be enhanced 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 to parents by email or via the Baimbridge College website. To ensure you receive your newsletter you can contact our front office on 55722788, so that they can be placed on our email distribution list OR just log on to our website 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 as listed on the previous page.

Robert Vecchiet

ICAS Students

Thank you to all of the students who registered to sit the ICAS testing, we wish you the very best and have every faith that you will show what great capabilities our students have.

The following dates will of be note to some of you:

Spelling (Year 7)	16th June
Writing (Years 7 - 12)	17th June
English (Years 7 - 12)	28th July

Information on times and locations will be given to you at a later date.

If you have any further questions please see Miss Morgan.

Student Wellbeing



We thought it was about time to put some faces to the names of our Student Wellbeing staff. This Term we warmly welcomed Mrs Kelly Taylor (left) who is being assisted by Mrs Bernadette Cook (right) two days per week. The ladies are working really well together seeing a large number of students already this term and we are very confident that your child's wellbeing needs will be met if they feel they need to speak to someone.



National Simultaneous Storytime

Baimbridge College librarian, Kym Dempsey, and Prep to Six students have participated in 'National Simultaneous Storytime'. This vibrant event is an annual campaign that aims to encourage young Australians to read and enjoy books.

Every year a picture book, by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

Fun activities follow. This year, Baimbridge junior students delighted in Monster Making and Green Slime!

Miss D



Important!!

The link for the CSEF website is on your Compass Newsfeed or the Baimbridge Website under the Enrolments tab.



Financial Assistance Information for Parents

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camp**s provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



RFDS Visit

The Royal Flying Doctor Service simulator arrived this week and our Prep—Year 7 students got to experience a flight in the plane with all of the medical instruments aboard.



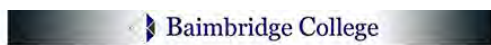
Wheelchair Basketball



Gary from Disability Sport and Recreation Victoria visited last week. He spoke to many year 9 PE students, the Sport Ed class and the PE Elective group. Gary's presentation was inspirational and had the students reflecting on their behaviour in everyday life. The talk was followed by a wheelchair basketball game actively involving the students. Although they totally enjoyed the game, they now realise the importance of wise decision making concerning risky behaviour and the importance of looking after themselves and others.

LOST JUMPERS

With the cooler weather coming on fast it is very important to wear school jumpers, some students have misplaced their jumpers so we ask that you please check your child's jumper for correct labelling. If your name is unclear please ensure you make it clearly eligible. Named jumpers are returned to their owners and not placed in lost property.



BAIMBRIDGE MUSIC AUXILIARY RAFFLE
Coming Back! with
Dean Ray Framed Print



Dean Ray, is an Australian singer and songwriter. In 2014, he was the runner-up on the sixth season of The X Factor Australia. Poster from his Australian Tour 2015.

If you love music, please donate by purchasing a raffle ticket to help support the young musicians. Funds raised benefit the Baimbridge Music Auxiliary.

Tickets available from East and West Office



Calling all Shoppers ...are you ready to shop til you drop?!



Macarthur Kinder Committee is VERY excited to announce a series of **Bus Shopping Spree** tours planned for the year to different destinations and factory outlets in Melbourne. **Seats will be limited to 30 each tour so get in quick!**

The tour cost is \$95 for a seat (a deposit of \$25 will be required to secure your seat and the remainder to be paid by the Monday before the tour, these can be made by cheque or direct deposit) and includes a light breakfast and coffee or tea as you board as well as some treats to have on the bus on the way to Melbourne for those that are too excited to sleep (you'll need a sugar fix to hit the ground shopping!!).

For those looking for a **gift idea** for a loved one or friend that is a little different this year, a seat on one of our tours will be sure to make someone happy. Gift vouchers can be purchased to allow the person receiving the gift the choice of Shopping Spree.

The tours will depart Macarthur at 6.00am sharp unless advised otherwise (with pickups in towns such as Hamilton, Dunkeld, Hawkesdale depending on the route taken) and will arrive back in Macarthur by around 11.00pm if not before (a stop for a quick pub dinner and a glass of wine will be made at Irish Murphy's in Ballarat).

Saturday 13th June
Bridge Road Richmond, Richmond Chocolate Factory, IKEA, Freedom Furniture at Victoria Gardens Shopping Centre.

Saturday 28th June
Mattel Toy Factory Outlet (open to fundraising groups only), Chocolate Box Factory Outlet and South Wharf DFO

Saturday 15th August
Chadstone Shopping Centre – couldn't possibly fit anything else in – there are over 500 shops at Chaddie!!

Saturday 12th September
Queen Victoria Market and Melbourne CBD for shopping and or sightseeing or a coffee in the city with your Melbourne friends or relatives.

Saturday 10th October
Factory Outlets in northern suburbs, Essendon DFO

Saturday 28th November
Christmas deco and goodies factory, Factory Outlets in Smith Street Collingwood and surrounds then on to shop and drink coffee on Lygon Street Carlton

Saturday 13th December
Chadstone Shopping Centre – Christmas Sales!!



Please contact Caroline McGowan, Macarthur Kinder Committee President, on 0402004149 for further information or to book your seat.



Eager to attend Orchestra Victoria's FREE On the mOVe! Workshops in Hamilton these April School Holidays?

Don't miss out – APPLY NOW and secure your place before applications close on June 9!



ORCHESTRA VICTORIA PRESENTS

ON THE MOVE! EDUCATION PROGRAM

If you are an enthusiastic and aspiring musician apply now for Orchestra Victoria's comprehensive mentoring and training workshop!
Improve your technique, ensemble playing skills, and explore new repertoire in our intensive workshop program. Be part of a full orchestra, rehearse under the baton of a professional conductor, and be mentored by top musicians in small group tutorials.

On the final day of the program you will perform on stage alongside your OV mentors in a showcase concert that will highlight and share your achievements with the whole community!

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP 7 - 9 JULY

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Canteen Roster

Term 2 2015

<u>May</u> 11 Phyllis Speirs	12 Lisa McIntyre	13 Sally Wheeler	14 Melanie Rhook	15
18 (am) Nicole Smyth Lyn Duncan	19 Kerry Goodman	20 Kym Sparrow	21	22 Dianne Evans
25 Jody Golding	26	27 Leanne Warburton	28 Lyn Battista	29 Kerry Price
<u>June</u> 1 Kate Mibus	2 Lyn Duncan	3	4	5
8 Queen's Birthday	9 Gill Hiscock	10	11	12 Janelle Tooley
15 Phyllis	16 Lyn Duncan	17	18 Melanie Rhook	19 Aileen Broadbent
22 Jody Golding	23 Lisa McIntyre	24	25	26 Kerry Price
Term 3 <u>July</u> 13 JodyGolding	14 Kerry Goodman	15 Leanne Warburton	16 Sally Wheeler	17
20 Nicole Teasdale	21 Gill Hiscock	22 Lynette Purvis	23 Lyn Duncan	24 Aileen Broadbent
27 Carol Titcombe	28 Genevieve Lambert	29 Melanie Rhook	30 Lyn Battista	31 Janelle Tooley
<u>August</u> 3 Tracey Sartain	4 Val Peters	5	6	7 Kerry Price
10 Phyllis Speirs	11 Lisa McIntyre	12	13	14
17 (am) Nicole Smyth Lyn Duncan	18	19	20	21 Dianne Evans
24 Kate Mibus	25 Lyn Duncan	26	27	28
31 Phyllis Speirs	<u>September</u> 1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15 Lyn Duncan	16	17	18

The canteen is always in need of volunteers, as you can clearly see by the gaps in the above roster we are in need of more assistance. We are 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